

P.4 Religious Education NOTES FOR TERM III

LESSONS (1&2)

MAKING DECISION AS CHRISTIANS (Gen. 3:1-17)

1. Decision making is identifying and selecting a certain action in order to deal with a certain problem.
2. Decision can be bad or good.
3. Good decisions help us to become good Christians.
4. Good decision making leads to success in life.
5. Bad decision making leads to failure.

(1Kings 3:3-13, Luke 1:26-29)

QUESTION

Mention good and bad decisions you can make in the following areas.

AT HOME

a) Good decisions at home

- i) Obeying parents.
- ii) Doing housework.
- iii) Helping other people who are in need.

b) Bad decision at home

- i) smoking
- ii) alcoholism
- iii) stealing
- iv) abusing other people

AT SCHOOL

c) Good decision at school

- i) respecting teachers and follow pupils
- ii) completing assignments/ work given
- iii) revising
- iv) participating in communal work

d) Bad decisions at school

- i) dodging assignments and lessons
- ii) disrespecting teachers
- iii) fighting
- iv) escaping from school
- v) stealing

Activity

- i) Define the term decision making.
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- ii) Give two importances of making right decisions
 - a).....
 - b).....

AT CHURCH

e) Good decisions at church

- i) reading the Bible
- ii) praying to God
- iii) helping the needy
- iv) joining the church choir

f) Bad decision at church

- i) Not going to church on Sundays
- ii) Not respecting the ten commandments

IN COMMUNITY

g) Good decision in the entire community

- (i) Helping the needy.
- (ii) Helping those who have got accidents
- (iii) Doing communal work

h) Bad decision in the entire community

- i) Stealing
- ii) Murder
- iii) Using abusive language, etc.
- iv) Impatience
- v) Selfishness

Activity

i) Give any two examples of good decisions at

a) school

i)

ii)

b) church

i)

ii)

c) entire community

i)

ii)

LESSONS (3&4)

IMPORTANCE OF MAKING RIGHT DECISION (s) (Gen. 22:1-19, Luke 22:54)

- i) It leads to success.
- ii) It leads to peace and harmony.
- iii) It helps to create more friends.
- iv) It makes God happy.
- v) It helps us to be obedient.

RESULTS / OUTCOMES OF MAKING BAD DECISIONS

- i) It makes God Unhappy.

- ii) It annoys other people or creates hatred among people.
- iii) It bring conflicts among people
- iv) It puts us into shame
- v) It slows down development in a community.
- vi) It makes us suffer.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD DECISION MAKERS IN THE BIBLE (Prov. 27:12)

- i) **The Mother of Jesus**
She accepted to give birth to the Saviour of the world.
- ii) **Daniel**
He decided never to worship any person a part from God.
- iii) **John the Baptist**
He accepted to baptize Jesus Christ
- iv) **Moses**
He accepted to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He led them out of Egypt.
He accepted to receive the Ten Commandments from God.
- v) **Joshua**
He accepted to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land
- vi) **Abraham**
He accepted to sacrifice his only son
- vii) **Noah**
He accepted to build an Ark.
- viii) **Jesus**
He showed love to people through the miracles he performed.
He accepted to be sacrificed for our sins

Activity:

1. Mention any three outcomes of making bad decisions

i).....

ii).....

iii).....

2. Give two examples of people in the bible who made good decisions

i).....

ii).....

LESSONS (5&6)

Bad decision makers in the bible (Luke 1:26-39)

“ Read the bible for the children”.

- (i) **Judas Iscariot**
He accepted to betray Jesus
He stole money from apostle's bag.
He hanged himself.
- (ii) **King Herod the Great**
He ordered for the killing of baby boys who were 2 years and below in order to kill baby Jesus.
- (iii) **Simon Peter**
He denied Jesus Christ.

- (iv) **Pontius Pilate**
He sentenced Jesus to death
- (v) **Adam and Eve**
The disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit
- (vi) **Cain**
He killed his brother Abel due to jealousy.
- (vii) **Jonah**
He disobeyed God by refusing to go and preach to the people of Nineveh instead he went to Spain.
- (viii) **King Darius**
He ordered his officers to throw Daniel into the den of lions.

LESSONS (7&8)

HOW TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS (Gen. 22:1-19 & Luke 22:54-62)

- (i) Never be quick to make decisions.
- (ii) Avoid making decisions when you are angry.
- (iii) Do not be biased in the decision you make
- (iv) Consider the effect/ outcome of the decision you make.
- (v) Request God to help you in making a good decision.
- (vi) Never take decision in fear.
- (vii) Allow other people to advise you but not to decide for you.

MAKING UNSELFISH DECISIONS AND KEEPING THEM WITH GOD'S HELP.

a) What causes selfishness?

- Greed
- Ignorance
- Poor vision ahead

NB: A greedy person makes decisions that only favor oneself.

b) Examples of unselfish decisions in societies

- Getting married in church
- Accepting Jesus as your personal savior
- Saying no to drugs
- Doing voluntary work in the community
- Having time to play.
- Having time to pray oneself and others.

c) Examples of selfish decisions

- Telling lies
- Stealing other people's things.
- Men marrying more the one wife.
- Fighting for earthly materials.

- Depending on drugs.
- Being addicted to work and not having time to rest
- Using public funds to satisfy oneself (Corruption).

d) Examples of people in the Bible that made selfish decisions

- i) King David (2nd Samuel 11:1-26)
- ii) King Solomon
- iii) Prophet Jonah
- iv) King Herod
- v) King Ahab (1st kings 21 :1-28)
- vi) Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5: 1-11)

e) Mention how Jesus' decisions were unselfish

- i) He accepted to die on the cross for our sins.
- ii) He ate with the rejects in public.
- iii) He refused the temptations of the devil.
- iv) He defended the sinners.
- v) He prayed for the people.
- vi) He feed the hungry.

f) Ways of keeping good decisions with the help of God

- By the help of the Holy Spirit we can make good decisions.
- Always pray for God's guidance before we can make unselfish decisions.

NB: When we make good decisions, they are blessed by God. However don't be discouraged if your right decisions are resisted by the people around you.

LESSONS (9&10)

PEACE

- i) Peace is the absence of wars, disturbance or suffering in a given area or country.
- ii) Peace means being in perfect joy and happiness with one another.

IMPORTANCE OF PEACE

- i) Peace brings friendship amongst us.
- ii) Peace promotes development among the people.
- iii) Peace attracts traders to come in an area.
- iv) peace promotes unity among the people.

HOW TO CREATE PEACE AT HOME AND SCHOOL

- (i) By praying to God
- (ii) By following God's commandments.
- (iii) By obeying national laws.
- (iv) By listening to each other
- (v) By respecting each other
- (vi) By being helpful to each other
- (vii) By being faithful to each other

- (viii) By obeying elders
- (ix) By forgiving those who do wrong to us

TRADITIONAL WAYS OF RESTORING PEACE

- (i) Paying fines.
- (ii) Asking for forgiveness.
- (iii) Hand shaking and hugging
- (iv) Sharing a meal or drinks.

RELIGIOUS WAYS OF RESTORING PEACE

- i) Praying for the offender.
- ii) Asking for forgiveness /repenting.
- iii) Through guidance and counseling.
- iv) By organizing peace talks among the conflicting parties.
- v) Through sharing Jesus' body and blood.

LESSONS (11&12)

BIBLICAL WAYS OF RESTORING PEACE

- i) Through sending greetings (1Samuel 25; 1-36)
- ii) Through asking for forgiveness (Genesis 45:1-28, Luke 14:11-32)
- iii) By loving one another (John 13: 31- 35)

CAUSES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS TODAY

- i) Cheating of exams
- ii) Stealing other people's things
- iii) Telling lies
- iv) Lack respect for other people

EFFECTS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

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|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| -Wars | -hatred | -shame |
| -Enmity | -disunity | - suffering/imprisonment |
| -Death | -destruction of property | |

PEACEFUL MEANS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS/MISUNDERSTANDING S

- Talking to a person who has wronged you
- Listening to each other
- Asking for forgiveness
- Respecting each other

PROBLEMS THAT DISRUPT PEACE

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| -Unforgiveness | -Injustice | -poverty |
| -Hatred | -Tribalism | -drug addiction |
| -Greed | -Malice | |
| -Wars | -Famine | |

EFFECTS OF WARS

- Death of people
- Hatred
- Suffering
- Destruction of property

LESSON 13 & 14

HOW WAS THE PEACE OF ISRAELITES DISTURBED IN EGYPT?

- They were forced to do hard work without payment.
- They were killed without cause.
- The newly born males were killed.
- They were mistreated and tortured.

GOD'S PROMISE FOR PEACE

- God promised peace through the messiah
- God's son would be called Emmanuel and Prince of Peace
- God's promise for peace was achieved through Jesus' birth, suffering and death.

WAYS OF MAKING PEACE IN THE BIBLE (Lev. 26:3-13)

- (i) Obeying God's commandments.
- (ii) Being helpful to others
- (iii) Loving one another
- (iv) Not taking revenge
- (v) Forgiving your enemies
- (vi) Sharing what you have with other people
- (vii) Being tolerant to one another.

SUGGESTIONS JESUS MADE TOWARDS PEACE MAKING

- Do not revenge on someone who wrongs you. (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Lend things to other people
- Love your enemies and pray for them.

LESSONS 15 & 16

RECONCILIATION (Romans 5:1)

- It is making friendship after a disagreement with someone.
- It means restoring friendship after disagreeing with someone.

IMPORTANCE OF RECONCILIATION

- i) It brings back peace and harmony.
- ii) It restores friendship.
- iii) It prevents revenge.
- iv) It restores working relationship.

TRADITIONAL WAYS OF RECONCILIATION

- i) By offering sacrifices.
- ii) Through the use of arbitrators.

- iii) By paying fines.
- iv) By sharing eats and drinks.

CHRISTIAN WAYS OF PROMOTING RECONCILIATION

- i) By involving other people to settle the cases.
- ii) By asking for forgiveness.
- iii) By fasting.
- iv) By paying fines.

HOW JESUS RECONCILED MANKIND WITH GOD

He died on the cross for our sins.

How is good communication important in peace keeping? (Gen. 45:1-25)

Enables one to ask for forgiveness

THINGS THAT GOD PROMISED US IF WE LIVE ACCORDING TO HIS COMMANDMENTS

- To make us live safely in our land.
- To give us peace in our land
- Make us prosperous.