LESSON PLAN
CHAPTER 6

Torch Bearers

Class 5 & 6

Jesus who came in search of sinners

Objective

By the end of this lesson

- Students will understand the depth of God's mercy towards sinners.
- They will recognize how Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and appreciate the importance of repentance in their own lives.
- They will also learn how Jesus' actions show that no one is beyond God's love and forgiveness.

Introduction

Begin the chapter with the question:

"Have you ever been in trouble and needed someone to help you, even when you didn't deserve it?"

Story:

There was once a young boy named Tom who got lost in a big shopping mall. He wandered off from his parents, and by the time he realized it, he was all alone. He was scared and didn't know what to do. But his parents, who had been looking for

him, finally found him. Even though he had wandered away, they didn't scold him. They hugged him and took him home.

This story is a bit like what we will talk about today—how Jesus searches for us, even when we go astray, and welcomes us back with love and mercy. Just as Tom's parents didn't give up on him, God never gave up on us.

Presentation of the topic

Part 1: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Read: Luke 15:11-24

Key Point: Jesus uses this parable to show that God is always ready to forgive and restore us when we turn back to Him in repentance. No matter how far we have strayed, God waits for us with open arms.

Reflection Question: How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back? How would you feel if you were in his shoes?

Part 2: The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Read: Luke 15:3-7

Key Point: The shepherd's actions represent God's love for each individual. God values each one of us so much that He will go to great lengths to bring us back to Him. This shows us that no matter how small or lost we might feel, God is always seeking us out.

Reflection Question: Why do you think Jesus compares sinners to lost sheep? What do you think the shepherd felt when he found the lost one?

Part 3: The Parable of the Lost Coin

Read: Luke 15:8-10

Key Point: Just as the woman searched diligently for the lost coin, God is always searching for those who are lost. Jesus teaches us that repentance brings not only forgiveness but great joy to God.

Reflection Question: How does this story show us God's great love for us, even when we stray? Why do you think the woman rejoiced when she found the coin?

Part 4: Jesus and the Woman Who Anointed His Feet

Read: Luke 7:36-49

Key Point: This act of love and repentance shows us that when we understand how much we have been forgiven, our response is to love God deeply. Jesus teaches that love and gratitude are the natural responses to God's mercy.

Reflection Question: How do you think the woman felt after Jesus forgave her sins? Why do you think Jesus emphasized the importance of love in this story?

Part 5: The Adulterous Woman

Read: John 8:1-11

Key Point: This story is another example of Jesus' mercy. Even when we have sinned, Jesus offers forgiveness and a second chance. He calls us to live in a way that reflects His love and grace.

Reflection Question: How did Jesus' actions show mercy toward the woman? What do you think He meant when He told her to "go and sin no more"?

Practical Application

Repentance is not just about feeling sorry; it's about turning away from sin and choosing to live according to God's ways. When we make mistakes, we should not run away from God but return to Him, just as the lost sheep or the lost coin is found. Jesus' actions show us how deeply God loves each of us and how willing He is to forgive and restore us.

Habit Formation

Go for confession at least once a month

Activity

1. Repentance Reflection:

Ask students to write down on a card one area in their life where they feel they need to turn back to God. Have them write a short prayer asking God for forgiveness and strength to stay on the right path. Encourage them to pray about this during the week.

2. Skit of the Lost Sheep or Prodigal Son:

Divide the class into small groups. Let them act out either the parable of the lost sheep or the prodigal son. Afterward, have the groups share how they think the characters felt when they were found or forgiven. Discuss how they can show the same love and forgiveness to others.

Bible verse

Luke 15:7

“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Conclusion

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. His love and mercy are available to everyone, no matter how far we have strayed. We are called to respond to His love by repenting and returning to Him. Repentance is not just a one-time act but a continual choice to live in God’s love and forgiveness.

“Let us be like the Prodigal Son, who found joy and forgiveness in returning to the Father, and always remember that God rejoices when we return to Him.”