

THEME: SYMBOLS OF THE WORD OF GOD**LESSON #3: LAMP, OUR GUIDING LIGHT****LESSON SCRIPTURES:** Ps.119:105; Joshua 8:30–35**MAIN EMPHASIS:** The word of God is an illuminating word guiding the believer day by day.**MEMORY VERSE:** Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught...”

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the session, the students should be able to:

1. Understand how the word of God is a spiritual lamp to our feet and light to our paths;
2. Identify the significance of the word of God to Christians, especially new converts;
3. Determine the benefit of using the Bible as lamp and light;
4. Understand the effects of having insufficiency of God’s word or the lack of it;
5. Purpose in their hearts the necessity of studying God’s word; and
6. Understand and recite the given memory verse.

CLEARING OF DIFFICULTIES:

- Lamp – any of various devices for producing light or sometimes heat.
- Blessing (pagpapala) - a favor or gift bestowed by God.
- Curse (sumpa) - harm resulting from an appeal to a supernatural power.
- Mt. Gerizim - the location of the ceremony of the blessings.
- Mt. Ebal - the location of the ceremony of the curses.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:**INTRODUCTION:**

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Ps. 119:105)

LESSON PROPER:

Joshua wrote on stones a copy of the law of Moses. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel. Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses—just as it is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the foreigners who lived among them.

The Hebrews have a manual or guide, the word of God, in which they know the consequences of their actions/lifestyle in the eyes of God. Basically, when one breaks a law written on the stones, they are not surprised that curses come. Also they know how to reconcile with God by giving sin offering to be made right with God again. The law of Moses, given by God to His people, consisting of many commandments is a lamp for the Israelite’s daily living.

LIFE APPLICATION:

The Bible is our lamp providing light, guiding us to live our daily lives according to His purpose.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY:

EVALUATION:

SEVEN SYMBOLS USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE WORD OF GOD

1. **A SWORD:** The bible is a pointed word that convicts the hearer. Heb.4:12.
2. **A HAMMER:** The bible is powerful and breaks the resistance of the hearer. Jer.23:29.
3. **A SEED:** The bible is a living word regenerating the hearer. I Per.1:23.
4. **A MIRROR:** The bible is a faithful word, revealing the individual to himself. James 1:23-25.
5. **A FIRE:** The bible is a burning word, consuming the dross in the hearer. Jer.20:9, 23:29.
6. **A LAMP:** The bible is an illuminating word guiding the believer day by day. Ps.119:105.
7. **FOOD:** The bible is nourishing food, feeding the soul. I Pet.2:2, Heb.5:12-14, ICor.3:2, Rom.10:17. Certainly, the word of God convicts, breaks, regenerates, reveals, consumes, illuminates and nourishes the individual.