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*Making Bible education part of every public school day*

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## LIFE LESSONS – PART 1: Our CSM Teachers Reflect on God’s Handiwork in Their Classrooms

When we asked our phenomenal CSM teaching staff to share testimonials from their Bible classes last semester, we never expected the impactful responses. But we should know better. To say that CSM Bible classes are life-changing is an understatement. The words from our teachers in God’s hands speak for themselves. (Names have been changed to protect student identity.)

### **From Ken & Lynn Woodel, Myrtle Beach High School:**

When Dee began Bible class, she told us straight away that she didn’t believe in God. I had a sense in my spirit that the real story was that Dee and the Lord were just not on speaking terms for some reason. It just seemed that something had shaken her relationship with the Lord.

In spite of declaring herself an atheist, we could see Dee becoming very interested and animated. She was paying close attention to what was being taught. She often volunteered to read Scripture and asked a lot of questions.

She spoke to Lynn privately and thanked her. Dee said that the Bible class had an enormous impact on her life. She had come to understand a lot of things and now she is very excited to deepen her faith in the Lord.

We are SO grateful when these things happen! Some of the students are eager to learn and we just LOVE that! Others seem completely disinterested in the subject matter. We trust that the Lord will water the seeds that have been planted and that, someday in Eternity, we will know the final outcome and result of the MBHS Bible classes!



### **From Addison Craig, Forestbrook Middle School and Socastee Middle School:**

I had been feeling discouraged in one of my classes. Students did not

seem to be interacting and connecting with the discussion of our lessons. I prayed often about what was happening in class and was reassured that God was moving through His Word as we read through it.

At a recent school field day, I had an opportunity to speak with the mother of James from that particular class. She shared with me that James often came home and talked about what he was learning in class. In that moment, God reminded me that He moves even if I cannot see what He is doing. I pray regularly that the seeds of Truth planted this past year will remain in the hearts of each student.

### **From Bob Jenkins, Aynor Middle and Aynor High Schools:**

Elijah was a middle school student. Being my very first year teaching for CSM, he was in my very first class on that first day teaching back in August 2018.

I was very excited, and yet a bit nervous about this opportunity to teach my Bible classes. Before I even introduced myself or spoke an opening prayer, Elijah took a sip of his tall bottle of Mountain Dew, set it on the table, proceeded to move his chair back, put his feet up on the table and his hands behind his head. He loudly announced, “I don’t want to be in this class. My mother signed me up for this. I’m going to drop this class and get out of here.”

After politely asking Elijah to get his feet off the table, I asked him to give me 2 weeks before trying to follow through on his desire to drop the course. He reluctantly agreed. We soon developed a mutual respect and understanding for each other. Not only did he stay in class for the full semester, he became one of the most inquisitive and brightest students in the class. There were days that my pace was apparently too slow for him in reading and retelling a Bible story that I found him reading ahead to see what would happen next!



At the end of the semester, Elijah and I parted ways and I moved on to teaching high school students. Just this past week, I had to go to the middle school media center. There was Elijah, who quickly came running up to me, shook my hand, and flashed his trademark smile! Quite a reception, after recalling our first day together and despite not seeing him in about three months.

I asked him if he was looking forward to graduating from middle school in two days and preparing to attend high school in the fall. He excitedly said that he was, but he also made my day by saying that he wants to sign up to take the CSM Bible Class again in high school! He was very disappointed to learn he would have to wait until January 2020 because we only offer one semester of classes to each school.

It was great to see him and to be encouraged to see how much God had done in him this past year – to stick out those first couple of weeks together and now desire to return as soon as possible! I am concerned for students like Elijah, who may change his mind and not desire to sign back up for Bible classes six months from now. I also am concerned for those who don’t get a chance to sign up because of limited resources, such as teachers and transportation, etc.

***Please join us in prayer to make this possible for all students who desire this tremendous opportunity. Help us to reach more of the Elijahs in the world, whose very lives may be changed and transformed in God’s CSM classroom!***

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