**August 30 Lesson 14 Upper Elementary Sunday School Bonus Lesson**

**God is Worthy of Worship**.

**Bible Basis**: John 9:1-41

**Focus**: God is worthy of our worship.

**Connecting with God’s Word**: To help students relate to the Bible study on thinking and acting like Jesus, they played a copycat game to discuss times they think it’s good to follow others.

**Interacting with God’s Word**: Students read how Paul encouraged believers to think and act like Jesus.

**Applying God’s Word:** Students were to choose a place and a way they can think and act like Jesus this week.

**Understanding the Bible**: Paul wrote 13 letters (epistles) that make up a large part of the New Testament. Paul was an apostle of Christ. Paul, even while under arrest for two years, preached the gospel and continued writing letters of instruction and encouragement to the Church. Paul’s writings are full of encouragement and joy. He assured the Phillipians that God was not defeated because of Paul’s chains. In fact, because of these chains, the Church was emboldened to spread the good news of Jesus even more fearlessly. Paul encouraged the Church to follow his example of what it meant to follow Jesus. Paul was telling them not just to be cheerful in persecution but rejoicing in the Lord meant that they could lean on Him to hold them up and trust Him to give peace in any situation.

**Memory verses:** *“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:1-2 (NIV) “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.” Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV)*

The Bible tells about Jesus healing a man who couldn’t see. Being able to see the world around us helps us to see God’s power. When we see God’s power, we can say that God is worthy (something/someone is good and deserving of respect, praise or attention). Jesus healed the blind man by mixing his spit with dirt to make mud which He put on the man’s eyes. Then Jesus had the man go in the Pool of Siloam. The Pharisees were mad because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The healed man continued his life worshiping Jesus.

**Summarization of the lesson**: God is worthy of worship! He is good and deserving of respect, praise and attention. Worship means we give honor to God. We thank and praise God for who He is and what He does for us. There are lots of ways to worship God.

Next Quarter:

September: Escaping Egypt; trust in God’s provision; scripture from Exodus; value: discernment

October: God delivers us; God’s desire to be present in our lives; Exodus cont.; God-seeking

November: Following God with courage; with God all things are possible; scripture from Numbers and Joshua; hope