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Introduction

The vision

To God we all have the same value. The Bible shows us the unique position that children have in the Kingdom of God. Jesus says: “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these children. Matthew 19:14. Our vision is to put this into action by giving children the value God gives them and guide them into a personal life together with him.

To reach this vision we must create meeting points for children where they are given the same value that God gives them. The concept of Manga Bible Clubs is a good way to reach this vision.

What is a Manga Bible Club?

The concept of Manga Bible Clubs is based on a cartoon Bible. This Bible has the true story, directly from the Scripture. These cartoons make it more interesting for children to read the Bible stories, especially children who cannot read long texts. The stories come alive with drawings of the characters from the Bible. This also facilitates the use of drama which is a key activity in the Manga Bible Clubs.

This manual is based on Manga Messiah, the story of the life of Jesus. This is the first of the Manga Bible parts to be translated into Kiswahili.

How to communicate with children?

When we communicate with children, we must make it simple; use pictures, use visual aids, tell the story and act the story. In this way the children will understand and remember the message.

We should talk with and not to the children and let them participate, and listen to what they say. Remember the unique value of every child. It is important to encourage them to come with their thoughts. Do not say that they are wrong. Give them a question.

What do you mean? What do the rest of the children think. Try to pose questions that don’t have a fixed answer, questions that help them reflect. The questions can start like this: What do you think..., How did this story make you feel...?, Have you ever...?

Do you know a similar situation...?

How to use the manual?

This manual is based on “Manga Messiah” and “The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible Devotional”. Every lesson has one Bible story with one or two focus points. Every part of the lesson is connected to the story and the focus points.

- **Welcome and fellowship:**

- It’s important to greet every child personally by name.
- We start every lesson with the same song and the same prayer.

This will make the children feel welcome and make them participate because it is familiar to them.

- **Songs:**

- In the manual we have chosen some songs that relate to the different stories and focus points. You are free to choose other songs that you know, also in Kiswahili, that are related to the focus points.
- Most of the songs in the manual can be found on Youtube, if you need to practice.

- **The Bible Story:**

- Go through the points in this section in the Lesson plan
- Spend enough time on letting the children act out the drama from the Manga Bible. Help those who struggle to read. Let older children read and help the young ones.
- Remember to let the children reflect when you ask the questions. The leader is not the one to answer all the questions. Spend time on reflection together. What can you learn from the text and what does it mean to your lives?
- The activities are meant to underline the focus points. Taking part in the activities will help the children remember the story.

- **Offering:**

- The reason why all the children must take part during the offering, is that we don’t want to put any stigma on the children who have not brought money.

- **Prayer and prayer stations:**

- We have not chosen for you which prayer station to use for each lesson. You can use one or several. Pick from the list on page 46 or make your own.
- End the prayer section with a small prayer for the children’s prayer requests and the prayer from the Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible Devotional.

- **Say the grace:**

- End the Manga Bible Club by standing together and saying the grace. After that you can join the service with a theater or song or dismiss the children to go home.
- If the congregation is having prayer stations in the service, conclude the Manga Bible Club by saying the grace, before you join the service together.

Christmas

Mary is chosen by God

Focus of the day

- Listen to the voice of God.
- Obey God.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: "I am safe with you." (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer: "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: Mary is chosen by God. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: "Jesus loves the little children" and "Trust and obey"**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Luke 1, page 132-33 The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible. Or another children's bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 5-9 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Angel
 - Mary
 - Joseph
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 134 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible, or another devotional, or your own.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 135 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.

- **Talk about the Action points** on page 135. What does this mean in our lives?
- **Activities:** Play the “Whispering game”. Place the kids in a circle. Decide on a word or a sentence. Whisper into the ear of the child next to you. The children will now whisper in turn to the other children in the ring until the last child has heard the whisper. The last child will say it out loud. Has the meaning changed? Play it again.
- **Songs:** “**Jesus loves the little children**”, “**Trust and obey**”, “**We are the chosen generation**” and other songs that fit the theme.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 135 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible. Or make your own related to the text for today.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The birth of Jesus

Focus of the day

- Learn the story about the birth of Jesus.
- God has a plan for all of us, as he had a plan for Mary and Joseph.

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: "I am safe with you." (Every time)
- Pray: "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen. (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: The birth of Jesus. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: "Mary's Boy Child"** and other songs about the birth of Jesus.

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Luke 2: Jesus is born on page 136-137 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 18-21 (first half) and give them different roles:
- Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Joseph
 - Mary
 - Jesus
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 138 from the The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 139 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 139 and write it on a card.

- **Activities:**
- Make a nativity scene together as a picture. The teacher draws the stable and the children draw the different figures in the story, people and animals. Cut them out and glue them onto the big picture of the stable.
- **Songs:**
- Repeat: "Mary's Boy Child", "Yesu ni wangu", "Yesu Kazaliwa" and other Christmas songs
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 138 in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more."

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The shepherd's story

Focus of the day

- God comes to all people, even poor shepherds.
- God can use all kinds of people.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: "I am safe with you." (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: The shepherd's story. Point to the focus points.

• **Song:" Mary's Boy Child"** and other songs about the birth of Jesus.

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Luke 2: The shepherd's story on page 140-141 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 21-27(first half) and give them different roles:
- Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Joseph
 - Mary
 - Shepherds
 - Angels
 - Jesus
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 142 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Ask the reflection questions on page 143 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.

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- **Talk about the Action points** on page 144. Make an angle and write 10 awesome things about God.
- **Activities:**
- Make a scene of the shepherd's field and the choir of angles together as a picture. The teacher and the children draw the different figures in the story, people and animals. Cut them out and glue them onto the big picture of the scene.

- **Song:** Repeat: "Mary's Boy Child and other Christmas songs"
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 142 in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more."

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Life of Jesus

My father's house

Focus of the day

- Seek God where you can find him.
- Find out what God wants to tell us.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: "I am safe with you." (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: My father's house. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: "Come and go with me to my Father's House"**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Luke 2: My father's house page 144-145 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 40-46 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Joseph
 - Mary
 - Jesus
 - Pharisee
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 146 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 147 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.

Manga Bible Club

- **Talk about the Action points** on page 147 and write your favorite bible verse on a card. Talk together and share the verses. Why is it so important for you?
- **Activities:**
- Make a big picture together of a church.
Let the children draw different things that happen in the church on small papers. (Ex. Alter, people who pray or sing, bibles, children, decorations, etc.) Clip them out and glue them on the big picture of the church.
- Maybe some of the older children can draw the church room.

- **Song:** “Come and go with me to my Father’s House”
Other songs.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 146 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Tested in the desert

Focus of the day

- How can we resist temptations?

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: "I am safe with you." (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: Tested in the desert. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: "Amazing grace" or other songs about God's grace and forgiveness.**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 4: Testes in the desert page148-149 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 55-59 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - The devil
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 150 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 151 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean for us?
- Important: Jesus is God and can resist temptation. We cannot every time. We need help. It's important to tell the kids that when you have failed, you can come to God and ask for forgiveness and He will forgive. You can also go to the one you have hurt and ask for forgiveness.

- **Talk about the Action points** on page 151 and help the children come up with their own situations.
- **Activities:**
- Use some of the situations from the children. Make a drama and try to find ways to end the story. (Play with different endings: First: The person cannot resist the temptation. After: The person gets help to take a good decision.)
- Make a prayer list together:
- Thanksgiving about everything God has given to us
- Prayers for people in need
- Giving praise to God

- **Song: “Amazing grace” or other songs about God’s grace and forgiveness.**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 150 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Demons and Healing

Focus of the day

- Jesus cares for us in every situation.

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Demons and Healing. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: “When Jesus say yes, nobody can say no.”**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 8, Mark 1, Luke 4: Demons and Healing page 152-153 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 108-11 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Peter’s mother in law
 - Peter
 - Disciples
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 154 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 155 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 155. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Make a nice card for someone who is sick or someone who needs encouragement.

- **Song: “When Jesus say yes, nobody can say no.”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 154 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The unholy temple

Focus of the day

- God and his house are holy, and we must respect that.
- God's gift of grace is free for all.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: The unholy temple. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: "Hosanna in the highest"**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from John 2: The unholy temple page 160-161 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 74-79 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Two disciples
 - Group of people
 - Small boy
 - Merchants
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 162 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 163 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 163. What does this mean in our lives?
- **Activities:**

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- Play The mirror: Pair up two and two. One child is the leader, the other child is the mirror. Stand face to face. The leader makes motions, the other child imitates like a mirror. Ex. The leader raises the right hand- The mirror raises the left hand in the same position. If the leader has slow motions, it is easier to follow. After some time, ask them to change roles.
- **Song: “Hosanna in the highest”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.
- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 162 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”
- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The visitor at night

Focus of the day

- Jesus gives us a chance to be born again.
- What does that mean in our lives?

• Welcome and Fellowship

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: The visitor at night. Point to the focus points.

• Song: “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart”

• The Bible Story:

- Read the story from John 3: The visitor at night page 164-165 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 81-84 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Nicodemus
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 166 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 167 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 167. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**

Questions corner: Let the children write down questions about Christianity that they wonder about on small pieces of paper. Put the papers in a small box or basket. Gather the children around you in a tight circle. Pick one paper and read the question out loud. Reflect together about the question and help the children reflect and find an answer together. If you can't find an answer. Keep the paper and give it to the pastor. Maybe he can help you. Continue. Keep the rest of the questions for another time.

- **Song:** "I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart" and other songs about the theme.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 166 in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more."

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Just sleeping

Focus of the day

- No problem is too big for God.
- We can come to Jesus with all our worries.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Just sleeping. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “Jesus loves me, this I know” or “He’s got the whole world in his hands”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 9, Mark 5, Luke 8: Just sleeping page 168-169 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 162-165 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - The woman
 - Jairus
 - Jairus’ daughter
 - The disciples (Peter, Jacob and John)
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 170 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 171 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 171. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Play the game: "Who touched you back?"
Chose two children to come in front. The rest of the children are told to close their eyes and put the head on the table or in their lap. The children in front go quietly around in the room and touch the back of one child each with a finger. Then they walk quietly back to the front. Tell the children to wake up. The ones who have been touched have to guess whom touched them. If they are right. They can be the next to go around and touch. Encourage the kids to not only chose their best friends. Continue the game as long as you wish.
- **Song:** "Jesus loves me, this I know", "He's got the whole world in his hands" and other songs related to the theme.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.
- **Prayer stations**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 170 in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more."
- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Sermon on the mount

Focus of the day

- Jesus gives us advice on how to best live our lives.
- Jesus teaches us to pray to God.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Sermon on the mount. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “Our Father who art in heaven” or “Up the mountain, down the valley”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 5, Luke 6: Sermon on the mount page 172-173 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 130-135 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - The disciples
 - Big group of people
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 176 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 177 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 177. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Hand out a piece of paper (A4), Let the children write down the prayer “Our Father” from Manga Messiah page 133. Let them decorate it and make it as a nice poster to take home. Assist the children who can’t read or write. If possible, make some copies that they can decorate. Practice the prayer together. The leader can make a poster that can be used in the Sunday School.

- **Song:** “Our Father who art in heaven” or “Up the mountain, down the valley” or other songs.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 176 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Jesus calms the storm

Focus of the day

- Trust that God is always there for you, even when you can not feel it.

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Jesus calms the storm. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: “Hallelu, halleu, hallelujah” or “He’s got the whole world in his hands”**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 6, Mark4, Luke 8: Jesus calms the storm page180-181 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 156-158 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Peter
 - The disciples
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 182 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 183 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 183. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Make a list together of Jesus' Miracles.
Let the children choose a miracle to make a drawing from.

- **Song:** "Hallelu, halleu, hallelujah" or "He's got the whole world in his hands" or other songs
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 182 in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more."

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Walking on water

Focus of the day

- Lift your eyes and trust in God.
- God saves us when we are in trouble.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Walking on water. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “God is so big, so strong and so mighty” or “He’s got the whole world in his hands”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 14, Mark 6, John 6: Walking on water page 184-185 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 176-179 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Peter
 - The disciples
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 186 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 187 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 187. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Let the children work on point 2 in the Action points and make their own Bookmarks. Cut a paper on the short end into narrow pieces. Let the children write the bible verse from Matthew 14:27 and decorate.

- **Song: “Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty”, He’s got the whole world in his hands” or “Who was walking over the waters”**
Other songs
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 186 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The good Samaritan

Focus of the day

- How can we be kind to all the people that we meet and help people in need?
- This question has no one fixed answer but is a lifelong learning process.

• Welcome and Fellowship

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: The good Samaritan. Point to the focus points.

• Song: “Do to others” or “Jesus loves me”

• The Bible Story:

- Read the story from Luke 10: The good Samaritan page 192-193 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 201-203 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Pharisees
 - The wounded man
 - Three robbers
 - Priest/Pastor
 - Levite
 - The good Samaritan
 - The Inn keeper
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 194 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 195 or ask other relevant questions from the text.

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- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 195. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Let the children plan a drama from real life in smaller groups. Ask them to find one situation from everyday life when they can act as a good Samaritan to someone in school, at home, on the street. This could be acted in front of the congregation.

- **Song: “Do to others” or “Jesus loves me”**
Other songs
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 194 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Easter

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Focus of the day

- Learn to praise the Lord.
- Children are very important to God.

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Jesus enters Jerusalem. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: “Hosanna in the highest”**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12: Jesus enters Jerusalem page 196-197 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 217-218 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - The disciples
 - The crowd
 - The Pharisees
 - The donkey
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 198 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 199 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.

- **Talk about the Action points** on page 199. What does this mean in our lives?
- **Activities:**
- Make palm leaves or find some outside. Practice the song to sing in the church with the palm leaves.

- **Song: “Hosanna in the highest”**
Other songs.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 198 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.

- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Betrayal

Focus of the day

- What can we do if we have betrayed God and each other with our words or our actions?

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Betrayal. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: “Lord, I lift you name on high”**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22: Betrayal page 200-201 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 228-230 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Judas
 - The woman
 - Disciples
 - Jesus
 - The Pharisees
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 202 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 203 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 203. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Make silver coins from paper. Each child can write or draw examples of sin in our lives (our betrayals) on the coin. If some of them want to share and tell about their coin, you can have a reflection about it. Let the children put all the coins in a basket and pray for forgiveness and strength to follow Jesus. The basket can also be used to pray for in a prayer station in the church service. (If you use it as a prayer station the adults can read on the coins and pray specifically for what is written on the coin. The congregation can also make their own coins and put them in the basket.

- **Song: “Lord, I lift you name on high”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 202 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

A cock crows

Focus of the day

- How to be humble and to handle our emotions?

Welcome and Fellowship

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: A cock crows. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: "Lord, I lift you name on high"**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 18: A cock crows page 204-205 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 248-250 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Peter
 - The girl
 - The servant
 - Pharisees
 - People
 - The cock
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 206 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 207 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 207. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:**
- Give the children small pieces of paper and let them draw emojis expressing different emotions. Let them share and show their emojis and explain the feeling.

- **Songs “Lord, I lift you name on high” and “Jogoo ilipowika”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
- Pray the prayer from page 206 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The death of Jesus

Focus of the day

- He died for you and me.
- Jesus forgives everyone, even the ones who Crucified him.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: The death of Jesus. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “Lord, I lift you name on high”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19: The death of Jesus page 208-209 The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 256-268 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Pilatus
 - People
 - Jesus
 - Mary
 - Robbers
 - Soldiers
 - Pharisee
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 210 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 211 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 210 What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:** Make a cross to remind us of what did for us on the cross. You can use different materials. (Cardboard, sticks, rope, wires
- , etc.) Every child can take it home to remember the text of the day. You can also make a crown of thorns.

- **Song: “Lord, I lift you name on high”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 210 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The empty tomb

Focus of the day

- The resurrection fulfilled the mission of Jesus coming to earth.
- The empty tomb gives us hope.

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: The empty tomb. Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “Lord I lift your name on high” and “One, two, three, Jesus is alive.”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 28, mark 16, Luke 24, Joh 20: The empty tomb page 212-213 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 269 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Mary and to other women
 - Soldiers
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 214 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 215 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 215. What does this mean in our lives?
- **Activities:** Let the children make a dance using the song: One, two, three, Jesus is alive. Sing and dance for the congregation in the Sunday Service.

- **Song:** “**Lord, I lift your name on high**”, “**One, two, three, Jesus is alive**” and “**Hosanna in the highest**” or other songs.
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 214 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Alive!

Focus of the day

- Jesus loves us and knows us by name.
- How can we love and serve Jesus?

• **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. “Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen.” (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today’s theme: Alive! Point to the focus points.

• **Song: “He is alive” and “Hosanna in the highest”**

• **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Matthew 28, Mark 16, John 20: Alive page 216-217 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 270-271 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Mary
 - Jesus
 - Peter
 - Women
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 272 from The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 273 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 273. What does this mean in our lives?

- **Activities:** Let each child make a little picture with his or her name written on it. Write: Thank you Jesus that you know my name on the picture. Let the big children help the small ones. Decorate the card nicely and hang it on the wall at home.
- **Songs: “He is alive”, “Hosanna in the highest”, “Jesus loves me” and other songs.**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.
- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 272 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.
- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”
- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

The Ascension

Focus of the day

- We must be Jesus witnesses and spread the message of God's love to everyone.

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. "Dear God. Thank you for gathering us here today. Help us to listen to you. Thank you for everything you have given to us. Help us to tell others about your love for all. In Jesus name. Amen." (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme: The Ascension. Point to the focus points.

- **Song: "Go tell it on the mountain" and "This little light of mine"**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from Mark 16, Luke 24, acts 1: The Ascension page 220-221 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page 276-280 and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Jesus
 - Disciples
- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page 222 from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page 223 or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean to us? How do you feel about this? What do you think? No answer is wrong.
- **Talk about the Action points** on page 223. What does this mean in our lives?
- **Activities:** Make small roleplays in groups about how they can invite others to the Manga Bible Clubs and the church and tell them about Jesus. Let them practice the roleplays by showing to the other groups. Then go to the Sunday Service and show some of the plays there.

- **Song: “Go tell it on the mountain” and “This little light of mine”**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.

- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page 222 in The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible.

- **Say the Grace:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more.”

- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Ressources

Sample text

Focus of the day

- **Welcome and Fellowship**

- Present yourself and call out the names of all the kids.
- Sing: I am safe with you. (Every time)
- Pray: Your welcome prayer. (The same prayer every time.)
- Short presentation of today's theme:

- **Song:**

- **The Bible Story:**

- Read the story from page The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible. Or another children's bible.
- Tell the children to open their Manga Messiah page and give them different roles:
 - Storyteller (starting the story, giving the sounds)
 - Role 1
 - Role 2
 - Role 3
 - Role 4
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- Read through the story in the Manga Messiah with the children
- Play the story as a theater play several times and let the children play different roles of their choice.
- **Read the devotional** on page from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible, or another devotional, or your own.
- **Ask the reflection questions** on page or ask other relevant questions from the text.
- What does this mean for us?
- **Talk about the Action points** on page
- **Activities:** Do a creative activity together. Drawing, drama, dance, make a song, or play a game.

- **Songs:**
- **Offering:** Sing a song and let all the children get up and walk a round to give money or just walk to show that we can also give our life, service or time to God.
- **Prayer stations.**
- **Prayer:**
 - Pray the prayer from page in The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible. Or make your own related to the text for today.
- **Say the Grace:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more. Amen"
- **Join the service with prayer stations or drama.**

Notes:

Ideas for

Prayer stations: Use of symbols

The cross

- Rocks as a symbol of the difficult, heavy things we want to leave with Jesus.
- Hang notes with words, confessions on the cross.
- Decorate with flowers or flowers made of paper as a symbol for the resurrection.
- Decorate with roses as a symbol of Jesus' death.

The heart

- God's big heart as a symbol of his everlasting love and our small hearts cut out in carton. Can write thanks, burdens, lessons learnt, act of love for our neighbours.
- Prayer requests for different people, groups of people, the country, the persecuted, the congregation, etc.

Footprints

- Can show us the way to both the cross and the heart.
- Can be filled with bible verses.
- Can be filled with a key word that leads to the next footprint until you arrive at the clue of for example the story that is the theme.

Crown of thorns

- Make a crown from fresh twigs and shape it. Let it dry.
- Can be used to symbolize the death of Jesus.
- Can help us reflect upon how big the sacrifice of Jesus was.

Other symbols from Bible stories

- Butterflies symbolizes hope.
- Rainbow symbolizes God's promise.
- Flames symbolizes the Holy Spirit.
- Light symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world.

Songs

“I am safe with you.”

:/: I am safe with you
I can pray to you
I can praise your Holy name

You have time for me
When I'm seeking you
My Savior, my Lord. :/:

“Mary's Boy Child”

“Come and go with me to my Father's House”

“Our Father who art in heaven”

“Hallelu, halleu, hallelujah”

“Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty”

“Do to others”

“Hosanna in the highest”

“Jesus love the little children”

“One, two, three, Jesus is alive”

“Jesus loves me”

“Go tell it on the mountain”

“I have got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

“This little light of mine”

“He's got the whole world”

“Lord, I lift your name on high”

Materials for the lessons

Books:

- The Manga Bible Club Manual
- The Manga Messiah
- The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible Devotional

Writing materials:

- Colour pencils or crayons
- Paper and cartoon of different sizes
- Pair of scissors
- Glue, glue sticks and tape