



Bringing the Light of the Gospel to Children

Dear Pastors and Ministers,

Here is the Children's Church Curriculum you have been waiting for! ***"Lighted Pathways"*** is the Children's Church curriculum we use at Lakewood Church, Houston, Texas. It has been developed here and successfully taught since 1986 over fourteen years. Do you want the Holy Spirit to have greater entrance into your children's services? ***"Lighted Pathways"*** inspires just that.

I am the Children's Ministry Director at Lakewood Church. In my twenty-five years of working in the Children's Ministry, I have discovered that there is a need for anointed teachers to teach the lesson from their hearts and not from their heads. ***"Lighted Pathways"*** was developed for teachers who have busy lifestyles. I know from experience that many teachers who have full time jobs or busy schedules do not take the time to look up the scripture references listed in their curriculum. That is why I have written out the scriptures so that they can read them frequently without having to look them up. When the teachers meditate on these scriptures, the Holy Spirit will inspire them with the unique direction He desires to go for their class. ***"Lighted Pathways"*** gives you creative ideas to visually teach the children through object lessons, chalk talks, puppets, flanelgraph, drama, costumed characters, and storytelling.

The Introduction page instructs you how to make every section of the lesson come alive with visual ways to show your children how to act on the memory verse in their daily lives. **Features and Benefits** include:

- ▶ **Written Out Scriptures** - enables teachers to meditate the Word.
- ▶ **Packed With Creative Ideas** - encourages teacher creativity and excitement.
- ▶ **Age Group Flexibility** - use for 4 year olds through sixth grade.
- ▶ **Cost Effective** - may purchase individual series separately or the complete set of 96 lessons. (*That's almost two years of curriculum*).
- ▶ **Teach By Series** - allows teachers to choose from a variety of series topics as the Holy Spirit leads.
- ▶ **No Set Format** - allows flexibility to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ **Easily Adaptable** - use in large or small churches, outreaches, home schooling, day cares, or the mission field.
- ▶ **Mission Field Proven** - culturally adaptable and easily packed.
- ▶ **License Agreement Option For Right To Copy** - allows individual churches to reproduce curriculum so each teacher can have a copy of the lesson to study.

"Lighted Pathways" is structured enough to be effective and flexible enough to incorporate the Holy Spirit. Your church may also purchase the complete set of 96 lessons with a **License Agreement for Right to Copy** for \$649.00. Time after time former teachers of Lakewood Children's Church who are now working with children in other churches have come back to ask for ***"Lighted Pathways"*** for their children's classes. ***"Lighted Pathways"*** is a good investment for your Children's Ministry.

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INTRODUCTION



Have you ever wanted a good collection of ideas just for a certain Bible truth? **LIGHTED PATHWAYS** will give you these ideas. These lessons are designed to bring out your own creativity. Each series of lessons is sold separately so you may purchase only the individual series you want to teach. I hope they will enhance your own creativity as you read and study the scriptures that are included.

First, you will find the **MEMORY VERSE**. Put yourself on a child's level and think of ways you can show the children how to act on this verse. Think of situations a child would face that by speaking and acting on the verse would bring the power of God on the scene to overcome it. Show the children different ways of acting on it by Object Lessons, Puppet Skits, Drama Skits, Storytelling, Chalk Talks, Flannelgraph, or any other visual. Play games with prizes at the end of the class to encourage the children to learn the memory verse.

The **DEFINITIONS** section will give you a clearer understanding of the Bible terms related to the lesson. Each adjective or synonym can give you a new idea.

The **LESSON AIM** is the central truth of the lesson. This Bible truth along with the memory verse should be what the children have learned by the time class is over.

The **TEACHER'S STUDY** will give you key scriptures that you can read over and over again without having to constantly look them up. Meditate on these scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give you creative ideas to visually show the meaning to the children. You don't need to teach all the scriptures, just the ones that bring life or rhema to you. Rely on the Holy Spirit to anoint you as you minister these scriptures through object lessons, chalk talks, flannelgraph, puppets, storytelling, drama skits, or costumed characters.

The **BIBLE LESSON** is an example in the Bible of how the memory verse can be acted upon or explained. You may choose another Bible story if you prefer.

The **CONFESSION** section gives the children positive words to repeat to build them up spiritually. Add more if you like.

The **CREATIVE IDEAS** are full of ideas to present to the children in various visual form. Take these ideas and glean from them. You will find they will give you new ideas. Always remember, you can take a story idea and make it into a skit or a puppet skit. You are not limited to staying with the program. Why not develop your own characters to add flair to an object lesson, or have a costumed character come in to tell a story or do a flannelgraph?

Each lesson can be taught in both your Sunday and midweek services because different teachers will teach different truths as the Holy Spirit leads them. I encourage you to stir up the gift that is within you. Our Heavenly Father is the Creator of all things and He lives in you!

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH SAMPLE FORMAT

PLAN YOUR WORK, WORK YOUR PLAN

The format below will help you plan your Children's Church Class. Greet the children as they arrive. Always review the class rules. Offer a participation award such as a candy bar, dollar bill, or other prize. The child who is sitting in the participation chair (to be revealed at the end of the service) will win if they were obedient and participating.

Welcome the Children
Opening Prayer
Rules
Ice Breaker Puppet
Announcements (Welcome Visitors)
Fast Songs (5 -10 minutes)
Offering
Introduce Memory Verse (Poster, puppet, skit, etc.)
Medium Songs (5 -10 minutes)
Worship (5 -10 minutes)
Story, Puppet Skit or Drama with a message
Illustrated Sermon (Preach the message using an object lesson or other visual)
Invitation (for salvation or message being preached)
Review the Memory Verse (5 minutes)
(Play scripture scramble or other game and have the children recite the memory verse.)
Costumed Character (testifies about how he used the memory verse to overcome a difficult situation.)
Good Confession
Supplemental Story, Puppet Skit, or Drama
Review or Memory Verse Game
Participation Award

The beginning and end of the class should be fun, with the serious teaching in the middle following the Worship Service. An invitation should always be given following the teaching of the Word or as the Holy Spirit leads. Put variety in the class every week so that the children will have an air of expectancy. Be enthusiastic! The children will be excited when you are excited. Don't do everything the same way every week. Teaching methods you may use are: Object Lessons, Drama Skits, Puppet Skits, Special Guests, Animal Characters, Storytelling, Costumed Characters, Flannelgraph, Games, Posters, Videos, or Overhead Projector Stories.

LESSON 3

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

MEMORY VERSE: Sin shall not have dominion over you. Romans 6:14

DEFINITIONS: Dominion - to rule over, to be lord over, to master.

Tempt - to try, test, or prove someone; to allure, entice or seduce someone to commit an unwise act; to provoke.

Temptation - a test or trial from the devil to make one sin.

Resist - to strive, or work against; fight off; oppose actively; to stand firm against the action or effect of, to withstand; to keep from giving in to or enjoying; to abstain from.

LESSON AIM: Teach the children how to overcome temptation with the Word. They have dominion over sin because Jesus defeated the devil.

TEACHER'S STUDY:

- Psalm 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.
- Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit it truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.
- Luke 22:40 And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.
- Romans 6:11-19 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
- I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
- II Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that

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	exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having in readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
Ephesians 1:18-23	That ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ, (when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly place, far above all principality, and power (authority), and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all) . . .
Ephesians 1:18-2:1	That ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ . . . and (wrought in) you . . .
Colossians 2:15	And having spoiled principalities and powers (authorities), He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Sin is already defeated.)
Hebrews 2:14	Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy (bring to nought) him that had the power (authority) of death, that is, the devil.
Hebrews 4:14-15	Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
James 1:2-4	My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying (proving) of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect (mature) and entire, wanting nothing.
James 1:12	Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried (proven), he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
James 1:13-17	Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
James 1:21	Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your soul.
James 4:7	Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
I Peter 5:8-9	Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
I John 4:4	Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.
I John 5:4	For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
II Peter 2:9	The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations. . .
Revelation 12:11	And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. . .

BIBLE LESSON: **Matthew 4:1-11 or Luke 4:1-13 Jesus overcame the devil's temptations by speaking the Word.**

CONFESSION: I say NO to sin. I do not give in to temptation because the Greater One lives inside of me. I have power and dominion over sin. Sin is under my feet. I speak God's Word and the devil has to go. I resist the devil and he has to flee.

CREATIVE IDEAS

Little Old Lady with basket takes out a mouse or rat trap (or net). She teaches the children how the devil sets a trap for them and tries to lure them away from God. The cheese on the trap is like a temptation that seems too good to resist. Snap the trap to show how the devil will always fool them. It doesn't pay to sin. We have power over sin. Use examples of temptations such as: peer pressure, talking without permission, lying, stealing.

Show how Rosanna Banana gives in to stealing and the next time it gets harder and harder for her to overcome it. Show how Rosemary Cherry says NO to sin and it becomes easier and easier for her to overcome it.

A villain (or devil) comes out and pleads with the children not to use the Word of God to overcome temptation. (Do not use a devil character or over dramatize an evil role with children under the age of six. Make the villain act like a dunce instead of evil.)

Some mice (use ears, whiskers, and tail) venture outside and rejoice when they find a trap with cheese on it when their mother told them not to go out of the house. One of them gets caught.

Have the children list on the chalkboard or poster board the temptations of life that come to them. Teach the children how to overcome everyone of them. Encourage them to call them by name and command them to leave in the Name of Jesus. Give them a scripture to overcome each one.

Indiana Dan exhorts the children not to yield to temptation. He tells them that Jesus conquered sin and put it under their feet. They have power over sin. They should choose to say no to any temptation of disobedience.

Do a puppet skit with a child, heart, and devil (or poster board on a stick that looks like a thought). A child resists temptation to gossip, steal, curse, lie, etc. The heart reminds him that the Greater One is inside and that he should choose to resist sin. Use a scripture to come against that particular sin. Use a voice for the temptation instead of a devil puppet for children under six years old.

Teach the children what the word resist means. Have two people (adult and a child) arm wrestle. The adult is like the power of God when the Word is spoken. The child is like the temptation. It takes the power of God to resist sin.

Do a skit about entertaining a thought. A temptation (a person) comes to your door and you let him in. You entertain him for a while and does what he says. After a while you get tired of him, but he's come in and taken over. Then he invites more friends into your house. He ruins your house. Finally you start speaking the Word and they all start to run, but there is some resistance. When they are all gone, the house it in shambles. Teach the children that it is better to not entertain a thought for one moment so it won't become a stronghold in their life. The thought should be a specific temptation such as: disobedience, talking back, disrespect, bitterness, etc.

Talk about a Billboard along side the road. It looks so inviting! But if you look at the back of the billboard, all you find is spider's webs, wasp's nests, and dirt. The devil holds temptations up to you that look inviting, but there is nothing behind it but sin, sickness, poverty, and death.

Sample

LESSON TITLES

ARMOR OF GOD:

- Lesson 1 The Whole Armor of God
- Lesson 2 The Belt of Truth
- Lesson 3 The Breastplate of Righteousness
- Lesson 4 The Shoes of Peace
- Lesson 5 The Shield of Faith
- Lesson 6 The Helmet of Salvation
- Lesson 7 The Sword of the Spirit
- Lesson 8 Having Done All, Stand

AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER:

- Lesson 1 What is Authority
- Lesson 2 Risen with Christ
- Lesson 3 The Name of Jesus
- Lesson 4 Take Your Authority

CHRISTMAS:

- Lesson 1 The Promised Saviour
- Lesson 2 The Birth of Jesus
- Lesson 3 Wise Men Still Seek Him
- Lesson 4 Go Tell the Good News

FAITH:

- Lesson 1 What is Faith
- Lesson 2 The God Kind of Faith
- Lesson 3 How Faith Comes
- Lesson 4 Speak Your Faith
- Lesson 5 Act Your Faith
- Lesson 6 The Eye of Faith
- Lesson 7 Faith, Foolishness, Presumption
- Lesson 8 Walking with the Father
- Lesson 9 Heroes of Faith
- Lesson 10 Faith Works by Love

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:

- Lesson 1 Love
- Lesson 2 Joy
- Lesson 3 Peace
- Lesson 4 Longsuffering
- Lesson 5 Gentleness
- Lesson 6 Goodness
- Lesson 7 Faithfulness
- Lesson 8 Meekness
- Lesson 9 Temperance (Self Control)

GOD FOR US, WITH US, IN US:

- Lesson 1 God **FOR** Us
- Lesson 2 God **WITH** Us, Part 1
- Lesson 3 God **WITH** Us, Part 2
- Lesson 4 God **IN** Us

HEALING:

- Lesson 1 Jesus, the Healer
- Lesson 2 Where Does Sickness Come From?
- Lesson 3 Healing Belongs to Us
- Lesson 4 Healing is for All
- Lesson 5 Receive Your Healing
- Lesson 6 God's Medicine
- Lesson 7 Don't Give In to Sickness
- Lesson 8 Lay Hands On the Sick

LED BY THE SPIRIT:

- Lesson 1 Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Lesson 2 Man is a Spirit
- Lesson 3 The Soul of Man
- Lesson 4 Led by the Spirit
- Lesson 5 Train Your Spirit

LOVE:

- Lesson 1 God is Love
- Lesson 2 Love God With All Your Heart
- Lesson 3 Walking in Love
- Lesson 4 Forgive

OBEDIENCE:

- Lesson 1 Willing and Obedient
- Lesson 2 Obey Your Parents
- Lesson 3 Overcoming Temptation
- Lesson 4 Choosing Wisely

PRAYER:

- Lesson 1 Praying in Jesus' Name
- Lesson 2 The Prayer of Faith
- Lesson 3 The Prayer of Agreement
- Lesson 4 The Prayer of Dedication
- Lesson 5 Casting Your Cares on God
- Lesson 6 Praying in Tongues
- Lesson 7 Intercession and Supplication
- Lesson 8 The Prayer of Worship

REDEMPTION:

- Lesson 1 The Fall of Man
- Lesson 2 Redeemed from the Curse
- Lesson 3 The Precious Blood of Jesus
- Lesson 4 satan's Defeat
- Lesson 5 The Grace of God
- Lesson 6 Water Baptism
- Lesson 7 Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Lesson 8 The Great Commission
- Lesson 9 The Lord's Supper
- Lesson 10 The Rapture and the Second Coming

WHO I AM IN CHRIST:

- Lesson 1 I Am a New Creation
- Lesson 2 I Am Forgiven
- Lesson 3 I Am the Righteousness of God
- Lesson 4 I Am the Temple of God
- Lesson 5 I Am Purchased of God
- Lesson 6 I Am Redeemed
- Lesson 7 I Am More Than a Conqueror
- Lesson 8 I Am Loved
- Lesson 9 I Am a Chosen Vessel
- Lesson 10 I Am an Heir of God
- Lesson 11 I Am Enlightened
- Lesson 12 I Am an Ambassador
- Lesson 13 I Am Anointed
- Lesson 14 I Am a Blessing

THE WORD:

- Lesson 1 God's Word is Forever True
- Lesson 2 God's Word Gives Wisdom
- Lesson 3 God's Word is Seed
- Lesson 4 Do The Word



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