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Sunday School Lessons

Unit One

"Tests of Faith"

March 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 Spring Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "The Gift of Faith." These lessons focus on the theme of faith as it is seen in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. Unit one is entitled "Tests of Faith."

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It is commonly accepted that people are able to accomplish great things only by changing self-doubt to believing in themselves. How can people believe they can accomplish great things? Jesus encouraged his disciples to believe that with his help they could accomplish great things and then demonstrated that by casting out the boy's evil spirit.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the details of the failure of the disciples to heal the child, even though Jesus was then able to do so.
- ✓ To contemplate the faith it takes to use the power of Jesus Christ to minister to others.
- ✓ To pray for those who need healing.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Pray each day for a particular person in need of healing. As suggested during the session, let this person know that he or she is being prayed for.
- Focus on your own faith on this Fourth Sunday in Lent. How strong do you believe your faith is? Think back over your life to recall circumstances in which you had to rely on faith. Based on these circumstances would you say that your faith is stronger or weaker than you had at first thought it to be?
- Use a Bible concordance to explore the word "faith" as it appears in the New Testament. Based on the verses you have read, how would you define "faith"? What examples did you find of people with little faith having their prayers answered? What conclusions can you draw about faith?



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