

Getting to Know Who I Am

The 7 Redemptive Gifts



14 Lesson Introductory Series



WEEK 7 - EXHORTER

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Check box list page using the workbook and the optional PowerPoint slide.

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the Bible story

- ✓ Week 7 ~ Bible Character ~ Moses

15 Minutes: Retell the Story Game

- ✓ The teacher will begin the story, and each one should add to the story using clues found at the end of this lesson plan.

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for this lesson: Introduce Gift

- ✓ Color or decorate the letters EXHORTER. Decorate with dots, colors, glitter – be creative. Add a drawing or art work for the story of Jonah as time permits.

WEEK 8 - EXHORTER

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Check boxes listed in workbook and the PowerPoint slide.

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the story about the character

- ✓ Week 2 Review the Story of Moses

15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide into teams: Can you solve this problem game?

15 Minutes - Return to group

- ✓ Discuss how your group solved the problem, review the Bible verse, end in Prayer

WEEK 7- Exhorter



Teacher: I want to get to know you better. And, your classmates want to get to know you better. So this class is about getting to know each other better – and getting to know ourselves better too. One way to get to know ourselves better is to learn about the gifts God has given to each one of us. Each one of us has been given special gifts from God. Today we are going to learn about the gift of Exhorter. Let's begin with the "What I Do Best Game." Open your workbook to the Exhorter page.

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

Teacher: Put a check in the box that most describes you

Spiritual Gift of Exhorter

- I can sit next to a stranger and begin talking to them.
- When I am in a group, everyone knows I am there.
- I can be fun and outgoing.
- I like to turn everything into fun – like having a party.
- I can be emotional and even have loud disagreements without causing others to dislike me.
- I can give people knowledge of God that helps them to grow spiritually.
- I can touch people emotionally.
- I can motivate others.
- I like new ideas. I like to please others.

15 Minutes: Bible Character – Act out the story of Moses (An Exhorter)

Teacher: Divide class according to number of actors needed for the parts listed below:

Narrator: Read from book.

Actors: (*Children Mime as part is read from Bible*)

A sign holder

Moses

Angel of the Lord

1/ 2 of the class – People of Israel (the good guys)

1/ 2 of the class – Army of Egypt (the bad guys)

TEACHER: This story is about a man who led the people of Israel – a whole nation out of captivity - after being slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. This is the story of how Moses lead the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt. The King, Pharaoh, had a difficult time letting the people leave – but finally he was persuaded to let the people go.

Exodus 13: 17-

Crossing the Sea

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸ **So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.** The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

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²⁰ After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. ²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 14

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to **turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea.** They are to encamp by the sea, **directly opposite Baal Zephon.** ³ Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” **So the Israelites did this.**

⁵ When the **king of Egypt** was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “**What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!**” ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸ The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

¹⁰ As **Pharaoh approached**, the **Israelites looked up**, and there were the **Egyptians, marching** after them. **They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.** ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

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15 Minutes: Retell the story

Teacher: (Begin to tell the story, and point to someone or ask for a raise of hands on who knows what is next in the story).

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page

Teacher: Use this time to Color or decorate the letters **Exhorter** in the Workbook. Children may decorate with dots, colors, glitter. Encourage children to be creative. If time allows, ask the children to add a drawing or art work showing the story of Samuel.

Bible Verse: Review the Bible Verse by repeating it in unison at least 5 times. Ask if anyone can recite it from memory. Ask the class the meaning of the verse in their own words.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn more about the Gift of Exhorter.

WEEK 8 – Exhorter



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15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide class into teams: **Can you solve this problem game?**

Teacher: This week's problem: In today's lesson, Moses had been given several problems to solve. God commanded Moses to lead his people out of captivity. It was important to God that Moses follow His instructions. God gave Moses all the tools needed to help him in his job of leading the people out of Egypt.

Teacher: Show the Bible Verse ~ The Bible says in Deuteronomy 5:33 *Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.* (Repeat the verse 5 times with the group)

In the lesson today, did Moses walk in total obedience in all the Lord commanded him to do? Give me some examples of when Moses was obedient. In your group discuss the following problem: Your friend, Shawn, tells you a great big secret and then he makes you promise that you won't tell anyone. You are excited to hear the secret, but you are not excited about keeping the secret. Another friend comes up to you and starts gossiping about Shawn as if he knows the entire secret. What do you do? Do you discuss Shawn's secret or do you not talk about it?

15 Minutes - Return to group

Discuss how your group solved the problem: Do you like to listen to a person's problem and then try to help them solve it? Do you use the information they give you to hurt them later? Or, do you keep the information to yourself.

Exhorters need to be careful about that. Raise your hand if you like to be around a lot of people. Exhorters love to have fun and are always looking for a party. Raise your hand if you think you like to do that too. It is okay if you didn't raise your hand – there is no right or wrong answer. However, those that raised your hands may want to consider that you have been given the spiritual gift of exhorter. A person with the gift of exhorter is very outgoing, friendly, and does not like quite.

Class Closing:

Teacher: Use this time to put together in your own words how each group worked together to solve the problem. Show that each member of the team was important to solving the problem.

Review the Bible Verse from the workbook or the PowerPoint slide.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn about the next gift – the spiritual gift of Giver. Maybe *you* have been given that gift God.

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Pillar of Fire

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Read

Deuteronomy 5:33

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Act 1

Crossing the Sea

Workbook Pages Week 7 & Week 8

Teacher: Copy a set of the following pages for each child in class. Collect the set at the end of class and place a paper clip on the pages.

Please add these new lessons to the back of each child's workbook.

At the end of 14 weeks, children may take their completed workbooks home with them.

EXHORTER

Week 1

Spiritual Gift of Exhorter

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- Sometimes people say that I am a good speaker.
- I see the best in people and help others to see the best in people.

Week 2

Spiritual Gift of Exhorter

- I have a wonderful sense of humor – I can be funny and tell jokes.
- I am usually the last one to speak in a group.
- I let everyone else speak, so I can see all parts of a topic.
- I like to be in a group setting and listen to what they think.
- I am very loyal - especially to my family.
- I don't get angry very often, but will get angry if someone hurts a family member.
- I enjoy details, but I don't want to be rushed or hurried into completing a project. I like making sure others receive the truth.
- I am usually slow at getting things fixed.

Bible Verse

Deuteronomy 5:33

Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Moses had a problem ~

Moses had a problem. He was given the problem of leading a whole nation of people into their own land. God used a person with the gift of Exhorter to bring a nation together. He enjoyed being with a lot of people and motivated them to keep going.

What lessons did you learn from the story about the life of Moses?

A person with the gift of exhorter is very outgoing, friendly, and does not like quiet.