



## I Stand in Awe

### Scope & Sequence

*I Stand in Awe* is a midweek study for children on the Bible. It aims to show children that the Bible is the most special book in the world. It is authored by God and He is the main character. It shows students that the Bible both protects and guides us and it is meant to not only be heard, but obeyed. The curriculum teaches some of the characteristics of the Bible, then the main message of the Bible (redemption) is presented in a series of lessons. The curriculum culminates with a series of lessons on the purpose of the Bible (that we may believe). The hope for this curriculum is that it will not only acquaint young children with the Bible but also create an affection for the Bible and the God of the Bible.

#### Lesson 1: A Message From God

The Law of the LORD is Perfect (Psalm 19)

**The Bible is a message from God.**

- ▶ The curriculum begins by showing children that the God wants to tell us about Himself. He wants to be known. Students will study Psalm 19 to see that one way God sends us messages is through the world around us, but that there is another way that God tells us about Himself...in the Bible.

Memory Verse: Romans 15:4

#### Lesson 2: The Most Special Book

The Law of the LORD is Perfect (Psalm 19)

**The Bible is the best book because it is God's book.**

- ▶ In this lesson children learn that God is the Author of the Bible. The lesson begins by asking children to discuss why they think the Bible is the best book ever. As the lesson continues, they will explore the concept that God wrote a perfect book. There are no flaws in it.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:72

#### Lesson 3: Written by God

Various Passages

**The Bible is a finished work of God.**

- ▶ This lesson continues teaching about God's work in authoring the Bible. Students learn that the Bible contains the words of God recorded by men and that it is important to read the Bible, because it is God's message to us.

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 7:28

#### Lesson 4: The Bible is True

Various Passages

**The Bible is true.**

- ▶ This lesson emphasizes that everything in the Bible is true. There is no untruth in the Bible. It points out to students that the Bible is true because God is truthful and does not lie. The lesson uses various examples to show children that the Bible is true. It also draws attention to things like parables, and explains that these are pretend stories, but they were still truly told by Jesus.

Memory Verses: Psalm 33:4; Psalm 119:160

**Lesson 5: God is Watching Over His Word**

Various Passages

**God watches over His Word.**

- ▶ Throughout this lesson, students will look at the prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus to see that God works to perform His Word. This lesson builds on the previous lesson by emphasizing that God is truthful. Everything God says He will do, He will do.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:12b

**Lesson 6: The Bible is for Everyone**

Let the Children Come (Mark 10)

**The Bible is for everyone.**

- ▶ This lesson begins by telling the history of William Tyndale and his efforts to translate the Bible into English. In the Bible students will learn that Jesus wants all people to hear the message of the Bible.

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 2:4

**Lesson 7: Finding Things in the Bible**

Various Passages

**The Bible is full of wonderful verses.**

- ▶ This lesson helps acquaint children with their Bibles. Students will learn that the Bible is divided into parts so that we can find things in the Bible. Using the example of a house address, children will see that each verse in the Bible has its own “address,” which helps us to remember where we can find it in the Bible.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 15:16

**Lesson 8: God is the Main Character in the Bible**

Psalm of Asaph (Psalm 77)

**God is the main character in the Bible.**

- ▶ God is the most important person in the Bible and in the world. The lesson begins by showing children various biblical characters and showing that they all have a similar story: They were born, they lived, and then they died. But students will see that God is eternal and He is present in every part of the Bible.

Memory Verse: Psalm 77:13-14

**Lesson 9: The Bible is Powerful**

Nathan Rebukes David (2 Samuel 12)

**God's Word is powerful.**

- ▶ In this lesson students will see that God's Word will accomplish His purposes, and that God's Word has the power to convict man of his sin. The lesson begins by looking at the power of God's Word: It can create (Genesis 1), and it can calm storms (Mark 4), but it can also be used to show people their sin (2 Samuel 12).

Memory Verses: Psalm 33:8-9; Psalm 147:15

**Lesson 10: The Bible is Eternal**

Various Passages

**God's Word is eternal—it is forever.**

- ▶ This lesson emphasizes that God's Word does not change. Students will first examine what it means for something to be “eternal” and then will explore how this concept applies to Scripture. Children will also think about and discuss what it would mean if God's Word did change.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89, 152

**Lesson 11: God Will Preserve the Bible**

Burning of Jeremiah's Scroll (Jeremiah 36)

**God will preserve His Word.**

- ▶ Students will examine the story of Jehoiakim burning Jeremiah's scroll in Jeremiah 36. Yet God preserved Jeremiah and His Word. Students will also look at other times in history when people have attempted to destroy the Bible, and see how God preserved it.

Memory Verse: Matthew 24:35

**Lesson 12: The Bible is the Ultimate Authority**

Various Passages

**The Bible is truth.**

- ▶ This lesson presents children with a number of untruths and shows them biblical passages which help disprove these false statements. Students will also discuss the meaning of "authority."

Memory Verse: John 17:17b

**Lesson 13: The Bible, My Hope**

Various Passages

**The Bible shows us that our hope is in God.**

- ▶ In Lesson 13 students read a number of stories in the Bible where situations seemed hopeless for those involved. Then, by inserting the phrase "BUT GOD," students see that God did a mighty work in each of these people's lives. The lesson ends by showing students a number of encouraging verses to which they can turn in times of hopelessness.

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 29:11; Lamentations 3:21-22; Isaiah 64:4

**Lesson 14: Satan Tries to Keep Us from the Bible**

Mary and Martha (Luke 10)

**We must fight against Satan.**

- ▶ This lesson begins by asking children look at the story of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. Then students think about things that often keep them from spending time with Jesus. The lesson teaches students that we have an enemy who fights against us when we try to read the Bible or pray and encourages them with strategies to resist the devil.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:8

**Lesson 15: The Bible, Our Protection from Sin**

Evil in the Land (Jeremiah 7)

**God's Word will protect us from sin.**

- ▶ This lesson warns that if we do not read the Bible, God's Word will not be available to us as a protection against sin. After discussing parts of Psalm 119, students study illustrations which demonstrate that if they do not know the Word of God, then the Word of God will not be able to protect them against sin. The lesson concludes by looking at Jeremiah 7 as an example of this warning.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11

**Lesson 16: The Bible, My Guide**

Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4)

**The Bible is a guide for us.**

- ▶ We are like blind people, and the Bible is like a guide dog for us. It always has good instruction for us. If we look to the Bible for understanding instead of thinking we know all the answers, we will be wise.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105, 130

**Lesson 17: Doers, Not Just Hearers**

Various Passages

**The Bible should be obeyed, not just read.**

- ▶ In this lesson children will examine three Biblical situations (i.e. Jonah, Achan, and Ananias and Sapphira) to learn the consequences of being a hearer, but not a doer of the Word. Students will see that the consequences for this can be inconvenient, unpleasant, or even dangerous.

Memory Verses: James 1:22; Luke 11:28; Psalm 119:129

**Lesson 18: The Message of the Bible: I Am God**

Various Passages

**No one is like God.**

- ▶ This is the first in a series of lessons on the message of the Bible. In this lesson, children will learn that God is unique. He is greater than anyone or anything else. Studying several different characteristics of God will demonstrate this point including the fact that He is all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent, without sin, self-sufficient, unchanging, eternal, and perfect.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:9b; Jeremiah 10:6; 2 Samuel 7:22

**Lesson 19: The Message of the Bible: There is No Other God**

Idols and the Living God (Jeremiah 10)

**There is only one true God.**

- ▶ This lesson begins by teaching children what happened to Lucifer and then teaches them that Satan is not the only one who has tried to take God's place. Students will also study Jeremiah 10 and learn that no one can ever take God's place. God will always be God. He will never let anyone or anything take His place.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:9b; Isaiah 44:6

**Lesson 20: The Message of the Bible: Created to Show God's Glory**

You Are Very Great (Psalm 104)

**All things were created to show God's greatness and worth.**

- ▶ This continues the series on the message of the Bible by asking children to examine various components of creation and studying what those created things say about the greatness and worth of God. Students will study Psalm 104 to see that God created all things, including people, to show His glory.

Memory Verse: Psalm 19:1

**Lesson 21: The Message of the Bible: All Have Sinned**

The Fall (Genesis 3)

**Everyone has sinned and failed to show the greatness and worth of God.**

- ▶ As students continue in the series on the message of the Bible, Lesson 21 teaches them that all have sinned. Students will learn that sin is valuing something else more than you value God; it is making something else more important than God. As students study The Fall and its effects they will see that they too have sinful hearts.

Memory Verse: Romans 3:10b-11, 23

**Lesson 22: The Message of the Bible: The Wages of Sin is Death**

Various Passages

**Our sin makes us unacceptable to a holy God.**

- ▶ Last week's lesson taught that all of us are sinners. This lesson teaches students the consequences of that sin. Students will learn that the punishment for our sin is death and that man cannot save himself from this punishment. Throughout the lesson, students will take a closer look at what this punishment means for sinners.

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

**Lesson 23: The Message of the Bible: Saved by Grace**

Various Passages

**Jesus paid the price for our sin.**

- ▶ The previous lesson left students thinking about the weight of their sin from which they are unable to save themselves. In this lesson, the solution is given. Children will see that though man cannot fix his sin problem, Jesus took our punishment and paid the price for our sin. The lesson emphasizes that we are saved by grace through faith in what Christ has done for us.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

**Lesson 24: The Message of the Bible: The Gift of God is Eternal Life**

Stoning of Stephen (Acts 7)

**Jesus died to take away our sins and give us eternal life.**

- ▶ The aim of this lesson is to teach students that eternal life is a gift—it cannot be earned. The lesson reminds students that although we deserve death, Jesus paid the price for our sin and offers us eternal life. This lesson also teaches that heaven is a wonderful place.

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

**Lesson 25: The Message of the Bible: That You May Believe**

Crucifixion (Luke 23)

**God gave us the Bible to lead us to faith.**

- ▶ The last lesson on the message of the Bible leads children to think about the purpose of the Bible. Students learn that faith comes from hearing the Word of God and that if we want to know God we must read His word.

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17

**Lesson 26: My Bible, My Treasure**

Various Passages

**If we love God, we will love His Word.**

- ▶ In the final lesson of this study, the teacher is asked to share a personal testimony from the heart about what the Bible means to them. They should share a favorite scripture passage and why it is special. The point is to communicate to the students that the Bible is a priceless treasure.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 15:16

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