

Cornerstone

Sunday School
The Case of the Closet Christian
Scope & Sequence
 Ages 7 - 12

	Day	Date Taught	Lesson Topic	Scripture/ Key Concepts	Date Recited	Memory Verse
1	Sun	1/25	<p>1: The Case of the Closet Christian – The trial of a lifetime begins. Is there enough evidence in Chris the Closet Christian’s life to convict him of being a Christian?</p> <p>Craft: Flashlight or other lit craft (lights the way to the Father).They can decorate the flashlights with “tulip” paints.</p>	<p>Trial of Stephen: (Acts Ch.6:8- Ch.7) Accused of being a follower of Christ. Stephen used even this scary trial to give testimony of Jesus. Evidence of his godliness is visible throughout Scripture: worked miracles, gave testimony, appeared as an angel, prayed for enemies, forgave, and commended himself to the Lord.</p>	2/1	In the same way, let your light shine before people in such a way that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16
2	Sun	2/1	<p>2: Sin/Goodness – Is there evidence of goodness, sin or neither in our lives?</p> <p>Craft: Candle (Candles burn and give light. We burn for Jesus and that keep us and those around us in the light.) Candle crafts are available at craft places like Michael’s.</p>	<p>King David’s sin:King David’s idleness (David did not go to war as he should have but stayed behind— 1 Chron 20:1) allowed him to fall into temptation. (2 Samuel 11) Had he been where he should have been, doing what he should have been doing, he would not have called for a census (sin-1 Chron 21 1-5), would have an early war victory and would not have been on the rooftop lusting after Bathsheba (sin) which later led to adultery (sin) and murder (sin). We must be active in goodness (doing the things of God) in order to avoid temptation. God does not lead us into temptation but lukewarmness opens</p>	3/8	8...Live as children of light 9(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10and find out what pleases the Lord. 11Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:8b-11

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				the door and begins the slippery slope downward.(James 1:13-15) In every case, David's sin was obvious to others but he was deceived. (2 Samuel 12) He was warned time and time again. When we are lukewarm and then sin, we affect those who are watching us as well as ourselves and our descendants (one of David's sons dies, another attempted to steal the kingdom and was killed and David was not allowed to build the God's temple.		
3	Sun	2/8	3: Love/Considering Others – Do we demonstrate love towards others? Craft: Heart made of different color beads or other material. Demonstrates that love is made of different qualities. Students should give craft to someone as a gift with a card that tells of the love of Jesus. This can be given to loved ones instead of a Valentines Day gift. No greater love than to tell others about the love of God.(Please remember we don't observe Val. Day.)	Considering others above ourselves. (Philippians 2:3). This should be seen in how we treat <i>believers</i> AND <i>non-believers</i> . John 17 says others will believe Jesus is the Son of God because of how they see Christians treating each other.	2/15	4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8Love never fails.1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
4	Sun	2/15	4: Obedience/Respect – Do we demonstrate obedience and respect at all times? Do we mock our authority? Craft: Crown craft. To be given to parent, teacher, or other authority to demonstrate that they believe they are worthy of honor.	Miriam's leprosy:Miriam disrespected Moses behind his back and the Lord struck her with leprosy. (Numbers 12) We have to respect and obey whether we are being watched/heard or not.	2/22	The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures. Proverbs 30:17

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5	Sun	2/22	<p>5: Anger – Do you demonstrate a peaceful disposition or do you argue and fight?</p> <p>Craft: Paper rose (preferably yellow which is symbolic for peace). They can be done many diff ways (e.g. with a floral stick, origami, yellow tissue, with choc kisses wrapped in cellophane, etc.)</p>	Cain and Able: (Genesis 4) The Word says Cain became <i>very</i> angry. He then killed his brother. Unholy anger leads to sin. When we see “Christians” throwing fits of rage/anger, it speaks negatively about ourselves but even more importantly, it gives a bad witness to Christ. People will either say we are <i>not really</i> Christian or they will say that Jesus has no power. Real Christians demonstrate a quiet and peaceable spirit—yes, teachers, even at the drive thru and store checkout.	3/1	23 Don't have anything to do with arguing. It is dumb and foolish. You know it only leads to fights. 24 Anyone who serves the Lord must not fight. Instead, he must be kind to everyone. He must be able to teach. He must not hold anything against anyone. 2 Timothy 2:23-24 (NIRV)
6	Sun	3/1	<p>6: Congregating/Involved in God's Work – Do you regularly attend and are you involved in your church?</p> <p>Craft: Sand Art. Can use any kind of clear container. Use card stock to form a church building on one side of container. Stick to container with double sided tape. Pour sand in different colors to make a design. Each color of sand represents one of the blessings God pours into the church for its people.</p>	Discerning the body of Christ is essential for a good natural and spiritual life. (1 Corinthians 11:29) It is there that God pours out his blessing and eternal life. (Psalm 133) It is there where iron sharpens iron. (Proverbs 27:17) It is there where we can receive the wisdom of many counselors. (Proverbs 11:14) It is there where we are trained to serve the Head of the church who is Christ. (Eph 1:22, 5:23)	3/8	Let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us cheer each other up with words of hope. Let us do it all the more as you see the day coming when Christ will return. Hebrews 10:25 (NIRV)

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7	Sun	3/8	<p>7: Spiritual Arrogance/Hypocrisy –Do we act super spiritual making others feel unworthy and putting them down? Are we spiritual hypocrites claiming to be something we’re not?</p> <p>Craft: Salt fish: Bowls filled with diff color tempera paint powders mixed with salt. Dark blue construction paper ocean background). Sketch outline of fish. Place glue on area for first color. Sprinkle salt powder on and then tap off as if using glitter. Repeat with next color. Continue to complete fish. Application is that we are like fish that are called to swim against the flow of the world BUT we are also supposed to be colorful enough to attract others to follow us. The fish is made of salt which represent our being salt in the world.</p>	<p>Although we must hold up the standard of righteousness, we are not to be spiritual “jerks”. Jesus spoke to the adulterers, thieves, lepers, etc. He didn’t become like them nor fellowship with them in their sin but he loved them and was open to helping them. This is difficult for children and new believers because they must draw a distinction between fellowshipping with darkness (2 Corinthians 6:15) and being salt and light in the world (Mathew 5:13-15). We are <i>not</i> to be friends with the world because that would make us enemies of God (James 4:4). We are to lead unbelievers to Christ through a holy and loving testimony.</p>	3/15	But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15
8	Sun	3/15	<p>8: Speech --Are we known to be complainers, mockers, critical, foul speakers or do petals flow out with our words?</p> <p>Craft: Make soaps—clean heart= clean mouth=good testimony. Would be nice to insert heart shaped charm or button before soap hardens in mold. If you want to insert something you have to fill the mold 90% and let it dry. Then put in the shape/charm/confetti and pour in the rest of the liquid soap and let that dry. If you cover the shape with too much</p>	<p>Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, and speaks, and speaks. (Luke 6:45) If there is evil in the heart then evil flows from the mouth. How does the evil get there? By what we let in to our heart through music, movies, pp we hang out with. We must censor our senses and crucify any thought that is not of Christ. (Matthew 12:34) How do we know the thoughts aren’t of Christ? Ask yourself if you’d like a movie of those thoughts projected before your family, church and friends. Those who speak like the world do not</p>	3/22	Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:31

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			of the liquid soap mixture you won't be able to see the decoration.	demonstrate the character of Christ.		
9	Sun	3/22	<p>9: Faithfulness – Do we finish what we start? Are we known for being reliable and trustworthy?</p> <p>Craft: Chore checklist with verse written on top. Can use cardboard as support and paper cut to match. Then punch holes on top and string twine or yarn to hold it all in place. Tell kids to use it to remind them of their chores or other such things.</p>	<p>Parable of the Talents: (Matthew 25:14-30) God trusts us based on how we have proven ourselves to be faithful. We must do <i>everything</i> as unto the Lord—even our homework and chores (Colossians 3:23) We can't expect for pp to trust us if we don't follow through on our promises and responsibilities.</p>		<p>10"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? Luke 16:10-12</p>
10	Sun	3/29	<p>10: Outward Appearance – Do we conform to the way of the world or do we stand out for Jesus!</p> <p>Craft: Tie dye t-shirts or handkerchiefs. Demonstrate that we don't conform or "blend in" but we allow the water of God's word to change us, The tie dye colors represent the beautiful Godly characteristics that we display for all to see.</p>	<p>Esther:(Book of Esther)Esther dressed in a way that pleased the King. How did she know what pleased him? The eunuch (who is a type and shadow of the Holy Spirit) told her what pleased the king. That "pleasing" gave her favor with the king and entrance into the kingdom. We are to do the same whether we are male or female. The HS teaches us today. He speaks to us as to what we should wear and do with our bodies (e.g. type of dancing, tattoos, piercings, hair, etc.) The Lord does look at the heart but what is in the heart is made manifest in the flesh. (1 Peter 3:3)</p> <p>Our beauty should be inside and out. Our appearance will also be a witness for others as to who Christ is. Are we giving a good testimony of Christ in our appearance?</p>	4/5	<p>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2</p>

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11	Sun	4/5	<p>11: Used of God – Do we live our days conscience of God so He can use us? Do we feel too shy or unprepared to speak to others about God?</p> <p>Craft: Employee type badge. Can decorate badge, then put in protective sleeve and wear out of class. Badge should say “I work for Jesus.” Explain to kids that they are the highest paid employees ever since they were paid with the blood of Jesus.</p>	<p>Paul’s conversion: Acts 9:20-31 Paul began to be used of God immediately upon conversion. He was used of God even more after he received discipleship. Paul’s life was the Lord’s.</p>	4/12	<p>19Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20</p>
12	Sun	4/12	<p>12: Trial/Solution – Is their enough evidence to prove Chris is a real Christian or not? Is Chris living a double life?</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Craft: Trophy type. Can make one out of model magic, clay (they sell them in Michaels in gold and silver) or can make a medal out of a round wood chip, poke a hole through and thread a nice ribbon through so they can wear it out of class. In any case the craft should say, “Jesus is coming back for me!” somewhere. Craft demonstrates reward for the overcomer/faithful. Symbolic of winner of a race.</p>	<p>Jesus the ultimate example: Jesus was the ultimate example for how we are to live our lives. There was and is ample evidence that He is the Son of God. He was tried, convicted and crucified because of it. At times it is difficult (John 15:18), unpopular and painful to be singled out for our beliefs, but just as Jesus had the ultimate victory in the midst of what appeared defeat (i.e. death on a cross), those of us who remain faithful and unashamed of Christ will share in His victory and receive our reward. We are not to be ashamed of Christ or our Christianity.(Mark 8:38) No good tree bears bad fruit. If we are a good tree we must bear good fruit. (1 John 3:2) Fruit is visible and others can eat and be nourished from it. We too eat and are nourished by Jesus</p>	4/12	<p>12"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Revelation 22:12</p>

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				<p>who is good.</p> <p>There are many “checklists” in the Bible to help us determine if we are living like Christ (as <i>Christians</i>) or whether we are deceived. A great one can be found in 1 John 3</p> <p>In verse 10 we have this summary: By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God. Pretty simple.</p>		
13	Sun	4/19	Awards Ceremony			