

MASTERS 3

the 4th GKU Program

(includes reciting 60 verses)

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Read through another children's Bible (*NirV Adventure Bible*)

Read a Bible that is different from the Day by Day Kid's Bible. We recommend the *NirV Adventure Bible* (The New International Reader's Version, for early readers), written at a third grade reading level. This Bible, with 1,540 pages, is written in chapter and verse format. Read with parental supervision, skipping over those parts that may not be age appropriate.

What verse will help me ...

- a. Learn verses that will help you in your daily life.
- b. Find and write a verse for each of the categories below. You may use verses you have already learned before, or find new verses.
- c. Then show your list to us so we can approve it. We want to make sure your verse fits with the matching category.
- d. After we approve your list, memorize the verses along with their references and their respective categories and recite these to a teacher.
- e. You must recite at least 8 categories at a time.

What verse will help me...

1. When I wake up and start my day
2. Before I eat
3. When I am thankful
4. When I feel afraid
5. When I am sad
6. When I feel unimportant
7. When I feel lonely
8. When I feel jealous
9. When I am sick
10. When I am worried
11. If I am unsure about my salvation
12. When I feel angry
13. When I am tempted
14. When I have sinned
15. When I am going to sleep
16. Make up your own additional category and find a matching verse

Thankful Journal

- *Purpose of the objective:* Develop a habit of thanking God on a daily basis. Look for the many ways God is blessing you each day. Appreciate the people God has put in your life. Stand in awe of God's creation.
- Keep a "Thankful Journal" for 90 days.
- Each night write three things for which you are thankful.

Guidelines for your Thankful Journal:

- a. On the cover, or at the top of the first page, write "I am thankful for..."
- b. On each new page in your journal, write which entry it is (#1 for your 1st entry) and the date.
- c. Write specific answers. (Rather than writing "Family", write "my mom and dad love each other", etc.)
- d. Try not to repeat answers.
- e. Include how you are in awe of God's creation: "Beautiful sunset tonight with corals and pinks".
- f. After you have written 5 entries, show us your journal so we can check to see if you are following the guidelines. Then you can continue with your journal.
- g. After you have completed the journal with 90 entries, turn it in.

Example: #1 Nov. 4, 2022

1. Watching the leaves fall from the trees
2. Being healthy enough to play soccer today
3. My brother offered to help me with my homework

Psalm 95:1-7a (NKJV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

³ For the LORD is the great God,

And the great King above all gods.

⁴ In His hand are the deep places of the earth;

The heights of the hills are His also.

⁵ The sea is His, for He made it;

And His hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

⁷ For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture,

And the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 19 (NIV 2011)

- We divided this into 2 parts. You may recite one part at a time.
- Write the answers to the discussion questions. Turn in Part 1 questions when you recite Part 1. Turn in Part 2 questions when you recite Part 2.

Part 1

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;

no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun,

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Ps. 19 Part 1 discussion questions:

1. What do you think the theme (or subject) is of the first part of the psalm?
2. Go out one night and look at the sky where you are able to see stars. You may need to go far from the city lights. (You might do this on a campout).
 - a. Where did you go to see the stars?
 - b. What are you seeing—are there certain stars or constellations you can find?
 - c. Take a moment to do what Ps. 46:10 says: “Be still and know that I am God.”
 - d. Describe how you felt during this activity. For instance, how did you feel when you looked up at the sky?
 - e. Tell how this activity helps you to appreciate God’s creation and God’s majesty.
3. Find and write 4 other verses, or passages, (that are not in this psalm) that tell about God’s creation.

Psalm 19 Continued

Part 2

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,

Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Ps. 19 Part 2 discussion questions:

1. What do you think the theme is (or the subject) of the second part of the psalm?
2. Tell about a time when God's Word refreshed you. How did reading or hearing God's Word make you feel better?
3. Why do you think God's Word is more valuable than gold—than money?
4. When would your words and your meditations (what you're thinking about) please the Lord?
5. When would your words and your meditations NOT please the Lord?
6. What habits will help you to say and think things that please the Lord?
7. What is your favorite sentence of this entire psalm?

Psalm 121 (NIV 2011)

- Recite the entire psalm at one time.
- Write the answers to the discussion questions and turn these in when you recite the psalm.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Ps. 121 Discussion questions

1. What do you think is the theme (or subject) of this psalm?
2. When would this psalm help you?
3. Tell about a time when you were afraid or worried. What did you do? Did you experience God's peace?
4. Which sentence from this psalm is your favorite?
5. Find and write 4 other verses or passages (that are not in this psalm) that tell about God's protection.

Learn about the great choral work, *The Messiah*

Please do the following objectives in the order they are listed.

1. Read “Story of *The Messiah*” below.
2. Read these scriptures in the KJV which are the basis of 4 songs you will hear.
 - a. Isaiah 40:5
 - b. Isaiah 9:6
 - c. Revelation 19:6; Revelation 11:15
 - d. Revelation 5:12, 13
3. Listen to these 4 songs from *The Messiah*: (If possible, listen to the performance by The London Philharmonic Orchestra). Listen for the scriptures you read.
 - a. And the Glory of the Lord (no. 4)
 - b. For Unto Us a Child is Born (no. 12)
 - c. The Hallelujah Chorus (no. 44)
 - d. Worthy is the Lamb (no. 53)
4. Complete the following “Assignment about *The Messiah*” and turn it in.

STORY of *The Messiah*

The Messiah is a story about Jesus set to music. The songs are all scriptures. This musical story was written by George Frederick Handel, in 1741. Another man provided a list of scriptures and asked Handel to write the music. It only took Handel 23 days to compose all 53 songs in this musical story. As Handel was writing the music for the most famous song, “The Hallelujah Chorus”, tears streamed from his eyes. Later he looked at the giant manuscript of 53 songs based on the Bible, and looked amazed. He said, “I think that God has visited me.” Millions of people celebrate Jesus’ birth each year by listening to *The Messiah*.

The word “Messiah” is a word in the Hebrew language that means “anointed”. Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One, the One God promised to send to be our Savior. The word “Christ” is a word in the Greek language that means the same thing as the Hebrew word, “Messiah”: both Christ and Messiah are words for “anointed”. Jesus is the Messiah, and Jesus is the Christ!

It is a common practice to stand when The Hallelujah Chorus is performed. The tradition started when the king of England, King George II, rose to his feet when he heard the Hallelujah Chorus for the first time. Although we do not know for sure why the king stood, it is easy to understand that people would want to stand during The Hallelujah Chorus to show respect to Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Assignment about *The Messiah*

1. Write the KJV scriptures that are the basis for each of these songs:

“And the Glory of the Lord” _____

“For Unto Us a Child is Born” _____

“The Hallelujah Chorus” (start with the word “Hallelujah”) _____

“Worthy is the Lamb” _____

2. Describe how you felt when you listened to these songs.

3. Which of the four songs do you like best? Why? _____

4. What are the names of some of your favorite songs that inspire you to worship God? _____

5. What is *The Messiah*? _____

6. What does the word “Messiah” mean? _____

7. Who wrote the music for *The Messiah*? _____

8. Where are the words from? _____

9. How long did it take Handel to write the music for *The Messiah*? _____

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10. How do you think Handel was able to write so many masterpieces in such a short period of time? _____
11. What did Handel do when he wrote "The Hallelujah Chorus"? _____

12. What did Handel say when he finished writing *The Messiah*? _____

13. In what year was *The Messiah* written? _____
14. How old is this musical work now? _____
15. Why do you think *The Messiah* is still so popular today? _____

16. Why would you want to stand during a performance of "The Hallelujah Chorus"? _____

Praying God's Word

1. Let's learn to pray God's Word, praying based on scriptures.
2. Read Colossians 1:9-11 (NLT).
3. This is a prayer Paul prayed for the Christians in Colosse. These verses are excellent for praying for others: for family members, friends, the President, etc. These verses are also great for praying for yourself. This shows us how to pray God's Word, to base our prayers on scripture.
4. Read the "Prayer for Me" which is based on Col. 1:9-11. (See following) Pray this for yourself during one of your prayer times.
5. Write this prayer as you would pray it for another person, and insert that person's name into your prayer. Pray this prayer during one of your prayer times.
6. Write this prayer for our president (or president-elect). Pray this prayer during one of your prayer times.
7. Show us the prayers you wrote in 5. And 6. above.
8. Memorize this Col. 1:9-11 prayer for oneself (see following) and recite it to a teacher.
9. Find another prayer in the Bible. Write the verses and reference of this prayer. Write a prayer for yourself or for another person based on that Bible prayer.
10. Show us that prayer you wrote based on those verses.
11. Write an answer to this question: Why do you think it's important to pray based on scripture?

"Prayer for Me" based on Col. 1:9-11 (NLT):

Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to give me a complete understanding of what you want to do in my life, and I ask you to make me wise with spiritual wisdom. Then the way I live will always honor and please the Lord, and I will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while, I will learn to know you better and better. I pray that I will be strengthened with your glorious power so that I will have all the patience and endurance I need. May I be filled with joy, always thanking you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WORLD MISSIONS PROJECT

- Learn about another country and interview a person who is head of a missions organization.

1. Learn about another country.

- a. With parental supervision, go to the Operation World website (www.operationworld.org).
- b. Select a country other than the US or the country you or your parents are from.
- c. Read about this country (on this website and on other sites or in books) to discover what everyday life is like.
- d. Draw a map of this country.
- e. Draw their flag.
- f. Write these facts about that country: Where is this country located? What is the major religion? What percent of the population is Christian? What percent of the population has not been reached with the gospel yet?
- g. Read about the prayer challenges for that country.
- h. Write what you think are needs for this country.
- i. Write a prayer for this country.
- j. Pray for this country.
- k. Write how you think life for a child your age in that country differs from your own life here.

2. The Great Commission.

- a. Write The Great Commission verses about Jesus telling us to spread the gospel across the world. (Matthew 28:19-20) Include the reference.
- b. Recite this verse along with the reference.
- c. Write ways you can help fulfill The Great Commission.

(#1 and #2 above must be completed before you do #3 below.)

- ### **3. Interview a person who leads a missions organization.** (Contact the GraceKids department for more information.) In the interview, include the following questions. Make up an additional question. Write the answers given during the interview. Also, take the completed work you did in #1. and #2. and show to the leader of the missions organization.

Interview Questions

- a. What is the name of your missions organization?
- b. Why did you start this organization?
- c. What does your organization do? Who do you help?
- d. What countries have you visited?

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- e. Tell a story about how you or your organization has shared the gospel with a person or group in another country.
 - f. How does it make you feel to spread the gospel and help people in other countries?
 - g. How do you think a child my age can help fulfill The Great Commission?
 - h. (Make up an additional question)
- 4. Turn in the completed work** (map, flag, country facts, verse, answers, interview answers.) Recite The Great Commission.

FAMOUS VERSES

- Recite at least 5 verses at a time
 - We will say the reference, and you will say the words of the verse.
1. Gen. 1:1 NIV “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
 2. Ps. 37:4 NIV “Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”
 3. Isa. 40:31 NIV “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
 4. Jer. 29:11 NIV “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”
 5. Lam. 3:22-23 NIV “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
 6. Matt. 11:28 NIV “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
 7. Matt. 28:20 NIV “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
 8. John 1:1-4; 14 NIV “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 9. Heb. 11:1 NIV “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”
 10. Heb. 11:6 NIV “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”