



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Presentations



THE WATCHTOWER

Question: If someone asked you what heaven is like, how would you answer?

Scripture: Joh 8:23

Offer: This issue of *The Watchtower* discusses what Jesus and his Father have revealed about heaven.



TEACH THE TRUTH

Question: Would you agree that this Bible prophecy describes what we see today?

Scripture: 2Ti 3:1-5

Truth: Since the Bible's prophecy about the last days is being fulfilled now, we can also trust that the prophecy about a better future will be fulfilled.



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE? (Video)

Introduction: We're showing people a short video that explains where we can find satisfying answers to life's big questions.
[Play the video.]

Offer: This book shows what the Bible says about how God will fix the world's problems.
[Offer the *Bible Teach* or *Teach Us* book.]

BUILD YOUR OWN PRESENTATION

Question:

Scripture:

Offer:

- Song 86 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“The Bible Describes a Capable Wife”:** (10 min.)
Pr 31:10-12—She is trustworthy (*w15 1/15 20 ¶10; w00 2/1 31 ¶2; it-2 1183*)
Pr 31:13-27—She is industrious (*w00 2/1 31 ¶3-4*)
Pr 31:28-31—She is a spiritual person who is worthy of praise (*w15 1/15 20 ¶8; w00 2/1 31 ¶5, 8*)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
Pr 27:12—How may we show ourselves to be shrewd regarding entertainment? (*w15 7/1 8 ¶3*)

Pr 27:21—How is a person “tested by the praise he receives”? (*w11 8/1 29 ¶2; w06 9/15 19 ¶12*)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Pr 29:11-30:4

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Prepare This Month’s Presentations:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play each presentation video, and then discuss the highlights. Encourage publishers to build their own presentation.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 89
- **“Her Husband Is Well-Known in the City Gates”:** (5 min.) Talk by an elder.
- **Local Needs:** (10 min.) As an option, discuss the lessons learned from the *Yearbook*. (*yb16 40-41*)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *kr* chap. 3 ¶13-22, chart on pp. 36-37, box on p. 38
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 108 and Prayer

“Her Husband Is Well-Known in the City Gates”

A capable wife reflects well on her husband. In King Lemuel’s day, a husband who had a capable wife was “well-known in the city gates.” (Pr 31:23) Today, respected men serve as elders and ministerial servants. If married, their ability to serve depends much on the good conduct and fine support of their wives. (1Ti 3:4, 11) Such capable wives are greatly appreciated, not just by their husbands but also by the congregation.



A capable wife helps her husband to serve by . . .

- encouraging him with kind words.—Pr 31:26
- sharing him willingly with the congregation.—1Th 2:7, 8
- living modestly.—1Ti 6:8
- not asking him about confidential congregation matters.—1Ti 2:11, 12; 1Pe 4:15

PROVERBS 27-31 | The Bible Describes a Capable Wife

Proverbs chapter 31 contains a weighty message to King Lemuel from his mother. Her wise counsel taught him what to look for in a capable wife.

31:10-12

A capable wife is trustworthy

- She provides valuable suggestions concerning family decisions while remaining submissive
- Her husband trusts her to make wise decisions, not insisting that she obtain his approval for every matter

31:13-27

A capable wife is industrious

- She learns to be thrifty and live modestly so that her family can be neatly dressed, presentable, and well-nourished
- She works hard and watches over her household day and night

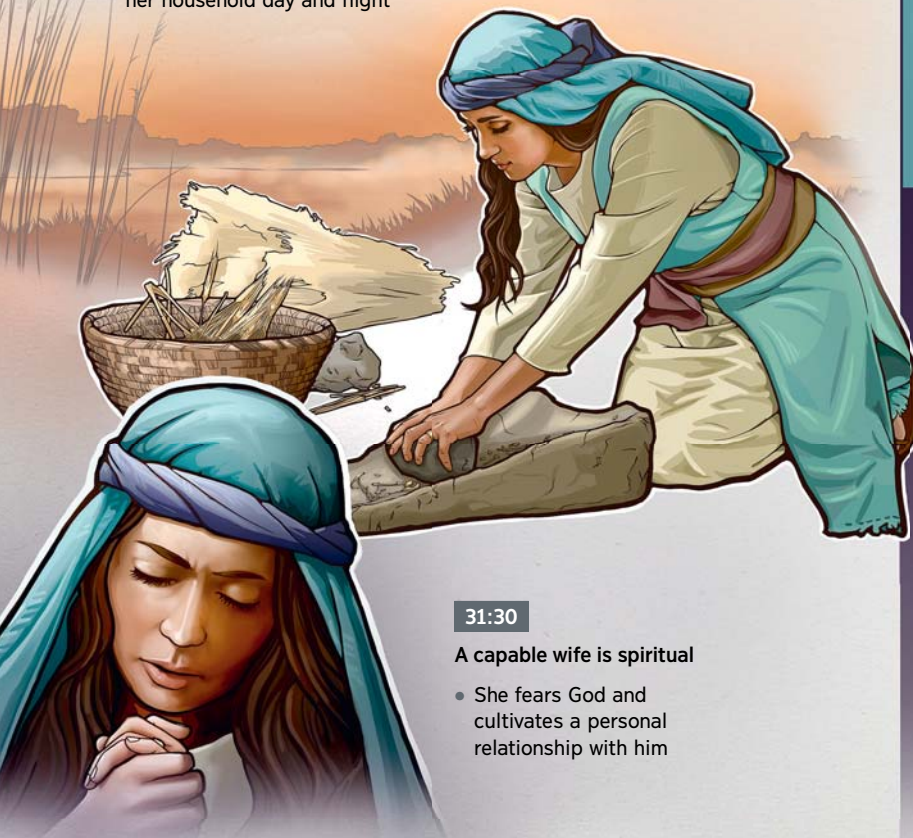


DID YOU KNOW?

Red coral was highly prized in Bible times. It was beautiful, rare, and difficult to obtain. Found in the Mediterranean and Red seas, it was an important trade item.

The Bible indicates the value of coral by referring to it in much the same way as it does to gold, silver, and sapphire.

God's Word says that the value of a capable wife is "far more than that of corals."
—Pr 31:10.



31:30

A capable wife is spiritual

- She fears God and cultivates a personal relationship with him

- Song 66 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Find Enjoyment in All Your Hard Work”:** (10 min.) [Play the video *Introduction to Ecclesiastes.*] Ec 3:12, 13—The ability to enjoy hard work is a gift from God (w15 2/1 4-6) Ec 4:6—Cultivate a balanced view of work (w15 2/1 6 ¶3-5)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.) Ec 2:10, 11—What did Solomon discover regarding wealth? (w08 4/15 22 ¶9-10)

Ec 3:16, 17—How should we view injustices in this world? (w06 11/1 14 ¶9)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ec 1:1-18

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) wp16.6 cover —Leave a JW.ORG contact card.
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) wp16.6 cover —Read scriptures from a mobile device.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) bh 22-23 ¶11-12 —Invite the person to the meetings.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 140
- **“What Can the Bible Teach Us?—How to Use It”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Afterward, play and discuss the video that shows a portion of a Bible study using Truth 4 on page 115 of the *Teach Us* book.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) kr chap. 4 ¶1-6, box on p. 43
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 112 and Prayer

ECCLESIASTES 1-6 | Find Enjoyment in All Your Hard Work

Jehovah wants us to enjoy our work and teaches us how to do so. A person can learn to enjoy work if he approaches it with the right attitude.



3:13; 4:6

You can find enjoyment in your work when you . . .

- cultivate a positive attitude
- think about how your work helps others
- do your best at work, but when you leave your job, you focus on your family and your worship



What Can the Bible Teach Us?—How to Use It

The *Teach Us* book and the *Bible Teach* book are similar. Both of these tools from our teaching toolbox present the same truths and in the same order. However, the *Teach Us* book uses simplified wording and logic. It is designed for those who may have difficulty understanding the *Bible Teach* book. Instead of an appendix, the *Teach Us* book has endnotes that provide simple explanations of some terms and concepts found in the main text. The chapters do not have introductory questions or a review box. Instead, they conclude with a summary of Bible truths that were explained in the main text. Just as with the *Bible Teach* book, the *Teach Us* book may be offered at any time, even if it is not being featured during the month. How may we use the unique features of the *Teach Us* book when conducting a Bible study?



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TRUTH 3 WICKED ANGELS TRY TO HARM US

“We may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs.”—2 Corinthians 2:11

Who are the demons, and why are they harmful?

Revelation 12:9

An angel rebelled against Jehovah. He is called Satan.

Genesis 6:2

In Noah’s time, some angels rebelled and came to the earth.

Matthew 9:34

Those angels joined Satan’s rebellion and became demons.

Deuteronomy 18:10, 11

The demons try to trick people and harm them any way they can.

TRUTH 4 YOU CAN RESIST SATAN AND THE DEMONS

“Oppose the Devil, and he will flee from you.”
—James 4:7

How can you have Jehovah’s help in resisting Satan and the demons?

Acts 19:19

Get rid of all items connected with demonism that make magic, demons, or the supernatural seem harmless or exciting.

Ephesians 6:16, 18

Build your faith by studying the Bible, and pray for God’s protection.

Proverbs 18:10

Use Jehovah’s name.

SUMMARY: For most people, our usual method of conducting a study by reading the paragraph in the *Bible Teach* book and then asking the question will serve quite well. Suppose, however, that the student is not very familiar with the language or does not read well. In that case, you may choose to use the *Teach Us* book. Then, the chapter summaries may be used as the basis for the study and the student may be encouraged to read the main text on his own. Each Bible truth can often be taught in a study session that lasts about 15 minutes. Since the summaries do not include details found in the main text, the teacher must prepare well, keeping in mind the needs of the student. If the teacher conducts the study from the main text, the summaries can be used as a review.

ENDNOTES

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25 RESURRECTION

When God brings a person who has died back to life, it is called a resurrection. Nine resurrections are mentioned in the Bible. Elijah, Elisha, Jesus, Peter, and Paul all performed resurrections. These miracles were possible only because of God’s power. Jehovah promises to resurrect “both the righteous and the unrighteous” to life on earth. (Acts 24:15) The Bible also mentions a resurrection to heaven. This takes place when those who are chosen, or anointed, by God are resurrected to live in heaven with Jesus.—John 5:28, 29; 11:25; Philipians 3:11; Revelation 20:5, 6.

► Chap. 9, par. 13

26 DEMONISM (SPIRITISM)

Demonism or spiritism is the bad practice of trying to communicate with spirits, either directly or through someone else, such as a witch doctor, a medium, or a psychic. People who practice spiritism do this because they believe the false teaching that spirits of humans survive death and become powerful ghosts. The demons also try to influence humans to disobey God. Astrology, divination, magic, witchcraft, superstitions, the occult, and the supernatural are also part of demonism. Many books, magazines, horoscopes, movies, posters, and even songs make the demons, magic, and the supernatural seem harmless or exciting. Many funeral customs, such as sacrifices for the dead, funeral celebrations, funeral anniversaries, widowhood rites, and some wake rituals, also include contact with the demons. People often use drugs when trying to use the power of the demons.—Galatians 5:20; Revelation 21:8.

► Chap. 10, par. 10; Chap. 16, par. 4

ENDNOTES: The terms and concepts in the endnotes are in the order that they appear in the main text. The teacher may decide whether to discuss the endnotes in the *Teach Us* book during the study.

- Song 41 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Remember . . . Your Grand Creator in the Days of Your Youth”:** (10 min.)
 Ec 12:1—Youths should use their time and energy in God’s service (w14 1/15 18 ¶3; 22 ¶1)
 Ec 12:2-7—Youths are not limited by “the days of distress” that come with old age (w08 11/15 23 ¶2; w06 11/1 16 ¶9)
 Ec 12:13, 14—Serving Jehovah is the best way to give your life meaning (w11 11/1 21 ¶1-6)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Ec 10:1—How is it that “a little foolishness outweighs wisdom”? (w06 11/1 16 ¶5)

 Ec 11:1—What does it mean to “cast your bread on the waters”? (w06 11/1 16 ¶7)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ec 10:12–11:10

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) 2Ti 3:1-5
 —Teach the Truth.
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) Isa 44:27–45:2
 —Teach the Truth.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) bh 25-26 ¶18-20
 —Invite the student to the meetings.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 95
- **“Youths—Do Not Delay Going Through the ‘Large Door’”:** (15 min.) Play the video *Young Ones—You Are Loved by Jehovah* (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY), and then discuss the article.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) kr chap. 4 ¶7-15, boxes on pp. 44, 46
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 148 and Prayer
Reminder: Play the music through once before singing the new song.

ECCLESIASTES 7-12 | “Remember . . . Your Grand Creator in the Days of Your Youth”

12:2-7

Solomon used poetic language to describe the challenges of old age

12:1, 13

Remember your Grand Creator by using your abilities to serve him while you are young

- Many youths have the health and vigor to tackle exciting and challenging assignments
- Youths should use their time and energy in God’s service before old age limits them



Verse 3: “The ladies looking out the windows find it dark”

Diminished vision



Verse 4: “The daughters of song grow faint”

Diminished hearing

Verse 5: “The caper berry bursts”

Diminished appetite



Youths—Do Not Delay Going Through the “Large Door”

It can be easy to think that the days of our youth will continue indefinitely and that we will never experience “the days of distress” that accompany old age in Satan’s world. (Ec 12:1) If you are a youth, can you assume that you have plenty of time to pursue spiritual goals such as the full-time ministry?

“Unexpected events overtake” us all, including those who are young. (Ec 9:11) “You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.” (Jas 4:14) Therefore, do not put spiritual pursuits on hold unnecessarily. Go through the “large door that leads to activity” while it is still open to you. (1Co 16:9) You will not regret it.



Some possible spiritual goals:

- Preaching in another language
- Pioneer service
- Attending theocratic schools
- Construction service
- Bethel service
- Circuit work

MY GOALS:

- Song 106 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- “The Shulammitte Girl—An Example Worthy of Imitation”: (10 min.)

[Play the video *Introduction to the Song of Solomon*.]

Ca 2:7; 3:5—The Shulammitte was determined to wait for the one she could truly love (w15 1/15 31 ¶11-13)

Ca 4:12; 8:8-10—She remained loyal and chaste as she waited (w15 1/15 32 ¶14-16)

- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)

Ca 2:1—What qualities added to the Shulammitte’s beauty? (w15 1/15 31 ¶13)

Ca 8:6—Why is true love described as “the flame of Jah”? (w15 1/15 29 ¶3; w06 11/15 20 ¶7)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ca 2:1-17

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) *bh*—Use the video *Why Study the Bible?* to introduce the book. (Note: Do not play the video during the demonstration.)
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) *bh*—Invite the person to the meeting.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *bh* 29-31 ¶8-9

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 115
- “**Young People Ask—Am I Ready to Date?**”: (9 min.) Talk based on the article “Young People Ask—Am I Ready to Date?” (Go to jw.org, and look under BIBLE TEACHINGS > TEENAGERS.)
- **Is It Love or Infatuation?:** (6 min.) Play and then discuss the whiteboard animation *Is It Love or Infatuation?* (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *kr* chap. 4 ¶16-23, box on p. 48
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 34 and Prayer

SONG OF SOLOMON 1-8 | The Shulammitte Girl—An Example Worthy of Imitation



2:7; 4:12

What made her an outstanding example for worshippers of Jehovah?

- She wisely waited for true love
- She refused to have others pressure her into feeling romantic love for just anyone who came along
- She was humble, modest, and chaste
- She would not let her love be bought with gold or flattery

Ask yourself:

‘Which quality of the Shulammitte girl could I better imitate?’



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