



Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES For Children

Lesson 9

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Enoch and Methuselah

Does it seem to take you a long time to grow up? Each birthday seems to be a long ways away!

There was one man who lived to have nearly one thousand birthdays! His name was Methuselah. He lived to be 969 years old! Many years ago people would live much longer than they now do.

Methuselah's father was Enoch. He loved God very much, and tried to do what God wanted him to do.

Sadly, though, most people weren't doing things God's way, and it was making the world a very unpleasant place.

Enoch loved having time talking with God more than doing anything else, so one day God took Enoch up to live with Him, away from all the bad things going on in the world.



Enoch and Methuselah

There was a man called Enoch who lived long ago. He had a most unusual experience—he never died!

Now that doesn't mean that he's still on Earth today, but he was around for more than 300 years, until one day God simply took him up to live with Him. He vanished from one moment to the next. Amazing! And it was just because he loved taking time with God more than doing anything else.

The world in his day had become quite a bad place. It was so sad. It wasn't just Adam and Eve who made one wrong choice in the Garden, eating the forbidden fruit.

Everyone then on Earth kept choosing things that weren't according to God's way. There was a lot of sorrow and hurting and bad and sad things going on.



Enoch loved to take time away from it all, just to hear God talking. Then one day, God took Enoch to be with Him all the time.

Now it might seem like 300 years is a long time to live anyway, but back then people lived much longer than that! Several people lived to be over 900 years old!

Enoch's own son, Methuselah, lived for 969 years! Pretty amazing! Things have changed now, and because of people's choices to do wrong, God has changed it so that people now live a much shorter time on Earth.

Whether you live a long time or only for a short while, the most important thing to remember is to do as Enoch did—choose God's way, take time to listen to Him, and teach others God's way too. Then one day when it's your time to live with God, you'll be so glad you did your best to live as He wanted you to.

Activity

*Count aloud each of your ages—children and parents, and notice the difference. Mark the child's height somewhere. Look at pictures of when they were a baby, and compare them with recent ones, to see the growth and passage of time.

Enoch and Methuselah



The world was made around six thousand years ago. And can you believe it? The people who were first on Earth, the great-grandchildren of Adam and Eve, and those who followed after that, sometimes lived to be nearly a thousand years old! Bodies were made strong, the world was a fresh and health-building environment to live in, and aging was much slower.

There was one man, however, who was only on Earth for a bit more than 300 years. His name was Enoch. He loved God so much and wanted to please Him, even though most people in the world were getting pretty ungodly by then.

All people on Earth had the choice to do right or wrong, and God saw that the thoughts people had and their actions had reached the point where they were nearly always making the wrong choice.

God was so sad. It hurt Him so much to see the wrong way people were going. It was no longer fun to watch what people were doing and to gaze at His creation.

They'd turned away from Him for the most part, and the world was such an unhappy, unkind place.



There were a few people who loved and chose God's way. One of those people was Enoch. He'd talk to God, hear from Him, and try to tell people what God had to say. He spent lots of time alone with God. Then one day when the time was right, God just took him out of the world to be with Him. Enoch didn't die, but simply was taken to be with God.

Unlike everyone around him who lived to about 900 years of age, Enoch, at around 300 years, was taken to be with the One he loved more than anyone or anything—God, His creator. He was taken away from all the evil of the world in those days.

Enoch had a son called Methuselah, who, amazingly enough, lived longer than anyone else on Earth—969 years! He was the grandfather of a very important man. Methuselah's grandson was named Noah.

Let's Talk About It

*If you could live to be any age at all, how many years would you like to live?

*What do you think helps to make people wise and understanding and mature—is it just how old you are?

Activity

*Use objects to demonstrate how long you all have lived in comparison to those who lived until nearly 1,000. (Dried beans can be counted—count out 100 and put them into a measuring cup. Then scoop that amount ten times into a jar or container. Place however many loose beans beside it to show the age of the child or children present. For example, eight beans for eight years.)

Enoch and Methuselah



Connect and Communicate

*Thank the Lord for three physical things, and three invisible or non-tangible types of things that you are thankful for.

Study Fun

Draw: On some paper or on the board; lines representing how long each of the men mentioned lived, generally, to the scale of 2 cm (or 1 inch) per hundred years. Add some of your family to the list of lines drawn parallel, to compare lengths of years. (For example, the line you draw for Mahalaleel would be nearly 18 cm. For a parent it might be around 1 cm, and just a few millimetres for an older child or teen!)

✓ Checkmark: The names of people you have learned about and are familiar with.

Write: A few points of things to remember to do that "please God."

Genesis

5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years.

5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years.

5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years.

5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years.

5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years.

5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years.

5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah.

5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.



Activity

*Find out about the children's family tree, as much as can be known—names of grand- and great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.

Fountain of Faith

1John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.



Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Parables of Jesus

—Shining Light and Dinner Guests

Praise

Psalm 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

*Thank the Lord for your favourite time of the day, and why you like it. Thank the Lord for your least favourite, and think of something to be glad about it anyway.

Shining Light

Matthew

5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Discussion questions:

- *How can you "let your light shine"?
- *What would be considered "putting it under a bushel"?
- *Doing and saying what type of things would help people think about God and praise Him?

Dinner Guests

Luke

14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

14:16 Then said [Jesus] unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

14:18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Discussion questions:

*Have you ever tried to tell someone about Jesus and the way to heaven, but they haven't been interested? How does it make you feel?

*In this story, who do you think the "certain man" who made the great supper is like? Who could be the "servant"? What about the people who were invited?

Activity

*Make your own "Parables of Jesus" picture book, and draw pictures for each parable read about here. Colour them if you like. You can retell the story lesson to your younger brothers and sisters, showing your art, if you like!



Topic Treasures

—Choose to Do
Things Our
Creator's Way

Study Fun

Draw: A picture to illustrate a verse of your choice from below.

✓ Checkmark: The verb words that tell things that God does.

Write: A short list of "God is..." phrases using words or ideas selected from these verses. Add more to it if you like, from other things you have learned that He is or is like.

Isaiah 55:8,9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Jeremiah 27:5,6 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Proverbs 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Colossians 1:16, 17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.





Daily Diary

*God made you for a reason—and you can make a difference in the world. Everything you do affects someone, or many people.

The thoughts you think or allow yourself to think will determine where you go in your life and what you do. So what little steps will you take today to find God's will for you, starting today? Is there something you'd like to start to learn that will make it possible in the future for you to help others in ways you'd like to—an instrument, a language, a skill?

Is there something you are good at that you can use to encourage others—are you good with art, or reading stories aloud, or planning games? Think and pray about it. There's always some little or big step you can take today to go God's way for your personal life.