

Shalom Church (City of Peace)
Next Generation In Training (NGIT)
Lesson Topics
August

Goal for the Month:

As a new school year begins, and our students make ready to face new academic and social challenges, the goal of our lessons is two fold: (1) First, we intend to assure our students that God has and will give us all we need to succeed in school; (2) Second, we intend to assure them that, as children of God, God has given them the power to be a positive influence wherever they go. In other words, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

As we carry out these intensions, we will address questions like:

- What is life look like for a follower of Jesus?
- How can we be “salt” while at home, at school and other places in community?
- What purpose(s) does salt serve? What are we empowered to do in community?
- How can we be “light” while at home, at school and other places in community? What purpose(s) does light serve?
- In his famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us to enter life through the “narrow gate.” What does it mean to enter life through the “narrow gate?”

Key Terms: Influence, Hospitality, Disciple, Church, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit

Influence – to shape or cause something or someone to be and act a particular kind of way; to lead something or someone in a certain direction; EXAMPLE: As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been blessed with the power to influence others in a positive way. We have the power to influence others to follow Jesus. We have the power to influence others to listen and pay attention in class.

Hospitality – kind service to the other

Disciple – a learner and a follower of Jesus Christ; EXAMPLE: We can be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Church – The word “church” comes from the Greek “ekklesia” which means “gathering” or “assembly.” Therefore, the church is the gathering of the believers who come together to participate in fellowship with one another as they worship God.

God – God is the creator of all people, the world, the universe, and everything seen and unseen.

Jesus – Jesus is the Son of God; He is one with God, and He was sent here for our salvation.

Holy Spirit – He is called the “Promise of the Father”, given by Christ as a gift to the Church, to empower the Church for service to God, to place God’s love in our hearts. We are to grow in our experience of the Holy Spirit for the rest of our lives.

Lesson Texts for the Month:

- **August 5th – Matthew 4:18 - 22 – “Called to Follow Jesus”**
- **August 12th – Matthew 5:13 – “Living Salt”**
- **August 19th – Matthew 5:14 – 16 – “Living Light”**
- **August 26th – Matthew 7:13 – 14 – “The Narrow and Wide Gates”**

Memory Verses:

Philippians 4:13 (New Living Translation)

For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.

Matthew 5:13 (New International Version)

Jesus says to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth.”

Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Jesus says to his disciples, “You are the light of the world.”

Books of the Bible for the Month: One of our goals in NGIT this year is to teach the books of the Bible.

All youth should review and learn the following books of the Bible for the month of August:

The Letters written by Paul:

1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

*******Ways to get Involved*******

- Volunteer as a teacher's assistant during our 7:30, 9:45 or 12 noon worship services on Sunday
- Persons interested in volunteering in Next Generation In Training can contact Min. Preston Williams at (314) 653-2316

Song of the Month: On the third Sunday of every month, we give our students the opportunity of sharing a presentation with the congregation that reflects some aspect of their Christian education during the month. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to prepare our students to give God their best during these presentations. Please rehearse the song of the month at home with your child(ren) in preparation for the third Sunday.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to prepare our children for our Next Generation In Training (NGIT) presentation Sunday, August 19th during our 9:45a and 12 noon services. We can only give God our best with your help.

In order to hear the song of the month, please place your e-mail address on our youth sign-in-sheet in the right column when you sign your child(ren) in to class.

AUGUST NGIT Presentation

Song Title: "Keep Me in the Hollow"

Keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands

Why don't you keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands

There is love in the hollow, love in the hollow
Love in the hollow of your hands (REPEAT THIS ONCE)

He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands

So Lord please keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow

Keep me in the hollow of your hands

Why don't you keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands

He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands

So Lord please keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands

Why don't you keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands

There is shelter in the hollow, shelter in the hollow
Shelter in the hollow, shelter in the hollow of your hands (REPEAT THIS ONCE)

Why don't you keep me in the hollow, keep me in the hollow
Keep me in the hollow of your hands (REPEAT THIS ONCE)