

★ Rejoice!

To Live Is Christ

Lesson 12

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Philippians

Study Guide: Read “Rejoice: *To Live Is Christ*” from *New Testament Highlights - Part 1*.

Lesson Objective: Paul was imprisoned without any of the comforts of his time. He was without health, family, and wealth; yet he instructed the Christians at Philippi to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” What was the secret to Paul’s joy?

Lesson Application: Paul loved serving God on earth, and he knew it would be wonderful when he went to heaven. If I follow Paul’s example, I can “rejoice always” too.

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:21



“THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART...”

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

—Philippians 1:21

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Bridge

Teacher Tips

Don't use only the lecture method. Ask your students many questions. Their answers will help you determine how well they are understanding what you are trying to teach.

The Teacher’s Lesson Plan

Materials:

A Picture of a Bridge

What You Could Say:

We have more than half a million—that’s 500,000—bridges in our country! People walk or drive on bridges to cross bodies of water and railroads, among other things. Perhaps you have seen bridges that connect two high cliffs together or have even walked across one on a sunny afternoon. On a busy highway, you may even see bridges on top of other bridges! Designers and builders create bridges to hold a tremendous amount of pressure from the weight not only of people and automobiles but also of what those people and automobiles carry.

Like the designers and builders of our country’s bridges, God knows exactly how much each of us can carry or do. He builds us so that we can withstand the pressure from the weight of trials—sad things that happen to us—of this world and continue doing what we are supposed to do. Today, in our lesson, we will learn what kind of spirit, or attitude, we should have during these trials and what we can do to have that spirit.

Teacher’s Notes

Children are the
world’s most
valuable resource
and its best hope
for the future.

—John Kennedy