

# Student Handbook

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# Welcome to Sonseekers ...

### Dear Parents

Welcome to Sonseekers, a Sunday School Program designed to give children a sound background in Biblical events, people and places. We trust that you, and your child, are blessed by participation in this program.

The curriculum has been produced by over 100 people who have voluntarily given of their time and talents to write, draw and create activities, as well as to edit, review and proof-read. We deeply appreciate the commitment and love shown by all who have contributed to this project. The benefit and blessing to children, as they learn about God's life and love, is a testimony to their faithfulness.

However, the real key to children knowing God as their Father lies with their families. As parents train their children in God's way, they begin to experience the reality of the Father's love for themselves.

The Sonseekers program is designed to support and encourage family life and order. The Student Handbook is a feature of the program, offering follow up activities and daily devotions, which you may wish to use in your own family devotions.

May God bless and guide you as you share the Lord's life with your child.

If you wish to know more about the Sonseekers program, please contact the publishers on the numbers listed.

Yours in Christ

The Sonseekers Team

# A note to parents about the Sonseekers materials . . .

## **Timeline**

	Creation
4000BC	Adam and Eve
	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
	The Flood
	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
1070BC	Samson
1063BC	Samuel
1020BC	Saul as King
980BC	David as King
940BC 900BC	Solomon as King Kingdom Dividad
900BC 839BC	Kingdom Divided Elijah Emerges; Mt Carmel
039DC	Jehoshaphat
814BC	Elisha's Ministry
749BC	Jonah
662BC	Hezekiah; Isaiah
576BC	Josiah
540BC	Daniel taken to Babylon
527BC	Exile into Babylon
457BC	Restoration from Babylon
4BC	Birth of Jesus
26AD	Baptism of Jesus
	Call of Disciples
28AD	Feeding of 5000
	Parables
29AD	Miracles; Transfiguration
30AD	Raising of Lazarus
	Parables
	Palm Sunday
	Jesus' Crucifixion and
	Resurrection
	Day of Pentecost
2210	Peter's Ministry
33AD 45AD	Conversion of Paul Paul's Missionary Journeys
43AD 60AD	Paul s Missionary Journeys Paul as Prisoner to Rome
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## What are the Sonseekers materials?

The Sonseekers Sunday School materials are a four year course of 128 Bible lessons. The lessons are written with the twin aims of teaching the students an accurate chronology of Biblical events and also drawing from each lesson pastoral points relevant to the age and stage of each child. They are written at three levels to cover from Prep to Year 6 age groups. The 128 lessons are organised into 8 units, each of sixteen lessons. The table below indicates the suitable age group for each level:

Sonseekers Level	Student Age	School Level
Level One	5 - 6	Prep, Year 1
Level Two	7 - 10	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Level Three	11 - 12+	Year 5, Year 6

## What's in my Sonseekers Level One Student Handbook?

Each Level One Student Handbook contains sixteen homework activities and sixteen "My Own Page" sections, relevant for the age of your child.

Each homework activity page comprises:

- the title of the lesson;
- the Bible reference for each lesson;
- an activity related to some aspect of the lesson;
- the memory verse to be learnt from the lesson.

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# How do I help my child use the Student's Handbook?

The following suggestions are then made with regard to using the book.

### After each lesson

- Make sure that your child learns the memory verse from the lesson.
- Have the child read the Bible passage for the lesson again or read it to him/her. The reference is provided in the header on the homework activity page. All Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version (1983 edition).
- Discuss the story with the child and ask them what they learnt from the story.
- Link the activity that the teacher used to the story so that the significance of the activity is clear to the students.
- Set regular times each week for the child to complete the homework activity and daily devotions.
- Give your child as much help and encouragement as they need to complete these tasks. This is an opportunity to fellowship in the word of God with your child!
- Ensure that your child brings the handbook to class so that the teacher can check the homework and mark the following week's memory verse.
- Encourage your child to read ahead for the next lesson.

### May God bless you and guide you as parents as you help your children in this way!

Luke 19:28-44; Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19

# Palm Sunday

# Colour this picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday



"Behold, your King is coming." (John 12:15).	
"Blessed is the King." (Luke 19:38).	



# The last supper and Gethsemane

Matthew 26:1-56; Mark 14:1-52; Luke 22:1-62; John 13:1-2,18-30; 18:1-27

These children are all doing things that would please the Lord. Join the dots to write the words properly and then look carefully at the pictures to see which word fits each one. Draw a line joining matching pictures and words.



"Do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19).	Ē
"I also imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1).	A





Matthew 26:57-27:66; Mark 15; Luke 22:63-23:56; John 18:19-19:42



## **Memory Verse**

The crucifixion

"Christ died for our sins." (1 Corinthians 15:3).
"I will strengthen you." (Isaiah 41:10).





Matthew 28:1-8, 11-15; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10

# The resurrection



We know He will help us every day. Draw pictures to show how He helps you in these different places.

At home obeying Mum and Dad.	At church singing, listening, praising.
In the playground sharing with friends.	In school working hard, obeying teacher.

## **Memory Verse**

"He is risen." (Mark 16:6). "I believe God." (Acts 27:25).





**Peter restored** 



Jesus cooked the disciples breakfast. Colour 'B' blue, 'R' red and 'Y' yellow to find out what it is.



"Forgive us our sins." (Luke 11:4).	
"Love one another." (John 15:12).	





# The risen Christ and His ascension

# Join dots 1-24 and find out who our helper and friend is.



•	- And
"He ascended on high." (Ephesians 4:8).	
"I am always with you." (Matthew 28:20).	A 3





# The day of Pentecost

Colour the flames with dots in them to find the name of the Helper God gives to us.



## **Memory Verse**

"Be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18).	
"Walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25).	A



Acts 2



Acts 3:1 - 4:22; 8:14-25; John 21:20-25; Revelation 1

# Peter and John



"Ask the Father in My name." (John 16:23).
"Keep My word." (John 14:23).





# Peter and the Gentiles

Acts 9:32-43; 10; 11:1-18; 12:1-19

Peter's friends were praying for him at Cornelius' house. God heard their prayers and sent an angel to set Peter free so he could be with his friends. Help Peter through the maze to find his friends.



"God shows no partiality." (Acts 10:34).
"God is my helper." (Psalm 54:4).





Acts 6 & 7

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Colour the picture.

"Our sufficiency is from God." (2 Corinthians 3:5).
"Father, forgive them." (Luke 23:34).





Join the dots to find Philip the Ethiopian and the chariot. Colour the picture.



"Preach the word!" (2 Timothy 4:2).	
"Seek, and you will find." (Luke 11:9).	A





# Paul's conversion

Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 9:1-31; 22:1-21; 26:2-20



"Jesus Christ is in you." (2 Corinthians 13:5).	
"I will trust in You." (Psalm 56:3).	A





# Paul's first missionary journey

Paul shared God's word in the places the Holy Spirit sent him to. The people who heard the message felt differently about it. Can you draw the faces in the spaces below?





"My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Corinthians 12:9).
"The light shines in the darkness." (Zechariah 6:15).



# Paul's second and third missionary journeys

Acts 15:36 - 21:19







# Paul's capture and imprisonment

Acts 21:26 - 26:32



"I thanks God whom I serve." (2 Timothy 1:3).	
"God is the strength of my heart." (Psalm 73:26).	A 3





# Paul's final journey

Terry has a headache. Help him find the missing letters so he can be healed, then colour in Terry.



 "He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).

 "I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7).



Acts 27 & 28



# **Sonseekers Curriculum**

Unit One	<u>Unit Two</u>	Unit Three	Unit Four
<ol> <li>Creation 1</li> <li>Creation 2</li> <li>Adam and Eve</li> <li>The fall</li> <li>Cain and Abel</li> <li>Noah builds an ark</li> <li>The flood, Noah and his sons</li> <li>The tower of Babel</li> <li>Abram called, Abram and Lot</li> <li>The covenant with Abraham</li> <li>Ishmael and Isaac</li> <li>Sodom and Gomorrah</li> <li>The sacrifice of Isaac</li> <li>Rebekah, Isaac's bride</li> <li>Jacob's ladder, Leah and Rachel</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Jacob becomes Israel</li> <li>Joseph, the favourite son</li> <li>Joseph goes to Egypt</li> <li>Joseph interprets the dreams</li> <li>Joseph's brothers</li> <li>Israel in Egypt</li> <li>Israelite slaves, Moses born</li> <li>Moses flees and returns to Egypt</li> <li>"Let My people go"</li> <li>The first passover, Israel delivered</li> <li>Crossing the Red Sea</li> <li>Manna, water from the rock</li> <li>Sinai and the ten commandments</li> <li>Moses and the tabernacle</li> <li>The golden calf</li> <li>Twelve spies, 40 years of wandering</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>33. Aaron's rod</li> <li>34. Moses hits the rock</li> <li>35. The bronze serpent</li> <li>36. Balaam and his donkey</li> <li>37. Joshua and Rahab</li> <li>38. Crossing the Jordan, Jericho</li> <li>39. The sin of Achan</li> <li>40. The sun stands still</li> <li>41. Gideon's fleece</li> <li>42. Gideon and his army</li> <li>43. Samson</li> <li>44. Samson and Delilah</li> <li>45. Ruth, Naomi and Boaz</li> <li>46. Hannah</li> <li>47. Samuel hears God speak</li> <li>48. Eli, Hophni and Phinehas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>49. Saul chosen</li> <li>50. Saul and the Amalekites</li> <li>51. David chosen</li> <li>52. David and Goliath</li> <li>53. David and Jonathan</li> <li>54. David and Saul</li> <li>55. David crowned</li> <li>56. David and the ark</li> <li>57. Absalom</li> <li>58. Solomon becomes king</li> <li>59. Solomon's temple</li> <li>60. Israel divided, Rehoboam and Jeroboam</li> <li>61. Elijah and the widow</li> <li>62. Elijah on Mount Carmel</li> <li>63. Good King Jehoshaphat</li> <li>64. Elisha and the double portion</li> </ul>
Unit Five	Unit Six	Unit Seven	Unit Eight
<ul> <li>65. The widow's oil, a boy raised</li> <li>66. Naaman</li> <li>67. Famine in Samaria</li> <li>68. Jonah</li> <li>69. The captivity of Israel (the northern kingdom)</li> <li>70. Hezekiah and Sennacherib</li> <li>71. Isaiah</li> <li>72. Josiah</li> <li>73. Jeremiah</li> <li>74. The captivity of Judah (the southern kingdom)</li> <li>75. Daniel interprets the king's dream</li> <li>76. The fiery furnace</li> <li>77. The writing on the wall</li> <li>78. Daniel in the lions' den</li> <li>79. Esther</li> <li>80. Restoration</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Zacharias, Elizabeth, Mary and John</li> <li>The birth of Jesus</li> <li>Jesus in the temple</li> <li>John the Baptist</li> <li>Jesus baptised and tempted</li> <li>The call of the disciples</li> <li>Water turned to wine</li> <li>The temple cleansed, Nicodemus</li> <li>The woman at the well</li> <li>Healing of the paralysed man</li> <li>The house built on the rock</li> <li>Jesus stills the storm</li> <li>The centurion's servant</li> <li>Forgiveness in Simon's house</li> <li>The sower and the seed</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>97. Jairus' daughter, a woman touches Jesus</li> <li>98. Jesus walks on the water</li> <li>99. Miracles of healing</li> <li>100. The transfiguration</li> <li>101. A boy is healed</li> <li>102. The unmerciful servant</li> <li>103. A man born blind</li> <li>104. The good Samaritan</li> <li>105. Prayer</li> <li>106. The raising of Lazarus</li> <li>107. The lost sheep, coin and son</li> <li>108. Attitudes of a servant</li> <li>109. The marriage of the king's son</li> <li>110. The ten lepers</li> <li>111. The ten virgins</li> <li>112. The talents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>113. Palm Sunday</li> <li>114. The last supper and Gethsemane</li> <li>115. The crucifixion</li> <li>116. The resurrection</li> <li>117. Peter restored</li> <li>118. The risen Christ and His ascension</li> <li>119. The day of Pentecost</li> <li>120. Peter and John</li> <li>121. Peter and the Gentiles</li> <li>122. Stephen</li> <li>123. Philip</li> <li>124. Paul's conversion</li> <li>125. Paul's first missionary journey</li> <li>126. Paul's second and third missionary journeys</li> <li>127. Paul's capture and imprisonment</li> <li>128. Paul's final journey</li> </ul>

