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Helping Upper Elementary Kids Understand Salvation

Spiritual Development.

Fourth and fifth graders are capable of understanding and responding to God's plan of salvation. Although some cannot understand the abstract concept of faith, they can grasp the following:

- They can see the moral reasoning of Bible characters and God's response to their actions.
- They are beginning to understand ethical concepts—they often have a strict moral code of behavior.
- They are learning how to read and study the Bible with an emphasis on Bible facts.
- They have group values. They want to be part of a church family and Sunday school.
- They understand the purpose of prayer and may make up spontaneous prayers.

Teaching Salvation.

Understanding your fourth and fifth graders' spiritual maturity will help you approach the topic of salvation. Remember, spiritual maturity may or may not follow physical or mental growth. As you interact with your kids, try to notice actions that indicate spiritual yearnings.

One lesson each quarter will specifically focus on salvation, but during any lesson, a child may feel God's special love and want to respond and accept Christ. For those who do express a special interest, try to talk with them after class. Involve parents by informing them of the situation.

Here's one way to present the plan of salvation to your kids:

1. Our Sin. Read or have your kids read **Romans 3:23 and 6:23.** (When possible, use an easy-to-read Bible translation.) Help your kids identify with these verses.

2. Christ's Love. Read **John 3:16 and Romans 5:8.** Your kids need to see that Jesus loves them and died for their sins.

3. Our Faith. Read **Romans 10:9 and 1 John 1:9.** Explain to your kids that Jesus died for our sins and when we believe in Him, Jesus comes into our lives. Lead the kids in a simple prayer, giving them an opportunity to make a commitment to Christ.



Coming Up This Winter

How Jesus Came

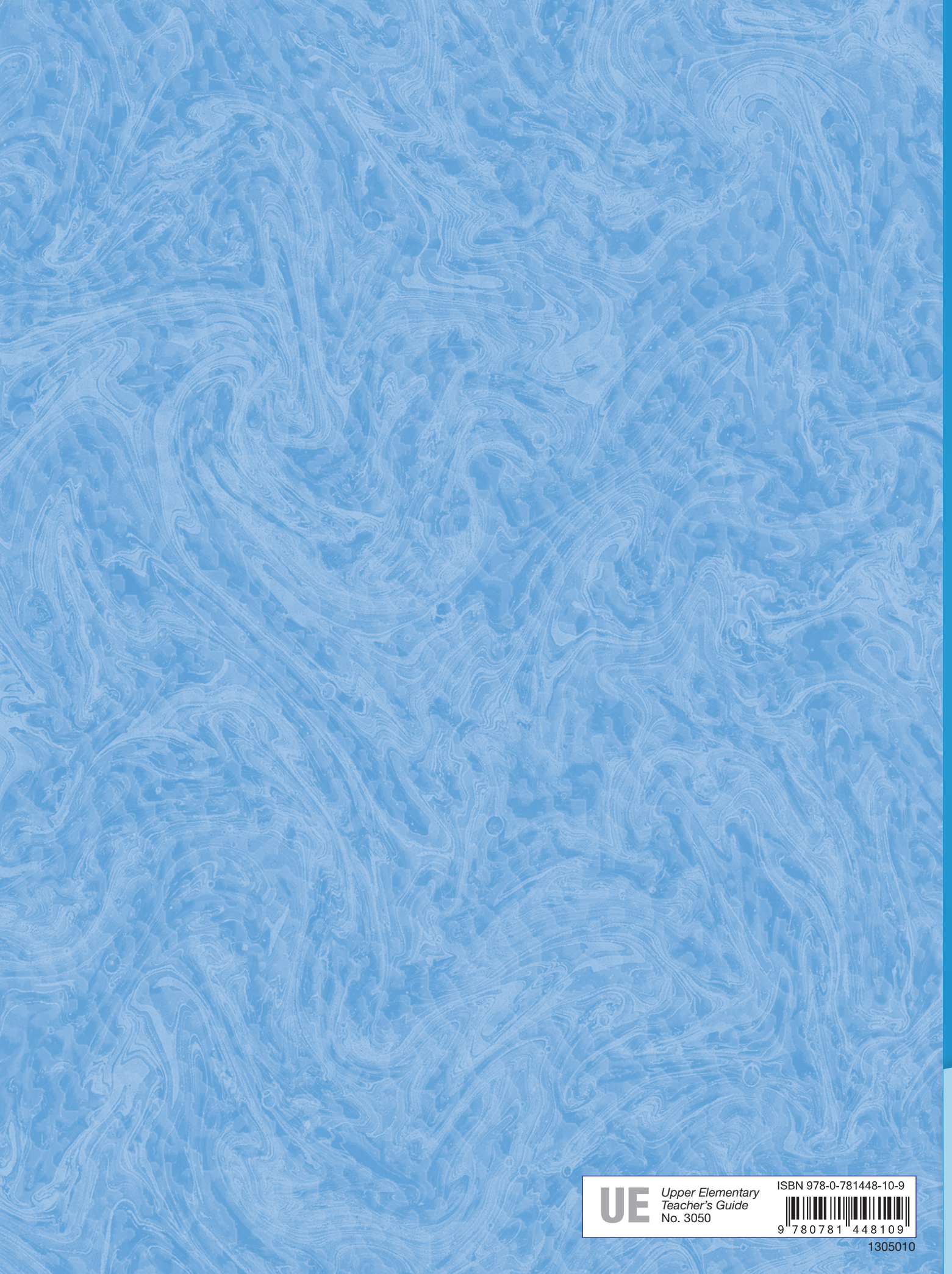
In December your students will learn about Gideon and will study the account of Jesus' coming to earth as a baby. Scripture from: Judges, Matthew, and Luke. Value: Dependability

Who Jesus Was

During the month of January, your kids will continue with their study of Jesus' life and the titles He used for Himself. Scripture from: John and Galatians. Value: Love

What Jesus Said

For February, students study the parables and will discover the stories Jesus told. Scripture from: Matthew. Value: Compassion



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