

True and Lively Lessons
Precious Gems - Ages 2-5
The Law is Our Schoolmaster Leading Us to Christ
Level 1, Lessons 1-12 Theme & Décor

Galations 3:24 - Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Theme and Room Décor

Bible Characters Focus:

The first month of lessons spotlight Moses, the second month Elijah and Elisha, and the third month centers on Joseph.

Décor:

The classroom should be divided into two distinct sides; one looks like a traditional classroom, with a chalkboard (Bible memory verse), globe (missionaries labeled), map, cubbies, classroom rules (Ten Commandments), coat hooks, a number line, the alphabet, schedule (where your lesson routines are posted with words and an accompanying symbol or simple drawing as an icon for each lesson component) or other traditional classroom ideas.

For that matter, design your “classroom” side in a non-traditional style, or whatever works for your space and circumstances. It should reflect a classroom setting according to your preference and accommodate routines you feel are important, such as a poster or method of keeping attendance, if you provide rewards. Consider rewarding attendance with a small treat (a couple of skittles, caramels, raisins, fruit snacks) as students enter for Sunday School, as opposed to recording attendance.

Also, children love to see their pictures on the wall, so you may want to include a bulletin board devoted to them, labeled “Our Class” and create a small graduation cap for the top of each student’s head. Provide snacks in sacks, like a lunch. A carpet area could be designated for story time. Create a special place to post the theme song with a simple drawing to represent each verse. Post it on an easel, if available.

The other side of the room is a desert scene. Place a blazing circular sun (made with yellow paper, coiled fabric, or painted foam – spongy or stiff foam that comes in sheets from the lumber yard) in one corner, or in the center. Create sand dunes with yellow or brown butcher paper shaped like rolling hills, or sparsely scattered sage brush on the lower half of a wall with smaller hills on the horizon to appear far away. Place a few larger desert bushes near the bottom of the wall to appear close up. The chalkboard on the classroom side presents the memory verse in a few words, and or pictures (or simple drawings). Each lesson has key activities that are unique to each topic and will need to be accommodated with “classroom” or “Old Testament” objects, furniture, or décor, all of which provide a cumulative theme design as lessons progress.

Furniture/Room Design:

Students will need a table for snack and craft time. Open space is necessary for the theme song, worship, and games. A carpet area for children to gather for story time will encourage listening intently.

Story Signal:

The lesson plans refer to a "ring tone" being played as a signal for students to know to gather to the desert side of the room for the Bible story time. Since the theme song follows the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*, use that tune for students to gather in.

Mascots:

There are two main mascots for the theme to help teach the Bible concepts and keep things interesting. **Janitor Joe** plays the role as the resident custodian, who may seem to get things a little mixed up from time to time, but understands the word of God perfectly and teams with the **Schoolmaster** in some lessons. The **Schoolmaster** plays the role of the professor, who wears a cap and gown, is very authoritative, and the Bible instruction expert. Their appearances are always brief, to make learning their parts simple.