

New Testament People

LESSON 1: Matthew The Tax Collector

This lesson will show junior soldiers the drastic change that happened in Matthew's life because of Jesus Christ. By learning about the change in Matthew's life, junior soldiers will better understand the power of Jesus in their lives.

LESSON 2: Mary And Martha

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand that there are several ways to serve Jesus. They'll realize the importance of serving God and keeping a strong relationship with Jesus.

LESSON 3: Mary Magdalene

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand that Jesus Christ changes people's lives. Through the story of Mary Magdalene, they'll learn that both men and women followed and supported Jesus. They'll be encouraged to know that they can serve God too.

LESSON 4: Timothy

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand that they can be examples to all believers.

UNIT BIBLE TRUTH:

When you have a personal relationship with Jesus, your life is changed.

UNIT BIBLE TRUTH SCRIPTURE:

"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

UNIT 4



UNIT AIM:

This unit will show, through the example of New Testament people, that dynamic changes take place when Jesus comes into a person's life. Junior soldiers will learn that Jesus forgives people from all sin if they believe in Him and He helps them minister to others.

MAY
(YEAR TWO)

SALVATION ARMY CONNECTION

As Christians, Christ commands us to "...go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) As Salvationists, we live out this command in very real ways by helping the sick, visiting the lonely, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, providing shelter to the homeless, and witnessing to the lost. We're very good about serving while at the corps, but how good are we at serving when we're at home, school, or work?

Throughout the New Testament, we see Christ call men and women from their day-to-day living to follow Him and help Him minister to others. We receive the same call as Salvationists. While not everyone is called to full-time ministry as a Salvation Army officer, we're all called to dedicate our lives to witnessing to others in Jesus' name.

Jesus called a tax collector, a sinful woman, a young man, and a set of sisters, among others, to follow Him. Today He calls lawyers, doctors, secretaries, parents, students, police, mail carriers, members of the military, and so on, to dedicate their lives and careers to His service. Do you serve God in all areas of your life?

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UNIT CONNECTION

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This entire volume is about men and women who serve God willingly and faithfully. This unit is no exception. Over the next four weeks, you'll help junior soldiers understand that Jesus calls people to help Him in ministry. He doesn't call perfect people to serve Him. He calls all people. This unit will help junior soldiers understand that God wants to use all believers to help spread His message.

In lesson one junior soldiers will learn about a man who was radically changed by his encounter with Christ. Jesus confronted Matthew the tax collector and asked him to change his ways. Matthew left his cheating ways behind him and followed Jesus.

Lessons two and three discuss the role of women in Jesus' ministry. In lesson two junior soldiers will meet Mary and Martha, Lazarus's sisters. Lesson three introduces Mary Magdalene. Through these lessons junior soldiers will learn that they can serve Jesus in many ways.

The final lesson of this unit reiterates that God can use all people, regardless of their age or social status to help fulfill His plans. Junior soldiers will be encouraged by the story of Timothy, a young boy from a single parent home who was chosen to give a great witness.

TEACHING TIPS

