Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“Christiana and the Kids”**

**I. “A New Journey Begins” (Emphasis upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith)**

The book was written a few years after Bunyan wrote Part 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ financed the publishing of Part 2. Bunyan uses a narrator at the beginning of the book. Narrator falls asleep and meets Mr. Sagacity in the forest. Mr. Sagacity tells the narrator that he has indeed heard of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his travels to Celestial City. Christian is now spoken of in admiration within the City of Destruction. Christiana and her four sons (Matthew, Joseph, Samuel and James) all lament their decision to not go with Christian. Christiana has a dream. Christiana has visit from an ambassador of the Lord, named Secret. Soon as a Christiana becomes a pilgrim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arrives: Mrs. Timorous, Mrs. Bat’s-eyes, and Mrs. Know Nothing. One of Christiana’s neighbors “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” asks to go along with her to Wicket Gate. They make it to through the Slough of Despond and find themselves at the Wicket Gate (Mr. Sagacity leaves the story). The Lord of the Way!

**II. “Foes and Friends: The Road to Interpreter’s House” (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

Any semblances of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have disappeared from the pilgrims at the Wicket Gate. Bunyan makes it clear that the Gate represents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The barking dog represents how the \_\_\_\_ will fight against those seeking Christ. “Two Ill-Favored Ones” try to \_\_\_\_ Christiana and Mercy. The Reliever comes to help them and provides 2 lessons. Christiana learns that pilgrims need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and secondly, they can never let their guard down (especially after a time of blessing). Eventually they arrive at the House of Interpreter and like Christian are shown 7 things: 1. Man with muck rake, above him is a man holding a gold crown; the man looks down and can’t see the crown. 2. Tidy room with a spider (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fear), teaches us that no matter how good you are the smallest of thing can be venomous. Family proverbs are read together and next there is a time of dinner and testimonies. Mercy is presented as a woman of very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and weaker faith, the opposite of the heroes of the faith. Bunyan the pastor is ministering to women, the weak, and to the children. The lesson from Bunyan is: There is room in the Kingdom of God for those with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**III. “A Second Visit to the Palace Beautiful” (Reminders and Teaching)**

Before they depart a bath will make them clean for the journey (John 13). Also, they are given a seal, a mark and new clothes (Ephesians 1:13). A conductor was given to them: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Minister of the Gospel) he is given Gospel armor while the women and children are given none. Next, there is a discussion between Christiana and Great-heart (Words and Deeds). Bunyan is teaching that justification is by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the faith is imputed! Substitutionary Atonement explained and

double Imputation (Our sins imputed to Christ and he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his righteousness imputed to our account and we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cor 5:21. Simple, Sloth, and Presumption are found hanging on irons near the cross, as they have been executed. At the base of the Hill of Difficulty we find the stream is not clear like when Christian visited, now the water is dirty (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). The pilgrims climb and become tired and encouraged to persevere to the Prince’s Arbor. Great-heart asks James what he thinks about going on this pilgrimage. Bunyan’s notes in the column state “Mark this” which is a commentary on how both Christian and Christiana lost something at the Arbor. The lesson is: being careless will risk losing valuable blessings! Mistrust and Timorous were burned through the tongue for hindering Christian. Grim stops the group and Great-heart kills him. Porter’s Lodge/Palace Beautiful represents the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Great-heart surprisingly goes back to Interpreter’s home. They did not ask him go the whole way so he does not (lesson: ask and you will receive). Prudence, Piety and Charity teach the boys and catechize the family. The church’s role is to help catechize the family! The lesson of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as provided by the courtship of Mercy and Mr. Brisk (Page 230).

**IV. “The Road to Vanity” (Walking the Path of Evil)**

Matthew and Samuel eat the fruit of Beelzebub’s Orchard, and Mr. Skill provides a potion that cures them.

Christiana orders 12 boxes of the medicine, because with 4 boys she figures it will be needed. Ex Carne et Sanguine Christi (From the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ). They request that Mr. Great-heart come back and join them. The pilgrims enter into the Valley of Humiliation and see a pillar with Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it and a sign. Next, they enter into the Valley of the Shadow of Death and are greatly frightened. Great-heart reminds the pilgrims of James 4:7 and Isaiah 50:10 (let them that walk in darkness and have no light, trust in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Maul the evil giant accuses Great-heart of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ women and children (Maul dies in the ensuing sword fight). Bunyan introduces a new character named Mr. Honest (in the same place Faithful is introduced). Great-heart and Mr. Honest discuss a man named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who has the Root of the Matter in him. The Pilgrim’s arrive outside of Vanity and stay at the home of Gaius. Gaius and his cook, Taste-that-which-is good, recount the legacy of Christian. Gaius suggests Matthew and Mercy wed. You marry to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, rather than you fall in love and marry. Giant Slay-good is holding Mr. Feeble-mind from the town Uncertain. James and Phoebe wed. Now onto Vanity!

**V. “From Vanity to Doubting Castle” (Avenging the Evil)**

The pilgrims arrive in Vanity at the home of Mr. Mnason who represents a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in an evil city. Vanity was much more tolerant to Christianity. Next, Samuel marries Grace (Mnason’s daughter) and Joseph weds Martha (Mnason’s daughter). Marriage was regarded with honor, and people married \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were expected to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The pilgrims visit the site of Faithful’s martyrdom. Perhaps this passage represents the start of families among the pilgrims. Mr. Great-heart, Mr. Honest and the 4 boys go to the Doubting Castle in order to kill the Giant Despair and his wife Diffidence. Lesson: Even though Despair has been conquered and killed, \_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the palace and make Despair the Giant again!

VI. “On to Enchanted Ground and the Celestial City” (Faith in Christ Alone!)

The pilgrims arrive at the Delectable Mountains and are greeted by the Shepherds. They show them Mount Innocent where they saw a man clothed in all white; and two men, Prejudice and Ill-will, continually casting dirt upon him. Now behold the dirt, whatsoever they cast at him, would in a little time fall off again, and his garment would look clear as if no dirt had be cast at him (God will win the battle against \_\_\_\_). The pilgrims next meet “Mr. Valiant-for-Truth” and hear his testimony. Truth is meant to fight against \_\_\_\_\_\_! Truth must fight with a good a weapon, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blade. The Enchanted Ground where Christian and Hopeful were not permitted to sleep is the next stop for our pilgrims. Mr. Standfast is introduced to the group and he recounts his temptation to commit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a woman by the name of Madam Bubble (Proverbs 5). Bunyan wanted to teach his church that they were to turn away from and even flee sexual immorality! The group now comes into the Land of Beulah, where the sun shines day and night; this represents the staging area for pilgrims to cross the river and enter into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Land of Beulah represents a serious time of rest, dining, and fellowship for the pilgrims. A courier from the Celestial City visits Christiana and announces that she is expected to come to the Celestial City. Next, all of the remaining main characters of the book are called to come to the Celestial City. The calling from Celestial City is a calling for the pilgrims to prepare for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Remember that during the time of Bunyan the average lifespan was between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, thus people of that time were well acquainted with death. Christiana’s 4 boys and their families remain in the Land of Beulah and are not yet called to die during the second part of Pilgrim’s Progress. The puritans believed that the believer should be fully prepared for death. The ultimate desire for the pilgrims is not to place great value in this world, but rather they are to seek the promises in the Kingdom of God! Because death was such a regular part of life in the 17th century, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people were considered important and each of the main character’s final words are recorded in the book. Mr. Valiant-for-truth had many accompany him to the river, into which he said, “Death where is thy Sting” and “Grave, where is thy Victory”. Mr. Standfast’s testimony of his death provides a passionate and appropriate ending to Pilgrim’s Progress 2.

**4/26 “The Men Who Brought Christ to America”**