EVIDENCES II

UNIT OVERVIEW

Can science and the Bible co-exist, or are they natural enemies? Many would say the latter, but in this unit, the students will see that scientific evidence substantiates the events, practices and places described in the Bible. God has left the world great evidence to show the world that his word is truth. These four lessons should inspire greater conviction in the students that the events in the Bible actually took place, and that everything described in both the Old and New Testaments testifies to one end: God has always had a great love and care for his people.

UNIT GOALS

- The students will deepen their convictions about the accuracy of the Scriptures.
- The students will discover that many archaeological findings substantiate scriptural events, practices and places.
- The students will realize and appreciate the fact that God has always had a great love for his people.

UNIT CONTENTS

LESSON 1 – MEDICAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — PSALM 139:13-14

In the Old Testament, God gave his people many laws for cleanliness and purity that are now known to be medically sound. God has always wanted the best for his children, and his caring and concern are always evident in his word. In this fascinating lesson, the students will see that God has been providing for the well being of his people for thousands of years.

LESSON 2 – PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — JEREMIAH 10:12

The Bible and creation have much to teach us from a scientific perspective. As more "scientific" discoveries are being made about the earth, the planets and the universe, we find that we need only look to the Bible to see that God has already answered many of our questions. As the students examine some of the wonders of the universe, they will be awestruck by the incredible world that God has created for them.

LESSON 3 – ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE O. T.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — JOSHUA 4:21-22

This lesson will introduce the students to the science of archaeology and its importance in helping us to have deeper convictions about the truth of God's word. Almost daily, archaeological digs are revealing evidence of events and places described in the Old Testament. As they learn about these discoveries, the students will grow in their faith in the credibility and power of God's word.

LESSON 4 – ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE N. T.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — ROMANS 10:17

In this lesson, the students will continue to discover how archaeology is helping to lead us to the evidence that God has left for us. As each artifact and place is unearthed, the evidence grows in support of everything the Bible teaches us. The goal is for the students to grow in their own faith as they see these things, and then to share this evidence with their friends.

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GENERATION Next

Preteens

Dear Parent,

On the reverse side of this page you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. The weekly Scripture Memory Verse is listed with each lesson synopsis.

As part of the class experience, students are given a weekly challenge. Below is a list of the challenges given with the lessons:

LESSON 1 MEDICAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

Weekly Challenge: Make a card for someone, telling them (1) how much you appreciate them and (2) that you would like to spend some time getting to know them and sharing what you are learning in class. Then plan a time to get together.

LESSON 2 PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

Weekly Challenge: Take care of a plant this week. Remind yourself that God and your parent or parents take care of you. Make a decision to show both God and your parents gratitude.

LESSON 3 ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE O.T.

Weekly Challenge:

- Ask your parents if you may use fifteen minutes of your family devotional this week to share your new convictions about how archaeological finds support the Old Testament.
- Have your family assemble the puzzle you created during class. As they are working on it, tell the story of the parting of the Jordan River as an event in Israel's history.

LESSON 4 ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE N.T.

Weekly Challenge:

- Share a Bible passage with someone who may be skeptical. The passage should describe a place that has been proven to exist through archaeological finds. Share how this discovery and others like it further support the fact that the Bible is true.
- Be prepared to show other places in the Bible that have also been proven to exist.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways for you to reinforce these lessons at home:

- Share with your child why you believe the Bible is God's word.
- After studying lesson three, allow your child to share in family devotional about his or her new convictions concerning the validity of God's word.
- Review the memory verse before bedtime, at dinner or while riding in the car.
- While eating dinner, talk about something that your child really enjoyed about Bible class this week.
- Ask your child to share with you how he or she is doing with the weekly challenge. Give encouragement or direction as needed.
- Have a family devotional using the memory verse (or parallel verses) this week.
- Don't forget to encourage your child as he or she uses the Preteen Quiet Time Book that gives daily support for the lesson of the week.
- Allow your child to share with younger siblings what he or she is learning in class.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

We look forward to being partners with you as we help *Generation Next* to be zealous and effective as they move forward the kingdom of our God.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

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