



ENCOUNTER & IGNITE



A Weekly Middle & High School Newsletter
Sunday School Lessons with Other News & Updates for Youth



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Unit 3 Overview

These lessons focus on places of worship important enough to be described in both the Old and New Testaments. All the worship sites vary greatly--from altars created in response to impromptu meetings with God by weary travelers to buildings meticulously planned and constructed specially for worship. Also, the magnificent throne room of God is revealed in the apocalyptic words of Revelation. The practice of worship gives us the opportunity to connect with God, and the places we worship help shape the ways we worship.

Unit 3; Lesson 1 Summary

In the Jewish tradition, the people of God worshipped in the synagogue. The synagogues were not only places of worship but also of learning and community, bringing people together in a central location for worship.

Lesson 1 Take-Away

Jesus brought a new message to the people of God, but he continued to follow many of the same traditions and worship in the same places, connecting new traditions with old.

Bible Lesson

Fun-Facts

• Luke was not an apostle, but a physician, friend, and traveling companion of Paul. The bulk of his writing is in the third person, with some small elements of first-person narrative.

• Luke's Gospel is the longest in the New Testament with a 20,000 total word count.

The corresponding videos for each lesson are available through our [Grace UMC Youtube channel](#)



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Session 2:

Worship in Synagogues

Engage

Family Tree

In one box below, draw your earthly family tree. In the other box below, draw your spiritual family tree.

Scripture

all kinds of diseases. Placing his hands on each of them, he healed them. ⁴¹ Demons also came out of many people. They screamed, "You are God's Son." But he spoke harshly to them and wouldn't allow them to speak because they recognized that he was the Christ. ⁴² When daybreak arrived, Jesus went to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. When they found him, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said to them, "I must preach the good news of God's kingdom in other cities too, for this is why I was sent."

Luke 4:31-43 (Common English Bible)

³¹ Jesus went down to the city of Capernaum in Galilee and taught the people each Sabbath. ³² They were amazed by his teaching because he delivered his message with authority.

³³ A man in the synagogue had the spirit of an unclean demon. He screamed, ³⁴ "Hey! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

³⁵ "Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" the demon threw the man down before them, then came out of him without harming him.

³⁶ They were all shaken and said to each other, "What kind of word is this, that he can command unclean spirits with authority and power, and they leave?" ³⁷ Reports about him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

³⁸ After leaving the synagogue, Jesus went home with Simon.

Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever, and the family asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ He bent over her and spoke harshly to the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and served them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, everyone brought to Jesus relatives and acquaintances with

Key Verse

But (Jesus) said to them, "I must preach the good news of God's kingdom in other cities, too, for this is why I was sent." —Luke 4:43

Scripture

Spread the Word

Think about how Theophilus might have responded to the following questions:

- Why did Jesus demand the demon to come out of the man?
- When did the people begin to recognize Jesus' authority?
- Who recognized Jesus as God's Son?
- What proof do you need to believe that someone has been healed?
- Was the healing in this passage physical or spiritual?

Focus

On the Mend

- In today's Bible Lesson, what actions did the people take to receive healing?
- Who was healed and who was not? Why?

- How do you think faith relates to healing? Is it different now from how it was in Jesus' time?

Acting Out

Your character: _____

- Write below any thoughts you have about what your character might be thinking or feeling:

Connect

Practice



Count Your Blessings

Write below three experiences and three relationships for which you are grateful:

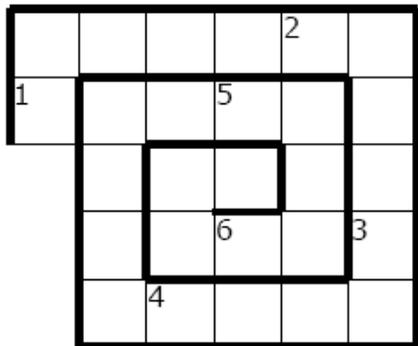
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus in the Synagogue



And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 (NIV)

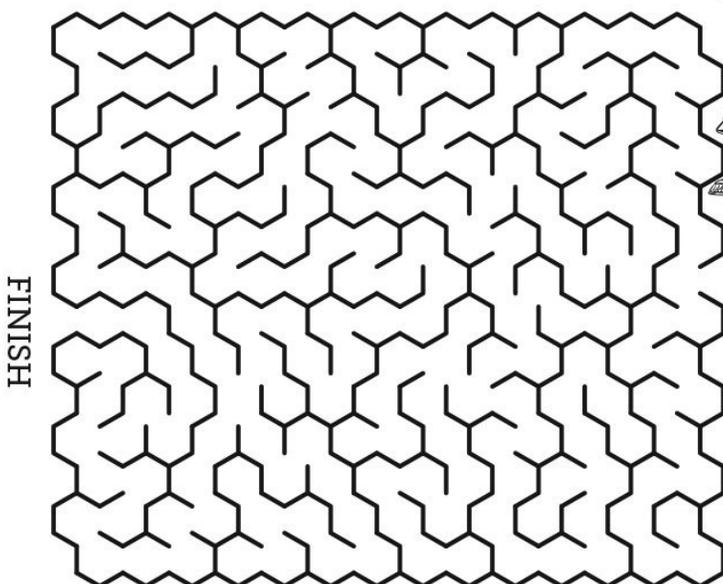
Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| 1. Unable to see | 4. To deliver a sermon |
| 2. The opposite of bad | 5. Enjoying personal liberty: not subject to the control of another |
| 3. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information | 6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions |

preach	good	news
blind	poor	free

Help Jesus cleanse the temple.



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JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

Matthew 21:12-27;

Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 2:13-16



Across

2. People wondered who Jesus was, and what _____ he had to do the things he did in the temple.
5. Jesus made the _____ and scribes jealous and mad.
8. What holiday were the people celebrating?

Down

1. Jesus didn't like that people had turned the house of God into a _____.
3. Jesus made a _____ to drive the animals out of the temple.
4. Jesus flipped over _____ and benches.
6. Jesus was angry, and shouted, "Do not turn my Father's house into a den of _____."
7. The temple was supposed to be a place to _____ God, not a place to sell things.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH & THE WHOLE FAMILY

Put on Your Thinking Caps and Join Faith Family Club for:

FAMILY TRIVIA PARTY

When-- **Sunday, November 15th**

What Time-- **3:00pm**

Where-- **Online via Zoom**

Each Category Winner may choose a prize
for a out-on-the-town family experience!

Prizes will be announced during Trivia Event

Trivia Categories:

Bible Stories
Pop Culture
Miscellaneous

Register on our Grace Website
under: Faith Family Club,
call 712-276-3452 or email
christianed@gracesiouxcity.org

Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86518151707>

Every variation of Family is Welcome!





**Our Strength is United through Faith Family Club
Monthly Spiritual Activities:**

Below are 4 different categories for fun at home activities to try with the whole family. Each month, we will give a suggestion for a spiritual based activity for each of the following categories:
Outdoor, Artistic, Movie & Innovative.

The purpose is to enjoy spending quality time together through creative & intellectual projects, while sparking family & faith based discussions. These activities are just suggestions. We encourage your family to do at least two within a month's time span. Here are the following for the month of November.

Outdoor: Leafing the House—Have the whole family leave the house and go for a walk or drive. Take time to look at the leaves on the trees as they are changing colors. Pick up different leaves you find on the ground and compare them. *(Take time to discuss as a family how God puts so much detail in something as simple as a leaf, to think about how much God loves you. Remember, just as there are no two identical leaves in the world, there is no one who is the same as you. You are perfect & special in every complex and intricate way.)*



Artistic: Family Wristbands—Using different colored beads and string/pipe cleaner, your family will each create your own family wristband that resembles each member of your family. First each member should pick a color of bead. Then make a color code chart with everyone's name next to their respective color. Then everyone should use those colors to make a wristband. *(By making a wristband with a color representing each member of your family, you can pray anytime you look at the wristband. Remember to thank God for each of your family member's health and happiness.)*



Movie: Field of Dreams—This 1989 film is a great way to spend time being lazy & inactive. This film is a beautiful story about a man building a baseball stadium on his farmland. AND it takes place in Iowa. *(This film is most commonly remembered with the phrase, "If you build it, he will come." Discuss as a family how this phrase could mean something else as a Christian. What comparisons can you make between your faith and this film?)*



Innovative: Family Board Game—Create your own Family Board Game. The game pieces can be your family members. This game can be anything you want it to be, like trivia, a competitive race or strategy. The goal is to work together to make a functional game you can actually play as a family. *(Reflect on what it's like to come up with a board game concept and to create the rules. Was this hard or easy to do? Do you think it was easy or hard for God to create you? Did God create your family to work well together? What rules in your family life are easier than others to follow? How can you improve your relationship with God, and can you apply this to your new family board game?)*



We'd love if you sent us pictures of your family participating in anything from Faith Family Club activities, to Sports, the Fine Arts, Community Service or anything else that's keeping you busy! Email any pictures or questions/concerns you have to christianed@gracesiouxcity.org



IN-PERSON Youth GAME NIGHT!

Wednesday, November 18th from 6:30-8:00pm.

A game night for our Middle & High school Youth!

We will be meeting in the Grace UMC Fellowship Hall (downstairs). We will be playing games at a social distance & **free pizza & drinks** will be provided for all participants.

Anyone interested in attending **MUST RSVP by Nov. 15th.**



We can *ONLY* have a MAX cap of 10 participants, so **RSVP** to **Christianed@gracesiouxcity.org** before all spots are filled!