Master Plan

Tough Issues, Straight Answers

	LESSON TITLE/SCRIPTURE	CENTRAL POINT	STUDENT APPLICATION
1	PARENTS! GETTING THE KNOTS OUT OF FAMILY TIES Gen. 22; Deut. 5:16; 1 Sam. 2, 3, 19:1–7; Prov. 2:1, 5; Luke 2:41–52; Eph. 6:1–4; Col. 3:20, 21	Parents aren't perfect, but God calls them to train their children to follow him. Children who obey their parents honor God and receive his blessing.	I should obey my parents in the Lord and receive God's blessing; I will seek to communicate with my parents on a deeper level.
2	HOW CAN I FIND GOD'S WILL? Psalm 32:8; John 6:28, 29, 40; Rom. 10:9; 12:1, 2; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:29; 2:4–6; 1 Thess. 4:3–6a; 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 2:11–15; 4:12–16	Following God's direction for our lives is a walk of obedient faith, intended to glorify God and make us more like Christ.	I can choose five faith attitudes that will prepare me to seek and do God's will.
3	HOW CAN I BREAK A SINFUL HABIT? Genesis 3:4, 5; Romans 7:19; 8:1, 2; 1 Corin- thians 10:13; Ephesians 4:22–32; Philippians 1:4–6; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:13–15	The work of Christ gives the power to overcome sin. Our love for Jesus gives us the desire to break sinful habits.	God understands my struggle with sinful habits, and with his help I can develop a plan to break them as I seek to live for him.
4	SELF-IMAGE: WHOSE IMAGE IS IN MY MIRROR? Genesis 1:26–28; 3:1–23; John 3:3, 5–7, 16, 17; Galatians 3:26–29; 4:4–7	Our self-image is not based on worldly standards but on the truth that we are made in God's image.	The answer to the question, Who am I? is not found in what the world says, but in what God says.
5	VALUING LIFE BECAUSE GOD DOES Genesis 9:1–6; Psalm 139:13–16; Matthew 6:25, 26; Luke 5:12	Because God is the author of life and has created us in his image, we should value human life as he does.	I should value every person—born or unborn—because all of them are valuable to God as his image-bearers.
6	RATING DATING Genesis 2:18; Psalm 1:1–3; Proverbs 13:20; Mat- thew 22:37–40; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthi- ans 6:14; Galatians 5:22, 23 Ephesians 4:29–5:2	God has created us all for relationships, but it is only when we operate within the guidelines of God's Word that we find fulfillment.	I need to develop biblical standards for dating because they will guide and protect me as I enter dating relationships.
7	GOD'S GOOD GIFT OF SEX Genesis 1:27; Proverbs 5:3–6; 2 Corinthians 5:21	Sexual purity (including virginity before marriage) is God's design for us—and the only choice for believers.	I am convinced that sexual purity—both before and after marriage—is my only option.
8	FRIENDSHIP: REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE Matthew 22:34–40; John 15:10–17; 1 John 4:10–12, 19–21	God calls us to reflect his love in the way we love each other.	I need to repent of my sins against my friends and develop new attitudes toward them that reflect God's love for me.
9	GUILT: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE PUZZLING Genesis 3:8–10; Romans 3:19–24; 8:1–4, 31–34; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:8–10; Revelation 12:10	We experience true guilt when God convicts us of sin to bring us to repentance, but Satan uses false guilt to accuse us, too. We need to know how to handle both.	I know the difference between true and false guilt and how God wants me to respond to each one.
10	IS "GAY" OKAY? Genesis 2:18–25; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:21–32; 12:1, 2; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Ephesians 4:17–24	God wants us to trust him with anxieties about our sexuality and not try to repair our lives in our own ways, as homosexuals do.	Homosexuality is a sinful solution to sexual confusion, but God cares about those struggles and can forgive homosexual sin.
11	EENY, MEENY, MINEY, MOOTHER FAITHS HAVE GOTTA GO Mark 2:1–12; John 6:28–40; 11:21–27, 38–44	Jesus' person and work is the basis of our faith and the only way to God. You must personally put your faith in Christ to receive his salvation.	My salvation rests on Jesus' unique nature and work, received by faith.
12	HOW CAN I KNOW I'M REALLY A CHRISTIAN? Matthew 7:21–23; Mark 9:24; Colossians 2:6, 7; 1 Timothy 1:13–16; Hebrews 10:35–39; James 2:19–22; 1 John	God's Word gives us the standard by which we can know for sure that we are children of God.	My life reveals the genuineness of my faith in Christ, and so does my response to a conviction of sin.
13	ME AND THE CHURCH: WHY BOTHER? Jeremiah 31:33, 34; Matthew 23:23, 24; Mark 12:28–34; Romans 5:6–8; 1 Corinthians 13:3	Making a profession of faith and becoming a communicant member of the church is a way of demonstrating your love for Jesus and his family.	I want to publicly commit myself to Jesus and his people by professing my faith in Christ and becoming a communicant church member.