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Review Lessons 1–5

Lesson Overview



Come On In

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Students will complete the Review Map. When they are finished, discuss their answers using the Review Map Script on the Resource DVD-ROM.



Memory Verse Review Game

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Students will review their memory verse by helping each other stand in the proper order according to the phrases taped onto their backs. They will then have an opportunity to recite the verse individually.



Lesson Theme Poster Review

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You will give a quick overview of the lessons you are reviewing today using the Lesson Theme Posters.



Bible Baseball Review Game

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Students will be divided into two or more teams and answer questions about the previous lessons. Each “batter” will take turns “hitting” the questions the teacher “pitches” to him.



Real World Skit

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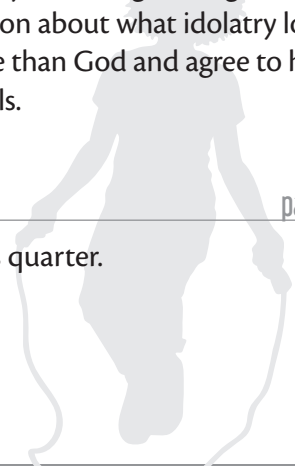
After hearing that God was jealous for His own glory, Lucy and Bentley have questions about God, His jealousy, and modern-day idols. Taylor and Noah tell their friends that idolatry isn't just about people worshipping statues a long time ago. It is actually common today—although it disguises itself in different ways—and is sometimes hard to spot. After a discussion about what idolatry looks like today, the students commit to consider the things they value more than God and agree to help each other as they try to love God with all their hearts, minds, and souls.



Snack Celebration (Optional)

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Students will enjoy a special snack to celebrate the completion of this quarter.



Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print one Review Map from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Print one Review Map Script from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use in summarizing the completed map.

- Review Map
- Review Map Script
- Pencils



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW GAME

- Print and cut out the Memory Verse Review Phrases from the Resource DVD-ROM.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Memory Verse Review Phrases
- Masking tape
- Timer, optional
- Small prizes like pencils or bookmarks, optional



LESSON THEME POSTER REVIEW

- Gather the Lesson Theme Posters to review for the class.

- Lesson Theme Posters from Lessons 1–5



BIBLE BASEBALL REVIEW GAME

- Print one Bible Baseball Scripture Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Print and cut out the Bible Baseball Hits from the Resource DVD-ROM.

- Bible Baseball Scripture Sheet for each student
- Bible Baseball Hits in cup or container
- Masking tape for bases
- Small rewards, optional



REAL WORLD SKIT

- Print five copies of the Real World Skit: American Idols from the Resource DVD-ROM—one for each of the parts in the skit and one for you.

- Five copies of the Real World Skit: American Idols



SNACK CELEBRATION—OPTIONAL

- Prepare and serve a celebration snack of your choice, if appropriate.

- Celebration snacks



Before the Throne

Dear Lord, almighty Father, you alone are worthy of my worship. This lesson reviews some really important truths about your character. The truths in this lesson impact my life each time I revisit them. Your love, Lord, for me is so undeserving. Help me to be faithful as you are faithful. Your holiness, Lord, takes my breath away. I am awed to be in your presence. Only by your grace and through the perfect sacrifice of my Savior, Jesus, your only Son, is it possible. Forgive me when I take you for granted and allow other things to push you aside. You deserve so much more! Keep a guard over my heart. My love and full devotion is yours alone. Help me to encourage my students to do the same. May your will be done as this lesson is taught. Set your Word in each of our hearts that we would know you better.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Review Map using the Lesson Theme Posters for help.
- When they are finished, discuss the completed map using the Review Map Script from the Resource DVD-ROM to help you as you discuss it.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.

Introduction

Are you ready for our review? This is going to be fun. We are going to cover the last five lessons. Everyone will be able to participate as we play Bible Baseball, review the memory verse, and watch a skit.

Let's get started—with the memory verse. I'm going to take this poster down, but first let's read it together. *Point to the Memory Verse Poster and read the memory verse together several times.*



Memory Verse Review Game

INSTRUCTIONS

Allow students to look at the Memory Verse Poster and say the verse together as a class a couple of times. Tape the Memory Verse Review Phrases onto the students' backs. Remove or cover the poster before the game begins. If you have fewer than 12 students, tape more than one phrase, in the proper order, on some students. If you have more than 12 students, print two sets of phrases. You may also want to divide the class into teams and see which team can be the first to assemble the verse properly.

Instruct the students to work together to put themselves in order according to the memory verse. Once they are standing in order, check the verse by reading the words out loud according to how the students are standing. You may want to set a time limit, so the game moves along at a quicker pace.

We have been working on this verse from Isaiah for five weeks. Today, you'll get a chance to say the whole verse from memory for the class. But first, I want you to work together as a group to put the words taped to your backs in the right order. I'll check the verse when you are finished.

Once the students think they are in the right order, check them by reading the words out loud.

- ? **Great job working together! Now who can say this verse for the class without any help?** *Encourage students to say the verse alone.*

Materials

- Memory Verse Review Phrases
- Masking tape
- Timer, optional
- Small prizes like pencils or bookmarks, optional

- Offer individual prizes to students who can recite the verse alone. Encourage everyone to try.



Lesson Theme Poster Review

Today, we're going to review what we've read and talked about over the past five lessons. And we're going to have fun doing it! Let's go through the Lesson Theme Posters first. Pay attention to what I tell you because it'll help you when we play Bible Baseball.

➤ Refer to the History of Israel Poster as you review the past lessons. Point out the historical events covered. This will give the students a comprehensive look at this era of biblical history.

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 1. The nation of Israel was judged by God because of Solomon's sin of idolatry. After Solomon's death, God used Rehoboam (Solomon's son) and his foolish actions to judge Israel. Israel was split in two. The wicked line of kings led the people in Israel and Judah away from the Lord.

King Jeroboam, Solomon's servant, was the first king in the northern kingdom of Israel. He did evil in the sight of the Lord. And so did ALL the other kings of Israel. The southern kingdom was called Judah. Judah was first ruled by Rehoboam, Solomon's son. Most of the kings of Judah were evil. But some did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 2. Amos was a shepherd from Judah, but God called him to go north to Israel and speak for Him there. The people were sinning in their idolatry and disobedience to God. Amos spoke the Words of the Lord, pronouncing judgment on the evil practices of the Israelites. He warned the people that if they didn't turn back to the Lord, they would be destroyed by an enemy. "Repent or prepare to meet your God," warned Amos. God is a just God, and He must punish sin. Disobedience to His Word makes Him angry. He was angry with the sin of the people. Sadly, even though God warned them, the people did not repent and return to worship the one true God.

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 3. God also sent His prophet Hosea to warn the people of Israel. God used Hosea and his wife Gomer to demonstrate God's message. Gomer left her husband Hosea and went to other men. But God told Hosea to take her back and to love her and forgive her. Hosea obeyed God and cared for his wife. As the people of Israel witnessed Hosea's love and forgiveness to his wife, they were reminded that God loved them in the same way. God wanted them to return to Him. If they did, He would gladly take them back, forgive them, and take care of them. In this unusual way, God showed the people a picture of how much He loved them. Yet we know that even after this demonstration of God's love for His people, Israel still did not repent. The people did not return to God. They continued to worship false gods in their idolatry.

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 4. And so, God had to punish Israel. His judgment would come through an enemy nation to the north—Assyria. The people would not listen to the prophets of God—to Amos, to Hosea, or to others God had sent. They would not obey God. They would not stop worshipping their false gods. And finally, God sent the nation of Assyria to invade Israel. Many people were killed or captured. Cities were destroyed. Many Israelites were moved away from the land and foreigners were brought in to work the land. After being patient with Israel for 250 years, God sent His judgment! God used the nation of Assyria to scatter Israel because He could not tolerate His people’s disobedience and idolatry anymore.

Refer to Lesson Theme Poster 5. God destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel because the people would not turn back to Him. Now God was going to punish and judge the nation of Assyria. Assyria carried out God’s will when it conquered Israel, but the Assyrians did not love the Lord. They did not worship Him alone. And God cannot tolerate sin of any kind. The Assyrians were a mean, evil, and wicked people. The city of Nineveh was the capital of Assyria.

God sent His prophet Nahum to Assyria—to the city of Nineveh—to express God’s anger to them. God’s message through Nahum was that God must punish the people for their wickedness. God used wicked nations—like Assyria—to judge His people. But God could not pass by their sins. Nahum warned the Assyrians, but they did not listen. So God sent yet another nation to judge their sin. That nation destroyed Assyria, including Nineveh. All that the Lord said through Nahum came true.

That covers the last five lessons. And it is time to play Bible Baseball.



Bible Baseball Review Game

Divide the students into two or more teams, depending on class size, and pass out the Scripture Sheets. Mark three bases and home plate with masking tape. Mark the “pitcher’s mound” with a chair or masking tape. Have the first team line up at home plate. Students on the other team can wait in their seats or along the “sideline.”

Ask the questions below from the “pitcher’s mound.” Many of the answers will be found on the Scripture Sheets. If a player answers correctly, he can advance around the bases after picking a hit out of the cup. The team will advance for each correct answer. Allow the next team to play after all team members have answered once.

Each wrong answer is a strike! Three strikes and you are out. Next team’s turn. Repeat the questions if time allows. Keep score of runs and strikes!

Let’s get into teams! We’re going to play Bible Baseball! I need to arrange the room a little in order to set up the bases and the pitcher’s mound. Here’s how we’ll play.

Materials

- Bible Baseball Scripture Sheets
- Masking tape to mark bases
- Bible Baseball Hits put into a cup

► If the batter gives a wrong answer, have him go to the back of the line. Ask the same question to the next batter. If two batters in a row miss the same question, give the answer, ask another question, and repeat that question later in the game. Three strikes and the team is out! Next team's turn to play.

Lesson 1

► Keep the game moving quickly. Students will pick a hit and advance for every correct answer! Keep the Lesson Theme Posters available for hints where appropriate.

I'm going to ask questions about the past five lessons. Most of the answers can be found in the verses on your Scripture Sheets and from the Lesson Theme Posters. Each team will take turns answering the questions I ask—one player at a time. Team 1 line up first. I'll pitch questions out to you. If you answer correctly, that's a hit. If you get a hit, draw from the cup labeled "Hits" and see how many bases you get to advance. Go to your base and see if the players on your team can hit you around to home plate. If you don't know the answer or give an incorrect answer, that's a strike. Once everyone on your team has had a chance to bat, even if you haven't struck out, we'll switch teams. But remember, if your team gets three strikes, you are OUT! And the next team comes up to bat. Ready?

- ? **First, what is the Bible reference for the memory verse we have been studying?** *Isaiah 42:8.*
- ? **Recite the verse for me.** *Allow student to recite the verse. If he can't recite it, allow one or two of his teammates to try. Remember, every wrong answer is a strike!*
- ? *Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster when appropriate.* **OK! From Lesson 1. What was the first judgment God sent to the nation of Israel? This happened after Solomon died. Look at the Lesson 1 Lesson Theme Poster. What happened to the one nation of Israel?** *The nation was divided.*
- ? **What were the names of the two nations?** *Israel and Judah.*
- ? **From 1 Kings 12:20 on your Scripture Sheet—who did the people of Israel, in the north, choose to be their king?** *Jeroboam.*
- ? **How was Jeroboam related to Solomon? Look at 1 Kings 11:26.** *He was Solomon's servant.*
- ? **Who was the king in the southern kingdom of Judah? This is on the Lesson Theme Poster.** *Rehoboam.*
- ? **How was Rehoboam related to Solomon? Look at 1 Kings 11:43.** *He was Solomon's son.*

So, the beginning of God's judgment had come on the nation of Israel. The one nation was now two nations—Israel to the north and Judah to the south. These nations were ruled by kings and most of the kings in both nations did evil in the sight of the Lord.

- ? *Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster when appropriate.* **As we moved to Lesson 2 we began a closer look at the northern kingdom of Israel. Who was the prophet God sent to Israel?** *Amos.*
- ? **What did Amos do for a living? Look in Amos 1:1 on your Scripture Sheet.** *He was a sheepbreeder—a shepherd.*
- ? **Who was the prophet Amos speaking for? Look in Amos 3:1.** *The Lord.*
- ? **Who was Amos speaking to? Look again in Amos 3:1.** *The children of Israel.*

- ? What warning did the prophet Amos bring to Israel? You can look at the Lesson Theme Poster for a hint. *Repent or prepare to meet God.*
- ? What was God going to do as judgment? Look in Amos 3:11. *God would send an enemy—an adversary—to destroy the land, sap their strength, and destroy the palaces.*

God sent Amos to warn the people of Israel!

- ? *Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster when appropriate.* In Lesson 3 we met another prophet of God sent to Israel. What was his name? You may look at the poster for a hint. *Hosea.*
- ? What happened between Hosea and his wife Gomer? *Again, look at the Lesson Theme Poster. Gomer left her husband.*
- ? Whose Word was Hosea speaking? Look in Hosea 4:1. *The Word of the Lord.*
- ? Who was Hosea speaking to? Look again in Hosea 4:1. *The children of Israel.*
- ? What did God accuse the children of Israel of? How did God see them? What were they doing against God? This is in Hosea 4:2. **There are five things listed.** *They were swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery.*
- ? What did God say would happen to them because of their sin and disobedience? What would happen to the land? Look in Hosea 4:3. *The land will mourn. Everyone will waste away. Everything would be taken away.*

The people of Israel were sinning against God. Gomer had sinned against her husband, Hosea. The people of Israel were turning to other gods and not worshipping God alone. Hosea warned them that the land would mourn and the people would waste away because of God's judgment on their sin. And yet God told them that if they would return to Him, He would not punish them. Just as the people saw Hosea forgive Gomer his wife, God would forgive them if they repented and came back to Him.

Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster when appropriate. Now to Lesson 4. The people would not listen. God warned them that judgment would come. God sent His prophets Amos, Hosea, and others. The prophets told the people to turn from their wicked ways and turn to God or they would face judgment. The people would not listen. So God sent Assyria to conquer them.

As part of the takeover, the Assyrians surrounded the capital city of Israel, Samaria. It was under a siege. That means that they did not allow anything like food and water into the city.

- ? How long did Samaria suffer in the siege? See 2 Kings 17:5. *Three years!*
- ? 2 Kings 17:6 tells what happened to the Israelites after they gave up. What did the Assyrians finally do with the people? *Carried Israel away to Assyria.*
- ? What were the people serving and worshipping? Why did God send Assyria to destroy them? See 2 Kings 17:12. *They served idols!*

Lesson 3

► You may want to divide this answer up and allow five different students to answer.

Lesson 4

Lesson 5

- ? What did God want the people to do? What was God asking of them? Look in 2 Kings 17:13. *To turn from their evil ways and keep His commandments.*

Israel was destroyed. The people were taken away. The kingdom had crumbled. They had worshipped idols and would not listen to God or His prophets.

- ? What does God expect from us? What is the first and the greatest commandment? Look at Matthew 22:37. *Love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

Yes! Idolatry and disobedience make God angry, and He must judge anyone who sins against Him. He alone is to be worshipped. Remember, anything we put before God—anything we love more than God—is an idol.

Refer to the Lesson Theme Poster when appropriate. On to Lesson 5. God used the nation of Assyria to destroy the northern kingdom of Israel because the people would not turn back to Him. But God also sent His prophets to other nations. And God sent a prophet to the city of Nineveh in Assyria.

- ? Who was the prophet we spoke of in Lesson 5? *Nahum.*
- ? In Nahum 1:1. Who was Nahum's prophecy against? *Nineveh.*
- ? In Nahum 1:2. God wanted Nahum to tell about Him. What did Nahum say? Name one thing. *God is jealous.*
- ? And another? *The Lord avenges.*
- ? And another? *God is furious.*
- ? One more? *God takes vengeance on His adversaries.*

So what does all this mean? He is jealous means He wants all worship to go to Him alone. He avenges means He will punish us for our sins. He is furious means sin makes God angry. He takes vengeance on His adversaries means He will repay those who come against Him—He will punish His enemies. The people of Nineveh were worshipping idols—statues and images of false gods—instead of the one true God. Their idolatry was evil in the sight of the Lord.

- ? What would happen to the wicked city of Nineveh? Look in Nahum 3:7. *People will flee from there and say that Nineveh is laid waste.*

The people of Nineveh were not godly. And God—the one true God—had to punish the sin of that city. Just as God used Assyria to judge the nation of Israel, He used another nation to destroy Assyria. God is in complete control of the nations, their kings, and all that happens within them.

Refer to the History of Israel Poster. That covers our past five lessons. We just reviewed biblical history from when the nation of Israel was first divided

► If time allows go back and point out the events just reviewed on the History of Israel Poster.

to the time when the northern kingdom was judged, conquered, and the people were scattered.

Let's see who won! *Determine a winner.* We had a winning team today. Congratulations! *Encourage the students to find their way back to their seats.* But please understand that the lessons we learn from studying God's Word are the real prize. The entire Bible is true history. And these lessons were about people and nations who just would NOT obey God! God demands that we worship Him alone. He is the Creator and sustainer of all things.

Knowing the truth about God through His Word is the only thing that will give us the confidence to answer the questions our friends might have about God.

For example, we talked a lot about idolatry the last several weeks. And we discussed what idols could be in our lives. Remember, it is anything we put before God! That's what our skit is about today. Lucy and Noah will tell their friends that idolatry isn't only about people long ago worshipping statues. It is actually very common today—although it disguises itself in different ways—and is sometimes hard to spot.



Real World Skit: American Idols

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose four students to act out the skit in front of the class. Encourage them to make their part come alive by using facial expressions and hand motions that match their character. Follow along in case students get lost or need help. Perform the skit.

Materials

- Five copies of the American Idols skit copied from the Resource DVD-ROM

DISCUSS THE SKIT

- ? So, God is jealous! Who can tell me what that means after seeing the skit? *Allow discussion.*

We know it means that He demands all of our praise and worship. Nothing in our lives should ever be more important than God.

- ? What were some of the idols the kids talked about in the play? *TV, skateboarding, video games, soccer.*

Have you ever checked your own life to see if you love anything more than God? This is a good time to do that. God provides us with everything we have. And He is gracious and loving to do so. We should never love the gifts we get from God more than the one (God) who gives those gifts to us. The more we have in our lives, the more grateful to God we should be. And the more grateful to God we are, the more we will want to praise Him above everything else!

- ? What are some other things that could become idols in your life? *Allow discussion. Movies, money, hobbies, clothes, looks, friends, popularity, etc.*

Listen, if there is something in your life—anything—that you just don't think you can live without, it is probably an idol. And if anything causes you to sin, because you want it so badly, it is wrong! God does not like that. And that thing—whatever it is—is getting in the way of the praise that God wants from you. Examine your heart and see if there is anything in your life that is keeping you from loving God with ALL your heart, soul, mind, and strength.



Snack Celebration—Optional

Now, who is ready for a snack? *Have your snack as you discuss the skit, today's review, and/or memory verse.*



Group Prayer Time

Be sure to pray with your class before you dismiss them.

- Praise God who is the one true God, who alone is worthy of our worship.
- Ask God to help each student to love and worship Him alone and to be on guard for anything that tries to take His place in our lives.
- Ask God to help us to be aware of opportunities when we can speak out about Him and provide answers to those who are seeking the truth.