

The Theme for the 2018-19 UIM Year is:

# "Holding God and All He Has Created Sacred"

**Based on:** Genesis 1:31 - *"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day"* and Romans 8:21 - *"That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."*

This year UIM Resources will address all that is being lost as generations become more separated from God and, therefore, no longer hold life and all He has created sacred and fail to preserve it.



## Fall UIM Sunday School Series 68: "Holding the King of the Ages Sacred"

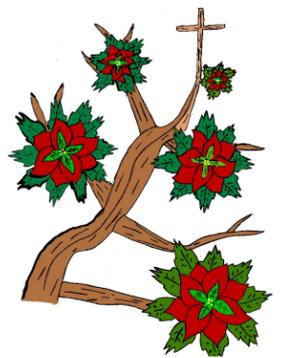
This Series is based on 1 Timothy 1:17- *To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen* and 2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Before we can hold life and all God has created sacred, we must hold the King of the ages sacred and lead others to do the same. This is a study of Bible Stories about the kings of Judah, beginning with King David and the first kings of Israel through Jerusalem's fall and Judah's captivity in Babylon. Those who attend will grow in their knowledge of Scriptures as they uncover how the good and evil reigns of this procession of kings that leads the way to Jesus. These stories are seldom shared in Sunday school curriculum.

## Advent Christmas UIM Worship Series: "In Reverence, Experience God's Holiness"

Based on: 1 Thessalonians 4:7 *"For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness"* and Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe."*

Sadly today, while many are obsessed with knowing when the world will end, few are prepared for Christ to come again. To be prepared, we need to experience God's holiness or more specifically, live in **righteousness** and **purity**, filled with God's **compassion** and **mercy**, which the four themes of this Advent Christmas Worship Series help us to do through Christ. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship climax the experience of God's holiness for all who come and reverently worship Him.



## Winter UIM SS Series 69: "Holding God's Gift of Life Sacred"

Based on: John 1:12 *"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God"* and Deuteronomy 30: 19 *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live."*

Earthly and eternal lives are lost ever day because people no longer hold God and the life He created sacred. However, the value and pertinence of this Series becomes evident as those who attend come to realize how desperately the world needs to hold God sacred to preserve life. Some say preserving life today will take a miracle! That is why this UIM SS Series is filled with miracles, beginning with the miracle of Christ's birth and following through with miracles Jesus performed during His life and ministry on earth.

## Lenten Easter UIM Worship Series: "The Blessings of Being Anointed to Discipleship"

Based on: Isaiah 61:1-3, especially verse 1- *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

This Lenten Easter Series uses the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) to paint a picture of the character of the true people of God who hold God sacred. All together, the Beatitudes present a picture of the perfect disciple of Christ and heir to all of God's blessings. Each beatitude builds upon the next to increase understanding and strength of faith to be Christ's disciples and share His blessings to help preserve all of God's creation.

Blessed...



## Spring UIM SS Series 70: "Holding God's Blessings for His Creation Sacred"

Based on: James 1:17 - *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows* and 1 Peter 4:13 *"But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."*

Today, the world fails to recognize God's blessings, much less to hold them sacred. Believers may recognize joy, peace, love, and forgiveness, even food and clothing, and family and friends as blessings from God and hold them sacred. However, it is not as easy to see suffering as a blessing. The truth is, for believers, all of our blessings or the ability to receive them begin with suffering. Not our suffering, but Christ's.



## Summer UIM SS Series 71: "Holding All of God's Creation Sacred"

Based on: Genesis 1:28 *"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground'"* and Psalm 31:19 *"Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!"*

The world is concerned about global warming and the demise of the earth's resources that sustain life. So, we have recycling, water purification, pollution controls, and all kinds of rules and regulations about what we can and cannot do with land, plants, and animals. Yet in all of the studies and solutions found to "save the earth," few offer the only true way to save the world and that is faith in Christ.

