

CONQUERORS

Tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders have arrived in High School. This age group tends to feel they know it all, hence the name **Conquerors**.

Theme Verse: Romans 8:37 "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Logo: The logo is a circle representing the eternity of God. The cross is the central figure, as Christ is to be the center of our lives. This logo is abstract in design and depicts the cross being raised up in a conquering position.



Characteristics

Physical: Conquerors usually have stopped growing by the age of sixteen. They are in their prime physically.

Because of this characteristics, the activities, games and songs you plan need to include building a wholesome respect for themselves and others. They need to be reminded of the stewardship of their bodies before God.

Intellectual: The earlier critical attitude they had while Discoverers and Challengers is now turning into promising judgment. They are capable of thinking through complex problems. They want to work with serious subject matter. Their imagination has reached a high level and causes idealistic dreams.

Because of these characteristics, don't be afraid to deal with tough issues. Use Bible study books and methods to encourage them to "dig" for themselves. Listen to their dreams and share realistic expectations with them.

Emotional/Social: Conquerors are learning to control their emotions, but they also can be worried about the future in terms of school, friends, etc. They tend to avoid making decisions on their emotions alone. They may over or under eat due to worry. They are developing lasting friendships. They think independently.

Because of these characteristics, make sure the snacks you bring to club are healthy. Allow time for activities that provide social contact. Allow them to come to their own decisions. Provide opportunities to discuss issues about which they are concerned.

Spiritual: Conquerors are forming a philosophy of life. They are trying to determine God's will for their lives. Their spiritual growth comes in big strides. Their school teaching may conflict with the Bible. They may be questioning issues that may not have been explained adequately at an earlier age. Their previous faith in God may have been based on feelings.

Because of these characteristics, provide Bible verses for why you believe what you believe. Be willing to answer all questions. If you don't know the answer, find out! Listen for issues they want to discuss. Listen to them when they express doubts. Encourage them to look for answers in their Bibles.

CONQUERORS' YEAR ONE OVERVIEW

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Week 19: Ephesians 4:25	Ephesians 4:25	Business Skills	89
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UNIT 2: Be Concerned about God's Glory			35
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UNIT 2: Follow God and His Word Obediently			25
Week 4: Psalm 119:9-16	Psalm 119:11	Drama or Sports	27
Week 5: Bible Study Made Simple	Psalm 119:11	Drama or Sports	31
Week 6: Lot's Wife - Genesis 19:1-29	Psalm 119:11	Drama or Sports	35
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Week 10: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10	2 Corinthians 12:10	Craft or Fingerprinting	67
Week 11: Delilah - Judges 16:4-22	2 Corinthians 12:10	Craft or Fingerprinting	71
Week 12: Mary - Matthew 1,2	2 Corinthians 12:10	Craft or Fingerprinting	77
Week 13: The Gifts of the Wise Men	Review all verses	Christmas Party	83
UNIT 5: To Make Wise Decisions			89
Week 14: Psalm 119:101	Psalm 119:101	Games	91
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Week 16: Psalm 34	Psalm 34:12-13	Leadership or Finance	103
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Week 18: Lies Women Believe—Part One	Psalm 34:12-13	Leadership or Finance	117
Week 19: Lies Women Believe—Part Two	Review all verses	Leadership or Finance	123
UNIT 7: To Live With Christ as my All in All			127
Week 20: Colossians 2:1-15	Colossians 2:13	Fashion or Entrepreneurship	129
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UNIT 8: Faith Demonstrated Through Action			139
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Week 23: Rahab - Joshua 2; 6:22-25	Romans 8:1	Fashion or Entrepreneurship	145
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UNIT 9: To Live What I Believe			153
Week 25: Romans 12:3-8	Romans 12:3	Orienteering	155
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Week 28: Review	Review all verses	Party	177

TRAIN THE TEACHER

First Year Objectives: Nine characteristics of Jesus are presented to show His heart. Conquerors will be encouraged to have a Heart like Jesus in the following areas: Forgiving, Listening, Compassion, God Intoxicated, Focused, Honest, Pure, Rejoicing and Enduring.

UNIT 1: Jesus' Heart—Forgiving

This unit will introduce Conquerors to the theme of the year—The Heart of Jesus. Jesus' heart characteristics will be presented and they will be encouraged to model their lives after Him. A heart like Jesus is one that is controlled by Him.

The verse chosen for this unit will remind them of Jesus' heart of forgiveness. Colossians 3:13, "Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

The Woodcraft and Car Care awards are the two activities from which to choose. Both woodcraft and car care require patience and perseverance; two attributes which Jesus demonstrates over and over for us.

Week 2: Jesus' Heart—Controlled by God

**Week 3: Jesus' Heart—Pure, Peaceful, Purposeful,
Spiritual**

Week 4: Jesus' Heart—Forgiving

Week 5: Colossians 3:12-17



CONQUERORS – YEAR ONE WEEK 2

AIM: To allow Jesus to be in control of my daily life.

Pre-Session Activity:

Spend time at the beginning of each club night interacting with Conquerors about school, home, activities, etc. the past week. It is vital to connect to gain their trust.

Or get them involved in planning the song time, setting up the activity, developing a plan to teach the Bible verse, etc.

Songs:

Sing songs about having the mind of Christ, living their lives surrendered to Him.

Song web-sites:

www.kidzup.com/lyrics1.htm

www.kididdles.com

Or use the search engine to look up the title of the song.

Bible Lesson:

Jesus' Heart—Controlled by God.

Summary: Encourages them to begin to think about being controlled by Jesus in all areas of their daily lives.

Memory Verse:

Colossians 3:13 Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. (KJV)

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (NIV.1984)

Application: Our lives are to be modeled after the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the areas that is of great importance to Him is our relationships with others, especially in the area of forgiveness.

Memory Verse Visuals: KJV 141, NIV 142

Activity:

Woodcraft

1. Review the Basic Safety Rules of Woodworking. *See page 14.*
2. Review safety rules when working with power tools. Rules can be found in equipment manuals. *See page 14.*
3. Design a woodcraft project. Choose a specific item that you are interested in creating. Research other project designs for structural details. Create basic plans and drawings to follow. Determine what supplies you will need and make a list of materials to be purchased. Purchase your supplies. *See pages 15-18.*

Notes:

Activity continued:

OR, Car Care

1. Using a copy of the driving manual from your state, learn the rules of the road. Be able to answer questions from the manual.

***At Home Time With God reminder for Week 2:
Pages 163 and 164 or 165***

Bible Lesson:

Before club, prepare copies of the page 13, one for each. Personalize each letter with your Conquerors' names.

Hand out the letter from Jesus. Ask them to read it and answer the questions at the bottom. Then discuss the answers.

Have a big piece of paper and have them write down what they think Jesus' heart would be like.

After forming this list, ask them to write in their journals one area where they will let Jesus' heart control their lives this week. What will that look like?

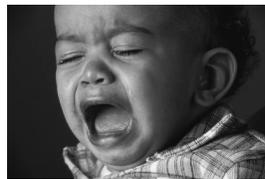
Close in prayer asking God to strengthen them to let Jesus live through them this week in the areas they have identified.

Memory Verse Visual:

Cut out pictures from magazines and mount them on poster board to represent the different ideas from this verse. For example:



Bearing with one another,
And forgiving one another,



if anyone has a complaint
against another



even as Christ
forgave you,



so you must also do.

Or, use visuals provided: KJV page 141, NIV page 142.

Leader note: Save the visuals you use throughout the year for review weeks.

Dear _____,

I want you to think about something. What if for the next 24 hours I wake up in your bed, walk in your shoes, live in your house, and do your schedule? Your teachers will be My teachers, your mother becomes My mother, your hurts become My hurts?

Now think even deeper—nothing about your life changes. Your health does not change. Your schedule does not change. Your circumstances do not change. Your problems are not solved. There is only one thing that changes—for one full day and full night, I will live in you but I will do it with MY HEART not yours. Your heart does nothing for 24 hours.

Your life is controlled by MY HEART. My priorities will determine how you will act. My love will direct your behavior. My concerns and passions will drive your decisions. My plan is for you to think and act like Me (Philippians 2:5 & Ephesians 5:1).

I love you just the way you are but I refuse to leave you that way. I want you to be just like Me.

Love,
Jesus

Adapted from Just Like Jesus, Max Lucado, Word Publishing, Nashville, TN, 1998.

Based on the fact that the Heart of Jesus would be completely controlling you, answer these questions:

1. Do you think people would see you acting differently? Yes No
If yes—what would be different about your actions?
2. Would you treat your family the same as you do now? Yes No
If no—what would be different?
3. Would your attitude about yourself change? Yes No
If yes—what would change?
4. Would your view of life be the same as it is now? Yes No
If no—what would be different?
5. What other area of your life might be different? Explain.

Basic Safety Rules for Woodworking

Woodworking can be a fun and safe and hobby, if you follow some very basic and simple rules.

1. Always remember, no matter what tools you need for your project, your brain is the most important. Thinking through your project before cutting or nailing will save extra work and create a safe environment for you to work in.
2. Wear ear, breathing, or eye protection as you use shop tools. Saw and sanding dust, when airborne, can cause many problems; as well as loud noise from power tools. Wear latex or non-latex gloves when working with stains and solvents. Also, be aware of paints and stains that create fumes in your work area. Always work in a well ventilated area.
3. Wear appropriate clothing when working with tools. Loose sleeves or clothing can cause a safety hazard, but be sure that arms and torso are covered to protect from flying wood chips and debris. Also, hair should be tied back to avoid contact with tools, solvents, paints, or stains.
4. Pay attention to the project at hand. Watching TV, texting and talking on the phone or with a friend in the room can cause a hazard when working with sharp or power tools. Always finish a cut before you remove your eyes from your work.
5. Drugs and alcohol are hazardous to your health and especially should not be used while working with sharp tools, power tools, or hazardous chemicals.
6. Always keep your work area clean and free from debris, as well as the floor around where you are working. Stray pieces of wood and power tool cords can create tripping hazards.
7. There are many safety rules directed at power tools. These rules can usually be found in the manuals that come with each tool. However there are some common sense things to keep in mind:
 - a. Be sure to unplug a power tool before doing maintenance such as changing blades, removing debris, etc. Simply turning the tool off is not enough as switches can be bumped.
 - b. When using extension cords, be sure that cords are out of the way of any cutting blade.
 - c. Dull tools are dangerous. Be sure your equipment is in proper working order. Request adult assistance in maintaining tools.
 - d. When cutting wood, always check for foreign objects in the wood such as, nails, screws, staples, etc. This can not only damage your tools but can cause a hazard to you and anyone in the area.
 - e. Never reach over or around a cutting tool while it is in motion. A slight move in the wrong direction can be a disaster!

Sanding Wood

Always choose the correct grade of sandpaper for your specific project. The information on the packages will usually help you determine what kind you will need for your wood. Purchase enough sand paper for the project.

You should fill any holes or scratches in the wood with wood filler and allow to dry.

Set wood before you so that the grain runs vertically. The grain is the natural lines showing on the wood.

Place the sandpaper, grain side down, onto a flat surface of your project.

Sand one side of the wood, being sure to sand with the grain of the wood. Use consistent pressure as you sand.

Sand all areas of the wood, the sides and the ends. If your project is square, be careful not to over-round the edges when sanding. When the sand grit on the sandpaper begins to wear down, use another part of the sandpaper by folding and unfolding, or get a fresh piece. Sand all areas where the wood filler was used also.

When the sanding is finished, clean off the dust and check all surfaces to make sure the entire project was sanded. When you are finished, clean the dust off with a tack or cheese cloth to remove all sanding dust. A damp rag will also work to remove the dust from the wood.

Squirrel Feeder

This project can be cut by someone with experience in woodworking and then packaged for your use. It is made from scrap wood since it's going to just hang outside. This is a great project to help introduce a student to woodworking.

You need:

3/4" thick piece of wood at least 5" wide
1/4" thick piece of wood at least 3" wide
(1) 1/4" flat head screws
(1) 10 or 12 penny galvanized nail

Glue
Some small brads
2" X 2" - 1 1/2" long



Base:

Cut a 14" X 5" X 3/4" piece for the back.
Cut an 8" X 5" X 3/4" piece for the base.
Cut a 4" X 4" X 45" 3/4" piece for the base support.
Drill 2 countersunk pilot holes in the back of the back piece to mount the base 4" up from the bottom.
Drill 2 countersunk pilot holes in the back to mount the support.
Drill 1 - 1/4" hole about 1/2" down and in the center of the back for hanging.
Drill 1 countersunk pilot hole in the base to screw it to the support.
Drill 1 countersunk pilot hole up from the bottom of the base 2 3/4" back from the front and in the middle for the table.
Assemble these three parts using glue and screws.



This project can be considered complete at this point. The Table and Chair are optional but definitely give the project more appeal. A 10-12 penny nail can be driven up through the BASE from the bottom to mount the corn cob if you choose to make this a really simple project.

Table:

Cut a 2" X 2" 1 1/2" long.
Cut a 3/4" piece of wood in a 3 1/2" diameter circle.
Drill a countersunk pilot hole up from the bottom in the middle of the table.
Drill 2 countersunk pilot holes down from the top in the table for screws to mount it to the 2" X 2".
Drive a 10 or 12 penny nail up through the bottom of the table. Sink the nail head in the countersink.
Mount the table to the 2" X 2" using glue and 2 screws.
Mount the 2" X 2" to the base using glue and 1 screw.

Chair:

Cut the chair back 3" X 5" X 1/4". You can radius the top or make it fancy like a king's chair.
Cut the chair bottom 3" X 2 1/2" X 3/4". Cut the front legs 3" X 1 1/2" X 3/4". Cut an arch in the front leg to make it look like two chair legs.
Line up the front leg with the bottom of the chair back and draw the leg pattern.

Cut out the legs for the chair back.

Glue and tack, with brads, the chair bottom to the front chair legs.

Glue and tack, with brads, the chair bottom to the chair back so that the chair bottom will be flat when setting on the base.

Mount the chair to the base back using glue and a couple of small brads.

Stick a cob of field corn on the nail and hang it in a near by tree. The squirrels will love you and it looks nice too.

Projects used with permission: http://www.runnerduck.com/squirrel_feeder.htm

Heart Stool

You need:

2" X 10" X 12" piece of Pine.

1" dowel 18" long

Cut a heart shape out of the 2" X 10" piece of pine. Use a paper pattern for best results. Drill three 1" holes in the bottom approximately 1 1/2" in from the edges and about half way through. For more stability you can drill these holes at a 10 degree angle but cutting feet level gets to be a little tricky. Cut the 1" dowel into three equal pieces, approximately 6" long. Glue the dowels into the base. Make sure they are seated good. Route a radius around the top of the seat for a nice smooth edge. Sand, stain and varnish, paint, or stencil. You can add some simple designs around the top to make it a little fancier.

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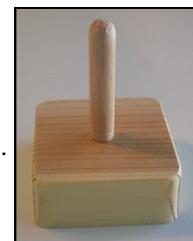
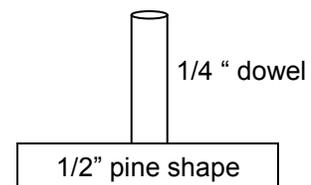
Ring Holder

These are great to sit by the kitchen sink. This is an easy project, that can be painted or stained to your liking.

You need:

A piece of 1/2" pine approximately 2-3" in shape (any shape you like, seasonal, rod or a simple circle or square)

A 2" piece of 1/4" dowel



Cut wood to desired shape. Drill a hole in the wood 1/4" diameter x 1/4" – 3/8" deep. Gently round the top of the dowel with sand paper. Glue dowel in hole. (Be sure to clean excess glue from your wood if staining.) Paint or stain to desired finish.

License Plate Bird House

If you are working with a group of students, these can be cut by someone familiar with woodworking and packaged into kits.

You need:

1" X 8" X 4' Cedar

#6 X 1 1/4" deck screws

Nails

1 1/8" drill bit

License Plate (can be found at yard sales or your garage)

1/4" drill bit



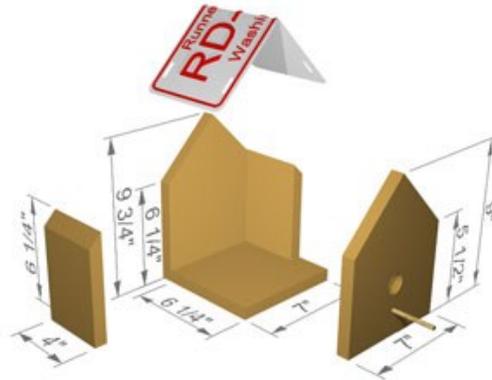
Cut the sides 4" X 6 1/4" with a 45° bevel along the top.

Cut the front 7" X 9" with a 45° peek. Measure 3 1/2" down from the

top and draw a line from the sides to the peak for your 45°. Drill a 1 1/8" hole centered about 4" up from the bottom. Drill a 1/4" hole for the perch centered about 1" below the big hole. Cut the back 7" X 9 3/4" with a 45° peak, same as the front. Cut the bottom 6 1/4" X 7". Nail or screw all the pieces together.

Bend the license plate in the middle to fit the roof. You may have to tap the sharp corner of a piece of wood to give it a little crease. Screw the license on the top and your hotel is ready for occupants.

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Bamboo Wind Chimes

This is a wonderful project that can be made out of bamboo scraps.

You need:

- Bamboo cut to length or scraps of bamboo
- Fishing line or upholstery thread
- Beads of your choice that will fit inside the bamboo disks
- bamboo disks

Cut an angle on one end of each length of bamboo with a band saw or any saw available to you. Drill holes through the top of each length just a little bit bigger than the upholstery thread or wire. Take another length of bamboo and mark the little disks for the cuts (approximately 1/2" wide). You should drill the holes through the middle of each disk before you cut them. After cutting the small disks drill five holes in the cross piece.

Thread everything together with upholstery thread or fishing line.

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Three Man Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge

You need:

1 scrap of wood (approx. 6" X 6")

9 nails (penny nails, no heads,
approx. 2" - 3" long)

Hammer

Sand paper

Ruler

Pencil

Markers, paint or something to color the wood
and beads if necessary

27 beads, wooden discs or other small objects that have a whole in the middle.



Sand the edges of the wood smooth. Using the ruler and pencil, mark out a tic-tac-toe board on the wood. Hammer the nails into the wood to form the tic-tac-toe points for the beads (see sample plan).

Paint, color, or mark the wooden pieces. Since 3 people can play, there should be 3 different colors with 9 pieces for each color.

How to play:

This game is very much like traditional tic-tac-toe, but there are three players and you can stack up to three pieces on each peg. You can block, stack up, and strategize against your opponents. Once a piece is covered it is no longer active. The first player with three of their pieces (on any level, but not covered) in a row, wins.

Resources

- <http://www.countrycornercrafts.com/>
- <http://www.runnerduck.com>
- http://www.woodworking-patterns.com/free_patterns.htm
- <http://www.free-birdhouseplans.com/>



CONQUERORS – YEAR ONE

WEEK 3

AIM: To begin looking more like Jesus.

Pre-Session Activity:

Spend time at the beginning of each club night interacting with Conquerors about school, home, activities, etc. the past week. It is vital to connect to gain their trust.

Or get them involved in planning the song time, setting up the activity, developing a plan to teach the Bible verse, etc.

Songs:

Sing songs about Who Jesus is: Savior, Friend, Holy, Pure, Forgiving, etc.

Song web-sites:

www.kidzup.com/lyrics1.htm

www.kididdles.com

Or use the search engine to look up the title of the song.

Bible Lesson:

Jesus' Heart—Pure, Peaceful,
Purposeful, Spiritual

Summary: Jesus wants us to look like Him and act like Him. This lesson will aid in understanding what that looks like.

**At Home Time With God reminder for Week 3:
Page 167 or 168**

Memory Verse:

Review Colossians 3:13.

Review suggestion: Use the visual from last week to review words and meaning.

Memory Verse Visuals:

KJV page 141

NIV page 142

Activity:

Woodcraft

4. Prepare your craft area properly before you begin. If you have access to an area in the garage, this may be the best area to work in. Lay out all your supplies and make sure you have everything that you will need. Be sure that your project includes sanding, gluing, nailing, and painting.

Cut your project out, sand, paint or stain, and complete project for use. *If the wood project is to be cut with a scroll, band, or table saw; try to arrange to allow students to cut the project themselves, under supervision.*

Notes:

Or, Car Care

2. Invite someone to discuss and/or demonstrate proper car care: Changing a flat tire, checking oil level, checking the tire pressure, adding engine oil, checking water and coolant levels, and changing spark plugs.

Suggestion: After learning how to do these things, have a Tire Exchange Relay. Divide into two or more groups. Each group needs a car, a spare tire, a jack, a tire iron, etc. Have them each group change a tire. For added excitement, after the tire is changed, push the car across a finish line.

Bible Lesson:

You will need enough copies of page 21 for everyone to have one.

Ask: Did anyone give Jesus an opportunity to live His life for you this past week? What did that look like? What were other people's responses to you? (Allow responses and discussion.)

Let's look a little bit closer at Jesus' heart.

Jesus' heart was:

1. Pure: Lots of people adored Him. But He did not get a big head over it. He did not think more highly of Himself than He ought to think. Nor did He think proudly about the fact that people liked Him. Romans 12:3. Both John and Peter described Jesus' heart as being without sin or blemish. (1 Peter 1:19 & 1 John 3:5).

2. Peaceful: The disciples traveled with Jesus but they were always fearful about something. One time it was a storm that Jesus slept through. Another time it was whether they would have enough food to feed 5,000 people. Still later, Peter denied Jesus and probably was afraid that Jesus would never speak to Him again. In each case, Jesus was content and at peace. John 14:27 Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give. Do not let your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." As one author put it, "stop allowing yourselves to get agitated and disturbed, and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated." (*Amplified Bible*)

3. Purposeful: Jesus was focused on the job that He was sent here to do. Luke 19:10 tells us one of those purposes, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." In 1 John 5:20 we know that the Son of God has come to this world and has given us understanding and insight progressively to know better and more clearly Him Who is true. Another purpose according to 1 John 3:8 is to "undo or destroy the works of the devil." Jesus was born on this earth for the sole purpose of helping us to know Him and invite Him into our lives in order to spend eternity with Him. He also came to defeat the works of the devil. He did that when He died on the cross Colossians 2:13-15. He was focused on the goal and He kept His mind and heart on the purpose for which He was sent to this earth.

4. Spiritual: His heart and thoughts reflected His relationship with His Father—always!! There was never a time when He did "downtime" and just thought about His own needs and wants. Luke 4:18 tells us that He was led by the Spirit. Jesus took all of His instructions from God—He went and worshipped with God.

Luke 5:16 tells us that Jesus slipped away to the wilderness to be alone to pray. Jesus did whatever His Heavenly Father told Him to do John 5:19.

The truth of this is that if you have asked Jesus into your heart, then you already have His heart in you. The problem is that we still have hearts that are self-centered and dependent on us and others instead of being completely focused on Jesus and allowing His Heart to run the show in our lives. We have trusted Christ for salvation but have not allowed Christ to come in and transform or make a difference in our lives. Our actions are what give us away. Words we say to each other, looks we give each other, acting bossy or pushy with someone, disrespecting our moms and dads, not listening to those in authority over us, even doing hurtful things to each other or saying bad things about our friends to others. All of these actions show us that Jesus' heart is not in control of our hearts. Anger or moodiness or wanting my own way, or not wanting to grow up but just be a kid forever, are all signs that Jesus' heart is not in control. He wants to grow us into people that look like Him and act like Him.

Lest you think that means you will not have any fun—then you really do not know Jesus. Jesus went to a wedding and was the most popular guest at the party. Jesus always had crowds around Him because they wanted to be with Him. Jesus traveled all over and saw lots of places. Jesus had lots of adventure in His life—people threatening to kill Him and storms on the sea just to name a couple.

It's time to look at your heart. (*Hand out the little piece of paper with the statement on it that says, "A Heart Like Jesus". Give them time to complete the statement that is written on the page. They do not need to put their names on the paper. Then collect them.*) Whatever you wrote on that paper is where you must start, this week, in having a heart like Jesus. (*Close in Prayer.*)

A Heart Like Jesus

Complete this statement: *If I had a heart like Jesus I would...*

A Heart Like Jesus

Complete this statement: *If I had a heart like Jesus I would...*



CONQUERORS – YEAR ONE WEEK 4

AIM: To forgive others as Jesus has forgiven me.

Pre-Session Activity:

Spend time at the beginning of each club night interacting with Conquerors about school, home, activities, etc. the past week. It is vital to connect to gain their trust.

Or get them involved in planning the song time, setting up the activity, developing a plan to teach the Bible verse, etc.

Songs:

Sing songs about forgiveness and modeling Christ.

Song web-sites:

www.kidzup.com/lyrics1.htm

www.kiddiddles.com

Or use the search engine to look up the title of the song.

Bible Lesson:

Jesus' Heart—Forgiving

Summary: Jesus responded to injustices in His life with love and forgiveness. We are encouraged and given the tools to follow His example.

Memory Verse:

Review Colossians 3:13.

Review Suggestion: Play Pop Balloons. Have them blow up balloons, one for each word of the verse. Write a word from the verse on each balloon, include the reference. Tape them to the wall in order. Read the verse together. They take turns popping any balloon with a pin, followed by everyone saying the verse together. Continue until all balloons are popped.

Memory Verse Visuals:

KJV page 141

NIV page 142

Activity:

Woodcraft

4. Continue working on your project.

Or, Car Care

3. Discuss safety while driving. Review the car care procedures learned last week. Discuss what to do if your car breaks down. What do the emergency lights on the dashboard mean, what should you do if they turn on.

Notes:

**At Home Time With God reminder for Week 4:
Page 169 or 170**

Bible Lesson:

Talk to me about anger—What do you think anger is? (*Webster definition is: A strong antagonistic feeling, often brought about by a real or supposed injury to oneself or others. Furious is violent anger; Rage is violent anger; Mad is furious with anger. Anger is a strong passion.*)

Give me examples of anger—in your home; at your school; among your friends; at your job. (*Let them share.*)

What makes you angry about your life? (*Let them share.*)

(*Tell the following true story about someone who was an angry person.*) There was a girl who, as she was growing up, watched the example of her mother. Her mother was an angry woman. She would constantly yell in the house at the other members of the family and sometimes would throw things. The girl learned this behavior. She would yell at people. She would be violent—one time putting her fist through a window in her college dorm room. On another occasion she got so angry at her best friend that she tried to strangle her. She also was so angry with life that she tried three different times while in college to kill herself. At her job, she got so angry, a couple of times, with her boss that she would go into his office, yell at him and leave the room slamming the door behind her. This person knew the Lord Jesus Christ personally. She even taught others about Jesus Christ. Her problem: She allowed anger to control her life.

Anger is a response—to a real or supposed injury to oneself or to others. Sometimes it is a learned response such as in the example above.

Did Jesus respond to injury in His life by getting angry at the person who hurt Him?

And Jesus certainly knew what it was like to suffer injury in His life. People rejected Him when He first started His three year ministry. He was laughed at and even His own family did not believe that He was the Messiah. (*Teach about the last days of His life and the injustice that He suffered.*) *Read Luke 22:47-53; Luke 22:66-71; Isaiah 53; Isaiah 53:7.* Jesus was falsely accused, tried as a criminal in a court; whipped, beaten, humiliated, and never got angry at the people.

In fact, we see Jesus' heart in His dying minutes on the cross when He said in Luke 23:34, "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing."

What does the Bible mean by forgive? It means, to agree to let the other person off the hook for what they have done with no strings attached and not bringing it up again. In other words, the consequences of whatever happened in the situation in which you find yourself when you want to forgive someone may still exist but you have chosen to forgive that person anyway.

If Jesus could ask God the Father to forgive sinful man for the wrongs they did to Him, why shouldn't and why don't we forgive others for the wrongs they do to us? Our response should not be with anger but with a heart of forgiveness.

Isaiah 43:25 says, "I, even I, am the One who forgives all your sins, for my sake; I will not remember your sins." Psalm 103:12 tells us that His forgiveness for us has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west.

The Heart of Jesus is a forgiving heart. This week the challenge for us is to ask God to forgive us for the wrong responses to people and situations. 1 John 1:9 tells us to confess your sin and He is faithful and just to forgive you your sin. That means, He will not bring it up again to you. It will be gone forever.

We need to do the same as we interact with others. Forgive them and not bring back up in their faces the wrongs they have done.

Hand out "Steps to Forgiving Others."

Ask them to think of one person they need to forgive. Encourage them to take time this week to follow the steps of forgiveness.

(Close in Prayer)

Steps To Forgiving Others

1. Pray to the Lord and ask Him to reveal to you the names of the persons who have hurt you and what the hurt was that they did. Ask the Lord to search the depths of your heart.
2. Realize and accept the work of Jesus on the cross. It is the cross of Christ that makes forgiveness legally and morally right.
3. Make a decision in your heart that you will not retaliate by using the information about the offender's sin against them. (Luke 6:27-37).
4. Decide to forgive. Forgiveness is a conscious choice to let the other person off the hook and free yourself from that wrong that you felt.
5. Take the names that God laid on your heart and give them to God by praying the following: "I forgive (name)-- for (specifically identify every remembered hurt)."
6. Now destroy the list. Do not tell the offenders what you have done. Your forgiveness is between you and God unless the offenders have asked you for forgiveness.
7. Do not expect that your decision to forgive will result in major changes in other persons. Instead, pray for them (Luke 6:28).
8. Try to understand the people you have forgiven. Thank God for the lessons you have learned through this process and the maturity you have gained.
9. When appropriate, accept your part of the blame for the offenses you suffered. Confess your failure to God and to others (1 John 1:9) and realize that if someone has something against you, you must go to that person (Matthew 5:23-24).
10. Always remember to do all of this with a humble heart and in an attitude of prayer.



CONQUERORS – YEAR ONE WEEK 5

AIM: To forgive others as Jesus commands.

Pre-Session Activity:

Spend time at the beginning of each club night interacting with Conquerors about school, home, activities, etc. the past week. It is vital to connect to gain their trust.

Or get them involved in planning the song time, setting up the activity, developing a plan to teach the Bible verse, etc.

Songs:

Sing songs about loving one another, Christ's great love for us, and forgiveness.

Song web-sites:

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Or use the search engine to look up the title of the song.

Bible Lesson:

Colossians 3:12-17

Summary: Answers the question: "How does God want me to live?"

Memory Verse:

Review Colossians 3:13.

Review suggestions: The verse is being taught tonight as the Bible lesson.

Memory Verse Visuals:

KJV page 141

NIV page 142

Activity:

Woodcraft

4. Complete your project.

OR, Car Care

4. Discuss items you should carry in your car in case of emergency.

Suggestions: This could range from water, if you live in a desert area, to blankets if it is winter; also proper clothing, gloves and heavy coat in winter in case you have to walk; flares and flashlight in case of breakdown.

Notes:

**At Home Time With God reminder for Week 5:
Page 171 or 172**

Bible Lesson:

Have two large sheets of newsprint mounted for them to see and markers of various colors. Ask two of them to scribe as the others suggest ways to live life as God wants us to. Discuss these as they are listed—what would living life that way look like?

After they have created their list, have them turn in their Bibles to Colossians 3:12-17. Have someone read these verses out loud. Ask them to compare the list they created with the list God has given us in His Word. Have them circle in red the ones on their list that are mentioned in Colossians 3:12-17. Discuss with them any that they did not list on the newsprint and add these.

(Some notes to consider: The key to forgiving others is remembering how much God has forgiven us. Why do you think it is so difficult for us to forgive someone who has wronged us so little when God has forgiven us so much? When we compare the small injustice done to us, with the many and large injustices we have done to God—which cost Christ His very life—is it easier to forgive? Realizing God’s infinite love and forgiveness can help us love and forgive others.

All of the virtues which Paul encourages us to “put on” are perfectly held together by love. As we clothe ourselves with these virtues, the last garment we are to put on is love, which holds all the others in place. To try to practice the other virtues without practicing love would lead to bitterness, strife, anxiety. 1 Corinthians 13.

Christians should live in peace. This does not mean that suddenly all of our differences in opinion will disappear, but it does require that we as Christians work together despite our differences. This love is not a feeling, but a conscious decision to meet others’ needs. To live in love leads to peace between individuals and among the members of the body of believers.

The word “rule” comes from the language of sports: Paul tells us to let Christ’s peace be umpire or referee in our hearts. Our hearts are the center of conflict because there our feelings and desires clash—our fears and hopes, distrust and trust, jealousy and love. Paul explains that in order to deal with these constant conflicts and live as God wants, we must decide between conflicting elements by using the rule of peace—which choice will promote peace in our souls and in our churches?

Doing “all in the name of the Lord Jesus” means bringing honor to Christ in every aspect and activity of daily living. As a Christian, we represent Christ at all times—wherever we go, whatever we do, and whatever we say.)

In their journals have them answer the following questions:

- What impression of Christ do people have when they see or talk with you?
- What changes will you make in your daily life in order to honor Christ?

Close in prayer.