

Biblical Illustrator Articles for **BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

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UNIT 1 – **Transformed**

SESSION 1 – TRANSFORMED IN MY WORSHIP

- **Gentile Prayer Practices**
- The Jewish Tradition of Fasting
- Almsgiving: Its Use and Abuse
- Prayer Customs in First-Century Judaism
- Hypocrite

SESSION 2 – TRANSFORMED IN MY PRAYER

- The Churches' Use of the Lord's Prayer
- Prayer Customs in First-Century Judaism
- The Church's Use of the Model Prayer
- Forgiveness

SESSION 3 – TRANSFORMED IN MY POSSESSIONS

- **Storing Up Wealth, Banking in the First Century**
- Thieves and Robbers
- Lamps in Ancient Israel
- "Mammon"

SESSION 4 – TRANSFORMED IN MY PLANS

- **Lilies of the Field: Jesus' Use of Plant Imagery**
- The "Kingdom of Heaven" in Matthew
- Solomon in All His Splendor
- Worry: A Word Study

SESSION 5 – TRANSFORMED IN MY ACTIONS

- The Law and the Prophets
- Motes & Beams
- Hypocrite
- Pearls in the Ancient World

SESSION 6 – TRANSFORMED BY MY CHOICES

- **The Wolf as Biblical Imagery**
- City Gates in Jesus' Day
- House Construction in Jesus' Time
- Jesus' Use of Parables

UNIT 2 – **Re-Finance**

SESSION 1 – VIEW MONEY PROPERLY

- Trade and Wealth in the Ancient World
- Wealth, Trade, Money, and Coinage in the Biblical World
- Refuge: The Meaning
- Ancient Shields

SESSION 2 – MAKE AGREEMENTS CAUTIOUSLY

- **Ancient Near Eastern Lending Practices**
- Debt in the Ancient Near East
- Wealth, Trade, Money, and Coinage in the Biblical World
- Debtor's Slavery
- Poverty in Ancient Israel

SESSION 3 – EARN MONEY PRODUCTIVELY

- Food Storage and Preservation in the Ancient Near East
- The Wise and the Foolish in Proverbs
- Debt in the Ancient Near East
- Ancient Israel's Agrarian Culture

SESSION 4 – MANAGE MONEY DILIGENTLY

- **"Sister, Can You Spare a Shekel?"**
- Food Storage and Preservation in the Ancient Near East
- Lamps: Their Development and Use
- Early Boats and Ships
- Proverbs 31: The History Behind Its Ideal

SESSION 5 – INVEST MONEY WISELY

- Israel's Climate
- Bread and Bread Making in the Ancient World
- Trees in Ancient Israel
- Ancient Israel's Agrarian Culture

SESSION 6 – GIVE MONEY GENEROUSLY

- **The Tithe**
- Food Storage and Preservation in the Ancient Near East
- Debt in the Ancient Near East
- Wealth, Trade, Money, and Coinage in the Biblical World
- Poverty in Ancient Israel

UNIT 3 – **Love Gets Involved**

STAND-ALONE SESSION

- **Eternal Life in First-Century Thought**
- Who Is My "Neighbor"?
- Jesus and the Samaritans
- Jericho in Jesus' Day
- The Jewish Lawyer

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