**CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE JSS 2**

**4TH WEEK**

**JESUS OBEYED HIS PARENTS (LK.2:41-52).**

When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem for the yearly celebration of the feast of Passover. According to custom, every Jewish boy was bound to fulfil the law at the age of twelve. When the festival was over, the parents started going back without knowing that Jesus was not among them. He stayed back in Jerusalem. They went back through Jerusalem looking for him. On the third day, they found him in the temple among learned men. Jesus was teaching and answering questions from them and everybody was amazed. His parents were surprised when they saw him and his mother said to him, “Son, why have done this to us, your Father and I have been very worried trying to find you”.

Jesus said to them “Why did you have to look for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house?” They did not understand his answer, which he gave them. Jesus went back with them to Nazareth and became obedient to them. Jesus grew up both in body and wisdom.

Joseph was a carpenter and a very good one. Jesus was dedicated to the work of his father and helped him in every way possible. Jesus took care of his father, Joseph as he got old and could no longer do any manual work. He also took care of his mother.

**JESUS UNDERSTANDING OF HIS FAMILY**

Jesus understood the family so much more than his parents and relatives did. This was because he knew why came to the world and the work ahead of him. In as much as he recognized Joseph and Mary as his parent, he did not want to be too much attached to them because his mission was for people. Therefore, Jesus idea of the family concerns all those who love peace and do what God wants them to do.

**5THWEEK**

**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST (Mtt3:13-17).**

The baptism of Jesus Christ took place in river Jordan. John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ. According to Matthew, Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the river Jordan to be baptized by him. John told Jesus Christ that he, John was supposed to be baptized by him, by saying, “I need to be baptized by you and do you came to me?”Jesus answered him and said, “Let it be so for now, for it is good for us to do what the law of God requires us to do”.

John agreed and baptized Jesus, Immediately Jesus stepped out of the water, the heaven opened and the spirit of God came down and descended on him in form of a dove and a voice came from heaven and said, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

**6TH WEEK**

**THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS CHRIST (LK 4:1-13).**

After Jesus ba0ptism from the river Jordan, he was full of the holy spirit. He was led by the spirit into the desert where he stayed for forty days fasting and praying. There in the desert, the devil came and tempted him. The devil came and said to him “if you are the son of God command this stone to become bread”. Jesus said to him, it is written that human beings shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdom of the world. The devil then said to him, “all these are mine, I will give them to you, if you kneel down and worship me”. Jesus answered him, “Go away Satan, because the scripture says, you shall worship the Lord your God and only him you shall serve”.

Lastly, the devil took him to Jerusalem and set him on the highest point of the temple and said to him, “if you are the son of God throw yourself down from here, for the scripture says God will order his angels to take good care of you so that you do not strike your feet against any stone”. But Jesus answered, “The scripture says that you shall not put the Lord your God to test”. In order words, you should not tempt the Lord your God. After this, the devil left Jesus.

**WEEK 7TH**

**THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES**

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**THE FIRST FOUR DISCIPLES CALLED BY JESUS.**

In the bible, the term ‘Disciple’ is used to describe the followers of Jesus Christ. The disciples are the serious and sincere followers of Jesus, who opened their minds to learn from him.

As Jesus was walking along the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, Peter and Andrew casting their nets in the sea because they were fishermen. Jesus told them to follow him that he would make them fishers of men, immediately; they left their nets and followed him. Jesus went a little further and saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee who were in their boat repairing their nets he immediately called them and they left their father in the boat and followed him.

**THE CALL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES. MK 33-19**

The apostles were men specially chosen to carry out the special duties of preaching the gospel in an organized way. From among the disciples, Jesus chose some of his apostles.

It happened that Jesus went up a hill to pray. There he spent a whole night praying to God. After his prayers, he came down and called his disciples, he chose twelve whom he named apostles; their names were Simon, Peter and his brother Andrew James and John, the sons of Zebedee Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, Simon, the Patriot, Judas the son of James, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus. The Apostles were the pillars and the foundation of the Christian church.

**8TH WEEK**

**THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

True disciples of Christ should have the following qualities.

1. A true disciples should have the qualities of endurance, faith and trust in God.
2. They should not deny their faith when things become so difficult.
3. They should not be discouraged because of the presence of so much evil in the world.
4. They should be the light of the world. This means that their lives should be a shining example to those around them.
5. They must be wise and humble.
6. True disciples of Christ must have very good knowledge of the scriptures so as to know what to teach. This is because ‘a blind does not not lead the blind’.

**9TH WEEK**

**THE BEATITUDES (MATT 5:1-12)**

The beatitude can be described as rules for happiness. They teach us how we can live our lives so as to neigbours and with God.

When Jesus saw the crowd, he went up to the mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him and he taught them saying;

1. Blessed or happy are the poor in spirit, for there is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed or the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for what is just and right for theirs is the kingdom of God.

**10TH WEEK**

**SOME ASPECTS OF JESUS TEACHING**

1. **FORGIVENESS (MATT 6:14,15)**

Everybody needs forgiveness, either giving it to others or expecting it from others.

In the same way, everybody needs forgiveness from God.

Jesus knew that some people find it difficult to forgive others.

As a result of that, he made everybody to understand that the only way by which we can receive forgiveness from God is by forgiving others.

1. **REVENGE (MATT 5:38-42)**

Jesus taught that we should not revenge. Rather, we should be patient with those who offend us for they may repent and become sorry for what they have done. If we are found of revenging, our minds cannot be at peace with ourselves, our neighbours and at peace with God.

1. **PRAYER AND FASTING (MATT 6:5-13)**

Prayer and fasting is the key to the house of God.

Prayer is an important aspect of true religion, we must try to pray in secret. Prayer must be done privately and silently without notice as much as possible.

Fasting is a form of prayer. When we fast, we must not allow people to notice that we are fasting. We must be cheerful so as not to be easily noticed.

1. **LOVE OF MONEY (MATT 6:19-21)**

Despite the fact that money is very important to us, we should understand that getting rich is a blessing from God.

Jesus teaches that people should not have excessive love for money. If wealth can be seen as a gift from God, we must use part of this wealth for the work of God especially for charity because by so doing, we will receive Gods grace.