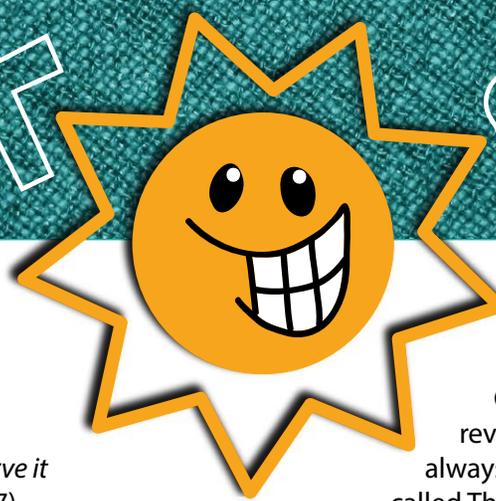


# Week 5

# Day 1



## Jehovah Rocks:

*I serve the One who is King of the whole world! You are so powerful and so mighty and strong. I sing songs and tell You how good You are because I know that You deserve it and I am so thankful to have You as my King! (Psalm 47:7)*

## See It:

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who calls down a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.'" (Genesis 12:1-3)

## On It:

Have you ever been on a roller coaster? The worst part for me is climbing that first hill, waiting for the terror to begin! Well, I guess Abraham could have felt a little like that. He was a fairly regular guy, living with his family and his pets, when all of a sudden he gets word from God to leave! He doesn't have a GPS or even a travel guide, but he goes anyway. And because he does, he starts this amazing roller coaster ride that lasts the whole of the Old Testament. The story of the Israelites begins with Abraham and this moment in Genesis. And what does God promise Abraham in return for his obedience? Three things. He promises him a land to live in, heaps of family to share in all of God's blessings, and that the presence of God will be with them always. This promise is known as a 'covenant'. Remember that word, it is very important. Abraham is going to be the father of a special people that will be blessed by God. He will be blessed forever, and all Abraham has to do is follow God's instructions and keep the covenant... even when it doesn't seem to make sense! And you know what? The same deal applies for us today!

## Live It:

One encyclopedia defines The Salvation Army as an 'ultra-revivalist' religious movement. That basically means we're always about getting people saved. I guess that's why we are called The 'Salvation' Army.



## Do It:

Take a risk like Abraham and talk to someone about Jesus!

## In It:

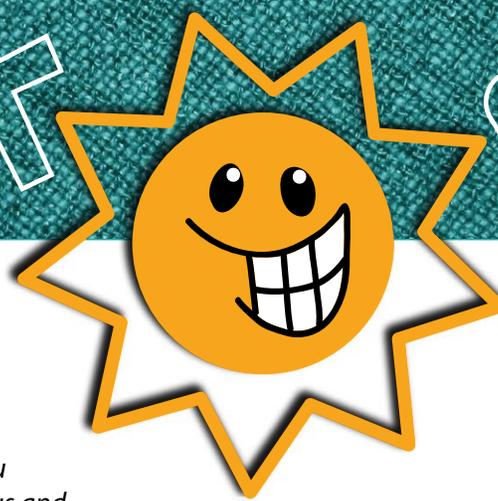
God, bless The Salvation Army.

## Eat It:

Doctrine One (memorize this doctrine through the week)  
We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 23-24, Psalm 14, & Acts 5



## Jehovah Rocks:

*People all over the world want You as their King. Children, grown ups, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, teachers and doctors, poor and rich all praise You and tell You how amazing You really are. You are famous and deserve all the attention and fame. (Psalm 48:10)*

## See It:

'Now, obey Me completely. Keep My covenant. If you do, then out of all of the nations you will be My special treasure. The whole earth is mine. But you will be a kingdom of priests to serve Me. You will be My holy nation.' That is what you must tell the Israelites.' (Exodus 19:5-6)

## On It:

A lot has happened since yesterday! Abraham had some sons, who had sons, who had more sons and we end up with Joseph. He was a good guy, but he was a little smug and so his brothers sold him to Egypt... yep, the country. Joseph was able to work his way up to a powerful position and ended up bringing those silly brothers over to Egypt and saving their life (and, of course, all of the descendants of Israel still to come!). A few hundred years past and the descendants of Abraham ended up in slavery. This was not the deal Abraham made with God and of course God came through on His end of the bargain. He rose up Moses to free the Israelites from the Egyptians. There were a few plagues and miracles along the way, but it all ended well with the Israelites walking through the Red Sea! And as a united group of people, Moses, led by God, led the people toward the 'promised' land that Abraham went to so many years before. They started to obey God and, what do you know? They were blessed with people and land. And what must they do in return? You guessed it, obey God and keep the covenant.



## Live It:

One reason people would think we are 'ultra-revivalist' is that at every meeting we (are meant to) challenge and invite people to get saved by repentance and faith, usually at the Mercy Seat.

## Do It:

Make a promise to God that you know you will keep.

## In It:

Please help us all to get more people saved than yesterday.

## Eat It:

 (Keep memorizing Doctrine One)

The Salvation Army has eleven doctrines that outline exactly what we believe and why. It is important for you to know them so that you always know what we believe.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 25-27, & Acts 6

# Week 5

# Day 3



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so powerful and holy. What could I say that would be important enough for You to hear? And yet You help me to speak and You listen to my praises of You. You are patient and loving and so full of forgiveness. (Psalm 51:15)*

## See It:

'Then Moses spoke to Aaron. He said, "That's what the Lord was talking about when He said, 'Among those who approach Me I will show that I am holy. In the sight of all of the people I will be honoured.'" So Aaron remained silent.' (Leviticus 10:3)



## On It:

Most people will tell you that the book of Leviticus is pretty boring. And you know what? Most people are right! But, just because it is a little on the boring side, don't let that make you think it is not important to read. The word 'Leviticus' comes from 'Levites' (they were the group of Israelites who served in the Temple and got things ready for people to worship God) but its Hebrew name is 'Law of the Priests' (and Levites are a bit different than Priests you might know). We like to call it God's Handbook of Holiness. In other words, it is the book that talks all about the things God did, and didn't want his people doing. If they kept holy, then God would show up and be pleased. This verse above shows that God reveals His holiness directly to the people! What would you do if you saw God's holiness? Well, I think Aaron's response might be the best – remain silent.

## Live It:

The Mercy Seat was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. And the Ark of the Covenant is the really special box the Israelites put lots of holy things in. But today it is the bench at the front of your Salvation Army hall. Can you picture it? Well, now you know what it is called!

## Do It:

Write an encouraging note for somebody at school and leave it in their locker or on their desk.

## In It:

'I will join at once the fight. Leaning on my Saviour's might.' (Songbook 676)

## Eat It: Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)

This doctrine claims the authority of the Bible. Basically we are saying we believe that the Bible is God's truth, and so we can rely on His Word to determine and confirm what we believe about God.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 28-29, & Acts 7



## Jehovah Rocks:

*I am so thankful for all You do for me. You give me real life and You give me love. You give me forgiveness and hope. You make my life new and give me good things. Thank You, Yahweh! (Psalm 52:9a)*

## See It:

'The Lord spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai. He said, "Count the Levites by their family groups. Count every male who is a month old or more." So, Moses counted them. He did just as the word of the Lord had commanded him.' (Numbers 3:14-16)

## On It:

What is there to do in a desert? There's no TV, video games, or ice cream. What could you possibly do to pass the time? Well, you can count! And God told Moses to count the people. Do you know what that shows us? That we count to God! He cares about each one of us. He cares about you. He wants to keep track of you. And do you know what else is important here? Moses counted, just like God said. That's a great example for us – to obey and do exactly what God asks us to do.

## Live It:

During a Salvation Army meeting, people are asked to come to the Mercy Seat to find Jesus. It's not because He is hiding there under the table! It's because it is a place where you can go to meet with God.

## Do It:

Can you think of 50 people to pray for today?

List their names in the boxes.

## In It:

Pray that each of the 50 people on your list will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

## Eat It:

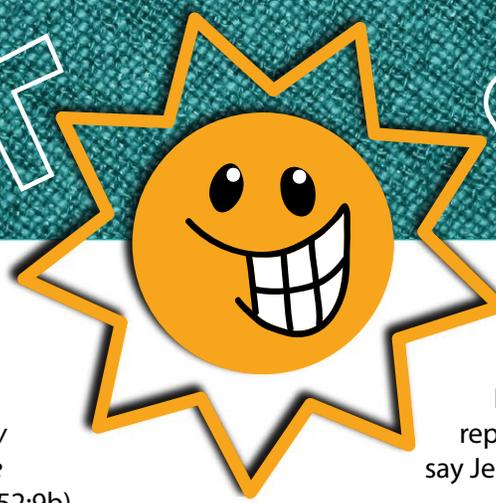
Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)  
How did we get the Bible? Well this doctrine tells us that it was given by 'inspiration'. That means God breathed out and the Word came. That is some powerful breath!

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 30-32, & Acts 8

# Week 5

# Day 5



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so good to me and make my life so much better that I can't help but tell others about You and how great You are. I want to tell friends, family and complete strangers about You and how amazing You are. (Psalm 52:9b)*

## See It:

'Israel, listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts.' (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

## On It:

This is a big passage so you need to read carefully. Remember, the Israelites are God's chosen people and He wants to bless them with good things. He doesn't want them wandering around the hot desert. He wants them in the Promised Land, just as much as they want to be there. But, He is Yahweh! He can't just let disobedience go unpunished. It's not because He is mean, it is because He is holy, pure, perfect, and completely in charge. The people of Israel had been given strict rules, which they understood, but decided to ignore. Imagine this; you are on your way to the house of someone famous. On the way, you step in the smelly stuff dogs leave on the grass! Do you decide to walk it into the carpet anyway? No way! You must take off your yuk and leave it behind before you enter into the special place you have been invited. This is where we are at with the Israelites. They are ready to go in and are 'clean', but before they do, God reminds them one more time to 'watch their step' if you know what I mean! He tells them He is the only God and that they must love Him completely, with every part of their life. God is the number one in our life and we must live life as though that is the case. Every part of our life must be lived as a personal gift to God that we are giving to say 'thank you'. Oh, and if you do step in the smelly stuff... wipe your feet!

## Live It:

People go to the Mercy Seat to pray, to confess their sins, to repent and then to dedicate their lives to Jesus. That's why we say Jesus is there! I guess it is kind of like His office.

## Do It:

Tell someone that you meet that Jesus loves them!

## In It:

Thank You that You love each of Your children and that You help me to do the same.



**Eat It:** Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)  
We use the Bible to work out what God wants us to believe and do.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 33-34, Psalm 16, & Acts 9

# Week 5

# Day 6



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You have changed my whole life and made it better.  
I am happy to give you anything that you want of me.  
I offer you my gifts, my money, my worship, my time, and  
my whole life! (Psalm 54:6)*

## Live It:

You don't have to wait till you're at the Mercy Seat to meet Jesus. You can confess and repent and dedicate anywhere, anytime! So, Jesus gets out of the office whenever He is needed to get His job done.

## See It:

'Be strong and brave. You will lead these people, and they will have the land as their own. It is the land I promised with an oath to give their people long ago... Never stop reading this Scroll of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything that it says. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success. "Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord Your God. I will be with You everywhere You go.' (Joshua 1:6,8-9)

## On It:

Wow, today is a good day! After forty years (and a whole lot of mucking around in Egypt), the Israelites are finally able to enter the land! How exciting! Go have a cookie in celebration! There is just one small hitch... there are already people living in the land God had promised to them, and they are not going to hand it over without a fight. God commands His people to be strong and brave because He knows that times are going to be tough for a little while. But, He reminds them of His promise. God will be with them everywhere they go, and so even though things might seem tough, God is there, too, and will give His people the victory! This is a good lesson for you and me. We have God and therefore we don't need to be fearful of anything. BUT, we do still have to do our share of the work. Don't sit around waiting for God to zap math knowledge in your brain or make you the fastest runner in your class. We have to work hard and keep our hope and praise God that He continues to go before us and prepare the way, wherever we go. Without God, we would have no hope, but with God... the land is ours!

## Do It:

Help mom or dad with a chore around the house without being asked.



## In It:

Please help me to have a bigger memory for all of the memory verses!

## Eat It:

 Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)

We use the Bible to find out how God wants us to live and how He wants us to serve others.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 35-36, & Acts 10



## Jehovah Rocks:

*I trust You, Lord, because I know You love me and that You are in control. I will not be afraid and know that You protect me from my enemies. I can trust in You because You are faithful. (Psalm 56:4a)*

## See It:

'In those days Israel didn't have a king. The people did anything they thought was right.' (Judges 21:25)

## On It:

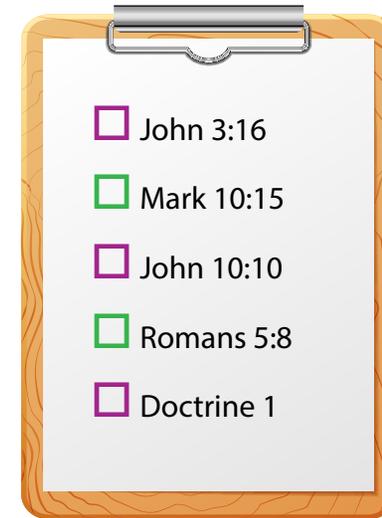
This book is about the people that led the Israelites after Moses. There are some juicy stories in Judges. There's this one guy named Ehud. He was left-handed and he hid a sword under his clothes and went to visit a mean King named King Eglon, who was a very fat man. Ehud killed King Eglon by jamming a big double-edged sword right into his fat belly! You will also find the story of Samson in here, and a story of a cool chick named Jael who saved the Israelites all by herself! Basically, whenever the Israelites had good leaders or judges, things in Israel went well. And when there was no judge, things didn't go so well. Without the judges, Israel was in big trouble, because everyone did whatever they wanted. Now it may sound like fun to do whatever you want, but the fun runs out when people start getting hurt and killed and having their eyes poked out because of it! You know what they needed to do instead of doing whatever they felt like? They needed to submit to God and do what He wanted instead.

## Live It:

The Mercy Seat is not sacred, it is just a piece of wood. Jesus is not stuck in the Mercy Seat. But it IS a sacred place, because people make special decisions there, so we must show a lot of respect for the Mercy Seat, and for the people who are kneeling to pray there.

## Do It:

Can you recite all five memory verses?



## In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would you ask Him to do for you today?

## Eat It: Doctrine One

So, do you know it by heart? Let's have it again: We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 37-38, Psalm 19, & Acts 11