Christ, Our Serving Savior

Theme: Compassion Camp

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Editorial

Consider

by Deanna Barnes

“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?” (Psalm 8:3-4).

Starry patterns in evening skies always inspire worship thoughts in my mind. The tiny pricks of light traveling through years of time remind me of the great Creator who gave His life for me. Oh, what a Savior!

While examining this quarter’s lessons, I experienced a new awareness of my responsibility as a Christian. Right in the middle of editing Lesson 12, a song came on the radio. Tears filled my eyes as I sang along with the lyrics of “Let Them See You.” May every word I write and every lesson I teach reflect the light Jesus placed in my soul.

If you teach a preteen class, I am fairly sure you have experienced similar thoughts. Consider the potential of passing the light of Jesus to a classroom of students. Their sparkling reflections of His light will reach many others—multiplying God’s love and compassion like the glittering constellations in vast reaches of space.

Blessings,

Deanna Barnes

CUSTOMIZE THE CURRICULUM

The PreTeen Teacher’s Manual is now available as PDF and DOC documents that can be customized to fit your teaching style, classroom setting, and schedule. Cut and paste, edit material out of or into the lesson, and make it your own using the following instructions.

Downloadable resources for both the teacher’s manual and the teacher’s resource packet (trp) are available through access codes.

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3. Enter in the Search bar to find the appropriate download.
4. Click on the item to access the product detail page.
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6. In the checkout process on the Order Summary page, enter in the Coupon box and click Update Cart to apply the coupon.
7. Complete the order process to access the download options. These downloads will be available until December 1, 2016.
8. Once the order is complete, you will see a screen with the item listed and a button with the name of the resource. Click on this button to download the resource.
9. You may also access the download from the My Account button and look under the My History section to see your orders and find the appropriate download button there to obtain the resource.

Teacher’s Resource Packet

Downloadable Resources

To access the reproducible items from the resource packet (trp), see the resource packet instruction sheet. If you have not purchased a packet, you can do so by going to www.pentecostalpublishing.com or calling 866-819-7667.
**Theme Development**

**Compassion Camp Setup**
Exciting classroom environments inspire students and open their minds to accept new concepts from God’s Word. Relate the Compassion Camp theme to a space camp where astronauts explore the star-filled outer limits of God’s creation.

In the same way that astronauts represent their countries, we are ambassadors for God’s kingdom. Studying the life of Jesus, examining His acts of service, and investigating His great love for others, helps us develop compassion. Serving others is rewarding and pleasing to God. In fact, serving is a blast! Get ready to blast off with your students and discover new heights of Christian living. The sky is the limit!

**Door Poster**
Welcome kids to Compassion Camp by applying the door poster from the resource packet at the entrance of the classroom.

**Wall Décor**
Each wall of the classroom can contribute to the students’ learning experiences. Adapt the following ideas to fit your class. The suggestions can be adjusted to fit bulletin boards if you are not able to decorate entire walls. If you must eliminate any ideas, be certain to provide a memory passage area and a serving bulletin board area. Attendance charts can be used anywhere in a room. Wall 3 is simply a fun method to provide students a sense of connection and belonging in their classroom. Add to the excitement of the quarter by hanging stars from the ceiling along with colorful paper lanterns to suggest planets.

**Wall 1—Attendance**
Place the suggested decorations for this wall near the classroom whiteboard or chalkboard. Attach the attendance chart from the resource packet on one side of the whiteboard. Purchase foil stars for students to add to the chart each week.

Apply various space-related die cuts (available at teachers’ resource stores and dollar stores) around the whiteboard and attendance charts. Place a bucket of "moon rocks" on a table or on the floor near the wall. Create the moon rocks with crushed brown paper shapes, large wads of aluminum foil, or painted rocks. Add a moon rock sign, glued on a wooden stake, to the bucket.

**Wall 2—Bible Verse Wall**
During each unit of the quarter, display the coordinating unit Bible verse from the resource packet on the Bible verse wall. The Special Memory Passage poster in the

**Note:** Many children cannot attend class every week due to family situations. For those students, provide an alternative method to earn a star for the weeks they cannot be in your class. Suggestions: Offer a simple assignment to be completed and returned by email. Provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for the student to return answers to a short assignment. Award a star if the student attended another church due to family circumstances.
resource packet may be posted in a corner of this wall or added to another area of the classroom.

Cover the background of the Bible verse wall with blue or black to represent outer space. Apply various sizes of foil stars in random patterns.

Prepare an area to highlight the featured Scripture poster in the middle of a huge yellow or metallic star. Create the star shape out of paper or cardboard. Cover the star shape with aluminum foil or metallic silver spray paint. A border may be added for a more finished look around the area containing the star. For extra emphasis, use a string of tiny white lights to frame the border or the large star. Print out the words or use bulletin board letters for the title, “God’s Word Shines Bright.”

**Wall 3—Student Astronauts**

Cover this wall with black or blue paper, fabric, or plastic tablecloths. Create a gray arc from paper or a plastic tablecloth to suggest a moon shape. Place the arc at the top of the blue or black background.

Print and cut out astronaut shapes from the resource packet or the downloadable resources. Have each student color an astronaut shape, adding his or her name in large letters.

Take a photo of each student. Print the photos, cut out each student’s face, and place the student faces on the appropriate astronaut shapes. Astronaut shapes are available as transparencies if you wish to enlarge the astronauts.

To add a three-dimensional effect, purchase clear plastic dome cup lids (without holes). Domed plastic lids are available at several sites online. If ordering online is not an option, try a restaurant supply store. Perhaps a 7-Eleven store would be willing to donate a few lids from the Slurpee counter. Attach the lids to the students’ photos, using pins or hot glue around the edges of the lid.

Add star shapes above the moon arc and on the background. Add the caption “Our Mission Is Possible” to the top of the display and frame the area with a colorful border.

**Wall 4—Serving Is a Blast!**

Create heading title words, “Serving is a Blast!” Use the transparency in the resource packet to make a rocket for the board. Place the rocket on the left side of the bulletin board. Print acts of kindness or serving ideas your students can complete. For example: invite someone over; deliver food to a homeless shelter; take clothes to those in need; write a letter to a missionary kid; clean up litter around a school, a park, the church, or a neighborhood; help cook dinner; set the table for dinner.

Place the serving ideas around the rocket. Leave enough space under each idea to add stars. Stars will be added each time a student completes an act of kindness or
a serving opportunity. Inspire students to serve others as worship to the Lord. In addition, plan a party, a special snack, or small prizes at the end of the quarter to celebrate their efforts.

**Prayer Corner**
Designate an area of the room as a prayer corner where students and teachers can gather for prayer. Set up a group of chairs, bean bag chairs, or large cushions. Post prayer needs on a bulletin board, display board, or posterboard. Add pictures and objects to represent needs. During prayer time, have students lay hands on the photos and objects as they pray for each need. Encourage students to add their own prayer requests and photos at any time during the quarter. Record evidence of miracles, answers, and victories as they happen.

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**For the Teacher**

**Students will . . .**
In each lesson, the “students will” statements incorporate the unit focus and the lesson aim, helping teachers ascertain the comprehension of students. By keeping this sharp focus, teachers ensure students experience a Bible lesson they will not forget.

**Put it in your own words, please!**
Throughout the lessons, concepts are conveyed in words familiar to an average fifth-grade student. Bold font in the body of the lesson signifies suggested dialogue for the teacher. However, word-by-word reading is extremely boring for students (and adults). Unless you are reading a specific script, please present the lessons in your own words.

**Kids in Missions**
The *Kids in Missions* newsletter and map in the teacher’s resource packet provide information about this quarter’s featured region of the world. Inspire a love for global missions by encouraging students to participate in suggested ideas and activities.

**Prayer and Worship**
Important prayer and worship lesson segments are placed at appropriate areas during each session. Encourage students to participate and welcome the presence of the Lord into the classroom. If possible, play songs with YouTube videos or other technology, displaying lyrics so students can sing along.

Pentecostal Publishing House offers *Kids in Praise* and *Kids in Praise 2*, two CDs of apostolic songs sung by apostolic kids. The Grounded in the Truth series from *kidsPOWer hour* is a collection of songs celebrating the apostolic doctrine. This collection is available as a CD and a DVD (animated songs with lyrics).
Visit myhoperadio.com for a variety of apostolic music, including children’s music and instrumental selections for worship sessions.

**Activity Papers**
Enhance lessons by encouraging students to read and use the ideas in each lesson’s activity paper. During this quarter, fun ideas and comics help students connect the training of astronauts at Space Camp to the process of learning to be like Jesus at Compassion Camp.

Activity papers are shipped in bundles. Remove the staple from each bundle and assemble students’ activity papers in proper order. As noted below, the inside and back cover sheets of this quarter’s activity papers feature areas for students to track Bible verse memorization.

**Bible Verse Memorization**
Each unit features a unique Bible verse poster, located in the resource packet. Students will use various methods to practice the verse during each lesson of the unit. If you desire to chart their progress, see the inside of the activity paper cover page. Students can sign the “Mission Accomplished” area under each verse when they can repeat each word from memory. You may wish to keep each student’s activity paper cover page in a folder until the end of the quarter. If you wish, plan rewards and incentives for each memorized verse.

An additional special memory passage poster is included in the resource packet. Several of the lessons’ optional ideas and activities incorporate methods for students to practice the passage. The back cover of the activity page wrapper includes an area for students to sign when this mission is accomplished.

**Snack and Reward Ideas for this Quarter**
- Astronaut Ice Cream
- Moon Pies
- Milky Ways
- Mini Donuts (for Saturn’s rings)
- Mars bars
- Foam Finger Flyer Rockets ([amazon.com](http://amazon.com))
- Bouncy meteorites
- Rock-shaped bouncy balls (Oriental Trading and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))
- Starbursts
- Bomb Pop Jr. Frozen Treats
- Pop Rocks
- Cheerios (for Saturn’s rings)
- Cheese balls for asteroids
- Cheetos for space junk

**Craft and Project Ideas**
Search the Internet and Pinterest for instructions to make:
• Straw rockets
• Rocket launcher made with cups
• Moon sand
• Mentos and Coke rocket launchers
• Flying saucer made with paper plates

Consider a Field Trip
Help students demonstrate the love of Jesus by serving at a senior center, orphanage, children's hospital, or homeless shelter.

Before conducting a field trip, be certain to obtain parental/guardian permission for each child with a signed forms. Follow any guidelines and procedures in place at your church to ensure the safety and protection of children and staff members. Always have a least two adults present when teaching or traveling with students.

Share Your Classroom Ideas on Facebook!
Please share photos of your class on Facebook at Word Aflame Preteen Curriculum Teachers. This is a great place to ask questions, offer suggestions, and share encouragement.

Important!