

What Were You Thinking?

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Classroom Materials designed for teens and adults

This Bible study gently engages each member of the class in personal study of well-known characters and also in presenting what they have learned.



Whether one has been a Christian for many years or is new to studying the Bible, stories of heroic characters can seem far away and unrelated to our busy modern lives. Yet if we cannot identify with their struggles and experiences, we may miss many of the lessons they hold for us.

In addition, identifying with these characters can help us exercise our faith and strengthen our ability to make appropriate choices when we are challenged.

Teachers should allow each student to select a character for study. Character situations and study references are presented on separate pages, along with space for individual notes. Then each class period should provide an opportunity for two (or more) students to present their character study. Typically, allow about 10 minutes per student and an additional 10 minutes for class discussion. The 25 character studies usually fit nicely within a 13-week class quarter. Teachers can easily add or delete characters as necessary to fit the time allotted and the number of students.

Teachers should be prepared to stimulate questions from class members and encourage identification of similar situations in modern life. Use the following chart to plan your class periods.

	Character	Scripture Ref.	Student	Class Date
1	Ruth	Ruth 1:6		
2	Moses	Exodus 3:1		
3	Naomi	Ruth 1:3		
4	Uzzah	2 Samuel 6:6		
5	Job's Wife	Job 2:9		
6	Job	Job 3:1		
7	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1		
8	Daniel	Daniel 6:16		
9	Zaccheus	Luke 19:1		
10	David	Genesis 17:41		
11	Leah	Genesis 29:22		
12	Sarah	Genesis 18:10		
13	Philippian Jailor	Acts 16:27		
14	Esther	Esther 5:1		
15	Rebecca	Genesis 24:1		
16	Rachel	Genesis 29:22		
17	Naaman	2 Kings 5:1		
18	Martha	Luke 10:38		
19	Joseph #1	Genesis 37:2		
20	Joseph #2	Genesis 39:20		
21	Lazarus	John 11:1		
22	Saul	Acts 9:1		
23	Lot's Wife	Genesis 19:15		
24	Peter	Matthew 26:34, 69		
25	Eve	Genesis 2:21		

Student:
Date:

Lot's Wife

You are Lot's wife and have been told to leave your hme, relatives, friends, possessions - and not to look back! What are your thoughts and feelings about this situation?

Genesis 19:15

Student: _____
Date: _____

Peter

You are Peter. It's been a long and stressful night. Now in the distance you hear a rooster crow twice and realize you have just denied knowing Jesus three times. What are your thoughts and feelings at this moment?

Matthew 26:34, 69-75
