

Lesson Outline for Classes of 9 to 10 year-olds and 11 to 12 year-olds

Note: This outline contains many suggestions of how to answer the title question for each lesson. The teacher can choose the ones and/or add others that seem most appropriate for the group being taught. There are sometimes two stories given. You may want to use them both or just one.

The Work of the Church

The purpose of these lessons is to show the children that even though they are young there are things they can do to serve Jesus at church and outside of the church.

Lesson 1.

As a child, is there something I can do for Jesus within the church?

The church is the Christians--people.

The church building is just one place where the Christians meet together.

Story: Timothy learned to believe in God while he was a child. Later as a Christian he became Paul's companion, working for God. 2 Tim. 1:1-6; 3:14-17; 4:1-5; 1 Tim. 4:12-16; Acts 16:1-3; Rom. 16:21; 1 Cor. 4:17.

These are things I can do within the church:

Learn all I can as early training for future adulthood work.

Memorize Bible verses (Ps. 119:11; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).

Show obedience, respect, appreciation to others.

Practice being obedient at home in order to practice it at church (Pro. 1:8).

Learn to serve the Lord with gladness (Ps. 100).

If I am a Christian, I need to be even more serious about my responsibilities.

Verse: Prov. 20:11 "Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right."

Lesson 2.

As a child, WHAT can I do for Jesus AT CHURCH?

Story: King Joash, as a child, took the advice of the high priest. 2 Chron. 23:1-3, 11; 24:1-2; Prov. 4:1-5; 1:8,9.

These are things I can do at church:

Submit to the adults with respect (1 Pet. 5:5);

Be respectful to the elderly (Lev. 19:32); and to leaders (Heb. 13:17);

Be a helper by obedience to my teachers (Pro. 5:13,14);

volunteer to be a substitute teacher's helper in a younger class;

Don't wait to be asked but volunteer to do whatever I can;

Be an example to other children;

Be kind and friendly to others (Eph. 4:32);

Be faithful in attending Bible classes (Heb. 10:25);

Listen, learn, and participate in class;

Listen and learn in the church services;

Attend youth activities.

Verse: Col. 3: 17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Lesson 3.

As a child, HOW can I do my work for Jesus AT CHURCH?

Story: The child Samuel served in the temple. 1 Sam. 1:25-28; 2:11,18-19 and chapter 3. ("The child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men." 1 Sam. 2:26).

and / or

Story: Eutychus went to church but he fell asleep (Acts 20:7-10).

This is How I can do my work at church:

Go to Bible class eagerly and pay close attention;

In the assembly: (see also the enclosed page "*I have seen...*")

I am old enough to stop playing, coloring, reading another book, etc. and to listen and get something out of the service;

Be quietly participating during Scripture reading, prayer, and the Lord's Supper.

Sing the songs.

Open my Bible to the Scripture being read and follow the reading.

Do not go to sleep.

Do not go to get a drink or go to the bathroom except in an emergency.

Do these things beforehand.

Help mothers with younger children but only if you can still listen;

Help a teacher with handwork;

Befriend a shy, retarded, or handicapped child in my class

King David befriended Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9:3-7);

Go on errands;

Help pick up and clean the church building and yard.

Verse: Eccl. 9:10 "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might;"

Lesson 4.

As a child, WHAT can I do for Jesus OUTSIDE the church?

Story: David obeyed his father when sent to go see brothers. 1 Sam. 17:12-20.

and / or

Story: Paul's young nephew helped his uncle who was in prison. Acts 23:11-24.

This is WHAT I can do outside the church:

Use what I have learned about God;

Obey my parents respectfully everywhere; (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20; Pro. 1:8)

Act the way that pleases Jesus at school, at home, at play (Col. 3:20; Heb. 13:21);

Show kindness to everyone (Col. 3:12; Gal. 5:22,23);

Be respectful to the neighbors, to people at school or wherever I go. (1 Pet. 2:17).

Verse: 3 John 5 "Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers."

Lesson 5.

As a child, HOW can I do my work for Jesus OUTSIDE the church?

Story: The boy gave his lunch to share with others. John 6:5-13.

and/or

Story: Naaman's servant girl who loved her enemies. 2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-10, 14.

This is HOW I can do my work outside the church:

- Talk to my friends about what I learned in Bible class;
- Bring my friends to church and youth activities;
- Pray for my friends, my family and others;
- Help care for my grandparents and great-grandparents (1 Tim. 5:4);
(David cared for his parents 1 Sam. 22:1-4).
- Help my parents at home whenever I am needed;
- Share with those in need;
- Do good things to anyone who treats me unkindly (Matt. 5:44,45).

Verse: Gal. 6:10 "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

I HAVE SEEN...

These are things that children do in the assembly that they should NOT do. Use your imagination and enlarge the ideas into small stories. This will illustrate for the students the things they have done and help them to see why it is not the way to act. Emphasize the need to show respect to God and to others by not causing disturbances, by taking care of the things of the assembly, and by being helpful to everyone. Point out that there are things that they can do and benefits they will receive by good behavior. You can also make little stories of contrast in which one child is doing something he should not and the other is doing what he should. Get the children involved by having them tell you what is wrong with what the child/children are doing in your story.

A child playing with the song books and/or Bible.

Someone writing in the hymnbook and on the chair with a pen.

Two children talking to each other.

Children who go to the bathroom during the service.

Children eating during the service. Babies need to but older kids, no)

A child teasing another.

Children squirming in their seats and turning around to look behind.

Children laughing during prayer.

Children who do not stay in their seats.

A child sleeping instead of listening to the sermon. There are things that even children can learn from a sermon.

A child who was whistling between his teeth.

A child who was singing when everyone was trying to listen to the sermon.

Children running around between the chairs and people both before and after the service.

Children putting their feet on the seats.

A child who forgot to whisper when he said something important to his mother.

A child who took tracts from the rack to make airplanes or to write on.

A child eating sticky candy and holding a song book.

A young child tearing a chorus book.

Someone throwing trash on the floor and leaving it there.

Children who ran in and out of the assembly to play during the service.