



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

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### Sunday School Lessons Unit One "Judgement & Salvation" June 2016



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

The Summer Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "Toward a New Creation." The scripture passages in these lessons are from the broader theme of creation. Unit One is entitled "Judgment and Salvation."

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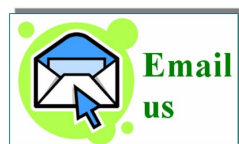
People will sometimes repent of their harmful, destructive ways and seek to restore what has been originally created beautiful. How can people turn from destruction to reconstruction? Genesis tells that God created cattle, creeping things, wild animals and humankind, and God declared creation to be very good. Zephaniah recounts that God's intervention was required for the people to stop their rebellion and return to God with singing.

#### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To hear God's proclamation through Zephaniah that God would bring the people to obedience.
- ✓ To assure them that God will help them through their times of trouble and disobedience.
- ✓ To pray for each other and themselves for God's presence and involvement in their lives.

#### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Recall a time when you strayed from God. How did you feel when you returned? What did you do to show your joy and gratitude for restoration?
- Read a psalm of praise or sing a hymn of praise to express joy of a reconciled relationship with God.
- Listen carefully to yourself as you speak. How pure is your speech? Do you use words that hurt or words that heal, words that are displeasing to God or pleasing? What changes might you need to make?



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