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**2021-2022 Object Lessons**

**Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart  
... and love your  
neighbor as  
yourself.**

*Luke 10:27*

PROTESTANT VERSION

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## Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022

### About the Object Lessons for Chapel Talks

In these 47 object lessons for chapel talks, based on the appointed Gospel readings for the Sundays of the 2021-2022 school year, students learn from God's Word **as they prepare to hear the good news proclaimed on the coming Sunday**. Each lesson includes suggested Bible readings, hymns, a children's message and a brief prayer based on the coming Sunday's Bible readings. These object lessons may be used for school chapels, for homeroom devotions or for Sunday children's sermons.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for August 8, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

[Jesus said], "It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me."

John 6:45

### **Bible Readings**

1 Kings 19:1-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51

### **Songs**

I Am the Bread of Life; Draw Us to Thee; Come, Thou Almighty King;  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

### **Needed**

A loaf of bread

### **Message**

📖 Can any of you tell me what this is? (*Hold up the loaf of bread and allow the children to respond.*) That's right! It's a loaf of bread. Jesus calls himself the Bread of Life. That means we are nourished and fed by him in our spiritual lives, just like we are nourished and fed by bread in our physical lives. Jesus keeps us well fed as Christians through the words of the Bible that tell us about the salvation story that Jesus came to give us life by dying on the cross for us that we might be forgiven and live with him forever.

So to keep well fed on the Bread of Life, it is good for us to read the Bible often, every day even. We eat meals every day, so it only makes sense that we feed on the Bread of Life every day and take in his words to us in Scripture. Listen to what he says to us:

*“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).* Jesus gives us life each and every day and he gives us eternal life through his death and resurrection.

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).* Jesus fills us with comfort, peace and rest when we are feeling tired and are hungry for help from him.

*“I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).* Jesus reminds us that we are never alone because he is always by our side to strengthen and support us as we go through our lives.

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love” (John 15:9).* Jesus wants us to know how much he loves us and he wants us to live in that love in what we say and how we treat one another.

Are you feeling well fed on the Bread of Life? I know I am. And there is so much more to feed on in God’s Word. That is why it a good idea to read the Bible before or after you eat a meal. That way you can keep getting fed and keep remembering how important it is to stay spiritually connected to Christ. Keep filling your hearts, souls and minds with the words of Jesus.

### **Prayer**

- 📖 Jesus, thank you for being the Bread of Life for us and keeping our spirits full of faith and hope in you. Amen.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for August 15, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

[Jesus said,] “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:54

### **Bible Readings**

Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

### **Songs**

I Am the Bread of Life; Christ the Life of All the Living; My Faith Looks Up to Thee

### **Needed**

A sign with an arrow

### **Message**

- 📖 What is this, boys and girls? (*Hold up the arrow sign and allow the children to respond.*) That's right! It is an arrow. This arrow can help us understand the story of Jesus. Jesus says that he is the Bread of Life that came down from heaven to earth (*Hold arrow sign down.*) He came down from heaven as a baby born in Bethlehem who is true God and true man. He came to nourish and strengthen us with the gifts of heaven which are love and faith and hope and forgiveness, the ingredients of the Good News that we are saved by him.

He calls us to be his disciples and share the Bread of Life with those around us. (*Hold arrow pointing left and then pointing right.*) Jesus wants us to serve as his delivery system, if you will, of the blessings of salvation found in him. The Good News that Jesus suffered, died and rose again is like a tasty morsel of food that people can feed on every day of their lives and joyfully share with those who have not yet tasted and seen that the Lord is good.

There were people in Jesus' day who were pointing people in different directions away from Jesus (*Point arrow in all different directions.*) Some people turned away from Jesus. But some people, like the disciple Peter, stayed. Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). There are many things that try to point us away from Jesus in our world today too. Things like false religions and our clothes, our possessions, things we see on TV and the internet. But we need to remember that Jesus is the true and only one we should always point to in our lives. Where am I pointing the arrow now? (*Hold arrow toward a cross in the worship space.*) That's right! I am pointing to the cross of Jesus. We should always hold the cross of Jesus before our eyes everywhere we go and not turn and look to anyone or anything else to be our savior.

Only Jesus can lead us to where? (*Hold arrow up.*) That's right. To heaven. His life, death and resurrection frees us from our sins and opens the doors to eternal life for us when we die. No one else can do that for us. Jesus is the Son of God and he is seated at the right hand of the Father on his throne above. He is waiting for us and preparing a place for us there. Let us always look to him!

### **Prayer**

- ☒ Jesus, you came down to earth to be with us, now help us to look up to you to live for you all our days. Amen.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for August 22, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” Mark 7:5

### **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

### **Songs**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me; Take My Life and Let It Be;  
If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands

### **Needed**

A bottle of hand sanitizer

### **Message**

🗉 What do I have here, boys and girls? (*Hold up the bottle of hand sanitizer and allow the children to respond.*) That's right! It is a bottle of hand sanitizer. We use it to keep our hands clean and free of bacteria and viruses. We also wash our hands with soap and water, don't we, to keep hands clean when we are in the bathroom or at the kitchen sink washing dishes?

The religious leaders in Jesus' day thought that keeping our hands clean and washing cups, bowls and dishes was somehow something that we should do to make our souls

clean before God.

Jesus told them that no matter how much we wash our hands, we still are not clean inside because of our sins. We were born sinful and are bound by that sin within us. But Jesus revealed in his ministry that the dirt of sin on the inside of each one of us can be cleaned out by his suffering, death and resurrection. Only Jesus has the power to remove the stain of sin in our lives and only Jesus can wipe away all the evil within us by his holy and precious blood.

Jesus reminds us, too, that his sacrifice for us makes us completely clean from the inside out. Our words and actions reflect that we are fully cleansed of the sin within. With Christ as our Savior, we will never live as one way on the outside, but another on the inside. We will live, act, think, pray and meditate only with Jesus and his purpose for us as our main goal.

So the next time you use hand sanitizer or wash your hands in the sink, remember that Jesus has cleansed you of all your sins so you can live a new life in him.

### **Prayer**

- 📖 Dear Jesus, remove the grime of sin from us and grant us grace to live with clean hearts for you. Amen.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for August 29, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

[Jesus] said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” Mark 7:18-19

### **Bible Readings**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

### **Songs**

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary; His Banner Over Me Is Love;  
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart; Jesus Loves Me

### **Needed**

A picture of a heart

### **Message**

☐ What do I have here, boys and girls? (*Hold up the picture of a heart and allow the children to respond.*) Yes, it is a heart. The picture of this heart reminds us that we should live our lives according to our hearts. What do I mean by that? I mean that we should do and say those things that come from the heart. We should love another greatly. We should show kindness to people. We should welcome new people we meet into our group of friends. We should help people who are in need. We should say nice things about people.

Jesus says to do and say things that come from the heart, not from selfish places within us. We should not lie, cheat or steal. We should not be mean to people or gossip about them and treat them poorly. We should not just please ourselves and forget everybody else. Those types of actions come from our human nature, which is driven by sin. Instead, we need to follow those things that come from Jesus. And Jesus comes from a place of love, not hate; a place of selflessness, not selfishness; a place of humility, not pride.

Expressing words and deeds of the heart are ways of revealing the very heart of God. As the Bible says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Jesus is at the very heart of our lives, and we need to do and say everything we can to point others to the life of Christ, who died for us out his love for us and rose again to spread his love to every life. Let his love fill your heart today and every day.

### **Prayer**

- 📖 Jesus, out of your great love, you have brought love into our hearts. Let us live in love for you all our days. Amen.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for September 5, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Mark 7:34-35

### **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

### **Songs**

○ For a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens;  
Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling; Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

### **Needed**

A picture of a cartoon conversation bubble

### **Message**

📖 What is this a picture of, boys and girls? (*Hold up the picture of a cartoon bubble and allow the children to respond.*) That’s right! It’s a conversation bubble, like ones we might see in cartoons or comic strips. It is a symbol that someone is talking. Today in our Gospel reading, we hear about a man who could not talk. When someone cannot talk, we say they are mute. The man also could not hear anything that people were saying to him. We call those who cannot hear deaf. Some people brought this man who could not talk and could not hear to Jesus and Jesus did an interesting thing. He put his fingers in the man’s ears and touched the man’s tongue. Then Jesus said the word

“Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened” in Jesus’ language. Then guess what? The man could speak and hear and the Bible says the man began to talk plainly. If we had to put all that the man had to say in this conversation bubble (*Hold up the picture of the conversation bubble*), we probably couldn’t fit in all the words! Jesus had healed the man! Life was open to him now!

We may not be literally mute or deaf, but we sometimes do not open our mouths to talk when we should and we often do not open our ears to listen when we ought to.

Have you ever closed your mouth when someone asked you about Jesus? Have you ever kept your mouth shut when someone was making fun of someone else or bullying them? Or have you ever said nothing when it was time to say something nice about somebody? When you encounter situations like this again, think of Jesus saying “Ephphatha,” “Be opened,” at these times and open your mouth to tell people about Jesus being our Savior, to tell a bully to stop being mean and to tell someone that they are nice and kind. Jesus will give you the words to say.

Then think about your ears. Are there times when your parents ask you to clean your room and you do not listen? Are there times when you have been in school or Sunday school and didn’t listen to the lesson they were teaching you? Or have there been times when you did not listen in church when the pastor was talking? It’s hard to listen sometimes, I know. But the next time you need to really listen, think again about Jesus saying, “Ephphatha,” “Be opened,” and open your ears to listen carefully to what your parents, teachers and pastor have to say to you. When we are good listeners, we follow through and do what we are asked to do and we learn more about the world around us and about God. Jesus will help you to listen at home and school and church.

So open your mouth to talk and open your ears to hear, as Jesus calls us to!

### **Prayer**

- 📖 Jesus, thank you for the gifts of speech and hearing. Help us to use these gifts to talk about you and listen to your Word every day. Amen.

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## **Object Lessons for Chapel Talks 2021-2022**

Preparing for September 12, 2021

### **Theme Verse**

Jesus said to [the man], "...All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:23-24

### **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

### **Songs**

O Bless the Lord, My Soul; Amazing Grace; Christ Be My Leader

### **Needed**

A sign with a thumbs up and a sign with a thumbs down

### **Message**

☐ Boys and girls, I have two signs here. One has a thumbs up image and the other has a thumbs down signal. (*Hold up the thumbs up and the thumbs down signs.*) I am going to say several statements and you can let me know if it is a possible statement by putting your thumbs up or an impossible statement by putting your thumbs down.

Ready? Here's the first statement: People can flap their arms and fly. Possible (thumbs up) or impossible (thumbs down)? (*Allow the children to respond.*) That one is a thumbs down. That is impossible. (*Hold up thumbs down sign.*)