

Get Ready!



Text



Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8 and 9:14 & 15, 1 John 2:1 & 2



Key Quest Verse

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).



Bible Background

The description of Christ as mediator between God and man is recorded in the New Testament. One of the central themes of the book of Hebrews is who Jesus Christ is and His superiority. The people who received this letter were to be encouraged by reviewing the authority and attributes of Jesus Christ. They were to be confident to have Christ represent them as He speaks to his Father and sits at His right. Christ is shown to be the Son of God (Hebrews 1:3). He is superior to angels (1:4) and is found to be worthy of greater honor than Moses (3:3). Christ is described as our high priest (9:11). This high priest offered not the blood of animals, but His own blood (9:12). This blood of Christ cleanses our consciences, so we may serve the living God (9:14). For this reason, Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (9:15). We are assured that He entered heaven and appears for us in God’s presence (9:24). We are also assured that He will appear again bringing salvation to those who are waiting for him (9:28). Christ’s role as mediator is mentioned three times in the book of Hebrews (8:6, 9:15 and 12:24). The author of Hebrews is uncertain. Some speculate from other writings that it might have been authored by Barnabas or Apollos. The book is believed to have been written before the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in A.D. 70. Hebrews addresses many of the concerns of the Jewish converts of that time who were familiar with the Old Testament. Throughout the book, many convincing arguments are given for following Jesus Christ, because He is appointed as our mediator by God.

Get Ready!**Lesson Quest****What I want my students to:**

Know: That Jesus Christ is our Mediator.

Feel: Thankful that Jesus speaks to God on our behalf.

Do: Commit our prayers and lives into the hands of Christ Jesus knowing He will represent us before the Father.

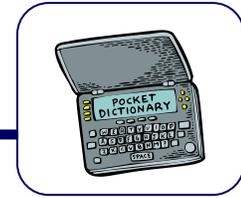
**Leader's Devotion**

A fellow teacher and I were reading more about a Bible story we had taught on that Sunday. This led us to the book of Numbers. We began reading through the requirements which had to be fulfilled in order to make someone clean who had become unclean. After reading through this passage, I was exalted. It made me realize the wonderful gift we have to be born under grace, instead of living under the law. What a great gift God has given us through his son, Jesus Christ. We have righteousness through faith in Christ – the righteousness which comes from God and is by faith (Philip. 3:9). Our goal is to be righteous, or right with God. This is also our goal for our students . . . to guide them into a right relationship with God. And, we know this is also Christ's goal, because He is our mediator. I am reminded of this when I think about my prayers. I end them by asking "in Jesus' name." Christ has told us to ask the Father through His name. What a reassuring thought to know our Savior and our Father are waiting to assist us in teaching our students this week. Our God and Christ Jesus, the mediator, want to give us the encouragement, wisdom, knowledge and excitement to bring our students into a closer relationship with them. Read the Key Quest Texts.

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Option A



Materials: A dictionary and Bible dictionary, chalkboard, notepad and pencil

Procedure: “Let’s open our Bibles to the New Testament to the book of First Timothy, chapter 2, verse 5 and read it together. ‘For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus’ (1 Timothy 2:5). What would be our definition of a mediator?” If the students don’t have a definition, have them look it up and share that with the rest of the class. “We see from our definition that a mediator works with two parties. We are going to give students name (pick a student to play this role) a chance to work as a mediator today. As you all know we have (pick any youth or church event that is coming up. This could be Vacation Bible School, a church program, an outing for the youth, a class party, etc.) that we are planning. There are things to consider like: the dates, a time to start, the cost, who can participate, who are we trying to reach, etc. I am going to step out of the room, but I want you to work with students name. He/She is going to relay the information from you to me, as well as, get permission. Let’s see how much of the event we can plan in a couple of minutes.” Have another student write down the major plan for the event on a chalkboard. Give the mediating student a notepad and pencil to take notes on the questions the group asks. Walk out and see how much planning takes place in a couple of minutes. See how much they involve the mediator. Come back and look over the plan on the board. Make comments on the great job they did or where their plan needed more work maybe by including the mediator more for more information. “Today we want to look at Christ’s role as our mediator. We will see through scripture that God wants to have a relationship with each of us and He wants

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY



Option B



Materials: The Key Quest Verse written on a piece of paper

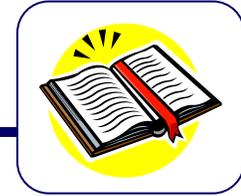
Procedure: Have two students come up front. Have the first student whisper the Key Quest Verse (1 Timothy 2:5) in the second student’s ear. Let the second student repeat what she heard. See how close she came to repeating the correct verse to the class. “In our example, we are human and we may not be able to relate something perfectly after only hearing it once, but there is a person who represents us perfectly to God. That is Jesus Christ.” Read the verse to everyone. “Christ is our mediator. He is the person that connects us with God. God wants to have a relationship with us, but our sins separate us from God. We are so thankful we have a mediator who cares for us. He is at the right hand of God. He wants to make sure our relationship with God is good. Let’s discover

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Bible Story



“Let’s read Hebrews chapter 8. What do we know about the high priest who served in the Tabernacle of God? He worked in the tabernacle to make sacrifices. He was anointed with oil, ordained (set apart for a special work to God) to make atonement (Leviticus 16:32). Atonement is restoring a relationship of harmony and unity between God and human beings. In our story today, we are going to look at who serves as our high priest and who connects us to God. Turn to the book of Hebrews, chapter 8, verses 1 & 2.” Read verses. “This shows us that our high priest is Christ Jesus. We know that He ascended to the Father after being raised from the dead. Let’s read verses 3-5. Before the death of Christ, a sacrifice was made in order to symbolize death would follow sin. It was a visual way for people to see the result of sin was death. Christ was the ultimate, perfect sacrifice offered to God. Because of His death, we can be forgiven of our sins (Hebrews 9:14). Read verse 6. We see in this verse that Jesus is a mediator of a new covenant. Let’s read verses 7-9. The old covenant was not bringing the people to God. Let’s read verse 10. What does it mean to you when you read that God will put His laws in their minds and write them on their hearts? Read verses 11-13 to see how God wants to establish a new covenant. In Matthew 26:28 Jesus said, ‘this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’ His death paid the price for our sins. We are now able to come to our God through our mediator, Jesus Christ. He brings humans and God together. We were separated from God by sin, but Jesus offered Himself as the ultimate complete sacrifice to God. We are now able to come to God to ask for forgiveness and to ask for the Holy Spirit, the power of God, to direct us in our daily lives. Let’s see what the result of being forgiven and having a clean conscience leads to in Hebrews 9:14 & 15. Notice these verses state that we may serve the living God and we will receive an eternal inheritance.”



ARTS AND CRAFTS: *If Mod Podge is not available, use watered down white glue.*

Go!



God's Precious Pieces



Materials: Assorted color gift tissue paper, glossy Mod Podge, paint brushes, glass jars

Procedure: “We will have times when we realize we have sin in our lives. We find that we are not following God’s word as we should. We want to get rid of sin and continue our walk with God. It is terrible when we feel that sins are separating us from God, but there is a solution. Let’s look at a passage from the New Testament, which is written about this. It is from the book of First John, chapter 2, verses 1-6.” Read scripture. “We see Jesus was our atoning sacrifice. Atonement is the reconciliation (bringing back together) of God and man through the death of Jesus Christ. We may ask for forgiveness and continue our walk of life following Jesus’ example.”

Pass out the colored tissue paper. Have students tear the paper into small pieces. Explain that sometimes our sin can tear up our lives. Spread a thin layer of Mod Podge on the glass jars. “Jesus is the glue that holds us together. We can come to the Father through Jesus Christ. As the scripture states, ‘But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One’ (1 John 2:1b). God can take the pieces of our lives and forgive us.” Have students stick the small pieces on the jars. Press to make the surface even. Mix colors for a stained glass window look. “We can be used again in God’s work even if we fail. We can serve Him again. He can forgive us and help us overcome sin. He can make us useful, just like this container we have made.” You may want to put the jars in an area and let them dry completely before the students take them home.



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Go!



Quest Connection

We must remember that Jesus Christ is our mediator, and we must ask for forgiveness when we sin. Jesus is the glue that holds us together.



Close

“Look at the container that you have made. God will use your life and bless you to be a useful Christian if we follow His commands and follow Christ’s example. Let’s consider our texts once more. ‘But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him.’ (1 John 2:5). Let’s throw off any sin that slows us down this week and follow God completely.”



FOOD: Check for food allergies!

Go!



Our Quest Cake



Materials: Kitchen, oven, bisquick, milk, granulated sugar, egg, brown sugar, ground cinnamon, butter or margarine

Procedure: Takes 25 minutes or more to make. Heat oven to 375 F.

Ingredients: 2 cups Bisquick baking mix, 2/3 cup milk, 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar, 1 egg.

Streusel Topping: 1/3 cup Bisquick, 1/3 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 3 Tbsp butter or margarine

While blending ingredients bring in the QUEST CONNECTION. Have students mix the Streusel topping ingredients and sprinkle over the cake batter. Bake for 18-22 minutes. During baking time you can cover the story or complete another Quest activity.



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“We see that the egg binds the other ingredients together. We can think of Christ in this way. He binds or connects all of us to God. The cake batter can represent our relationship with God.” Pour cake batter into a 9” round pan. “And just like our relationship with God, we want to make it better. Let’s add a few ingredients to our cake that will make it even better.”



Close

Prayer: Dear Father, thank You for giving us a way to be connected to You through Jesus, Your Son. Please help us to love You more and to love others. In Jesus’ name we pray to You, Amen.



GAME: Play the game several times, so the memorization of the verse will take place.

Go!



Bingo Verse



Materials: Tic- Tac -Toe worksheet, pens, chalk or writeboard, bag of hard candy or pennies

Procedure: Have the students use the worksheet with a tic-tac-toe board on the paper. It will have nine squares. Write the Quest Verse on the board separated after each two words, For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 2:5. Have the students write the pairs of words in their boxes, anywhere they would like, but each pair must only be written once. Before class write the verse on a piece of paper, clip the pairs of words so you will have nine pieces. Put the pieces in a bowl or hat. Pull out a piece of paper and read the pair of words. The students mark that word pair with the piece of hard candy or a penny. The first student to cross off three words in a row either across, down or diagonally wins. Students may win simultaneously. Example of student boards are listed below (each will be different).

between God	God and	is one
For there	and men,	1 Timothy 2:5
one mediator	the man	Christ Jesus



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Go!



Quest Connection

“It is important to memorize passages in Scripture. We are going to play a game that will help us memorize our Key Quest Verse. When you go home, review the verse several times during the week.”



Close

After you have played the game a couple of times, review the completed verse with students. “Let’s remember that Christ Jesus is speaking to God on our behalf. He was a man and experienced everything about life just like we do. In fact, He was tempted by the same temptations that we have today, but He did not sin. Let’s say our verse together, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).



CHRISTIAN LIVING: *Some of your students may need to know more about what living a Christian life is all about. It would be a good time to reinforce the positives of having a daily devotion and spending some time reading the Bible.*

Go!



Reconciler



Materials: Index cards, pens

Procedure: “We have learned that Jesus Christ reconciles us to God, which means bringing us back together with Him. You probably know people that you are in contact with everyday who do not know God. On your index card, think of a couple of people in your life that need to know God. In your daily prayer time, pray for these individuals. Ask God to help you be a positive example in their lives. When we do this, we are practicing the ministry of reconciliation, or bringing people to God. Here is a scripture that describes it: ‘All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God’” (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

“Wow! Did you ever think of yourself as an ambassador of Christ? That is what we are if we are living a life for Him. Unfortunately, not everyone will want to accept God and follow Christ. Even some people who listened to Jesus did not decide to follow Him. We are not responsible for people accepting our message, but we are responsible for letting them know about our wonderful God and our Savior, by the way that we live our lives.”



Quest Connection

We are going to put together index cards of those people in our lives who need to know God. Each day, keep that card handy and be sure to lift those individuals up in prayer.



Close

“You may want to keep your index card in your Bible as a reminder to pray for those listed on it.” Dear Father, we are so thankful for YHour acceptance of us. We thank You for the love You show us. Please help us to show others the incredible life they can have in You and the amazing future You have promised for all of us in Your Kingdom. We pray You will show us how to be Christ's Ambassadors this week to everyone around us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



MUSIC: Discuss with students their favorite style of worship and why others may have a different answer.

Go!



Teen Choice



Materials: CD Player, paper, pens, “Jars of Clay – Essential” (this was recommended by the teens I work with as one of their favorite CD’s)

Procedure: Play the song entitled “Worlds Apart.” Let your students quietly listen to the song. Have them write down phrases that are meaningful to them. Ask them to share why some of these phrases were important to them. Ask them to share other songs that express our feelings for Jesus.



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This is a familiar chorus which will have new meaning for your students after your discussion on the sacrifice of Christ.



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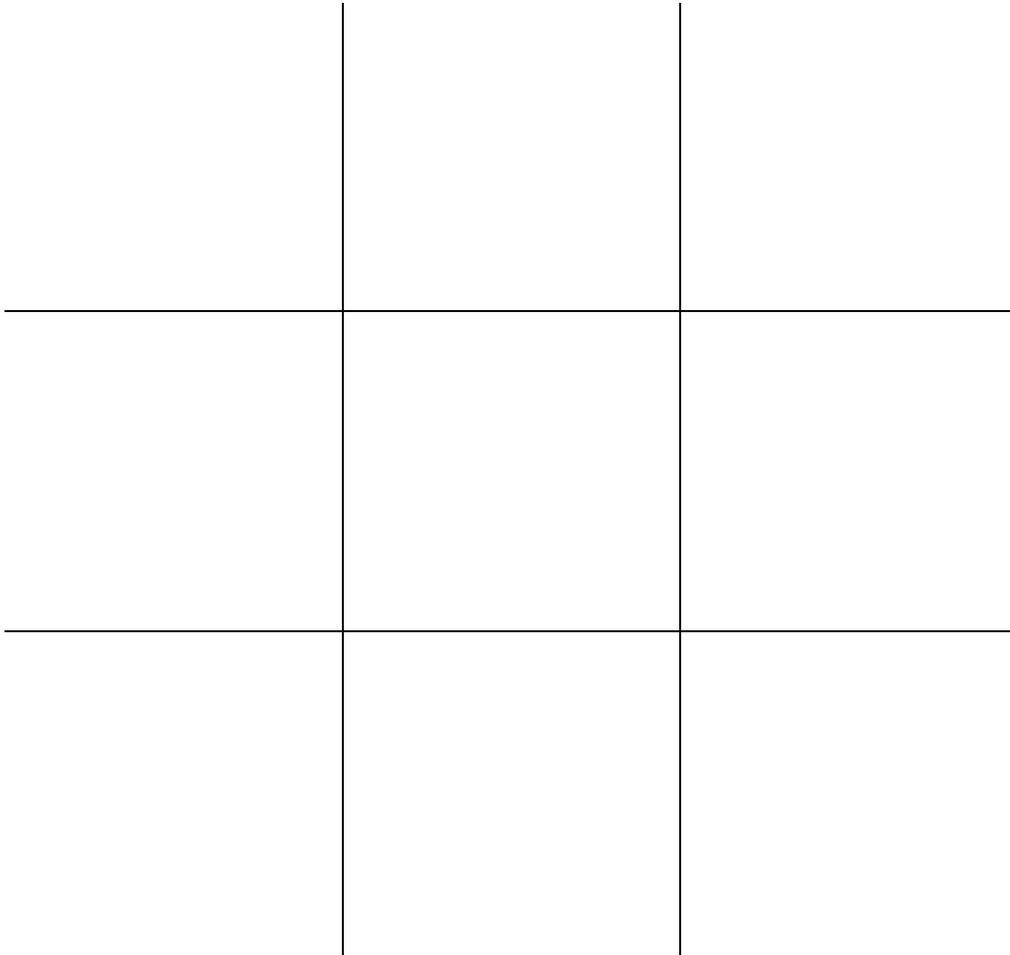
“It is very easy to hear a song on the radio or to own a CD of a song that reminds us of someone or some event in our lives. When you listen to a praise chorus or a hymn, concentrate on the ultimate sacrifice that was made for your sins!”

TEENAGE EXCUSE ME!

Write down some excuses some people your age use for not having a personal relationship with God.

Write down reasons why you need have a relationship with God!

Tic-Tac-Toe



Jesus!

GO THROUGH A HYMN OR SONG BOOK AND SEE HOW MANY SONGS YOU CAN FIND ABOUT JESUS' SACRIFICE FOR US IN THE TITLE. SEE WHO IN YOUR CLASS CAN FIND THE MOST!



Prayer Journal

By each day, write someone you know who does not know Christ as his/her personal Savior. Pray for them on that day.

Sunday _____

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Saturday _____