
EVIDENCES III

UNIT OVERVIEW

Throughout this curriculum, the preteens have seen much evidence to support the existence of God, the trustworthiness of the Bible, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In these final four lessons, the students will focus on giving evidence that will help answer questions they may encounter at school or from their friends.

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:15 to “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” With these lessons, the preteen students will be prepared to answer some difficult questions that may arise and challenge their faith.

UNIT GOALS

- The students will cite the creation account and give examples that point to God as the creator.
- The students will explain how eyewitness accounts substantiate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The students will explain that the Bible is God’s guideline for our lives, and they will give two benefits of living according to it.

UNIT CONTENTS

LESSON 1 TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

JEREMIAH 29:11

God has always wanted only one thing for his children—a life full of joy that results from a true relationship with him. The Bible is the instruction manual that shows how we need to live in order to achieve this. God’s motivation for giving us his word is pure love for those whom he created. In this lesson, the students will come to understand that because of his incredible love for us, God has provided all the guidelines and answers we need to have a life that is fulfilling for us and pleasing to him.

LESSON 2 CREATION

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

GENESIS 1:1

The evidence of God as the creator of the world is abundant. Whether we examine the life cycle of an oak or a human, we cannot help but be impressed beyond words at the intricate design of the world. The focus of this lesson is to help your preteens look at the world, and at life itself, in a much deeper way. By examining both the Biblical account of creation and the creation itself, the students will gain a deeper conviction of God as the creator, which they can then share with those around them.

LESSON 3 EVOLUTION

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 1:20

The theory of evolution can present troublesome confusion to preteens who are only just beginning to have their faith solidified. When confronted with this concept in a science class, they may begin to doubt or may be at a loss for words to defend their faith. This lesson will help students to be aware of the theory, and it will teach them how to view it in a godly way. The information provided will help them in understanding that it is not the process of creation that is important, but the fact that God is the creator.

LESSON 4 CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

ACTS 2:32

Faith in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential to us as disciples. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead allows us to have the opportunity for eternal life with God our Father. In this lesson, the students will learn that there were many eyewitnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Considering the statements of these eyewitnesses will build and solidify their faith, and it will better equip them to share their convictions with others.



Preteens



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Dear Parent,

On the reverse side of this page you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. The weekly Scripture Memory Verse is listed with each lesson synopsis.

As part of the class experience, students are given a weekly challenge. Below is a list of the challenges given with the lessons:

LESSON 1 TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE BIBLE

Weekly Challenge: Keep a list this week of all the ways that God and his word guide you and protect you. Pray with gratitude each day for everything on your list, and share what you are learning with your family and friends.

LESSON 2 CREATION

Weekly Challenge: Every day this week, pray with special gratitude for the part of creation that corresponds to that day. Think about all the ways you are thankful for each specific part of creation.

LESSON 3 EVOLUTION

Weekly Challenge: Share with someone your conviction that God created man, woman and everything in the world.

LESSON 4 CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Weekly Challenge: Share something you have learned about Jesus' death and resurrection with someone this week. Invite that person to church so they can learn even more!

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways for you to reinforce these lessons at home:

- Although your child may not have studied Evolution much in school, he or she is now armed with a limited understanding of the theory. The point is that we do not know how God created, but we know clearly that God did create. Ask your child to tell you what he or she learned about Evolution. If you want more input on the way this subject is approached, ask your child's teacher.
- Share with your child why you believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Impart your faith to them. If you have trouble explaining your conviction, get help from someone. Your child needs to know what your convictions are.
- Share with your child why you trust the Bible and what impact it has had on your life.
- Review the memory verse before bedtime, at dinner or while riding in the car.
- Ask your child to share with you how he or she is doing with the weekly challenge. Give encouragement or direction as needed.
- Don't forget to encourage your child as he or she uses the Preteen Quiet Time Book that gives daily support for the lesson of the week.

We look forward to being partners with you as we help *Generation Next* to be zealous and effective as they move forward the kingdom of our God.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers