

Lesson 1

1. We're going to start the year off with reading one of the Gospels. We'll do this every year. This year we'll read Matthew and then we'll go back to the beginning and start reading in Genesis.
2. Read Matthew 1:18-24.
3. Tell the story to a parent.
4. This is the end of your work for this course for your first day. You are allowed to move at your own pace (this is homeschooling), but it's intended you complete one lesson a day.

Lesson 2

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12.
2. How do the wise men know that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem?
3. How did they know not to go and tell Herod about Jesus?
4. Check your answers.

Lesson 3

1. Read Matthew 3.
2. John tells the Pharisees that those who produce bad fruit will go to hell ("thrown into the fire"). What does He say about the kind of "fruit" they should produce? [Hint¹]
3. John the Baptist didn't think he should be baptizing Jesus, but Jesus told him it was the right thing to do. Jesus gave us the example, and we are to follow in His footsteps and be baptized as well. It's not something to be afraid of. It marks the beginning of our life of following Jesus.
4. Check your answers.

Lesson 4

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11.
2. Tell a parent or older sibling how Satan tried to tempt Jesus and how Jesus responded to him.
3. Copy or memorize this part of Matthew 4:4: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Lesson 5

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12.
2. Who is blessed? You can insert the word "happy" instead of blessed.
3. What do they receive?
4. How can being persecuted and being lied about make you happy?
5. Check your answers.

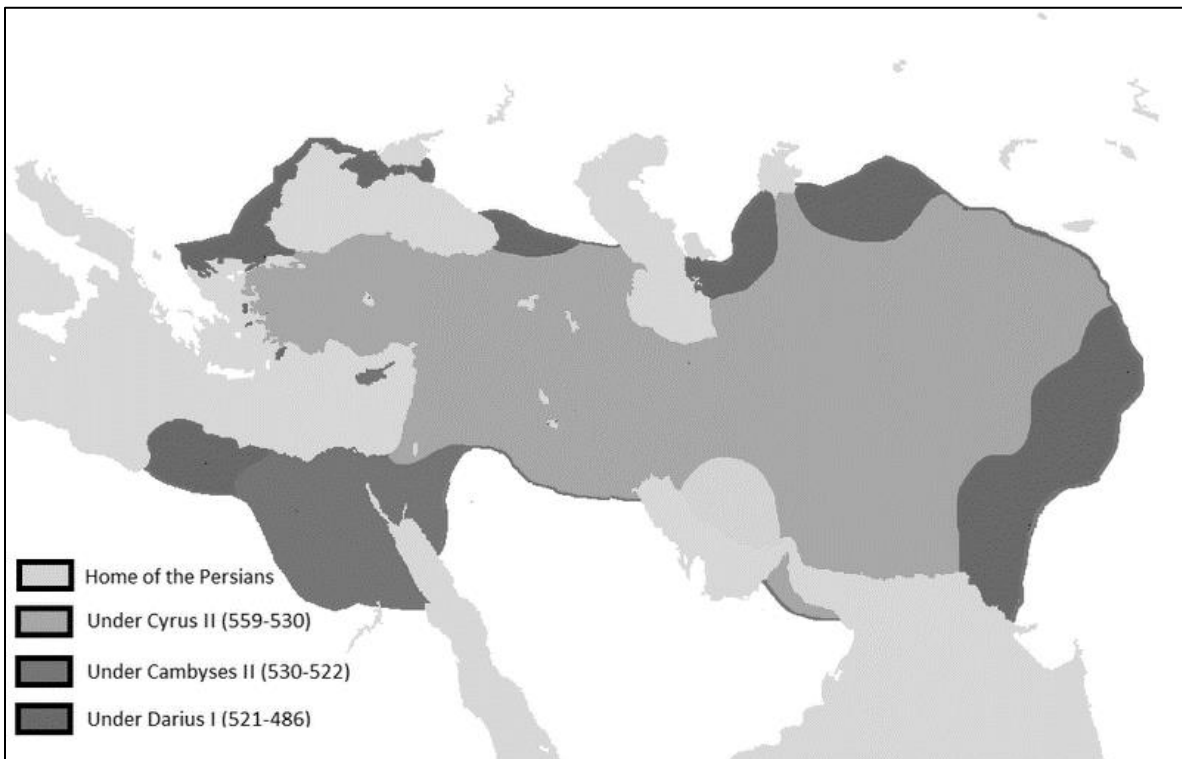
Lesson 6

1. Read Matthew 6:1-15.
2. Copy Matthew 6:9-13. Hang it up where you will see it and work on memorizing it this week.

¹ verse 8

Lesson 163

1. We are moving into a new book now. Israel no longer has a king. They have been conquered.
2. Read Ezra 1.
3. What king of Persia decides to rebuild the temple of the Lord?
4. Look at the map showing Persia during Cyrus' rule. The kingdom expanded over time. Its growth is shown by each darker area on the map. He says that God has given him all the kingdoms on earth. That was the "whole world" to them.
5. Who was in control of Cyrus building the temple?
6. Check your answers.



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Lesson 164

1. Read Ezra 3:7-13.
2. Everyone was giving money. The workers were working. Who was happy when the foundation of the temple was laid?
3. Who was sobbing when the foundation was laid?
4. Check your answers.

Lesson 165

1. Enemies of the Jews try to stop them from rebuilding the temple. They try to discourage them. They try to get laws in place to stop them. Here is how the Israelites respond and how God helps them.
2. Read Ezra 5.

Lesson 30



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4