

Mary Rose and Me

Ephesians 4:25-26

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

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Happy to be back in her Bible class, Mary Rose added a bright sticker to her chart for bringing her Bible! Everyone who brought their Bible got to add a sticker on their chart, even the teacher. Two of the students had forgotten to bring their Bibles so they used some from the book shelf in the class room. It held several books that were from time to time useful in class. Sitting in her chair at the table, Mary Rose was anxious for the Bible lesson to begin. They had already opened their Bibles and found the Old Testament book of 1st Kings. Then they opened the BIG Bible with a picture that marked the book of 1 Kings. Inside it had a picture of two



faces. One had a smile the other a frown. There was also a crown, and a picture of an open mouth. The class tried to figure out what each picture had to do with the lesson. "A King!" said one boy. Mary Rose asked "Is someone sad then happy?" "And what about the mouth?" Said another. The teacher said, "Those are all good thoughts and if you put on your listening ears and come over to the Bible lesson area you will find out what all these things have to do with." Part of the reason why they loved

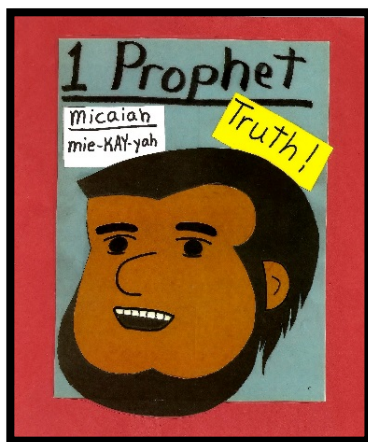
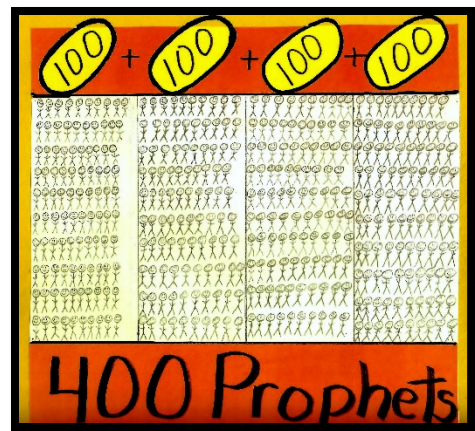
their Bible lesson so much was because that was when they got to sit in their Bible story tent! Everyone scooted in close sitting on their pillows. The teacher had a low chair to sit on in the corner and a small table beside her where she laid her open Bible and other things having to do with the lesson. It was just right and everyone could see the pictures as she talked about them. All the students enjoyed passing the globe around and finding the 3 X's. A green one on the United States, a red one that pointed out Israel, and a yellow one that showed where the land of Aram/Syria was. Once the globe made its way around the teacher passed out a sad face and a happy face to each of her students. She explained as they listened to the Bible lesson when they heard about someone who was good or happy then they were to hold up the face with a smile, and if someone was bad or angry then hold up

the frown. So they listened very carefully. They learned the crown in the BIG Bible had to do with 2 Kings! One was good King Jehoshaphat, everyone held up their smiley faces ☺.



Another was bad King Ahab, and up went the frowns ☹. They learned how Jehoshaphat and Ahab sat and talked with each other wearing their royal robes and how they discussed going into battle to take back some land that the King of Aram/Syria had taken over from Israel. King Jehoshaphat said he would help King Ahab but wanted to ask God if going into battle was a good choice or not. ☺ He was smart! That's where the Prophets came in. This was a new word to Mary Rose and some of her friends.

They learned that the Prophets helped the Kings know God's messages. They spoke boldly for God. Mary Rose spoke up and said, "That's what the mouth was for!" And the teacher nodded. Sometimes God's messages were good. ☺ Sometimes they would warn them about something bad that would happen. ☹ (Down came the smiles and up went the frowns.) King Ahab had 400 prophets in the lesson who lied to the king and only told him the things he wanted to hear. ☹ They lied and said it was a good thing to go into battle. ☹ Then he had ONE GOOD Prophet who spoke the words of the Lord, whose name was Micaiah. ☺ Mary Rose enjoyed using



the faces and also liked it when the class said Micaiah's name together (Mie-KAY-yah). Their teacher praised them

for doing such a good job! They learned Micaiah always wanted to tell the truth ☺ but King Ahab did not like what Micaiah told him because God's messages to the King were mostly unhappy messages. ☹ So when Micaiah saw all the other Prophets who had lied, ☹ sadly he went along with them and also lied. ☹ But King Ahab knew something was not right so he commanded him to be sure to tell the truth. And so that

was what he did. Micaiah told the truth! ☺ Micaiah said "If you go to battle the people will be like sheep without a shepherd" (Ahab would die). Micaiah also said the other 400 prophets had lied. ☺ When he said that one of the other prophets became angry and hit Micaiah on the cheek. ☹ Poor Micaiah, even though he told the truth, he got hit. The King ends up putting Micaiah in prison with only bread and water to drink, ☹ but that did not change God's true message to King Ahab. The King decides to go into battle and the people end up just as Micaiah said, "Like a sheep without a shepherd." Bad King Ahab died from an arrow that was shot during the battle. ☺ Did Micaiah do the right thing by telling the truth? Yes he did,

but sometimes those who are honest end up being hurt like Micaiah who did nothing wrong but told the truth. The teacher asked, "Can anyone tell me of someone else in the Bible who did nothing wrong but ended up being hurt?" Mary Rose thought about Jesus the Son of God and raised her hand. After a little more discussion, their teacher pulled out a poster with the face of a boy on it. His mouth was kind of curled up on one side. The teacher progressed to tell them a poem about this boy who wasn't honest about some of the things he did.

"...And the amazing thing" Mary Rose told her parents, "was his eyes moved from the right to the left to see if anyone was around to see!" "But there was something he forgot, when he did something he should not, God was watching." Mary Rose thought about how God could see her all the time and knew she didn't want to EVER tell a lie. To please God we must always be honest. Col. 3:9-10, Heb. 4:13



Greetings!

To my Sister Bible class teachers,

This month Mary Rose got to be part of an interactive Bible lesson. Her and her class mates loved it! Though many of us do not have the luxury of a classroom large enough for a tent, some of us just might. Effectiveness comes in big and small packages! As Bible teachers we seem to go to great lengths to draw the attention of our student's into the Bible lesson; and I say that is wonderful. Keep on keeping on! You are doing great!!

Many of us know making a Bible lesson, especially from scratch, can be a bit overwhelming at times. Preparation does take time and must include study, which means study materials for looking up words, context and such. If you do not have a good Bible program on your computer, then you may want to look into checking out some basic study materials from your church library or look into purchasing some of your own a little at a time.

Everyone has their favorites but I find these listed to be helpful.

- Nelson's Bible Dictionary
- Strong's Concordance
- Interlinear Bible
- Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words
- Talk Thru the Bible by Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa.
- Bible Commentary

- Various translations of the Bible to compare verses such as:
 - American Standard
 - New American Standard Update
 - English Standard
 - New King James
 - New International

Hopefully along with developing your Bible lesson, some sort of visual aid creativity not too hard to find. Oops! Did I say CREATIVITY? Do you have a fear of that word? Don't close the door just yet! I am hoping to encourage you just a bit in that category. Within the last few years I have found a wonderful on line site that can make this process a bit easier and you can really come up with some attractive visual aids. Google - **Distant Shores Media** and click on **Bible Illustrations from Sweet Publishing**. Click on the book of the Bible you are developing a lesson from and you will find a ton of beautiful, free, color visual aids right at your fingertips! I have loved learning new and easier ways of developing visual aids and try to make things as easy on myself as possible while still getting the point across. Using stick figures can be very effective as well. The kids love them. If you have never Googled Screen Beans you should. They can bring across an emotion real well.

It has been my plan this month to include 4 of my own printable files (including Mary Rose and Me) that work together for the lesson of Micaiah that Mary Rose learned about in Bible class. You may print these files and have them on hand for your own class use!

What's in the files?

1. **Storyline to the Bible lesson about Micaiah.**
2. **Visual aids** to go with the storyline. (Cut apart storyline and glue to back of pictures. #1 from storyline goes with #1 picture visual and so on.) I made the visual aids on 11x17 sized paper, but you can make them whatever size you wish. Feel free to use them in a power point presentation if you have that capability.
3. **Honesty poster application** includes the poem, pictures, and instructions on how to make one for yourself.

Below I have listed the process I went through to make this lesson for class. Once it's done I have it on file.

Storyline.

I read through the Bible verses and paraphrased where needed for a child's understanding. Looked up things I had questions about in study materials.

- Found other places in the Bible that told more information about this lesson to get the whole story. (Not only in 1 Kings 22 but also 2 Chronicles 17-18). Sometime the class does not need to know the "whole" story/record but as teachers we need to know as

much about the context of what we are presenting as possible. It sure does help when those questions arise. 😊

- As I read, and different subjects or people came up within the text, I began a new paragraph in my paraphrasing and numbered them in succession each time a change came and for easy reference included the verse(s) beside the paragraph that my notes went with. Most likely each paragraph ends up having a different picture/visual aid.
- Used my Bible computer program – PC Study Bible Version 5, (Strong’s Concordance, Bible Nelson’s Bible Dictionary, Greek/Hebrew words by verse, Barnes’ Notes and other study materials.
- Looked up and used various verses on honesty and lying etc. using Strong’s Concordance.
- Used Kiel and Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament 1 Kings.

Visual Aids.

- I used my own art work for the faces of the characters made out of construction paper, stick men and words.
- Found on line Google Images needed and downloaded. Screen Beans!
- Used a copier to reduce some of the visuals down for scanning ability for C.F.Y.C. file.
- Inserted pictures and made text boxes on 11x17 size document in Word program on my computer.
- Glued storyline numbered paragraphs to corresponding numbered visual aids.
- Print off and laminate for use.

I do love the [Distant Shores Media - Bible Illustration form Sweet Bible Publishing](#) free downloads, but could not find any for this lesson. Again I encourage you to check out this site on line.

Application Honest Poster.

- I drew the face free hand on white poster board with pencil and used marker to highlight and then colored it with crayons. (That was before I learned to chalk. I love to chalk most of my pictures now.) You can enlarge the face I have provided or you may be able to find a face on line to print or it could even be a stick figure face with big eyes.
- I trimmed the size of the poster down some so it was easier to hold while I made the eyes move.

If you have any comments or questions feel free to leave them and I will get back with you!

Serving in Christ,
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