



Re.: Notice to parents regarding homework for Lesson 12 and Notes for Lesson 13

Acts Lesson 12 covers the first church council. The council was a result of a disagreement between the Judaizers and Paul and Barnabas regarding circumcision.

Please discuss circumcision with your student before Acts Lesson 12. I would also ask that you tell your student not to discuss the physical aspects of circumcision in class or with classmates. Our focus will be the new covenant and old covenant it represented. I would suggest establishing clear communication early on that there are topics for parental discussion that are not appropriate to discuss with peers.

Here is a simple way to explain circumcision that may help:

A baby boy is born with an extra piece of skin on his penis which is small. The removal of that skin is called circumcision. God made a covenant with the Jews dating back to Abraham. The sign and seal of that covenant was circumcision. It represented that they were God's chosen people, and it set them apart from other peoples of other nations. Jesus Christ established a new covenant which extended to all nations (rather than only the Jews), and the new sign and seal was baptism. Circumcision was replaced.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

In Him Who is my strength,

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I rejoice in your word as one who finds great treasure. PSALM 119:162

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