

# Lesson

## Bible Lesson on 'Numbers 1' for Elementary Students

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### Engaging Introduction

Hello, everyone! I'm so excited to see all of you here today. Did you know the Bible has a book called "Numbers"? Now, that might sound a little bit like math class, but it's way more exciting! The book of Numbers is not just about learning to count; it actually tells us amazing stories about God's people, the Israelites, and how He guided them.

Imagine a giant campout with thousands and thousands of people, all traveling together through a big, wild desert. That's what Numbers is about in part! The Israelites were God's chosen people, and He had brought them out of Egypt where they were slaves. They were on a journey to a special land called Canaan—a place God promised to give them.

Before they could go any further, God had a job for them. He wanted to organize them! You see, there were so many people, it wasn't just a handful like in this room. It was a REALLY big group! If you've ever played on a sports team or participated in an event at school, you know how important it is to be organized. Well, God wanted to help the Israelites stay organized on their journey too, so He decided to count them!

In Numbers Chapter 1, God tells Moses, their leader, to count all the men who could fight in an army. This count, or census, was the first step in making sure everyone knew their place and role. It's like having a teacher take attendance to know who's here and to get ready. So, let's dive in to see what happens next!

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### Main Teaching Points

#### 1. The Importance of Organization

Imagine trying to go on a field trip with your entire school but without any teachers, plans, or buses. Sounds chaotic, right? God knew that to take the Israelites on their journey, they needed to be organized. In Numbers 1, God instructed Moses and Aaron to take a census. This wasn't just to know how many people there were; it was about getting everyone ready and making sure they knew their roles. Just like you have chores at home to keep everything running smoothly, the Israelites needed to get ready for their long journey through the desert.

#### 2. The Role of Leadership

In Numbers 1:2, God tells Moses to gather the leaders from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. These leaders were important because they helped Moses organize their own families and beyond. It's like when your teacher picks team captains during gym class to help make sure each team knows what to do. Leaders help guide and support others, just like Moses and the leaders of each tribe did. It's a great reminder that God gives us leaders to help guide us, whether it's in our families, schools, or communities.

### 3. Everyone Has a Role

In verse 4, it explains that each tribe had to contribute men, specifically those who could fight, to be counted for the army. The census focused on those who would protect the nation, but if we think about it, everyone in the camp had a role to play—even children and elderly people. Maybe someone cooked, others set up tents, or took care of little ones. Everyone's role was important! In our lives, we also have different roles: it may be helping at home, being a good friend, or doing your best at school.

### 4. God's Faithfulness and Promise

The journey of the Israelites might have seemed endless, but God had made a promise. He promised to take them to Canaan, their new home. By counting them and organizing them, it showed that God cared about each person and had plans for them. Even when the Israelites had a long way to go, God was with them. Just like in our lives, when you're facing something difficult, remember that God is with you, just as He was with them.

### 5. Unity Among God's People

Finally, Numbers 1 emphasizes unity. All these tribes, like different groups, came together with one purpose: to follow God's direction. Even though they were many, they had to move as one giant family. This unity is essential, much like when we work together in a relay race or a class project. When we come together with a shared goal, amazing things can happen!

By understanding the organization of the Israelites and their roles, we learn the importance of working together and listening to those who lead us.

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### Personal Application for Elementary Students

Now that we've learned all those things, let's think about how Numbers 1 can apply to our lives. You see, we might not be on a journey through the desert, but we all have our own journeys and responsibilities.

Think about your classroom. Each of you has a role: someone might be the line leader, another might be in charge of turning the lights on or off, and someone might water the plants. Even though these tasks seem small, together they help make everything work smoothly. Just like the Israelites had to be organized for their big journey, being organized in our daily lives helps us, too.

Let's also talk about the leaders in our life. Whether it's a teacher, parent, or another adult, they help us know what to do and guide us. God has put them there for a reason, just like He gave Moses and the leaders in each tribe to guide the Israelites. It's important to listen to and respect those in authority because they help us on our path!

And remember, like the Israelites, you are part of a community—your family, your class, and this group here too. Working together with kindness and understanding is what helps us all grow.

Finally, when you face challenges or times when you're scared, remember that God is always with you. He's looking out for you, just like He was watching out for each person counted in the desert. Whether you're nervous about a test or a sports game, invite God into your journey. You can pray and ask Him to help you be organized and hardworking, and He'll be right there with you, every

step of the way.

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### Interactive Discussion Questions

Now that we've talked about Numbers 1, I'd love to hear what you think and make sure we're all on the same page. Let's discuss a few questions:

1. Why do you think it was important for God to count the Israelites?

- The idea here is to understand organization and preparation. Guide the students to share thoughts on how being ready helps us do our best in important tasks, like cleaning our room before guests arrive.

2. How do leaders help us in our everyday life?

- Encourage students to share examples of leadership they have noticed. Perhaps in school or at home, their insights can reveal how various figures play important roles in their lives. This showcases real-life parallels to the leaders in Numbers 1.

3. What are some ways we can work together like the Israelites did?

- Help students brainstorm examples of teamwork, whether it's helping a sibling with homework, playing a team sport, or engaging in a group project. Emphasize that unity makes a team or group stronger and more effective.

4. How can knowing that God is always with you make you feel?

- This question is intended to deepen personal reflection. Guide the students to think about their feelings of comfort and courage when they remember that God is with them, just as He was with the Israelites.

Remember that these discussions can help you see how the lessons from Numbers 1 happen in your own life and will give you something to think about as you move forward. Keep up with your roles, support each other, and trust in God's presence along your way!