



Southern Salt

Children's Christian
Resource material

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Sharing and learning together

As we write this book, the completion of half the series of SSALT, we are reminded of God's faithfulness. We set ourselves to write 12 books in all 3 age-groups, covering a 4 year cycle, and this is the halfway mark - made possible only by the grace of God! We so hope that you have benefitted from the resource material, and that the children have grown in their love and understanding of God.

This book has 4 very exciting series. Starting in Genesis, it begins with a look at **God the Creator** and the 7 days of creation. We want the children to celebrate and enjoy this wonderful world that God has made for us, and to know that God the Creator, is the God who cares for them daily, and is the only God who can save them from their sin.

Our God saves looks at the life of Jesus, His miracles, His friendships, and then His death and resurrection. This is the focus of Christianity, so it is good to teach it at a time other than Easter. It is truly awesome that God, the Creator, was prepared to suffer and die because He loved us!

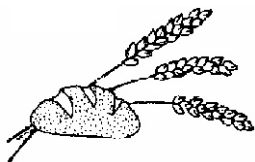
When Jesus returned to heaven, He did not leave us alone. **Living in the Spirit** shows us that the Holy Spirit, who radically changed the lives of Stephen, Peter, Paul, and Lydia, can change our lives too.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we join with Moses and David, and the hosts of heaven in **Songs of Praise** to a living and powerful God. We are reminded that one day we will praise God in Heaven, and this gives us hope!

As you prepare, allow the Holy Spirit to teach and challenge you, because a word taught from the heart is very powerful! We serve a God who is stronger than death itself. Praise HIM!

We hope you are challenged and inspired as you prepare these lessons. Allow God to be at work in and through you and remember that it is all about **Sharing and Learning Together**.

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HARVEST

Celebrate God's goodness
in our special family Harvest Festival.

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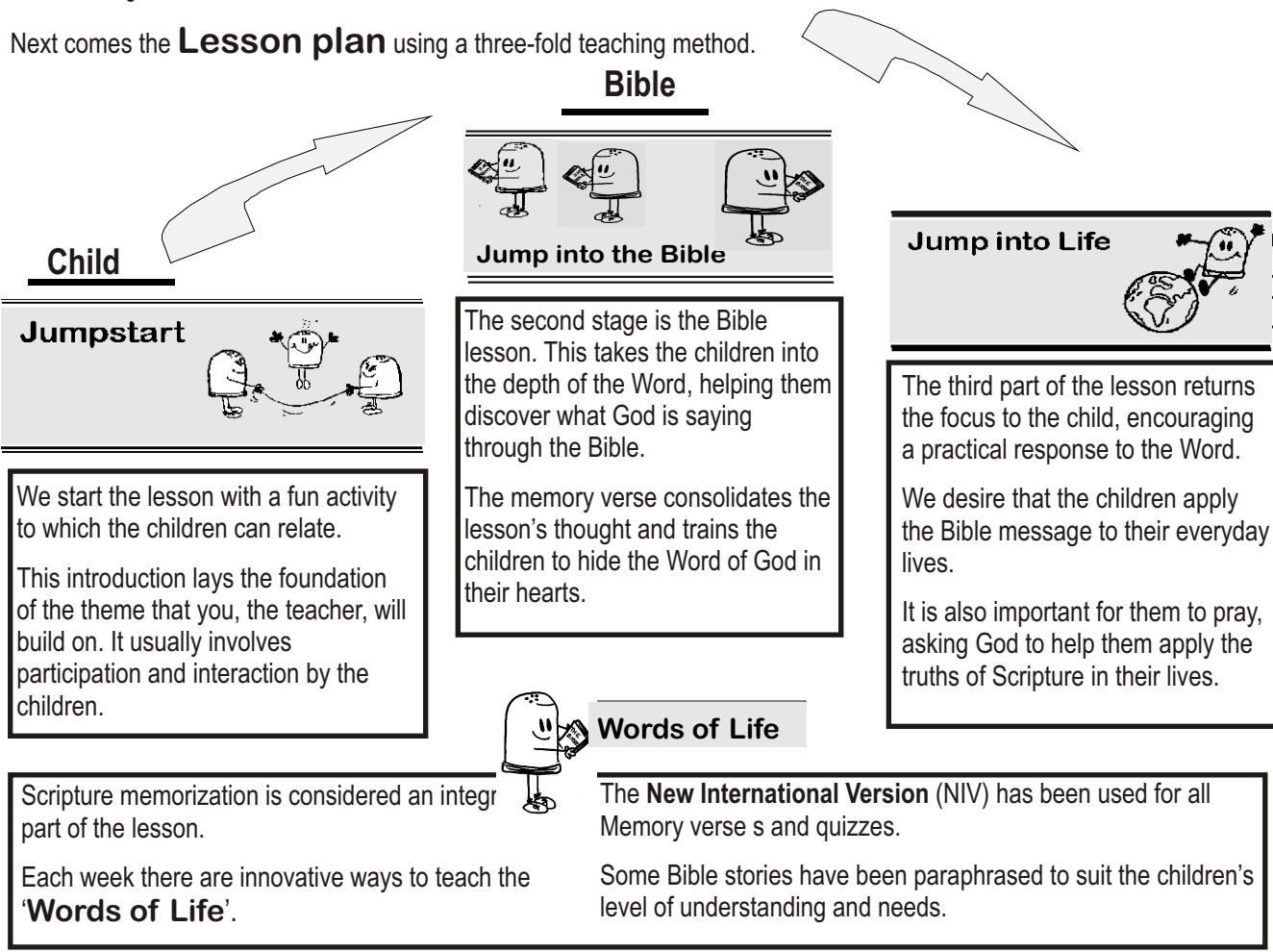
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How SSALT works

At the front of each lesson is a **Bible Focus**.

This is to help you, the teacher, to prayerfully and thoughtfully focus on the lesson for the week. Pray that as you read the passage and spend time reflection of what it is saying to you, that you will then be enthused to teach the truth to the children in your class in a real and meaningful way.

Next comes the **Lesson plan** using a three-fold teaching method.



Communicating with God in **Prayer** is a basic principle of our faith. Throughout the material, different prayer formats are suggested to help the children to pray effectively.

In the centre of the manual you will find the **Resource pages**. These are designed for use as a teaching aid in the classroom OR as a handout leaflet for each child to complete and take home.

Activity options and **Extra time** are provided in most lessons for those with time and resources for a more creative approach to the material.

As you use this material, may we encourage you to prepare well and then to trust the Holy Spirit to work through you and in the lives of children. May you be blessed and encouraged as you faithfully train these young people in the ways and Word of the Lord.

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What you need to know about SSALT!



- ☑ There are 12 books in each age group that will take you and your children through a 4 year series covering most of the major Old and New Testament doctrine.
- ☑ Every book has 2 Old Testament modules and 2 New Testament modules of four to five lessons each.
- ☑ By the time the series of 12 books has been completed the children should have moved into another age group, and so they will learn from the same material but at an older level and in a fresh way.
- ☑ You can join the cycle at any place. You do not lose out in any way. Certain books have a seasonal module for Easter or Christmas, but the rest of the books' content is useable at any time of the year.
- ☑ We hope that you will enjoy **Sharing And Learning Together**.

SSALT is a 12 BOOK CYCLIC SERIES

Christmas Books

BOOK 1

Four Old Testament Kings
Being the Church
Samuel the Leader
Christmas surprises

BOOK 4

Moses - Cry Freedom
Tell the Good News
Ezra: Responding to God's promises
Christmas - God's plans declared

BOOK 7

Joseph
Trusting Jesus
Amos, Hosea, Micah
Christmas - God's long term view

BOOK 10

The Bible
Never enough time
Work and worship
Christmas - The light of the world

Easter Books

BOOK 2

Daniel
God revealed in Jesus
Joshua
Easter - The difference Jesus makes

BOOK 5

Abraham - God's master plan
Knowing God
Ruth
Easter - God's plan fulfilled

BOOK 8

Living God's way
One church, one faith, one Lord
Standing for God
Easter - Darkness to light

BOOK 11

A word from God: Joel and Jonah,
Pictures of Jesus
Nehemiah: Servants and leaders
Easter - I am the resurrection

Midyear Books

BOOK 3

Jacob
Prayer
Jeremiah
Jesus shows us how to live

BOOK 6

God the Creator
Our God Saves
Living in the Spirit
Songs of Praise

BOOK 9

Peter the Learner
Old Testament Judges
Peter the Leader
Letting God down

BOOK 12

The life of David
Paul: Faith in action
Esther
Psalms and Proverbs
Parables and teachings of Jesus

Why 'SSALT'?

Salt is an acronym devised by Scripture Union UK for its Children's Christian resource material. It comes from the first letters of the words **Sharing And Learning Together**. The SSALT Committee, responsible to Scripture Union Southern Africa Sub Region has been given permission by the UK Council to use, modify and adapt their excellent material for use in Southern Africa. So the first **S** in the word SSALT stands for **Southern** and emphasizes our goal to produce affordable, localized, top quality material by those living in Southern Africa for Southern Africans!

The SSALTY character is a visual reminder of our aim - to **Share And Learn Together**. Christ, Himself told us that we were to be the salt of the earth. As we pour our lives into the children we teach, and as we learn together with them, we have the privilege of making a difference. Salt, once sprinkled, is not seen but what a difference it makes! You may not know this side of eternity the impact you have on the children you teach but by encouraging young people to meet with Jesus you walk in obedience to His command.





SYLLABUS

LOOK BACK/LOOK AHEAD



Book 4

(Includes a Christmas series)

Moses: Cry freedom

Born free?Exodus 1 and 2
 What price freedom? . . .Exodus 3 to 10
 Set freeExodus 11:1 to 15:21
 Freedom roadExodus 15:22 - 17:7

Tell the Good News

To boldly go.Philippians 2:19-24;
Acts 15:40-16:5; 1 Tim4:11 - 16
 When the going gets tough
Philippians 2:25-30, 4:18
 Living on the edge . . .Acts 18:1-11, 18-28
 The big issue Philemon 1-25;
Colossians 4:9

Ezra: Responding to God's promises

Going backEzra 1:1-11, 2:1, 64-70
 Joining in Ezra 3; Isa 45:18-25
 Looking forwardEzra 4 and 6,
Haggai 1 and 2
 Pure and simpleEzra 7 to 9;
Isa 58:1-12

God's plan declared

Can it be true?Luke 1:5-25
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 Happy birthdaysLuke 1:57-2:7
 To here from eternityLuke 2:8-20
 What child is this? Luke 2:21-40

Celebrate Christmas

Book 5

(Includes an Easter series)

Abraham : God's Master Plan

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 Designer label Genesis 17:1-22
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 New developments. Genesis 22:1-8

Knowing God

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Coloss 2:6-19
 Code or practice? . . Matthew 22:34-40;
26:6-13
 Ready or not Matthew 25:1-13

Ruth: My God and my life

Has God abandoned us? .Ruth 1:1-22
 Beauty is more than skin deep
Ruth 2:1-23
 Me and my community . . Ruth 3:1-4:22
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God's plan fulfilled

The beginning of the end
 Luke 19:28-40, 22:1-23, 39-53
 The greatest story ever told
 Luke 23:50-24:12
 Close encounter. Luke 24:13-35
 The end of the beginning
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Good Friday Service

Book 7

(Includes a Christmas series)

Joseph

Son and brother Genesis 37:1-11
 Silver and slavery Genesis 37:12-36
 Dungeons and dreams . .Gen 39 and 40
 Pharaoh and freedomGenesis 41
 Power and providence . .Genesis 42-45

Trusting Jesus

The gentle touch Mark 5:21-43
 Sounds new. Mark 7:31-37
 Seeing is believingMatthew 11:1-19
 Don't lose sight Matthew 14:22-33

God's trouble shooters

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 Amos 5 and 9:11-15
 Hosea: A challenge for love
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 Micah: A challenge for peace. . . Micah 4

God's long-term view

Celebrate His coming Matthew 24:3,
 29-51; Rev 1
 Looking ahead. 2 Samuel 7;
 Isaiah 11:1-10; Micah 5:2-5a; Matt 1:1-17
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All-Age Christmas Service

Book 8

(Includes an Easter series)

Living God's way

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 First person..Exodus 20:12-17
 First steps . . .Exodus 25:1-22
 First place . . .Exodus 32:1-35;
 and 34:1-9

One Church, One faith, One Lord

One in faith. Acts 10:1-14
 One in name. . . .Acts 11:19-26
 One in caring . . .Acts 11:27-30
 One message . . .Acts 14:1-28

Standing for God: Elijah and Elisha:

Survival of the weakest
1 Kings 17
 Water proof..1 Kings 18:16-46
 Run for your life.
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 Chariot of fire .1 Kings-
 19-21, 2 Kings 2:1-18
 Taking the plunge. . .2Kings 5

Mark: Darkness to Light

Break in the clouds
 Mark 10:46-52
 Son in their eyes
 Mark 11:1-11
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Good Friday All-age Service