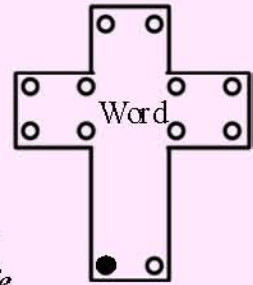


WORD of TRULY GREAT FREEDOM

2.7 This Abundant Life

Bible Verse : John 1:12
 But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.



Proclaim : *The Lord has come so that we may have abundant life*

Truth: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” says the Lord.



Scripture Reference: Genesis 15:1-6

Lesson: (1) The Life That God Blesses – *As a result of Abraham’s total belief in God, he was greatly blessed with purpose, direction, prosperity and joy. In the same way, let us believe in God’s promise of abundant life as He is a generous God who has said: “I have come, so that you may have life and life abundantly.” (Hebrews 11:8-12)*

(2) The Devil Is A Thief – *Show the one hundred dollar bill. Explain that there is real money and fake money. In the same way, the devil uses “fake things” to deceive and to steal. Jesus said : “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Ask: What are the fake things that deceive? List and discuss. (John 10 :10)*

(3) Real And Fake Satisfaction – *The things of this world bring about counterfeit and temporary happiness. Only God is able to give us real joy and satisfaction. Without the joy of God, we can easily become tempted and get caught into chasing after the things of the world. (John 16:22)*

(4) Be Led By The Holy Spirit – *All Bank employees need to be trained to tell the difference between real and fake money. Similarly, we need to differentiate between things that are of God and those that come from our spiritual enemies. The Holy Spirit has purposed to lead us. “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14-16)*

A true story: There was a father who got addicted to gambling and became heavily indebted. He consequently ended his own life by committing suicide, after having killed both his wife and own child. The devils had used fake things to tempt him and to destroy his family.

Question: Don’t you think this is tragic?

Conclusion: It is not the purpose of God to take away all of man’s enjoyments in life. Rather, it is His will for all men to enjoy abundant lives. It is Satan, our enemy, who wants to steal and destroy lives. Therefore, we have to be firm in believing that our God is a God of blessings.

<u>You Will Need:</u>	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory Verse Picture/Illustrations (optional)
BIBLE STORY TELLING	Genesis 15: 1-6 God blessed Abraham 1. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah, his wife was 90 when they finally conceived a miracle baby named Isaac. 2. Abraham believed God and was blessed in all ways, as promised by God many years previously.
PRAY	Give thanks to God for His promise of abundant blessings for all who would trust & obey His commands. (Other Prayers: _____)