

Lesson 7

May 16

Reading: Ephesians 1-3; 1 Cor 6:9; 1Peter 3:9; Hebrews 6:12

Chapter1

1. Who wrote Ephesians and who was it written to?
2. Write down one fact that you can share with the class about the city of Ephesus.
3. When did God plan for us to be His sons through adoption? vs4
4. We are sons (of God) by _____. vs5
5. Who is the head of the church? vs22
6. The church is Christ's _____. vs23

Chapter 2

7. Why did God send Christ to save us? vs4

Chapter 3

8. What or who is a Gentile?
9. What was God's plan for the Gentiles? vs6
10. What was Paul preaching among the Gentiles? vs 8

Memory work for May 19: Ro 3:23, 1 Cor 1:10, Mt. 22:37

Choose one of the 3 previous memory assignments and be prepared to recite the scripture.

Lesson 7 – Scheme of Redemption

Text: Ephesians 1-3

Memory Verse: Psalms 118:8

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for making a wonderful plan for us before the world began. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us about You and Your plans for us. Thank you for giving us the bible so we can read and learn about You and Your plan. Thank you for giving us the chance to be wise and build our lives on Your plans and Jesus' teachings.

Recite Memory Verse: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Background

Who wrote the book of Ephesians? What type of book is it? What is the title of our lesson for today? What is a scheme? (A plan) What is redemption? (To buy something back that belongs to you)

Body

Does anyone know how long God has been planning on us living with him in heaven? Let's look at Ephesians 1:3-4 and 3:8-9. God had a plan before He even began creating this world and everything in it. Can you think of something we do that we form a plan for before starting? (A house, a grocery shopping trip, a birthday party, etc.) Do you think people have always understood exactly what God's plan was? No, Paul says it was a mystery from the beginning. What is a mystery? (If students can't give a good explanation, have them search for a hidden bible giving hard clues.) Now it's not a mystery to us because we have God's written word to explain it to us.

Use purple cards from Our Spiritual Heritage chronology box to talk about what God's plan is.

Activities

Help students create a lap book about the scheme of redemption.

Song

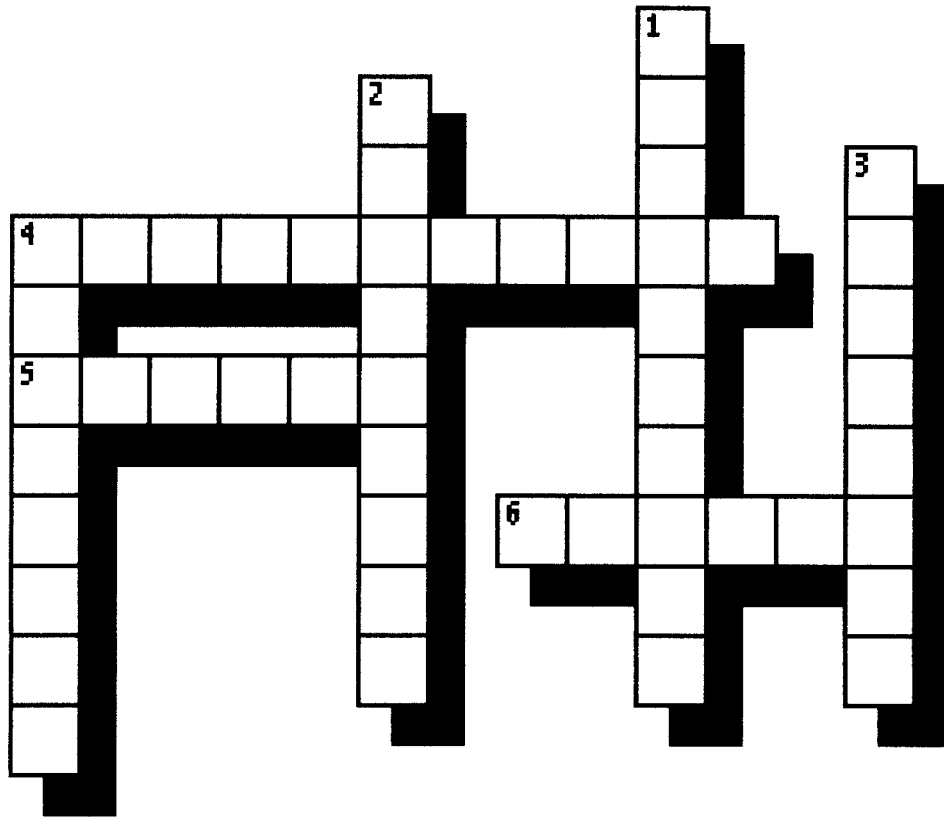
God Had a Plan
God's Great Mystery

Wednesday Night

Complete lap books. If time allows, let each student place the purple OSH cards in order and tell what they mean.

Recite Memory Verse

285. OUR CHIEF CORNERSTONE (EPHESIANS 2:19-22)



- 3 DOWN *"The stone which the builders _____ has become the chief cornerstone." PSALM 118:22-23*
- 2 DOWN *"This was the LORD'S doing; it is _____ in our eyes." PSALM 118:22-23*
- 4 DOWN *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers, merchants and foreigners, but fellow _____ with the saints and members of the household of God." EPHESIANS 2:19*
- 1 DOWN *"...having been built on the _____ of the apostles and prophets..." EPHESIANS 2:20*
- 4 ACROSS *"...Jesus Christ Himself being the chief _____." EPHESIANS 2:20*
- 5 ACROSS *"in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy _____ in the Lord." EPHESIANS 2:21*
- 6 ACROSS *"in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the _____." EPHESIANS 2:22*

Text: Ephesians 1-3

Memory Verse: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Ps. 118:8

1. Who wrote the book of Ephesians? _ _ _ _ _

2. He wrote this book "to the _ _ _ _ _ who are in _ _ _ _ _ ,
and _ _ _ _ _ in Christ Jesus." Eph. 1:13.

3. Paul says, "in _ _ _ we have redemption through his _ _ _ _ _ , the
forgiveness of _ _ _ _ _ , according to the riches of His _ _ _ _ _ ."

Eph. 1:7

4. The following verses in your bible reading this week tell some things we should and should not do if we want to receive the gift or blessing God has planned for us from the beginning. Match the verse to the words it says and then circle the one word each of these verses has in common. (HINT: it starts with an "i")

A. 1 Cor. 6:9-10

B. 1 Pet. 3:8-9

C. Heb. 6:11-12

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.