BLAST Jesus coming to us!



- **B** = BIBLE (Bible, Law and Gospel, God)
- L = LORD'S PRAYER (Relationship!)
- A = APOSTLE'S CREED (God created us, saves us, lives in us)
- **S** = THE SACRAMENTS (Sacred Acts – Baptism and Lord's Supper – God's Gifts to us)
- T = TEN COMMANDMENTS (Following God – Don't and Do)



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Introduction:

Why BLAST? BLAST is a relationship - God's relationship with us! BLAST is designed for Deaf people to understand what God has done for them. Especially knowing and believing that Jesus died to forgive their sins.

BLAST is a sign opening (exploding) the heart and mind. God wants relationship with us. He wants to "open the eyes of our heart" to know His promises, His blessings, and His power working in us!



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The Lessons

Each lesson contains a title picture that will visualize a story showing a key concept of the lesson.

Each Lesson has a Home Practice page. The Home Practice page helps you and me to know God's Word and be ready to share our faith. Practice with your teacher too! God wants us to talk about our faith at all times (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

⁴ Israel, listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength.

⁶ The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts. ⁷ Make sure your children learn them. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed. And speak about them when you get up.

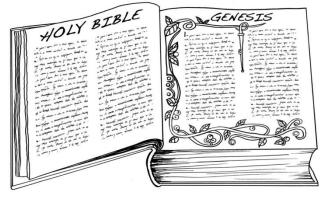
God wants us to be ready to answer, explain to people our hope in Him (1 Peter 3:15)¹⁵ But make sure in your hearts that Christ is Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect.

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GOD'S BLAST - THE BIBLE THE BIBLE - GOD'S WORD: LESSON 1

Remember this picture:





HOW WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?

The Bible is the best book because it is God's Word. God picked the men who wrote the Bible. God breathed into (inspired) them. (2 Timothy 3:16) He put His Spirit in them. God led them in their writing so they wrote God's words. All the words in the Bible are from God. All the Bible is true.

The Bible has two parts:

Old Testament: 39 books; Written before Jesus was born *New Testament:* 27 books; Written after Jesus was born.

Inspiration: God's thoughts & words given to man

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY? TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I NEED TO KNOW

In the Bible God tells me: A. Follow Him (Law) B. Go to heaven (Gospel).

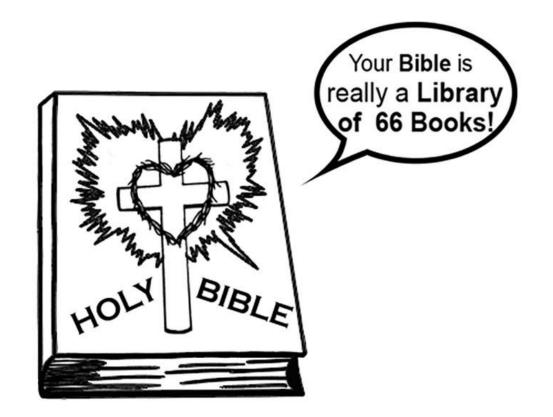
- The Bible tells me that I am a **sinner**. (LAW) Romans 6:23a
- But the Bible also tells me that Jesus takes away all my sin and that He loves me. Jesus is my Savior! (GOSPEL) Romans 6:23b

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO WITH THE BIBLE?

God wants me to study the Bible, believe it and obey what God tells me in His Word.

BIBLE VERSES:

2 *Timothy* **3:15-16** – You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus. God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.



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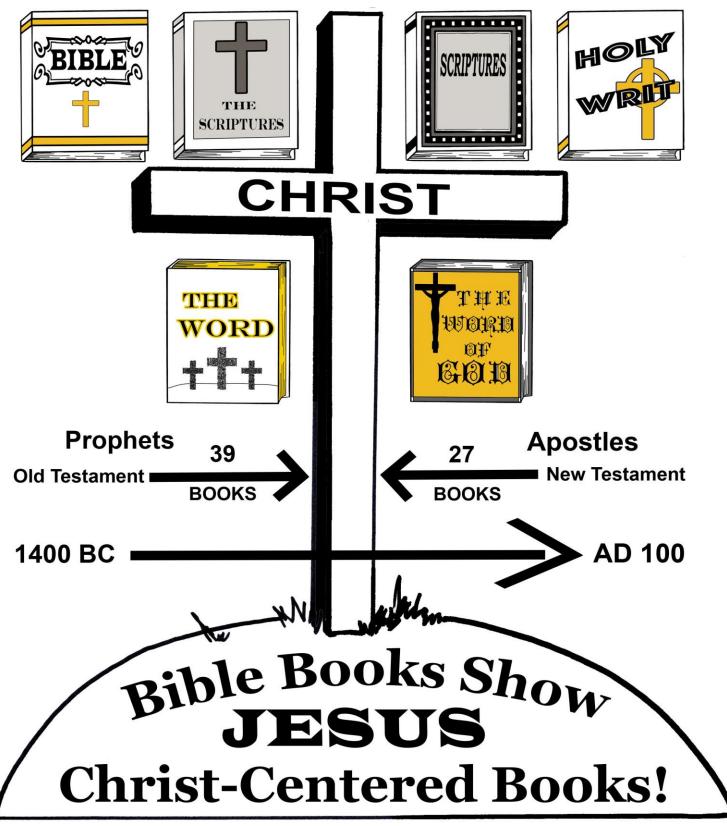
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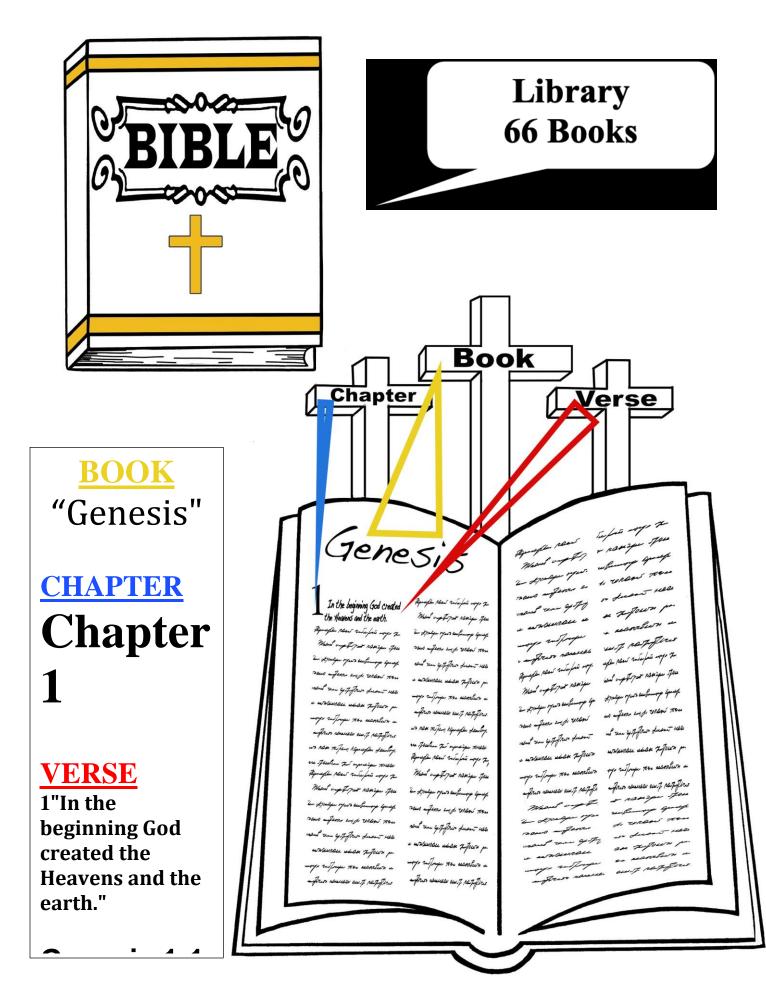
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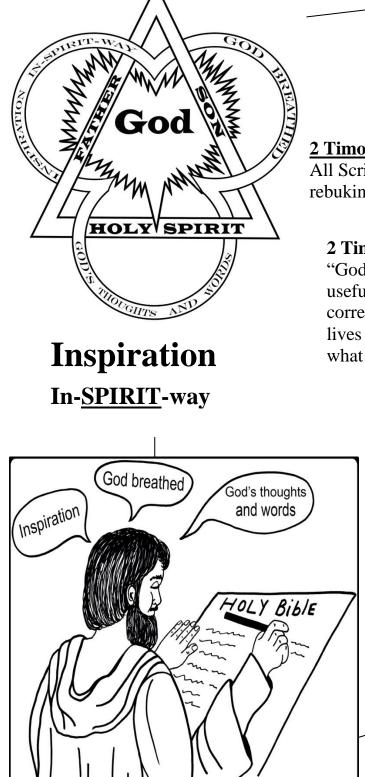


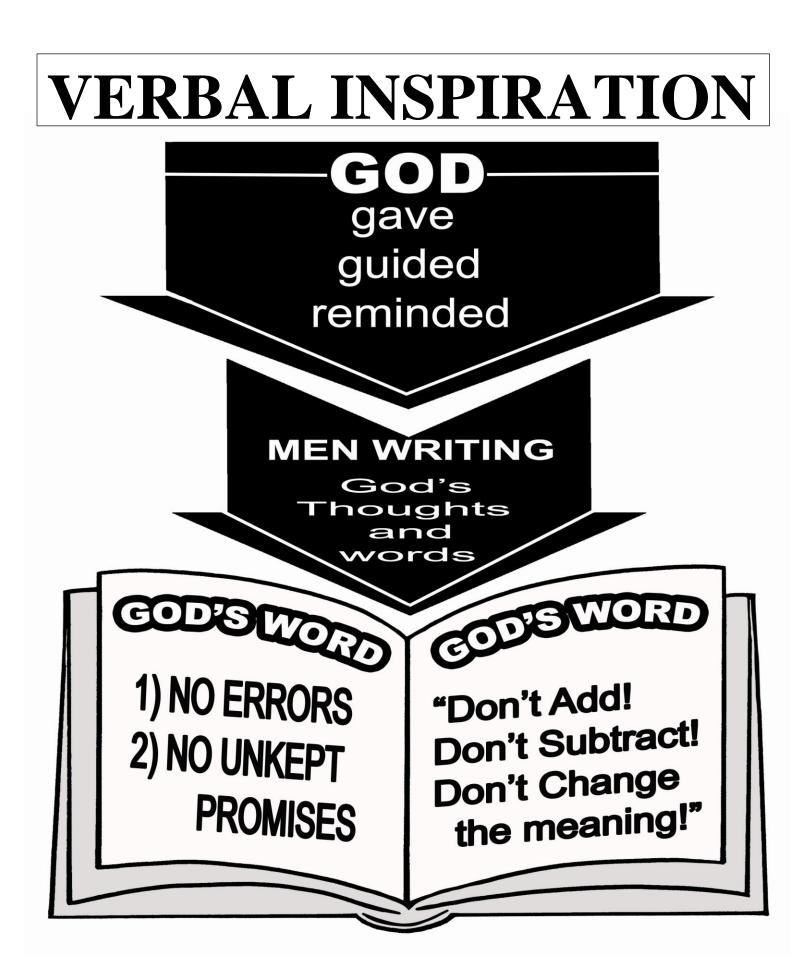
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<u>2 Timothy 3:16</u> – (NIV – New International Version) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

Inspiration

God's thoughts & words!

2 Timothy 3:16 - (NIrV-New International readers Version) "God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right."



Deuteronomy 4:2

WORD STUDY: LESSON 1

- 1. Bible: Jesus' Book, Scripture
- 2. Scripture: Bible
- 3. *Faith:* Trust, believe Jesus is your Savior.
- 4. *Inspiration/Inspired:* God's thoughts and words given to man. Holy Spirit gives the words, God breathed
- 5. *Salvation:* God gives me freedom from sin through Jesus.
- 6. *Savior:* A person who makes us free. Jesus makes us free from sin.
- 7. *Sinner:* A person who does wrong. We are all sinners because we all do wrong.
- **Prayer**: Dear God, Thank You for give us Your Word. Please guide our study and learning in Your Word. Help our faith to grow strong. In Your Holy Name. Amen

HOME PRACTICE:

- 1. Practice remembering Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2. Practice find these verse in your Bible: Genesis 1:1, Psalm 51:5, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23
- 3. Practice remembering the books of the **New Testament**:

| Matthew | Romans | Hebrews |
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| Mark | 1 & 2 Corinthians | James |
| Luke | Galatians | 1 & 2 Peter |
| John | Ephesians | 1, 2, & 3 John |
| Acts | Philippians | Jude |
| | Colossians | Revelation |
| | 1 & 2 Thessalonians | |
| | 1 & 2 Timothy | |
| | Titus | |
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Lesson 1 Review: The Bible

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the best book?
- 2. What are the two parts of the Bible?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

3. What are the two important things the Bible tells us?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- 4. Who speaks to us in the Bible?
- 5. What does "inspiration/inspired" mean?
- 6. What should we do with our Bible?
- 7. How many books are in the Old Testament?
- 8. How many books are in the New Testament?
- 9. What is the first book in the Old Testament?
- 10. What is the first book in the New Testament?
- 11. What are other names for the Bible?
- 12. Who is the center of the Bible?
- 13. In your Bible, what page is Joshua 1:9 _____ and Ephesians 2:8-9 _____.
- 14. Write the missing words for the Bible verses: 2 Timothy 3:16
- God has ______ life into all of ______.
- It is useful for _____ us what is true.
- It is useful for correcting our_____.
- It is useful for making our lives _____ again.
- It is useful for training us to do what is _____.

LAW & GOSPEL: LESSON 2

(Each lesson will have a story to remember and share)



The Loving Father

(The Prodigal (lost) Son) Read Luke 15:11-32

Jesus' story to show our Sin and God's Forgiveness

The Ten Commandments teach us God's Law. No one obeys God's Law perfectly. When we don't obey any Commandment, we sin.

Example: Honor father and mother - Law Father forgive son - Gospel

How do we break God's Law?

We **sin** (break God's law) in two ways:

- 1. We do **BAD THINGS.** (Commission) (James 1:15)
- 2. We *DO NOT DO GOOD THINGS*. (Omission) (James 4:17)

What is God's punishment for sin?

The Bible teaches: Romans 6:23

- Sin brings death and suffering.
- Sin finally brings suffering in hell.

God's LAW shows that we are sinners and we cannot save ourselves. Romans 3:23

The Law shows God's wrath/His anger against our sins.

What can I do? Nothing! God gives us the answer!

God gives GOOD NEWS! God loves us. Jesus paid the price to forgive our sins.

Romans 3:24

We name this Good News THE GOSPEL. John 3:16

Gospel means = Go/Spel God speaks > His love to us The **Gospel** teaches us that Jesus saves sinners like us. Jesus suffered and died and felt hell for us. Jesus died on the cross and accepted God's full punishment for our sin.

The **Gospel** also tells us that Jesus defeated (destroyed) sin, death, and the Devil. He became alive again and rose from the dead. We will also live again because Jesus gives us new life. We love and trust Jesus. We will live forever in heaven with Him.

| LAW SHOWS ME: (Romans 3:20) | GOSPEL SHOWS ME: (John 3:16) |
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| God's Rules: What we must do. What we must not do. | Good News: What God finished doing to save us. |
| God is Holy. | God is Love. |
| God hates sin. | God loves sinners. |
| The Law shows us our sin | The Gospel shows us our Savior. |
| God must punish sin. | God punished Jesus for our sin and God forgives sinners. |

God's Law is good and perfect.

But the **Law cannot** bring us to Heaven.

Only Jesus can bring us to Heaven. He died for our sins.

How can we use God's Law?

God's Law is good for three purposes:



1. A "Curb" Romans 2:14-15

Laws stop people from doing very bad things. The Law helps keep peace and order in the world.



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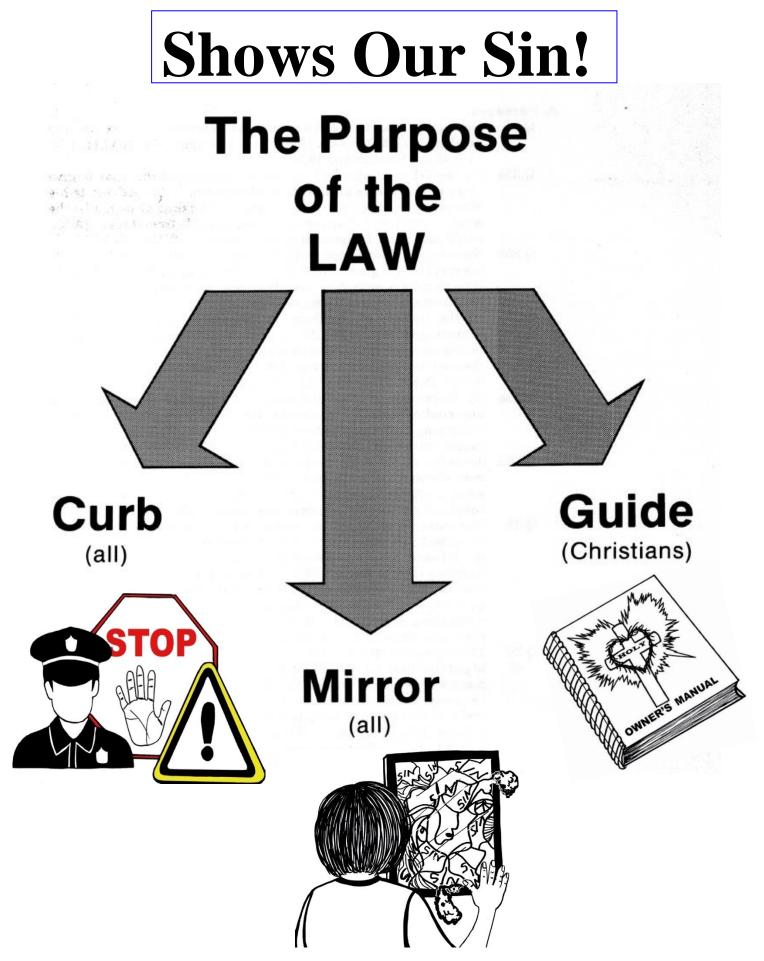
2. A "Mirror" Romans 7:7

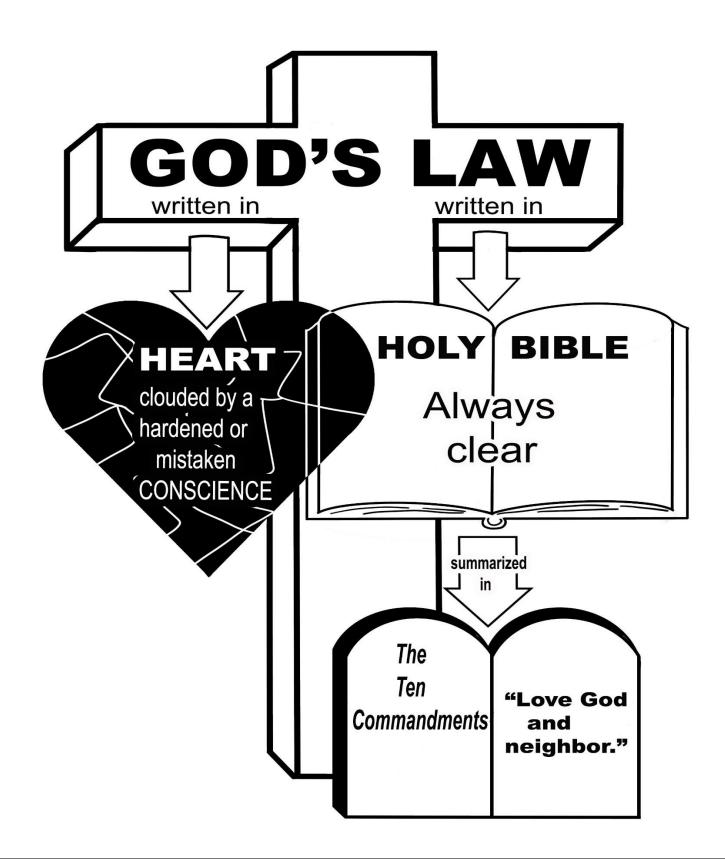
God's perfect Law shows us that we are dirty with sin. God's Law teaches that we are sinners; we cannot save ourselves. We need a Savior.

Owner's Manual = Bible

3. A "Guide" Psalm 119:105

God's Law teaches Christians what is good to do.

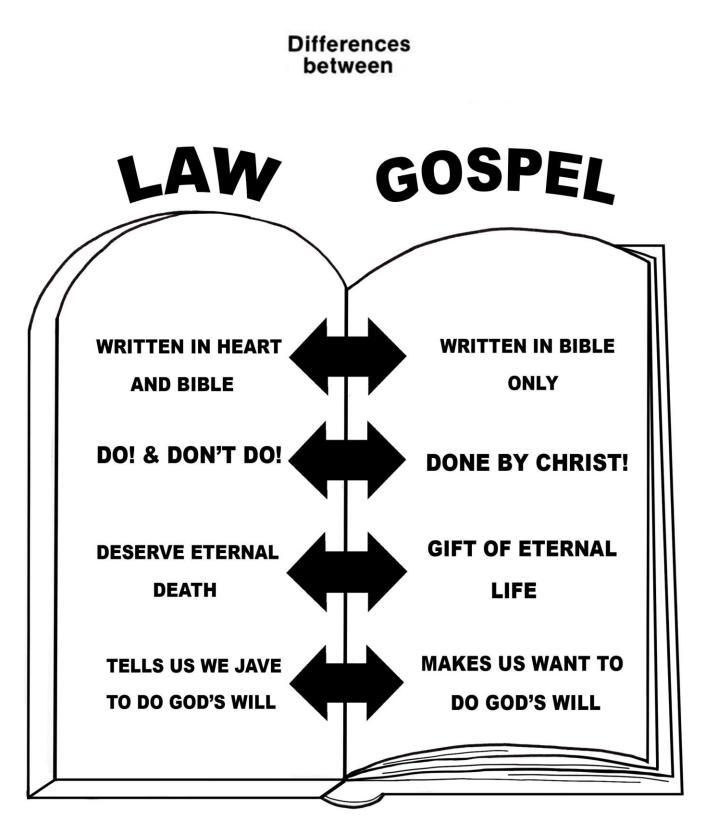




ROMANS 6:23(a). When you sin, the pay you get is death. **WE fail to Love God and other people!**

The Bible teaches many things – the most important is knowing Law and Gospel.

Below is a simple list to help you remember



<u>God's Law</u> is good and perfect! BUT...

Romans 7:10-11

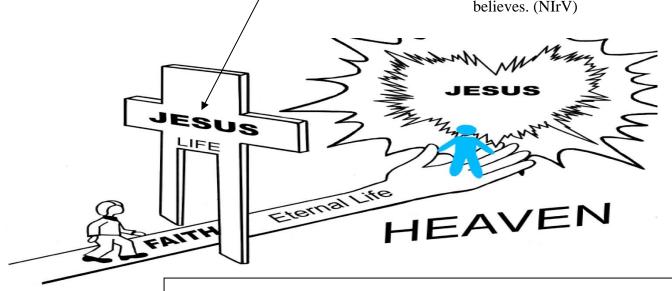
I found that the commandment that was supposed to bring life actually brought death. (NIrV)

No one is perfect! bring life actually brought death. (NIrV)

<u>God's Gospel</u> is good and perfect!

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the good news. It is God's power. And it will save everyone who believes. (NIrV)



Jesus is perfect!

The Gospel brings life forever!

No one is perfect! (Romans 3:23)

JESUS IS PERFECT – GOD'S GOSPEL IS PERFECT (ROMANS 3:24)

ONLY GOD'S GOSPEL CAN SAVE US!

ONLY GOD'S WORK SAVES US!

ONLY GOD SAVES US BY:



GOD PUNISHED JESUS, WE ARE FREE (EPHESIANS 2:8-9)

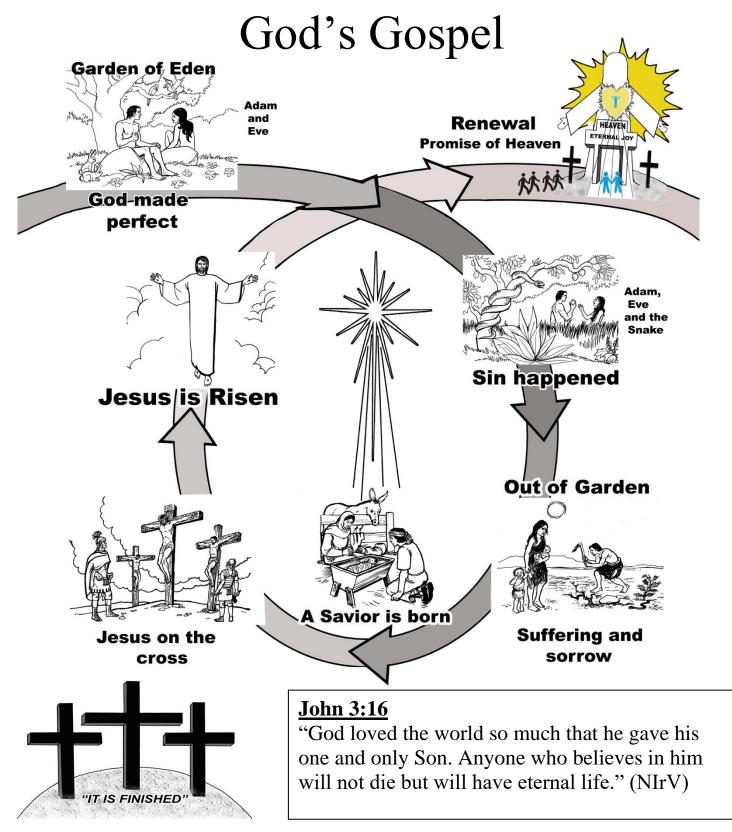
• FAITH ONLY!

GOD GIVES US FAITH THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 12:3)

•SCRIPTURE ONLY!

ONLY IN GOD'S WORD (BIBLE) WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS OUR SAVIOR (JOHN 20:30-31)





God <u>does not</u> punish us! Why? God already punished Jesus on the Cross!

Now God smiles on us! God loves us! God welcomes us into heaven as a free gift...NO CHARGE...NO COST to us! Hurray!

PRAYER:

Dear God, I know that I do sin, and I am sorry. Please forgive me and make my mind clean. Thank you for saving me through Jesus. Now help me to love you and obey your Commandments. Amen.

Word Study: Lesson 2

- 1. Commission (sin): Bad things we know we do
- 2. Gospel: Good News God loves and forgives us in Jesus.
- 3. Grace: God's attitude to us love, forgive, kind, etc... God punished Jesus, we are free
- 4. Law: God's rules, shows I am a sinner
- 5. Omission (sin): Good thoughts, words, actions God wants me to do, but I do not do them
- 6. Sin: Break God's Laws/rules
- 7. Wrath: God's anger and punishment for sin

HOME PRACTICE:

- 1. Read and practice sharing the Bible story with a friend.
- 2. Find and read Luke 15:11-32, James 1:15, James 4:17, Romans 3:23-24, Psalm 119:105
- 3. Practice remembering Bible Verse: John 3:16
- 4. Practice remembering the books of the Old Testament

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Lesson 2 Review: Law & Gospel

- 1. What are two ways we break God's Law (sin)?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 2. What is God's punishment for Sin?
- 3. What does "Gospel" mean?
- 4. What does God's LAW show me (Romans 3:20)?
- 5. What does God's Good News (Gospel) show me (John 3:16)?
- 6. How can we use God's Law? 3 Purposes:

GOD: LESSON 3

REMEMBER THIS PICTURE:

BIBLE STORY: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21; John 1:29-34

When Jesus was 30 years old, He came to the Jordan River. Here John the Baptizer was preaching and giving Baptism to people. Jesus asked John to baptize him.

When Jesus came out of the

water, the heaven opened and a voice from heaven said, "This is My dear Son." The Holy Spirit came down like a dove. God the Trinity is here:

- 1. The Father The voice speaking from heaven.
- 2. The Son Jesus standing at the river.
- 3. The Holy Spirit looks like a dove.

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?

"Israel, listen to me. The LORD is our God. The LORD is the one and only God." Deuteronomy 6:4

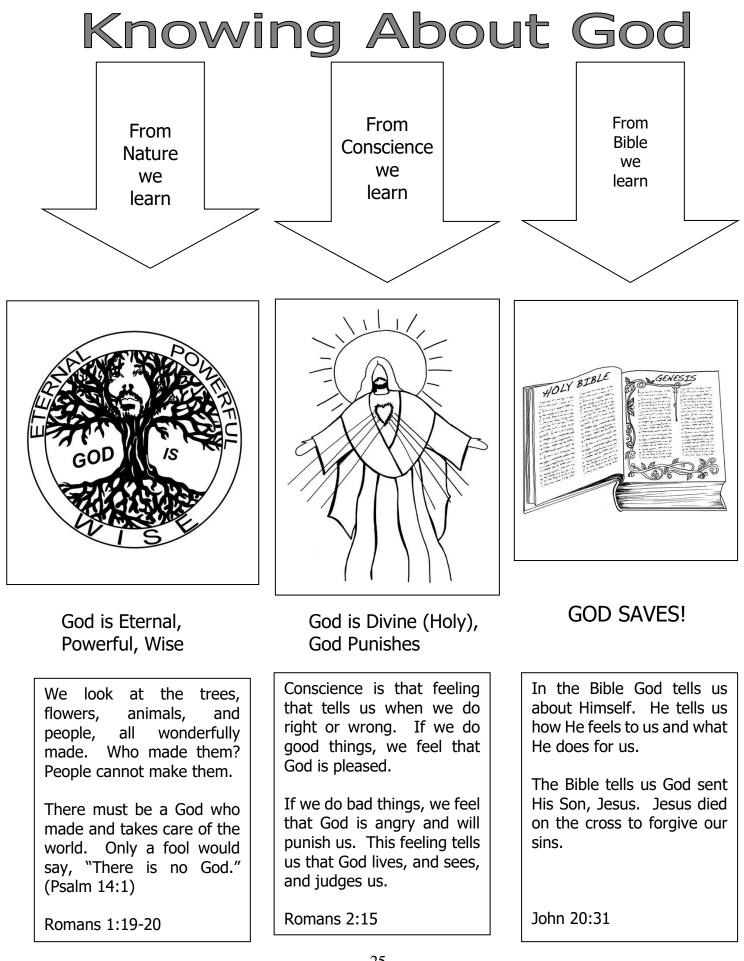


HOW CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

All people know something about God. The unbeliever who never sees a Bible know there is a God. How do people know about God? (Diagram on next page)

- **1.** From Nature seeing the things that God made.
- 2. From conscience heart feel good or guilty
- 3. From the Bible God's Word only way to learn about Jesus





Who Is God?

What do we know about God?

- 1. God is a *SPIRIT*. (John 4:24) A spirit has no body.
- 2. God is *ETERNAL*. God lives forever. God has no beginning and He has no end. He was not born. Nobody made God. He will not die. (Psalm 90:1-2)
- 3. God *NEVER CHANGES*. God is always the same. (Psalm 102:27)
- 4. God has *ALL POWER*. God can do anything. He made the world, and He made you and me. There is nothing stronger than God. (Matthew 19:26)
- 5. God *KNOWS EVERYTHING*. God knows past, now, and future. He sees me and knows me. (John 21:17)
- 6. God *IS IN ALL PLACES*. God is everywhere. He fills up the world. God is always near. No one can hide from God. (Jeremiah 23:24)
- 7. God is *HOLY*. God is good. He never sins. (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 5:4-5)
- 8. God is *FAIR* and *RIGHT*. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- 9. God is *FAITHFUL*. He keeps His promises. (2 Timothy 2:13)

10. God is *LOVE*. God loves me. He shows pity and forgives me. (1 John 4:10)

11. God is One! (Deuteronomy 6:4)

What means TRIUNE God?

God is 3 in 1 = Triune, trinity = Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20)

The Bible teaches that the One God is THREE PERSONS. Genesis 1:1-3 and John 1:1, 14

- 1. FATHER (He made the world.)
- 2. SON (Jesus saves us)
- 3. Holy SPIRIT (He lives in Christian people.)

The name we call God is: TRIUNE GOD or TRINITY.

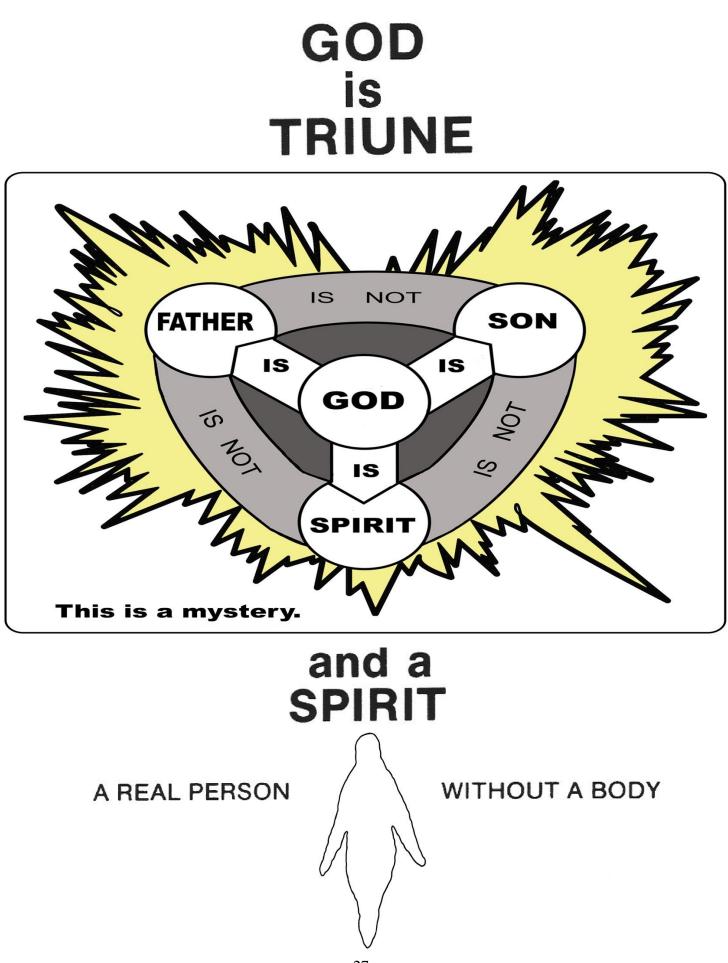
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 means THREE
 UNE:
 Means ONE

 TRIUNE:
 means Three-In-One God
 God

 (See diagram on next page)
 (See diagram on next page)

Jesus is God's Word – "God **said**, let there be..." God's Word became flesh for us (Jesus)!

There is only one true God. God is three "persons": Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We cannot fully understand this, but I believe it because God says it in the Bible.



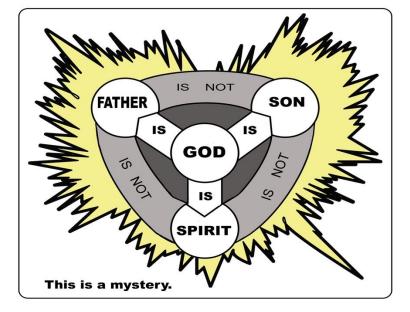
- 1. *Baptism, Baptize:* In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit water is pour, sprinkled, dipped on someone. The Holy Spirit gives faith and the forgiveness of sins.
- 2. *Conscience:* A feeling God put in us that makes us feel bad when we do wrong and makes us feel good when we do right.
- 3. *Heathen:* People who do not know the true God unbeliever.
- 4. *Spirit:* a person (living being) having life, but no body.
- 5. *Triune, Trinity:* Three-In-One (a name for God).

PRAYER:

Thank you, God, for letting me learn about You. Help me to learn about you better. I want to be your friend. Help me believe that You love me and You will always take care of me. Amen.

HOME PRACTICE:

- 1. PRACTICE STORY AND SHARE WITH A FRIEND JOHN 1:29-34.
- 2. PRACTICE FINDING AND READ: DEUTERONOMY 6:4, PSALM 14:1, ROMANS 1:19-20, ROMANS 2:15, JOHN 20:30-31, MATTHEW 28:18-20
- 3. BIBLE VERSE: WORDS OF JESUS Matthew 28:19 "You must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
- 4. Remember the drawing:



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Lesson 3 Review: One God

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How many Gods are there? (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- 2. When Jesus become baptized, where is:
 - a. The Father _____
 - b. The Son
 - c. The Holy Spirit _____

3. What are the three ways people can learn about God?

a. _____ b. _____

C. _____

- 4. What does "conscience" mean?
- 5. From what book can we learn about God?
- 6. Draw a line to the right sentences
 - i. God is a spirit
 - ii. God is eternal
 - iii. God has all power.
 - iv. God knows everything
 - v. God is in all places.
 - vi. God never changes

God lives forever. He will not die.

- God knows past, present, future.
- God has no body.
 - God is always the same.
- God is always near.
- God can do anything.

- 7. What means TRIUNE God?
- 8. Compare Genesis 1:1-3 and John 1:1, 14. Where is Jesus?



God's BLAST Lord's Prayer



BIBLE STORY: JESUS TEACHES THE LORD'S PRAYER

The 12 disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us how to pray."

Jesus said, "Pray this way:

Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come. Your wants happen on earth same-as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins same-as we forgive people sin against us. Lead us not into temptation. But save us from evil. Because Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Jesus taught us this prayer. So we name this prayer: *The Lord's Prayer*.

THE BEGINNING WORDS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven . . .

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

God invites us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are his true children. We should speak to Him and ask Him for things as dear children ask their dear father.

1. What is prayer?

- Prayer means: Talking to God
- God is our Father in heaven, and we are His dear children, because Jesus died for our sins. We may talk to God as children talk to their father or mother.

2. Who can pray?

- Anyone who believes in the True God (Father – Son – Holy Spirit) can talk to Him.
- Yes, I can talk to God!

3. Why should I pray?

- God *commands* us to pray He wants his children to talk to Him.
- God *promises* to hear our prayers He wants to give us many good things for our soul.
- **Other people** need God's help so we pray for them.
- We are *thankful* to God for giving us many good things.

4. When should I pray?

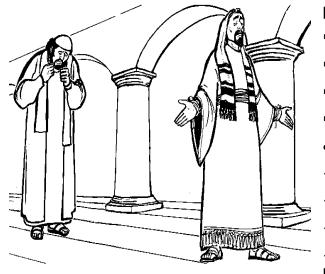
- We can pray any time. God wants us to pray always. It is good to pray every day in the morning, at night and before meals.
- We should pray when we have trouble and we need God's help. We should pray when other people have trouble and need God's help.

5. Where should I pray?

We can pray any place: home, school, church. The best place to pray is our room when we are alone. It is also very good to pray with our Christian friends.

6. How should I pray?

- . . . Faith:
 - ✤ We should pray with trust in Jesus as our Savior.
 - ✤ We should believe that God will answer our prayer.
- ... Body?



✤ It does not matter what our body does for prayers. When we pray we can:

- Stand,
- Sit,
- Kneel,
- Even lay in bed.
- . . . Language?
- We can pray in any language:
- ✤ We can pray in English.
- We can pray in Sign Language.

 $\boldsymbol{\diamond}$ We can pray just without thoughts in no language.

7. Will God answer my prayer? Does He give me things I pray for?

- God answers prayer in three ways.
- God says:
 - ✤ "Yes, I want to do that for you."
 - "No, I have a better plan for you."
 - ✤ "Wait. Now is not the right time."

8. What should I say when I pray?

- Jesus gave us a good example for prayers: The Lord's Prayer.
- Here are other examples for prayer:
 - ✤ In the Morning:

Thank you, Father, for good sleep and good health. Please help me live for You today. Guard me from all sin, keep me safe from trouble, and fill my mind with praise to You. Amen.

At night:

Thank You, Father, for helping me today. Please forgive all my sins today, and help me sleep in peace tonight. Help other people I know who have trouble. Amen.

✤ Before meals:

Thank You, Father, for this food. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven. I am glad I can talk to you. Please teach me how to pray. Amen.

WORD STUDY

Christian: a person who believes in Christ Jesus. *Evil:* bad, sin (sign: "devil"). *Temptation:* lead to do wrong.

MEMORY HOME WORK:

4. The first half of the Lord's Prayer.

QUESTIONS:

10. Who gave us the Lord's Prayer? ______

11. Write the beginning of the Lord's Prayer:

12. What does this mean?

13. What is prayer?

14. Who can pray?

15. Where should we pray?

16. When should we pray?

17. Does God know sign language? Yes _____ No _____

- 18. What three ways does God answer prayer?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - C. _____

PRAYER:

THE SECOND PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: LESSON 4

... Holy is Your name.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

God's name is already holy. Here we ask God to help us remember this and honor His name. We honor God's name by (1) teaching His word truly, and (2) living a good and holy life.

When we pray, "Holy be Your name," that's the same as asking God, "Help my life show honor to You."



THE THIRD PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Your kingdom come.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

God's kingdom is His Church, the people who believe in Him. Here we pray God to lead us and other people to believe in Him and live holy for Him now and in heaven forever.

1. What is God's kingdom?

• God's kingdom is God ruling in the lives of Christian people.

2. Who belongs to God's kingdom?

• Everyone who believes in Jesus as Savior and Lord belongs to God's kingdom.

3. How does God's kingdom come?

 God's kingdom comes to us when we believe in Him. We pray that other people will believe in Jesus, too; then they can belong to God's kingdom.



When we pray, "Your kingdom come,"

that is the same as telling God, "I want You to be my King, my Lord, my boss. Help me tell other people about you; then they can believe in You and be in Your kingdom."

THE FOURTH PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Your wants happen on earth same-as in heaven.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

God always can do as He wishes. We pray here that He will let His good wishes for us happen so that we stay in true faith always. And we pray that He will not let the bad wishes of the devil, the world and our sinful heart happen.

1. What does God want?

- God's wants all people to be saved, to know and love Jesus.
- God wants to do good things for us; we can trust Him.
- God wants <u>us</u> to do good things for Him and for other people.



• God wants to stop the bad work of the devil and our sinful hearts.

When we pray, "Your wants be done on earth . . . "that is the same as asking God, "Your wants be done in ME. Help me obey You, life for You, and do things that make YOU happy."

In the first four Parts we ask God for Spiritual things.

In the fifth Part we ask God for things we need for our Body.

THE FIFTH PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Give us today our daily bread.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Daily bread means everything that we need for our body and life here in the world: food, drink, clothes, home, money, health, good friends, family, etc. God gives us all these good things. We should remember this and thank God every day.

When we pray, "Give us today our daily bread," that is the same as telling God, "Thank you, Father, because You give me everything I need, and You take care of my body's life and health."

Memory Home Work: Lesson 4

- 1. The Lord's Prayer.
- Bible Verse: "Pray at all times." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



- 3. Write the Second Part of the Lord's Prayer:
- 4. What are the two ways we can keep God's name holy?
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. Write the Third Part of the Lord's Prayers:

8. What is God's kingdom?

9. Do you belong to God's kingdom? ____Yes ____No ____I don't know.

10. How can you help bring God's kingdom to other people?

11. Write the Fourth Part of the Lord's Prayer:

12. Does God want good things for us, or bad things?

13. What is the chief good thing God wants for all people?

14. Write the Fifth Part of the Lord's Prayer:

15. Who gives us our food, clothes, home, etc.?

PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father, help my life show honor to you. I want You to be my Lord. Help me tell other people about you, so they can belong to heavenly Father, help my life show honor to you. I want You to be my Lord. Help me tell other people about you, so they can belong to Your kingdom. Help me obey You and live for You. Thank You because You give me everything I need. Amen.

In Parts 2 – 4 we ask God for **SPIRITUAL** things.

In Part 5 we ask God for things we need for our **BODY**.

In Parts 6 – 8 we ask God to **SAVE US FROM SIN AND EVIL**.

THE SIXTH PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: LESSON 5

Forgive our sins, same-as we forgive people sin against us. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? In this Part we confess that we have sins, and we ask God to forgive our sins. We promise to forgive and do good to those people who sin against us.

Bible story: Study *The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant* in Matthew 18:21-25

It is important to pray to God **through** Jesus Christ. We must not think that we are good enough to talk to God. But we must remember that Jesus makes us *clean*. When Jesus died on the cross, He took away all our sin. Now through Jesus we *can* come to God, and we can talk to God as His dear children. (= praying "in Jesus' name.")



THE SEVENTH PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

And lead us not into temptation.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

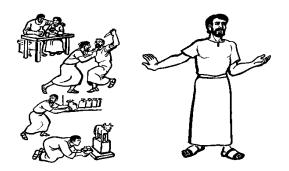
God will never tempt us to sin, but we pray in this Part that God will watch over us so that the devil, the sinful world and our sinful heart do not tempt us. And if they do tempt us, we pray God to help us overcome and get the victory.

Temptation is not sin. But if you don't push temptation away, you will do sin. Many temptations to sin come to us every day. Only God can keep us safe from temptation. Only God can help us overcome (beat) temptation.

How to beat temptation:

1. Stay away from things that tempt you.

- 2. Ask God for help (pray).
- 3. Know God's Word (Bible verses, 10 Commandments, etc.)
 - 4. Remember why Jesus died on the cross.



Bible Verses:

"My son, if sinners tempt you, don't give in to them." Proverbs 1:10

"You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bible story: Study Jesus Is Tempted in Matthew 4:1-11

THE EIGHT PART OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

But save us from evil.

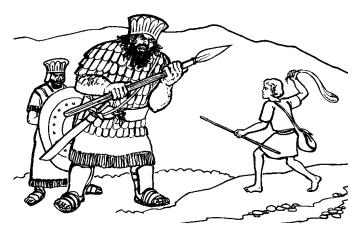
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We pray here that our Father in heaven save us from every trouble of body and soul, and at last give us a blessed death and take us to heaven.

There is much suffering in the world. We who believe in Jesus must suffer sorrow and trouble, too.

Sometimes we have trouble because:

- 1. We do wrong, and make trouble for *ourselves*. Or . . .
- 2. We follow Jesus, and that makes the *devil* angry. Or . . .
- 3. God wants to get our attention; He wants us **to trust HIM**.



When we have trouble, we can stay happy in Jesus. And God can help us through all trouble.



Memory Home Work: Lesson 5

The Lord's Prayer.

Bible Verse:"*Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.*" (Ephesians 4:32)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Write the Fifth Part of the Lord's Prayer:
- 2. In the Fifth Part we confess we have sins, and we ask God to ______ our sins. We promise to ______ and do good to those people who sin against us.
- 3. Write the Sixth Part:
- 4. What are four ways to beat temptation:
- 5. Write the Seventh Part:
- 6. Why do we sometimes have trouble? (3 reasons)
- 7. Who can help you in any trouble?
- 8. On what page in your Bible is the memory verse (Ephesians 4:32)? Page ______.

PRAYER:

Dear Father, forgive all my sins and make me want to forgive my enemies. Guard me from all temptation, and in my last hour take me to heaven. I pray through Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.

Because Your's is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Amen means: "Yes, this is all true." We can know that God will hear and answer our prayers because He commanded us to pray and He promised to hear and answer.

The Close of the Lord's Prayer is really a song of worship and praise to God. (The sign for "praise" is clap your hands two times.)

Praise to God is an important part of our prayers.

Praise tells God about His goodness.

Praise makes our faith stronger, and helps us to trust God more.

Even when we have nothing to ask God, we should take time to praise and thank Him.



HOW DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

How can God talk to me? How can I hear Him? How can I know what I should do?

Parents can help children with many decisions. Questions like: "What should I do? "What should I wear to school?" "What should I eat?" "Should I buy a new game?" "Should I try out for a school sport like basketball, football, etc.?"

But when we get older, we learn to decide things for ourselves. Sometimes we have very hard decisions, and we must have God's help. God must show us what to do.

"Should I go to college or should I get a job?" "What college should I go to?" "What job?" "Should I buy a new car? Or should I buy a used car?" "Where should I live?" "When will I get married?"

We need God's help choosing what to do!

When we have important choices, we must always . . .

First ask God.

"Lord God, what do YOU want me to do? Show me YOUR way. I know you have a wonderful plan for my life. I want you to lead me. Amen."

Then . . .

Look for God's answer.

Bible Verses:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord and avoid evil." Proverbs 3:5-7

"If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone. He doesn't find fault." James 1:5

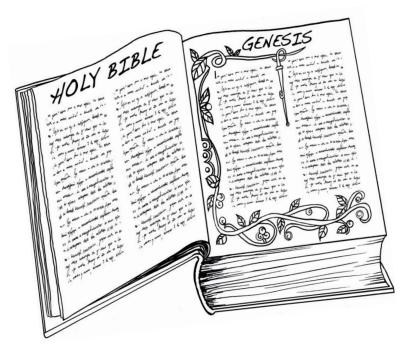
BUT How ...?

How does God talk to me?

How can I hear Him?

God leads us with four things:

- 1. The Bible.
- 2. Things that happen around us (circumstances).
- 3. Advice from Christian friends.
- 4. God's peace (conscience).



THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word. God talks to us through the Bible. When we ask God questions, often His answers are already written in the Bible.

For example:

• "God, may I steal from the store (shoplift)?"

What is God's answer? "You must not steal." (10 Commandments)

"God, should I obey my parents?"

What is God's answer? "Honor your father and mother . . . "(10 Commandments)

If God's answer is in the Bible, we don't need to look any other place for God's leading. That is why it is very important to learn God's Word, to read the Bible every day, and to memorize Bible verses.

Bible Verses:

"I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won't sin against you." Psalm 119:11 "Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me." Psalm 119:105

THINGS THAT HAPPEN AROUND US

Often God shows us His way by making things happen around us.

For example:

Prayer: "Lord, should I take job A _____, or job B ____?"

If job A _____ accepts me and job B _____ is closed, then I know God wants me to take job A _____.

Bible Verse:

"*In your heart you plan your life. But the Lord decides where your steps will take you.*" Proverbs 16:9

ADVISE FROM CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Often God communicates to us through friends who know and love Jesus. They can tell us God's Word. They can sometimes see things that we miss.

Example:

Prayer – "Lord, should I get married to this person, M_____?"

If my Christian friends know M_____, and if they are happy to hear that I and M_____ want to get married, then our decision may be a good.

But if my Christian friends are NOT HAPPY to hear that I want to marry M_____, then I should listen to them. God may be answering "NO!"

Bible Verse:

"Plans fail without good advice. But they succeed when there are many advisers." Proverbs 15:22

GOD'S PEACE (CONSCIENCE)

When we do wrong, the Holy Spirit maybe says "NO!" to our conscience (feeling). We must confess our sin or mistake, accept God's forgiveness, and then follow God's way.

When we follow God's way, the Holy Spirit gives us much peace and joy.

Bible Verse:

"Do not make God's Holy Spirit sad. He marked you with a seal for the day when God will set you completely free." Ephesians 4:30

"Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood." Philippians 4:7

REMEMBER ...

We can trust God to help us with our decisions. He is not mean to us. He wants things that are good for us.

God says:

"*I know the plans I have for you,' announces the Lord. 'I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."* Jeremiah 29:11

- 1. The Lord's Prayer.
- 2. Bible Verse: "If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone. He doesn't find fault." James 1:5

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Write the close of the Lord's Prayer:
- 2. What does "Amen" mean?
- 3. Praise to God is an important part of our prayers. Why?
- 5. God can lead us with what four things?
- 6. Bible Memory Verse "If any of you need _____, ask God for it. He will
- 7. ______ it to you. God gives freely to everyone. He doesn't find fault." James 1:5
- 8. On what page in your Bible is the memory verse? Page ______.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I thank you and praise you because you are wonderful. I know you have a good plan for my life. I want you to lead me. I believe you hear my prayer and will answer. Amen.



God's BLAST Apostle's Creed

1st Article/Part 1

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, God made heaven and earth.

2nd Article/Part 2

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Jesus received a body through the Holy Spirit;

born from the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;

crucified, dead and buried. Jesus descended into hell.

The third day Jesus arose again from the dead, ascended into

heaven, and reigns (rules) with God the Father, Almighty.

From heaven Jesus will come to judge the living and dead people.

3rd Article/Part 3

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian church; communion (fellowship) of saints (Holy people), the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; And life everlasting! Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

[With some supporting Bible verses]

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Matthew 6:9 Genesis 17:1 Genesis 1:1

AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON Luke 9:20 Matthew 3:17 John 1:14 &18

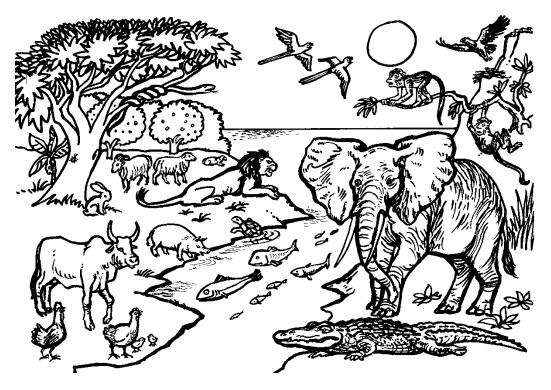
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Matthew 28:19 John 15:26 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Matthew 16:18 Acts 2:42 Hebrews 10:25 John 20:23 John 5:28-29 Philippians 3:11 John 3:16 Romans 6:22-23

AMEN. (Amen= Let it happen)

2 Corinthians 1:20

Apostles' Creed GOD IS OUR FATHER APOSTLES' CREED: 1ST ARTICLE – LESSON 7



Read Genesis 1 to 3 to learn how God made the world

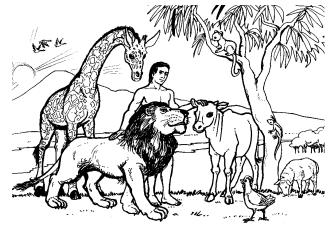
MEMORIZE THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, God made heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

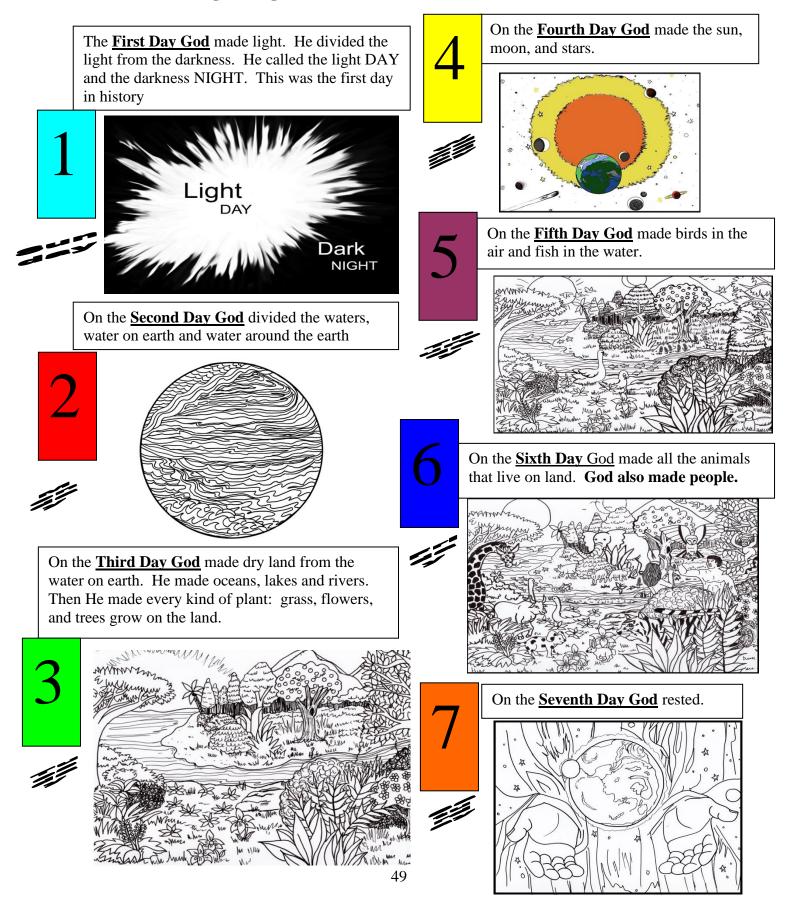
I believe God made me and everything; He gives me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my parts, my thinking and all my senses, and continues taking care of me. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land,

animals, and all I have. He richly and daily blesses me with all I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and protects me from all evil. He blesses me because of His fatherly, divine love and mercy. It is not because of any good I do or what I earn. For what God does it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is very true.



How God Made The World (Creation = Made From Nothing)

In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth;



How God Made The World (Creation = make from nothing)

In the beginning God, made the heaven and the earth;

How God Made People



God took some earth (clay or dirt) and made a man's body. Then He breathed into the man and the man became a living person. The man's name was **ADAM**.

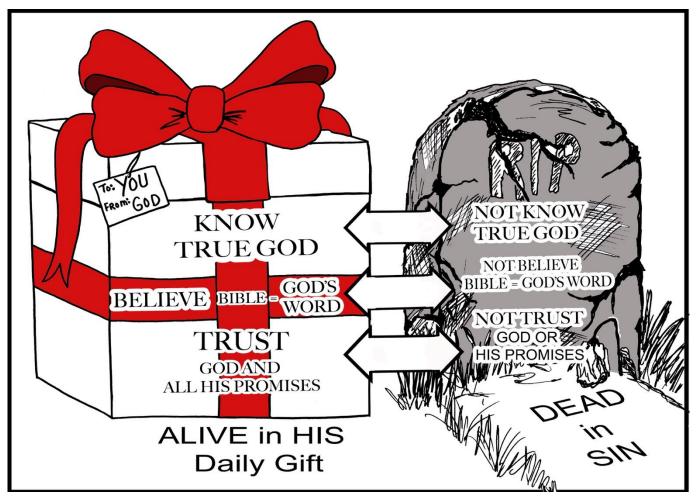
God did not want man to be alone, so He made a friend and helper for Adam. God made Adam sleep. Then God took a rib from Adam's body and made woman from that rib. God brought the man and woman together. This was the first

marriage. The woman's name was **EVE**.

When God made the world, He made everything good and holy.

Differences Between

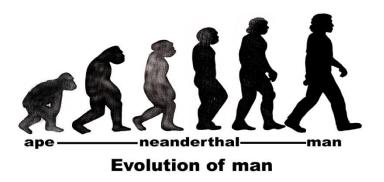
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How did the World begin?

| <u>Creation</u> | | Evolution | |
|---|-------------------|---|--|
| Holy Bible explains | \leftrightarrow | People's false theory (story) | |
| Six days | \leftrightarrow | Millions or billions of years | |
| Out of nothing | \leftrightarrow | Cells appear by their own power | |
| By God's thinking & speaking | \leftrightarrow | Happened itself, No design | |
| People are a special creation | \leftrightarrow | People are only apes or monkeys (same as animals) | |
| God is the Master of all Life & Universe | \leftrightarrow | Person is master of own life | |





GOD MADE ANGELS

God made good angels. Angels are holy spirits who live with God in heaven. They

praise God, and they watch over the people who believe in God. The angels are very strong and protect us from danger.

Some angels became bad long ago. They disobeyed God. The devil is the leader of the bad angels; his name is Satan. The bad angels are strong, too, and they try to lead us away from God into sin and hell. But God helps us to stay with Him and do right. God is much stronger than the devil.



| | Has a Body | Has a Soul (Spirit). |
|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Animals | Yes | No |
| People | Yes | Yes |
| Angels | No | Yes |

God Takes Care (preserves) of Us

God made us wonderfully. And God takes care of our body. He gives(provides) all that we need for our life: food, clothing, home, and many good things.

God watches over us so that dangers and enemies cannot harm us. No matter when things seem bad, God can change the bad to use for good for us.

God is truly a loving Father. We should look to Him for help in any trouble. We should also love Him and praise Him, work for Him, and obey Him.

PRAYER

Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth. I thank you for making me. Thank you for giving angels to watch over me. Thank you for taking care of me. Help me to love you more and do things that please you. Amen.

Word Study: Lesson 7

- 1. *Apostles:* Men sent by Jesus to preach and teach.
- 2. *Article:* Paragraph or part
- 3. *Create:* Make something from nothing.
- 4. **Creation:** God made the world in 7 days, God made people special, God made everything perfect no sin, no death.
- 5. *Creed:* Explains what we believe about God.
- 6. *Divide:* Separate.
- 7. **Evolution:** A theory that says we happen by accident. People came from animals. It takes millions of years. Sin is a natural part of the world.
- 8. **Exist:** IS.
- 9. *Preserve:* Take care of.
- 10. *Provide:* Give.
- 11. **Soul/spirit:** The life in people (the body dies, the soul never dies)
- 12. **Theory:** An idea evolution is a theory no proof

MEMORY HOME WORK:

- 1. REMEMBER AND PRACTICE THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CREED
- 2. READ AND REMEMBER "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN" (1^{ST} PAGE OF LESSON 7)
- **3.** PRACTICE REMEMBERING BIBLE VERSE: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1
- 4. WRITE OUT WHAT GOD MADE ON EACH DAY OF CREATION

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- 1. What does *CREATE* mean?
- 2. *Who* made the heaven and earth?
- 3. God made the world in *how many days*?
- 4. What was the name of the **first man**?
- 5. How did God make the first man?
- 6. What was the name of the **first woman**?
- 7. How did God make the first woman?
- 8. God made the world: good and holy or bad and sinful (circle right answer)
- 9. The First Article of the Creed talks about who? (check right answer)

_____ The Father _____ The Son _____ The Holy Spirit

- 10. What are two different kinds of angels?
- 11. Who is the leader of the bad angels?
- 12. Who is stronger: God or Satan? _____ God _____ Satan (check right answer)
- 13. Explain why we believe creation and not evolution?

GOD BECAME MAN - APOSTLES' CREED: 2ND ARTICLE - LESSON 8

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED:

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He received a body through the Holy Spirit; born from the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; crucified, dead and buried. Jesus descended into hell. The third day Jesus arose again from the dead, ascended (goes up) into heaven, and reigns (rules) with God the Father, Almighty. From heaven Jesus will come to judge the living and dead people.

BIBLE STORY: JESUS IS BORN!

Almost 2,000 years ago a young virgin woman named MARY saw an angel. The angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary. The Holy Spirit will make you pregnant and you will have a baby boy. Name Him Jesus."

Mary was not yet married; she was engaged (planning) to marry a man named JOSEPH. The time came near for Mary's baby to be born. The Roman king made a law: Everyone must go to their home city and give their names for taxing. Mary and Joseph went to BETHLEHEM. The hotel was full of people, so they stayed in a stable.





That night

Mary gave birth to her baby. She wrapped the baby in clean cloth and laid him in a manger. This baby boy was Jesus, the Savior, the Son of God.

We celebrate Jesus' birth on December 25. Really what day we not know. But important we celebrate the BEST GIFT from God. We join with the angels and shepherds to announce Jesus to the world.

Who Is Jesus? Jesus is TRUE GOD and TRUE MAN.

- 1. Jesus is **TRUE GOD**, equal with the Father and Holy Spirit.
 - a. The Bible calls Jesus GOD.

John 1:1, 14 says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the <u>Word was God</u>. And the <u>Word became flesh</u>, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

1 John 5:20 says "We also know that the Son of God has come. He has given us understanding. Now we can know the One who is true. And we belong to the One who is true. <u>We also belong to his</u> <u>Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God. He</u> <u>is eternal life</u>."



Hebrews 1:8 tells us "But here is what he says about the Son. "<u>You are God</u>. Your throne will last for ever and ever. Your kingdom will be ruled by what is right"

- b. Words that describe God also describe Jesus (eternal, never changes, has all power . . .) See Lesson #3
- c. Jesus is the SECOND PERSON of the TRIUNE GOD:

FatherSon (Jesus)Holy Spirit

- 2. Jesus is TRUE MAN.
 - a. Jesus has a body. His body was made by the power of the Holy Spirit. He was born from a woman, Mary, same as all other babies. He grew up and lived in the world just same as any other person.
 - b. But Jesus is **DIFFERENT** from all other people:
 - He was born from a virgin, a clean unmarried woman.
 Matthew 1:18-25
 - He was born without sin.
 - And all during His life He did no sin. Hebrews 4:14-16

- 3. Jesus Christ is my SAVIOR and my LORD. Galatians 2:19-20
- a. The name Jesus means SAVIOR. i. Jesus saves me from sin and hell.
- b. The name **CHRIST** means a person chosen by God to be a special King.
- c. The name LORD means KING, Ruler, Lord, Boss.
- d. JESUS = SAVIOR,
- e. CHRIST = LORD

When I call Jesus "Lord," I want him to be my King, my Lord. I want him to be Lord over everything in my life.

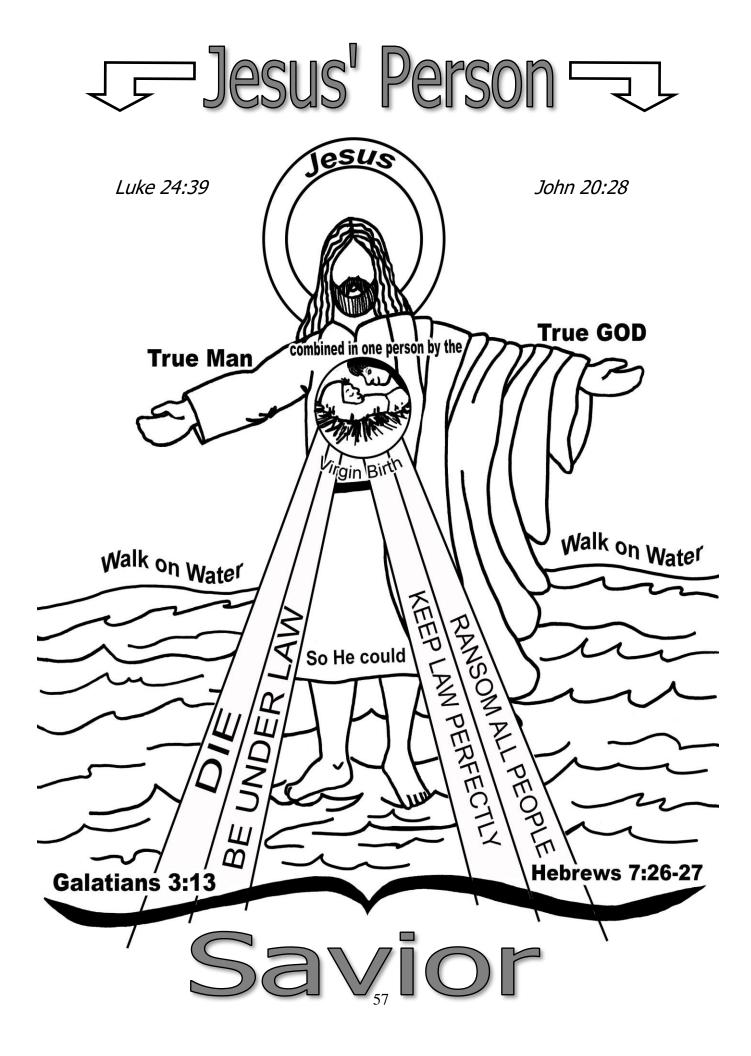


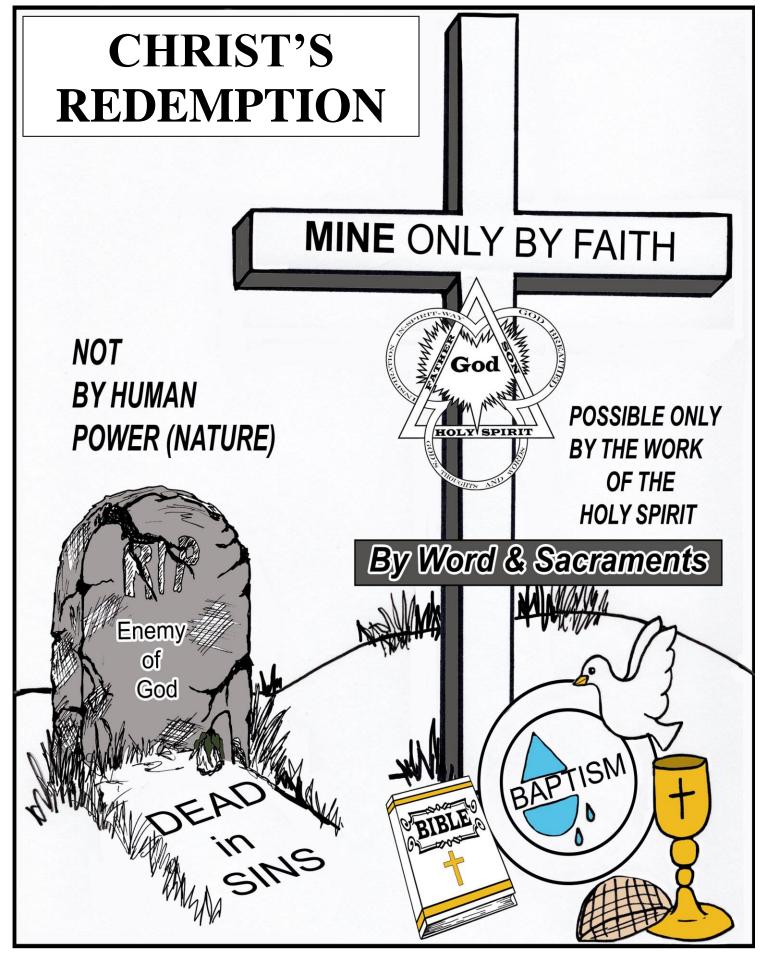
Jesus Calls Lazarus from Death. John 11:1-46

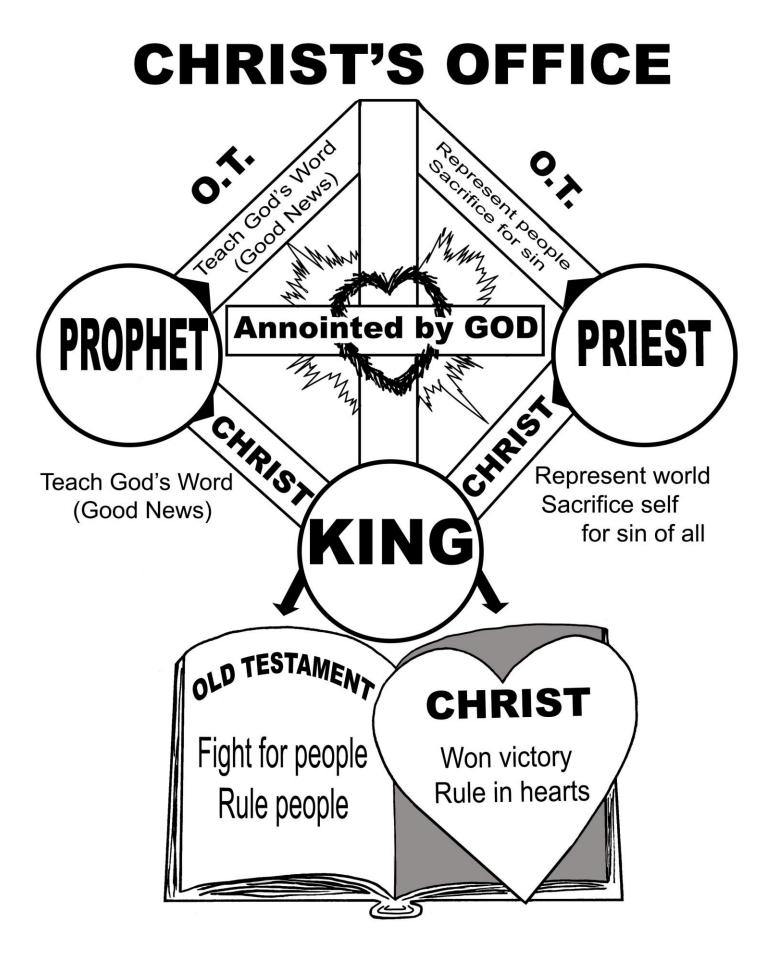
Jesus loved Lazarus and his two sisters (Mary and Martha). Lazarus became sick. Jesus did not see Lazarus for a few days. Jesus said to His friends, "Lazarus is dead. I am glad that I did not go visit Lazarus. Later, you will believe I am the Savior. But Jesus said "Let us go to him now." When Jesus came, Lazarus had been in the tomb (grave) four days. The sisters were grieved (cry) because Jesus had not come to heal him. But Jesus said, "Your brother will rise (live) again." He told the people to open the



tomb. Then He called out, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out still wrapped in the grave clothes. Anyone who believes in Jesus will live forever, even though his body dies. Do you believe this?







PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, I thank You because You sent Your Son Jesus into the world to be my Savior. Help me to always believe in Him and worship Him, my Lord. Amen.

Word Study: Lesson 8

Manger: Box from which cows eat.Ransom: Pray the price to free someone, saveStable: Small barn or caveVirgin: A clean unmarried woman.

HOME PRACTICE:

- 1. READ AND PRACTICE THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE CREED
- 2. Find and read John 1:1-14, 1 John 5:20, Hebrews 1:8, Galatians 2:19-20, Hebrews 4:14-16, Luke 24:39, John 20:28
- 3. Practice the story about Jesus' birth and share with a friend.
- 4. PRACTICE REMEMBERING BIBLE VERSE: 'You must give him the name Jesus. That is because he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21*

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- 1. Jesus was born from whom?
- 2. Where was Jesus born?
- 3. Mary was a virgin when Jesus was born. What does "virgin" mean?
- 4. What do we call the day when Jesus was born?
- 5. Jesus is true ______ and true ______.
- 6. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
- 7. What does the name "Christ" mean?
- 8. What does the name "Lord" mean?
- 9. How do you know Jesus is true God? John 1:1,14, 1 John 5:20, Hebrews 1:8
- 10. Who is Jesus?
- 11. Why is it important that Jesus has no sins? Galatians 3:13 and Hebrews 7:26-27
- 12. Christ's Office: Jesus fulfills all of the Old Testament promises God gives to His people. Jesus is my _____, ____, and _____.

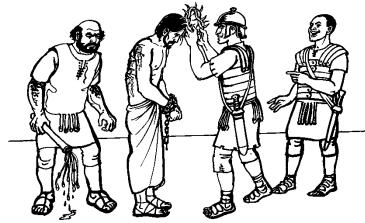
JESUS DIED FOR ME - APOSTLES' CREED: 2ND ARTICLE: LESSON 9 BIBLE STORY: How JESUS DIED AND LIVES AGAIN!

Jesus Died

The baby Jesus grew up to be a man. He was a good man because He was really God. Jesus helped many people. He healed sick people. He taught God's Word.

Some people hated Jesus. They grabbed Jesus, and they blamed Him with many lives. They took Jesus to the governor, **PONTIUS PILATE** (signed "P-P"). Pontius Pilate gave the command to nail Jesus on a cross.

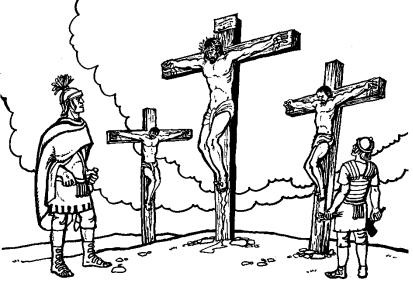


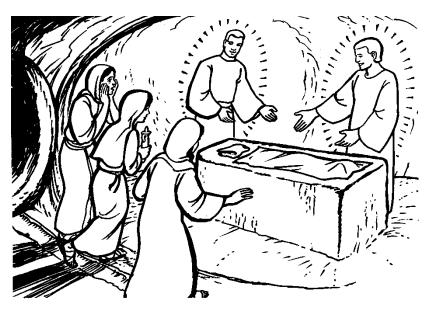


JESUS LIVES AGAIN!

Three days after Jesus died, early Sunday morning ejsus came to life again with power and glory. An angel pushed away the stone. T he soldiers ran awaay. Jesus' friends came to the tomb. But they could not find Jesus' body. Jesus is alive! Jesus hung on the cross for six hours. He suffered awful pain. People made fun of Jesus. His friends left Him. Jesus suffered all the pain and punishment of hell in our place.

Jesus died on the cross. Some friends took His body off from the cross. They put Him in a tomb (grave). A large stone covered the door, and soldiers stood guard.





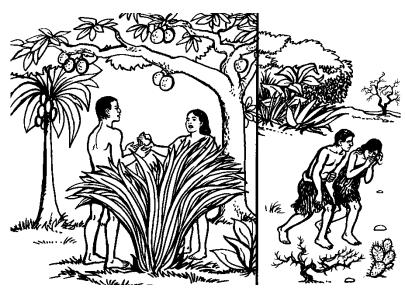
That same day Jesus met His friends and proved that He was alive. During the next 40 days Jesus often came to His friends. They saw Him, touched Him, ate with Him, and listen to Him teach. Jesus told His friends to go to everyplace and tell people the good news about Him. Then Jesus went up to heaven.

Jesus will come againa. He will judge all people. All dead people will become alive again. Jesus will take people who trust

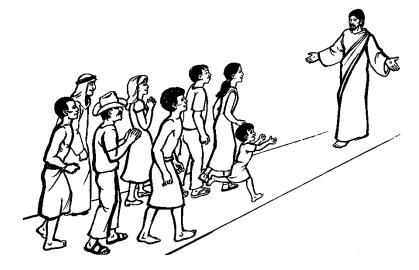
Him to heaven forever. And He will send people who don't trust Him to hell forever.

WHY DID JESUS DIE? (LAW)

Jesus died for me. I am a sinner because I do wrong. The Bible teaches that God is holy and He must punish sin. God can't let sin in heaven.



BUT....! (GOSPEL)



God loves us. He wants us in heaven. God put our sins on Jesus; then He punished Jesus for our sins. Jesus paid for all our sins with His blood on the cross. Now God forgives our sin, and He will bring us home to Heaven! Now I belong to Jesus.

JESUS SAVES US - HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

1. God loves all people.

But all people are sinners.

BIBLE VERSE: "All people have sinned and are far away from the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

2. God is holy. He must punish sin.

Sin brings death & punishment.

BIBLE VERSE: "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

3. God punished Jesus for our sin.

Jesus died on the cross.

Jesus is the only way to God.

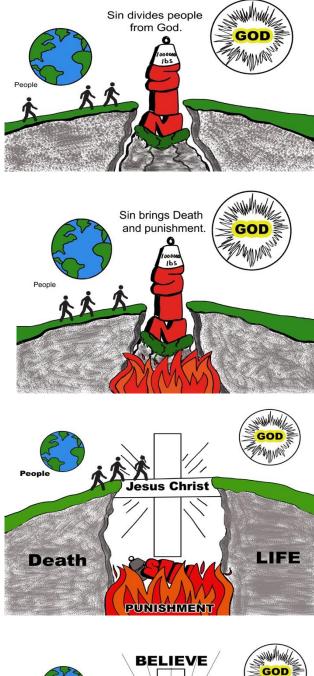
BIBLE VERSE: "There is One God, and there is One who brings God and people together: Jesus Christ, who gave Himself to save all people." (1 Timothy 2:5)

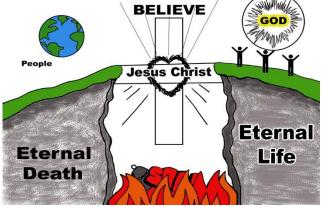
4. Now we can be friends with God,

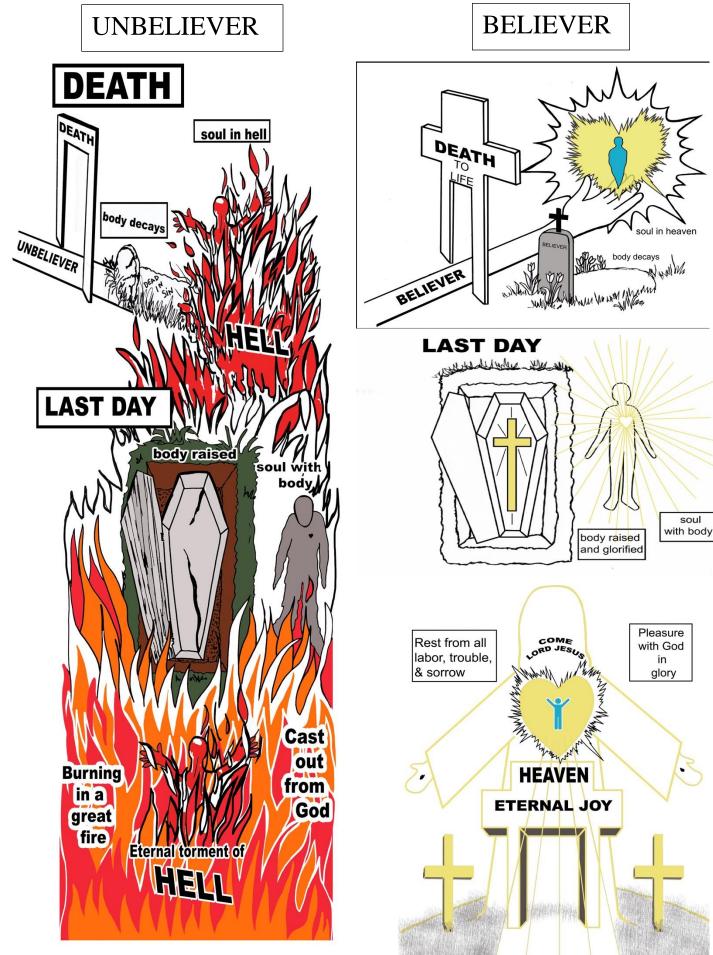
when we believe in Jesus,

and trust Him to save us.

BIBLE VERSE: "The free gift of God is Eternal Life." (Romans 6:23)







"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I thank You because You loved me and You died for me on the cross. Let your blood wash all my sins away. I want to belong to You now and always. Amen.

Word Study: Lesson 9

- 1. **Crucified**: Nailed to a cross and killed.
- 2. Eternal Life: Live with God and never die.
- 3. Pontius Pilate: (sign: P-P) Man who let Jesus get killed
- 4. Prove: show true
- **5. Resurrection:** Get up; live again after death.
- 6. Rise, Rose: Get up; live again after death.
- 7. Suffer: hurt, pain
- 8. **Tomb:** Grave. A room made of rock for burying dead people.

MEMORY HOME WORK:

- 1. Practice remembering the story how Jesus died and lives again.
- *2.* Practice remembering the Apostles Creed say all from memory
- 3. Find and read: Romans 3:25, Romans 6:23, 1 Timothy 2:5
- 4. Memorize Bible verse:

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

5. Practice "Jesus save us – How to share your faith" draw the picture and tell the story

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Lesson 9 Review

REVIEW QUESTIONS: Check the right answer:

1. Jesus lived on earth.

_____ He did good _____ He did bad.

2. How did Jesus die?

_____ He got sick with cancer _____ He got nailed to a cross

3. Why did Jesus die?

_____ He sinned

4. Who pays for my sin?

_____ Me _____ Jesus

5. My sin makes Jesus . . .

_____ sad _____ happy

- 6. Does Jesus love you when you sin?
 - _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know
- 7. Jesus forgives (takes away) my sin . . .

_____ when I go to church
____ when I am sorry and ask Jesus
____ to forgive me
____ when I feel good again

8. Did Jesus stay dead?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

9. What does RESURRECTION mean?

10. Who saw Jesus after He became alive again?

11. Will Jesus come again?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

12. WHEN will Jesus come again?

_____ Soon _____ Never _____ I don't know

13. What will happen to all dead people when Jesus comes again?

_____ Nothing will happen to dead people.
_____ Dead people will become alive again.

14. Jesus will come again to judge all people.

People who believe in Jesus will go (where) to _____.

People who do not believe in Jesus will go (where) to _____.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT – APOSTLES' CREED: 3RD ARTICLE – LESSON 10 Memorize the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed:

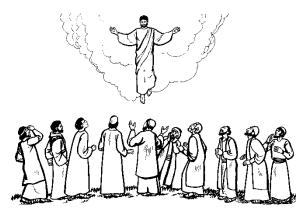


I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian church;

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting! Amen.

BIBLE STORY: PENTECOST - THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

Jesus went up to heaven. Then He sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples. The disciples were meeting and praying toghether every day. One day the Holy Spirit came and filled all the disciples. The Holy Spirit came with a loud noise, like a strong wind. Then the Holy Spirit gave a special sign that looked like small flames of fire on the heads of all the disciples.

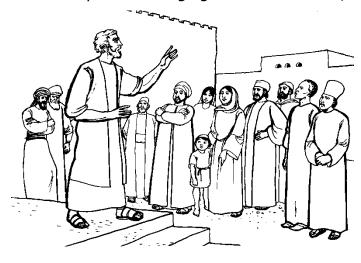


Then all the disciples began to speak in different languages. They praised God in new languages they never learned before. The Holy Spirit gave them the words.



Many people from all parts of the world were in the city. So they came to see what happened. The people were very surpirsed to hear the disciples speaking in their own differetn langugaes. The discples talked about the wonderful things God did. Peter stood up and talked to the people. Before, Peter was afriad to talk about jewus. But now the Holy Spirit was in Petre, and Peter was brave to preach about Jesus.

Peter told the people: "These disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, as God promised long ago." And Peter said, "Jesus is the Savior God sent to the



world. But you people killed Jesus. You nailed Jesus to a cross. But Jesus became alive again. Now Jesus rules with His Father in heaven with glory!"

The people heard Peter's words. They were afraid. They asked, "What can we do?" Peter answered, "Be sorry for your sins, and get baptized in Jesus' name. God will take away your sins, and He will give you the Holy Spirit." More than **3,000** people trusted Christ that day.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is the THIRD PERSON of the TRIUNE GOD:FatherSon (Jesus)Holy Spirit

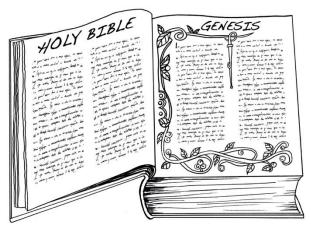
The Holy Spirit is God Himself living in every true believer.



WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

The Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God.

- 1. The Holy Spirit talks to us through God's Word, the Bible.
 - Long ago the Holy Spirit of God helped people write the Bible.
 - Now the Holy Spirit helps us read the Bible and understand what it means.
 - The Bible is God's way to talk to us. God wants us to read the Bible every day.



- 2. The Holy Spirit always wants to show us Jesus.
 - The Holy Spirit teaches us about Jesus.
 - The Holy Spirit shows us that we need Jesus.
 - The Holy Spirit gives us faith in Jesus and helps us believe.
- 3. The Holy Spirit helps us do good.
 - The Holy Spirit helps us to follow Jesus and refuse the temptations from this world.
 - The Holy Spirit will keep our faith strong and help us to trust in Jesus
- 4. The Holy Spirit helps us pray.
 - Do you remember the Bible story? The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the words to praise God.
 - The Bible says: "Pray with the Holy Spirit." Jude 20 "We don't know how to pray as we should. But the Holy Spirit speaks to God for us." Romans 8:26



How Do I GET THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

- Are you finished Baptized? God gives you His Holy Spirit when you are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
- Do you trust Jesus to forgive all your sins?
- Do you want Jesus to guide your life?
- If your answer is "Yes," then you already have the Holy Spirit!
- The Bible says:



"without the help of the Holy Spirit no one can say, "Jesus is Lord."" 1 Corinthians 12:3

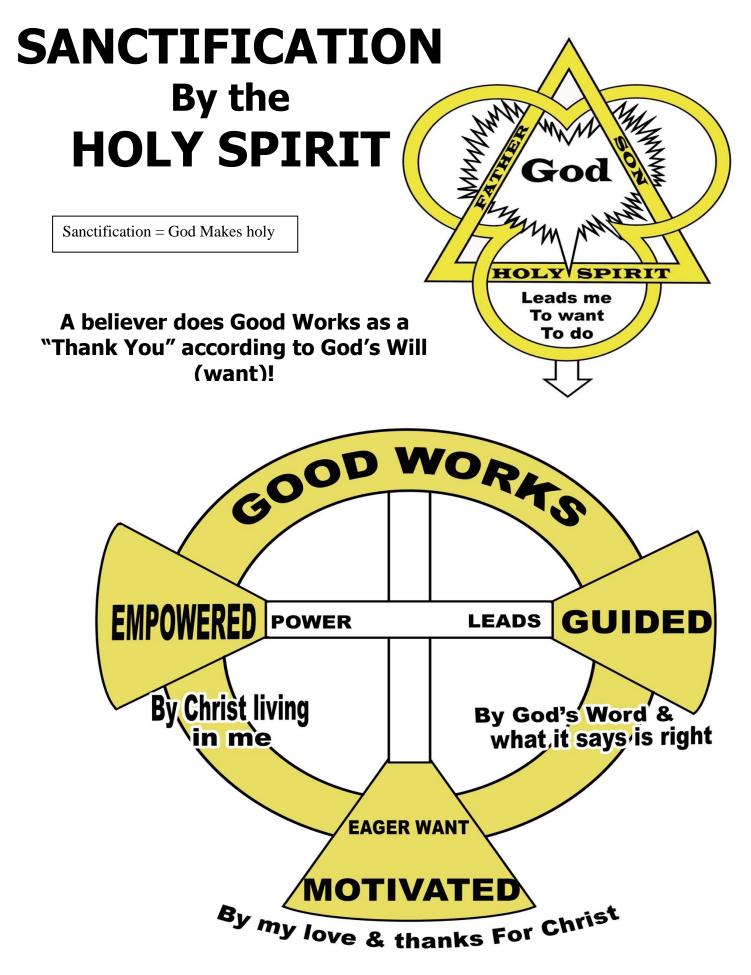
PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank you because you teach me about Jesus, and you give me faith in Jesus. Help me do good every day. Help me live for Jesus always. Amen.

WORD STUDY:

Disciple: Jesus' friends.

Forgive, Forgiveness: Take away sins (sign = "clean")
Pentecost: The day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples.
Resurrection: Become alive again after death.
Fellowship: Meet together with other Christians.
Sanctification: Holy Spirit making me Holy and guiding me in Holy Living



Home Practice: Lesson 10

1. Memorize the Third Article of the Creed:

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian church; communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting! Amen.

- 2. Memorize Bible Verse: "Be filled with the Holy Spirit." Ephesians 5:18
- 3. Find and read Acts 1 and Acts 2

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- 1. What happened on Pentecost Day?
- 2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
- *3. Fill in the blanks with these words: Understand Holy Spirit Read Bible*

The ______ talks to us through God's Word, the ______.

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The Holy Spirit helps us ______ the Bible and ______ what it means.

God wants us to read the Bible ______.

4. Fill in the blanks with these words:

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The ______ always wants to show us ______.

The Holy Spirit shows us that we ______ Jesus.

The Holy Spirit gives us ______ in Jesus and helps us ______.

5. Fill in the blanks with these words:

Holy Spirit Pray Strong Do Temptation Trust

The Holy Spirit helps us _____ good.

The Holy Spirit helps us _____.

The ______ helps us to follow Jesus and refuse the

_____ from this world.

The Holy Spirit will keep our faith _____ and help us to

_____ in Jesus.

| 6. Do you trust Jesus to forgive all your sins? | YES | NO |
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- 7. Do you have the Holy Spirit in you? YES NO
- 8. Do you want the Holy Spirit to help you live for Jesus?YES NO



God's BLAST Sacraments

SACRA – HOLY MENT – THINGS SACRAMENTS ARE GOD'S HOLY THINGS, GOD'S HOLY ACTIONS



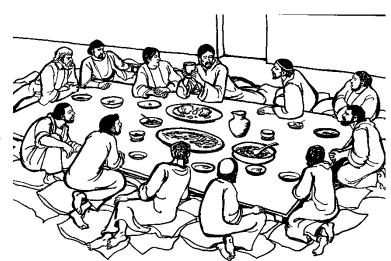
There are TWO sacraments:

1. Baptism

2. Lord's Supper

WHAT IS A SACRAMENT?

- A. is a holy act that God commands,
- B. has things we can see,
- C. is joined to God's Word, and (*The Word of God is the power in the sacraments*)
- D. gives forgiveness of sins.



| | Baptism | Lord's Supper |
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| A holy act that God commands: | ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." Matthew 28:18-20 | 26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body." 27 Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. 28 This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many. Matthew 26:26-28 |
| Has things we can see | Water | Bread & Wine |
| Is joined to God's Word | "19 So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. " Matthew 28:19 | Then Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to them and said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup. He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. It is poured out for you. Luke 22:19-20 |
| Gives forgiveness of sins | s He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done. It was because of his mercy. He saved us by washing away our sins. We were born again. The Holy Spirit gave us new life. Titus 3:5 "So what are you waiting for? Get up and call on his name. Be baptized. Have your sins washed away." Acts 22:16 | "This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many." Matthew 26:28 <u>1 Corinthians 11:27-28</u> So do not eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in a way that isn't worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person should take a careful look at himself before he eats the bread and drinks from the cup.(NIrV) |

SACRAMENTS – BAPTISM: LESSON 11

1. WHAT IS A BAPTISM?

Baptism is not water only, but it is water joined with God's Word.

What words of God are joined with water in baptism?



Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: "*Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus commanded that "all nations" should get baptism. This means all people: old people, young people, children, and babies, too.

Can BABIES belief in Jesus? YES!

Luke 1:41-44 – John the Baptist

But Jesus asked the children to come to him. "Let the little children come to me," he said. "Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them. What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:16-17

King David said: "From the time I was born, you took good care of me. Ever since I came out of my mother's body, you have been my God." Psalm 22:10

Read Psalm 51:5 – we are sinners before birth,

from the moment our mothers become pregnant with us we are sinners.

2. WHAT DOES GOD GIVE US IN BAPTISM?

Baptism gives:

- A. Forgiveness of sins,
- B. Salvation (save) from the devil and hell,
- C. Eternal life to all people who believe this.

Jesus said: *Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be punished.* Mark 16:16

Jesus' disciples said: *Peter replied, "All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* Acts 2:38

Peter said: "So what are you waiting for? Get up and call on his name. Be baptized. Have your sins washed away." Acts 22:16

John 3:4 – born from Heaven – 2nd birth

3. How can water do these wonderful things?

Water alone can't do that. But then God's Word is joined to the water, then the water becomes baptism, and the Holy Spirit comes to wash my sin away and make new life in my heart.

He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done. It was because of his mercy. He saved us by washing away our sins. We were born again. The Holy Spirit gave us new life. God poured out the Spirit on us freely because of what Jesus Christ our Savior has done. Titus 3:5-6

4. How should we live after we get **B**APTISM?

We should every day push-down and drown our old heart with all sin and bad wishes, and every day we should let our new heart come-up and lead us to live in right and holy ways for God.

In Baptism our sinful life is "drowned" and killed with Jesus. Now as Christians we live in Jesus and we have His new life.

Paul says:

Because of the law, I died as far as the law is concerned. I died so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ. I don't live any longer. Christ lives in me. My faith in the Son of God helps me to live my life in my body. He loved me. He gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20

You are all children of God by believing in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ as if he were your clothes. Galatians 3:26-27

Memory Home Work: Lesson 11

Memory Bible Verse: So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

| 1. | A Sacrament is: A. | | |
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| 2. | Baptism is join with | | |
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| 4. | I am a sinner ever since my became with me Psalm 51:5 | | |
| 5. | Baptism gives: | | |
| | A. | | |
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| | C. | | |
| 6. | Are you baptized? YESNO I don't know. | | |
| 7. | Can babies believe in Jesus? YESNO I don't know. | | |
| 8. | In Baptism our sinful life is and with Jesus | | |
| 9. | How should we live after baptism? | | |
| 10 | Write the Bible memory verse. (Matthew 28:19): | | |
| 11 Pray | .On what page in your Bible is the memory verse? Page | | |
| | Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Thank you for sharing your death with me in | | |

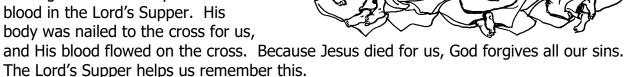
Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Thank you for sharing your death with me in my baptism. Help me push down my sinful life and help me live your good life today. Amen.

LORD'S SUPPER - (BLESSINGS AND BENEFITS): LESSON 12

WHAT BLESSINGS DOES THE LORD'S SUPPER GIVE?

Jesus says that He forgives our sins in the Lord's Supper. And if we have forgiveness of sins, then we also have salvation from hell and we have eternal life.

Jesus gives us His body and His blood in the Lord's Supper. His body was nailed to the cross for us,



Read the Matthew 26:17-30 Jesus gives the Lord's Supper and commands us to do this often. This happened during the celebration of the Passover. Read Exodus 11 and 12 to understand the story about unleavened (no yeast bread) and wine Jesus used in the Lord's Supper. WE continue follow same as Jesus today.

HOW CAN EATING AND DRINKING DO THESE WONDERFUL THINGS?

The eating and drinking do not give the blessings. The words of Jesus give the blessings. Jesus' words are the chief thing in the Lord's Supper. Jesus says that He gives us His body and blood to forgive our sins.

Anyone who believes these words has what the words say -- the forgiveness of sins.1

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Ask three questions:

- 1. Do I believe Jesus died to forgive my sins?
- 2. Am I sorry for my sins?
- 3. Do I believe Jesus true body and blood are in/with/under the bread and wine?

The best way to prepare for the Lord's Supper is to believe Jesus' words when He says that He gives His body and blood to forgive sins. Anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts, is not prepared.

IT is important that people who eat and drink the Lord's Supper understand that they are eating and drinking Jesus' body and blood. **And it is important** that they believe Jesus' promise of forgiveness. That is why we come to confirmation class and are confirmed before getting the Lord's Supper.

WHY SHOULD WE HAVE THE LORD'S SUPPER OFTEN?

- (1) The Lord's Supper helps our faith in Jesus grow strong.
- (2) Jesus commands us to have the Lord's Supper often.

WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- (1) People who don't trust Jesus to save them.
- (2) People who are not sorry about their sins.
- (3) People who don't know what the Bible teaches about the Lord's Supper.

The Bible says:

"So if a person eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is not worthy or it, then that person is sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Every person should look into his own heart before he eats the bread and drinks the cup. If a person eats the bread and drinks the cup without recognizing the body, then that person is judged guilty by eating and drinking."(I Corinthians 11:27-29)



Memory Bible Verse: ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body." ²⁷ Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. ²⁸ This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many. Matthew 26:26-28

Review Questions: Lesson 12

- 1. Jesus gives us His _____ and His _____ in the Lord's Supper.
- 2. The eating and drinking do ______ give the blessings.

The ______ of Jesus give the blessings.

- 3. Ask three questions:
 - a. Do I believe Jesus died to _____ my sins?
 - b. Am I ______ for my sins?
 - c. Do I believe Jesus true ______ and _____ are in/with/under the bread and wine?
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(3) People who don't know what the ______ teaches about the Lord's Supper.

6. PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me Your body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Thank you for cleaning away my sins in Your Lord's Supper. Help me join in receiving Your gift often, sharing Your love and forgiveness with everyone I meet. Amen.

TELL MY SINS AND GOD FORGIVES: LESSON 13 (Confession and Absolution)



<u>Jonah 3:6-10</u>

The news reached the king of Nineveh. He got up from his throne. He took his royal robes off and dressed himself in black clothes. He sat down in the dust. Then he sent out a message to the people of Nineveh. He said, "I and my nobles give this order. "Don't let any person or animal taste anything. That includes your herds and flocks. People and animals must not eat or drink anything. Let people and animals alike be covered with black cloth. All of you must call out to God with all your hearts. Stop

doing what is evil. Don't harm others. Who knows? God might take pity on us. He might turn away from his burning anger. Then we won't die." **God saw what they did. They stopped doing what was evil. So he took pity on them. He didn't destroy them as he had said he would.**

<u>Romans 10:9-10</u> "Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. **With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved.**"

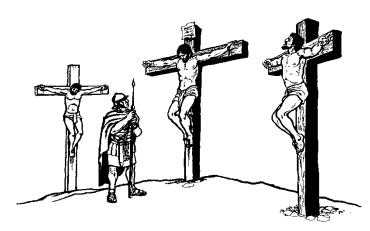
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

What is Confession?

"Confess" means: Tell God about our sins. We must be honest about our sins, and we must be sorry about our sins.

We can confess our sins to God in prayer, Or we can confess our sins to the pastor, Or we can confess our sins to each other. We should be honest about all our sins; we should confess to God sins that we know about.





What is Forgiveness?

"Forgive"...means God takes away your sin and wipes clean your life.

When we confess our sins to God, He always forgives us because Jesus died for us.

When we confess our sins to the pastor, the pastor speaks God's Words of forgiveness to us. We get forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself. Happens the pastor speaks forgiveness from the Bible:

"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <u>John 20:23</u>

These are TWO PARTS of our Christian life every day:

(1) CONFESSIONS (Tell)(2) FORGIVENESS

How Can the Pastor Forgive Sins?

Jesus gave the church people the power to forgive sins in His Name! See **John 20:23**. The pastor is Jesus' leader of the church people. The pastor holds the "pastoral office" by the "CALL" of believing people. The Pastor's Office has the power to act in the name of Jesus.



Jesus gave a special power to His church people and the Pastor. It is the power to forgive sins to people who are sorry. And it is the power to not forgive people who are not sorry.

The Bible says: Jesus breathed on His disciples. Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, then their sins are forgiven. If you don't forgive people sins, then their sins are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

<u>All people are sinners</u>. Also the people who believe in Jesus but sin every day. Therefore, every Sunday in church we confess our sins and ask God to forgive us. Then the pastor tells us that our sins are forgiven in the name of God.

BUT WHAT ABOUT <u>ME</u> ?

IF I AM SORRY ABOUT SOMETHING I DID WRONG, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If I am sorry --

- (1) I must **<u>confess</u>** my sin to God right now. Don't wait.
- (2) I **<u>believe</u>** God's promise: God promised to forgive me because Jesus died for me.
- (3) And I **<u>thank</u>** God for HIs love and forgiveness to me.



DO I HAVE TO TELL MY PASTOR WHAT I DID WRONG?

No, the Bible does not say that we must tell the pastor. But if my sin bothers me, I can tell the pastor, and he will tell me that my sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and tender to one another, forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.

IF SOMEONE ELSE DOES SOMETHING WRONG, AND THAT PERSON TELLS ME THAT HE IS SORRY, <u>WHAT SHOULD I DO?</u>

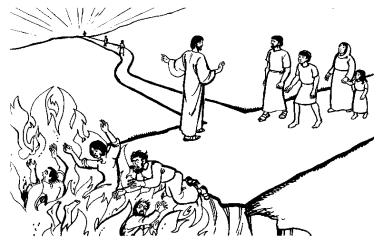
- (1) I must tell that person that I forgive him.
- (2) And I must tell that person that

God forgives him in Jesus' name.

It is important to tell people what Jesus has done for them. We <u>must</u> tell people about Jesus. **We** <u>must</u> tell people that God forgives sinners who are sorry!

³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Memory Bible Verse: Jesus breathed on His disciples. Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, then their sins are forgiven. If you don't forgive people sins, then their sins are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)



Review Questions: Lesson 13

- 1. "Confess" means: Tell _____ about our _____.
- 2. "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are ______
 - If you do ______ forgive them, they are ______ forgiven." John 20:23
- 3. These are TWO PARTS of our Christian life every day:
 - a.
 - b.
- 4. If I am sorry --
 - A. I must ______ my sin to God right now. Don't wait.
 - B. I _____ God's promise: God promised to forgive me because Jesus died for me.
 - C. And I ______ God for HIs love and forgiveness to me.
- 5. IF SOMEONE ELSE DOES SOMETHING WRONG, AND THAT PERSON TELLS ME THAT HE IS SORRY, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
 - a. I must ______ that person that I ______ him.
 - b. And I must tell that person that ______ forgives him in Jesus' name.
- 6. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- 7. Explain the story in the picture



8. PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for ALL the sins I do. Every day I break all of Your laws. Please forgive me in Jesus Name. Help me to give Your forgiveness to everyone who hurts me. I pray in Jesus Name, Amen.

THE CHURCH – God's People!!

What Is The Church?

Is the Church only a big beautiful building?

Is the Church only a Sunday meeting for people in nice clothes?

NO! ****



The Church is GOD'S FAMILY OF **BELIEVERS**!

All people who believe in Jesus are God's children. They are brothers and sisters to each other. This family of God is called the <u>Christian Church</u>.



Only God knows who belongs to HIS CHURCH, Because only God knows who truly believes in Jesus.

What about Me?

I should want to join a congregation (church group). **YES!** Why? Because

- (1) I want to learn God's Word.
- (2) I want to be with other people who love Jesus.
- (3) I want to work for Jesus and His CHURCH (people).

God wants us to meet with other Christians (people who love Jesus).

Hebrews 10:19-25 "Brothers and sisters, we are not afraid to enter the Most Holy Room. We enter boldly because of the blood of Jesus. His way is new because he lives. It has been opened for us through the curtain I am talking about his body. We also have a great priest over the house of God <u>So let us come near to God with an honest and true heart</u>. Let us come near with a faith that is sure and strong. Our hearts have been sprinkled. Our minds have been cleaned from a sense of guilt.



Our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The One who promised is faithful Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. Let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us cheer each other up with words of hope. Let us do it all the more as you see the day coming when Christ will return."

We meet together on Sundays and other days.

We meet to listen to God's Word

Together, we **meet** to love and praise God.

The church group (congregation) works to bring God's **Word & Sacraments** to people who don't believe in Jesus.

This costs much, so I should help with my gifts...of Time (come), Talents (skills), Treasure (\$).

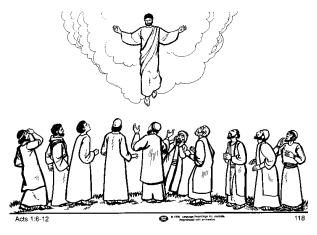
The Church is Like a BODY:

JESUS is the **<u>head</u>** of the Church.

We are the parts of the Church **body**.

Each part needs every other part if the <u>body</u> wants to work right.

So also I NEED GOD'S PEOPLE GOD'S PEOPLE NEED ME JESUS IS OUR HEAD; we need Jesus!



Many people do not know about Jesus and His love. I should do all I can to bring the Good News about Jesus to those people. There is much joy in bringing people to Jesus and to His Church!

The Church properly (right) speaking is a place where believing people are gathered...and His (Jesus') Bible preaching happens, Baptism happens, and the Lord's Supper is given out in fellowship with one another for the forgiveness of sins in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God gives the 3rd Commandment to Worship together! Jesus was always going to church (synagogue)!

Memory Bible Verse: Jesus breathed on His disciples. Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, then their sins are forgiven. If you don't forgive people sins, then their sins are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

Review Questions: Lesson 13+

- 1. The Church is GOD'S _____ OF BELIEVERS!
- 2. All people who believe in Jesus are God's children. They are brothers and sisters

- 3. I should want to join a congregation (church group). YES! Why? Because :
 - A. I want to _____ God's Word.
 - B. I want to ______ other people who love Jesus.
 - C. I want to ______ for Jesus and His CHURCH (people).
- 4. We ______ together on Sundays and other days.
- 5. We ______ to listen to God's Word
- 6. Together, we ______ to love and praise God.
- 7. The Church is Like a ______!
- 8. JESUS is the _____ of the Church.
- 9. We are the parts of the Church ______.

10. PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank You for joining Your people together in ONE Holy Christian Church. Please help us to love each other and show the world Your people in action. Forgive us, lead us, so we will arrive in our home, Heaven, together! I pray in Jesus Name, Amen.



God's BLAST TEN COMMANDMENTS: Lesson 14

1) YOU MUST HAVE NO OTHER GODS EXCEPT (ONLY) ME.

2) YOU MUST NOT USE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN WRONG WAYS

3) YOU REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY (WORSHIP DAY) TO KEEP IT HOLY.

4) YOU HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, THEN YOU WILL LIVE WELL AND LONG.

5) YOU MUST NOT MURDER.

6) YOU MUST NOT DO ADULTERY (BREAK MARRIAGE)

7) YOU MUST NOT STEAL.

8) YOU MUST NOT TELL FALSE STORIES ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS.

9) YOU MUST NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

10) YOU MUST NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE OR HIS SERVANTS, OR HIS CATTLE, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (THE WAY WE SIGN IT)

- 1) God Only God
- 2) God His name honor
- 3) God I Worship
- 4) Father, mother honor
- 5) NO Murder
- 6) NO adultery
- 7) NO steal
- 8) NO lie, NO gossip
- 9) NO jealous people their things
- 10) NO jealous people their wife, workers, or anything

BIBLE STORY: GOD GIVES HIS LAWS (EXODUS 20)

Near the beginning of the Bible is the story about the Jewish people and their leader, Moses.

The Jewish people were slaves in Egypt, and they suffered much. But God loved these people. He wanted them to be His own special people. God made them free from Egypt. He promised to give them a good land. He promised to defend them from their enemies. Best, He promised that the Savior would come from their nation.

On the way to their new land, the people stopped at a high mountain. The people stood around the mountain and Moses went to the top of the mountain. Then God came to the mountaintop and spoke to the people. He told them to remember the good things He did for them.

The mountain shook. The people heard loud thunder. Then God spoke the **Ten COMMANDMENTS.** God wrote the Ten Commandments on two flat stones. God gave them to Moses for the people. The Ten Commandments are for all people, and for us, too.



THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

God Says: "You must have no other gods except (only) me."

What does that mean? We should fear, love, and trust God more than anything.

In **Daniel 3** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were willing to die rather than worship any god. They would worship only the True God. The only true God is the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

There is only one true God. He is the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is our best Friend. We must honor and love and trust Him first and most.

If we honor people more than God, we sin. If we love a good time



more than God, we sin. If we trust money more than God, we sin. What we honor or love or want most, that is our god.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"You must not use the Name of the Lord your God in wrong ways."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will not use His name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or for magic. But we will pray to Him, praise Him and thank Him.

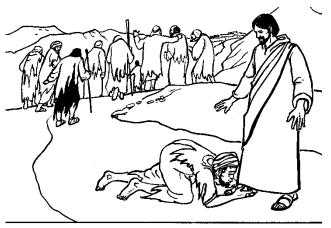
Ten lepers. Luke 17:11-19

When these lepers (skin disease) saw Jesus coming near, they cried out to Him for help. They heard about His power to do miracles, to heal sick people, and to show mercy to sinners. Jesus heard them and replied, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

When the ten lepers went away, they saw their leprosy was gone. How happy they must have been to see that they are now healed from terrible disease!

But only one man returned to thank Jesus. Falling at Jesus' feet, he gave glory to God and thanked Jesus for making him well again.

We are Christians. That means: We belong to Christ. Our words and our life



must always show Christ. If our actions and words are sinful, then people will think bad about Christ.

God's name is holy and good. We should not use God's name as a bad word in jokes or cursing.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"Remember the Sabbath Day (Saturday) to keep it holy." (Worship Day)

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will not forget about God's Word. But we will love God's Word; we will want to learn it and listen to it preached.



SABBATH DAY means: A day for worshipping God, and for rest.

God tells us in **Daniel 6** that Daniel was faithful to God. He worshipped only the One True God, and God blessed him.

He continued to pray and worship only God! He knew he could be caught and thrown to the lions. But it was more important to obey God, than to please the king.

The Third Commandment teaches that we should gladly go to church, Bible

Study, and Sunday School to learn God's Word. We should read the Bible, believe it and obey it. God is most important in our lives.

Word Study: Lesson 14

Commandment: Law, rule

Curse: talk bad about God; ask God to punish someone or something.

Deceive: To fool someone; here it means a bad person using God's name to make people think he is good.

Honor: respect, obey, love; think a person is important.

Preach: speak God's Word, as a pastor does in church.

Sabbath Day: Saturday for church, for worshipping God, and for rest.

Soul: Spirit, life.

Triune: 3-in-1 God.

Vain: wrong, foolish, and useless, without honor.

Worship: honor most, love most, and want most: We should worship God only.

MEMORY HOMEWORK:

- 5. Practice remembering Commandments 1, 2, and 3.
- 6. Bible Verse: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)
- 7. Find and read Exodus 20, Daniel 3, Daniel 6, and Luke 17:11-19
- 8. Practice telling the Bible stories

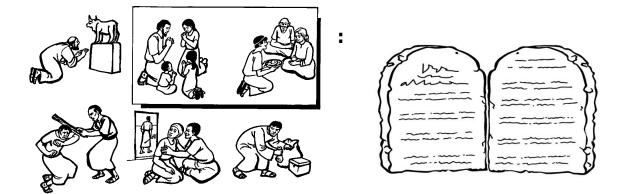
REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- 15. Who gave the Ten Commandments to the people?
- 16. Who is the man God called to go up the mountain for the Ten Commandments?
- 17. Write the First Commandment.
- 18. What does the First Commandment mean?
- 19. Who is the true God?
- 20. What are some things or people you like very much?
- 21. Which do you love MOST? These things _____ or God ____?
- 22. Write the Second Commandment.
- 23. What does the Second Commandment mean?
- 24. Write the Third Commandment.
- 25. What does the Third Commandment mean?
- 26. What does "Sabbath Day" mean?
- 27. Fill in the blanks (Bible memory verse):
 - "You must love the Lord your ______ with all your _____, and with all your _____, and with all your ______, and with all your _____." Matthew 22:37

PRAYER:

My God, You made me. You take care of me every day. And you forgive all my sins. You are my highest good. Help me always honor, love and trust you most. Amen.

LESSON 15: TEN COMMANDMENTS (4-8)



Commandments 1 – 3 teach us to Love God Commandments 4 – 10 teach us to Love People

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"Honor your father and mother, then you will live well and long."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We fear and love God. Then we will not hate our parents or people over us. And we will honor them, love them, serve them and obey them.

Joseph was an important ruler in Egypt' and his father only a shepherd. Joseph gave his father love and honor. He brought his father to meet the king.

Joseph took care of his father and gave him what he needed. Joseph wanted to make his father happy and give him peace.

God loves us. He gave us parents. Parents love us and take care of us. Father and mother are our best friends in the world.



The Fourth Commandment tells us to love our

parents, honor them and gladly do what we can to help them and make them happy.

God also put other people over us: teachers, our boss, and the government. We should also honor and obey all these people who are over us.

God promises to give a long and happy life to us if we honor and obey our parents.

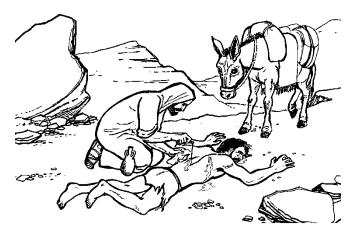
GOD SAYS: "You must not Murder."

What does that mean? We should fear and love God. Then we will not hurt people. But we will help them in everything they need.

Matthew 5:21-24; Luke 10:25-37

Story of the Good Samaritan Life is a good gift from God. The Fifth Commandment tells us to protect life.

- It is wrong to murder people
- It is wrong to hurt people
- It is wrong to hate people.
- It is wrong to "get even."



Only the government has the power to punish a person with death.

God wants us to love all people. We must love our enemies. We must be nice to them and forgive them. If we remember Jesus loves us and forgives us, then we can love and forgive other people.

GOD SAYS:

"You must not do adultery (sex sins)."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will live clean and good in our talking and doing. And we will fear and love our husband or wife.

Genesis 39:1-23

Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph sin by having sex with her. If he had done so, it would have broken God's command. Also, it would have spoiled Joseph's witness as one of God's people. So, Joseph refused and said, ~No!

The Sixth Commandment teaches us about marriage.

Adultery means: Break marriage.

God made people Man and Woman. God brings man and woman together in marriage. This is very good.

God wants husband and wife to love each other and stay together as long as they live.

God wants us to:

- Live clean and good.
- *Speak* clean and good.
- Think clean and good.

We should not tell dirty jokes.

We should not use dirty signs.

We should not think bad thoughts.

Bad thoughts come easily. But . . .

- We can pray for God's help.
- We can study God's Word every day.
- We can be busy doing good things.
- We can stay away from bad places and bad friends.

This will help keep good thoughts in our minds.



Added material

What the Bible says about A.I.D.S. and Sex

Most people get AIDS from breaking God's Sixth Commandment. The Bible teaches a lot about sex.

SEX WITHOUT MARRIAGE

We must have sex with only the person we marry. We must never have sex with any other person. And we must never have sex before marriage. Sex with girlfriend – boyfriend is wrong. Living together without marriage is wrong. If you are not yet married, don't do sex. See Ephesians 5:3-13 and Hebrews 13:4.

- *Ephesians 5:3-13: 3* There should not be even a hint of sexual sin among you. Don't do anything unclean. And do not always want more and more. Things like that are not what God's holy people should do.
- **4** There must not be any unclean speech or foolish talk or dirty jokes. All of them are out of place. Instead, you should give thanks.
- **5** Here is what you can be sure of. Those who give themselves over to sexual sins are lost. So are people whose lives are not pure. The same is true of those who always want more and more. People who do those things might as well worship statues of gods. No one who does them will receive a share in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- *6* Don't let anyone fool you with words that don't mean anything. Because of things like that, God is angry with those who don't obey. *7* So don't go along with people like that.
- 8 At one time you were in the dark. But now you are in the light because of what the Lord has done. Live like children of the light.
 9 The light produces what is completely good, right and true.
 10 Find out what pleases the Lord.
- **11** Have nothing to do with the acts of darkness. They don't produce anything good. Show what they are really like. **12** It is shameful even to talk about what people who don't obey do in secret.
- 13 But everything the light shines on can be seen.
- Hebrews 13:4: ⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed keep pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND MOVIES

You must protect your mind. Don't put sex pictures and movies into your brain. See Matthew 5:27-28.

Matthew 5:27-28: 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'— (*Exodus 20:14*) 28 But here is what I tell you. Do not even look at a woman in the wrong way. Anyone who does has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

HOMOSEXUALITY

The Bible also teaches that men must never have sex with other men and women must never have sex with other women. "Gay" and "Lesbian" sex is very wrong. See Romans 1:24-27

Romans 1:24-27:

24 So God let them go. He allowed them to do what their sinful hearts wanted to. He let them commit sexual sins. They polluted one another's bodies by what they did.

25 They chose a lie instead of God's truth. They worshiped and served created things. They didn't worship the Creator. But he must be praised forever. Amen. **26** So God let them go. They were filled with shameful longings. Their women committed sexual acts that were not natural. **27** In the same way, the men turned away from their natural love for women. They burned with sexual longing for each other. Men did shameful things with other men. They suffered in their bodies for all the twisted things they did.

SAFE SEX

"Safe Sex" is never really safe. The only REAL safe sex is doing it God's way. Sex only after we marry, sex only with the person we marry and nobody else. All other ways for sex make big problems, sickness and death.

FUN SEX

Sex in marriage, sex God's way, is good. A strong happy marriage makes sex fun and healthy.

GOD SAYS ABOUT YOUR BODY:

"You do not belong to yourselves. You belong to God. God did buy you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

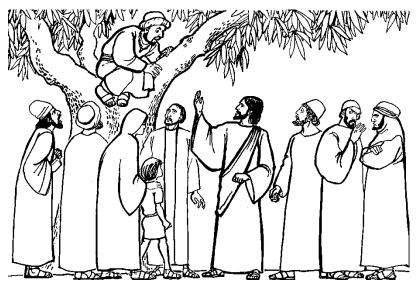
THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"You must not steal."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will not take our neighbor's money or things. And we will not get them by cheating or any false doing. But we will help him improve and protect his things.



Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, learned about Jesus' love, and confessed sorrow for his sins, promised to give half of his possessions to the poor and pay back anyone he had cheated. He promised to pay four times the money he stole. Believing in Jesus changed Zacchaeus. He stopped stealing.

"Steal" means -

- *Take* things that don't belong to you.
- **Break** or **ruin** things that belong to other people.
- Cheat on a test.
- Waste time at work.
- *Pay not enough* for something you buy.
- *Charge too much* for something you sell.
- Borrow and not pay back.
- Gamble.

God wants us to love all people and help them to keep their good things.

If we know about poor people, we should give them some of our good things.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"You must not tell false stories about your neighbor."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will not tell stories or lies about our neighbor. But we will defend them. We will say good things about them. We will always think best about them.

Jesus before Pilate Luke 23:1-25

We sin against God and other people if we do or say anything to destroy our neighbor's name. We do so when we lie about him, when we give away his secrets, when we speak evil about him, or when we keep silent when we should be defending him. When the evil men wanted to get rid of Jesus, they said false things about Him. They convinced Pontius Pilate to crucify Jesus.

If we truly love God and our neighbor, then we will defend our neighbor against lies. We will also think well of him in our hearts and speak well of him to others.



Review Questions: Lesson 15

19. Write the Fourth Commandment:

20. Name 4 people who are over us:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. ______ d. _____

21. Write the Fifth Commandment:

22. If someone hurts us, what should we do to him?

23. Write the Sixth Commandment:

24. How long should a husband and wife stay married?

25. What is the Seventh Commandment?

26. What are four ways people steal?

a. ______ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

27. Write the Eighth Commandment:

28. Can I tell gossip if it is true story? Yes _____ or no _____

PRAYER:

Lord God, thank you for my parents. Help me do good things for them. Guard my mind to keep away bad thoughts. Show me how to love people more and how to say only good things about them. Amen.

HOME PRACTICE:

- 9. Practice remembering Commandments 4 8.
- 10. Find and read: Luke 10:25-37, Genesis 39:1-23, Luke 19:1-10
- 11. Think of ways you can fight against temptations.
- 12. Bible Verse: Jesus said, "You must love your neighbor as you love yourself." Matthew 22:39

WORD STUDY

Adultery: break marriage; dirty act
Defend: guard; help take care of
Government: people over us in city, state and nation
Improve: Make better
Marriage: marry; a man and a woman join to live together all of their life
Neighbor: here it means anyone who needs our help

LESSON 16: TEN COMMANDMENTS (9 & 10)

Commandments 1 - 3 teach us to Love God Commandments 4 - 10 teach us to Love People

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"You must not want (jealous) your neighbor's house."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We fear and love God. Then we will not try to get our neighbor's house or things in a wrong way. But we will help him keep it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

GOD SAYS:

"You must not want (jealous) your neighbor's wife, or his servants, or his cattle or anything that is your neighbor's."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

We should fear and love God. Then we will not try to tempt or pull our neighbor's family or workers. But we will encourage them to stay and do their duty.

David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11)

David saw the woman named Bathsheba. Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah. David wanted what belonged to another person. David took Bathsheba away from Uriah. Uriah was a soldier in the army. David killed Uriah by making him fight in the front of the battles. God knew David's sin.



All of us break God's commands by wanting things that do not belong to us. We are jealous of other people who have more and nicer things. We are greedy and take things that belong to other people. We are the same as David.

But God also forgives us, the same as He forgave David and Bathsheba. God takes away our guilt and shame. He makes us clean and pure. God gives you and I His Gospel promise. That is why Jesus died on the cross. So we can continue to be God's holy servants (saints).

Both the *Ninth* and *Tenth Commandments* tell us:

"You must not want your neighbor's things."

This is very hard. We see things other people have, and we want them, too. We see on TV new toys and games, and we want them.

It is OK to have good things. But sometimes we strongly want things we cannot have. Then our strong wants lead us to do sin and get things in wrong ways. God wants us to be satisfied with the things we have. God helps us get everything we need for life. If our neighbor has good things, we should be happy. We should help him keep his good things.

THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS

What does God say about all these Commandments?

God says: "I am the Lord your God. I am a jealous God. I punish the sins of the people who hate Me, and also of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. But I will show mercy (love) to many thousands of people who love Me and obey My Commandments."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

God warns that He will punish all people who break these Commandments. We must fear God's anger and not do against His Commandments. But God promises mercy and blessing to all people who obey His Commandments. So we should love and trust God, and gladly do His Commandments.

Review Questions: Lesson 16

29. Write the Ninth Commandment:

30. Write the Tenth Commandment:

31. Why is it wrong to strongly want (jealous) things we cannot have?

32. Sin brings what? (Read Romans 6:23a)

33. What does "Gospel" mean? (Read Romans 6:23b)

34. Write ways you can help other people to keep and protect what God gives to them:

PRAYER:

Dear God, I know that I do sin, and I am sorry. Please forgive me and make my mind clean. Thank you for saving me through Jesus. Now help me to love you and obey your Commandments. Amen.

WORD STUDY

Cattle: cows; farm animals Covet: desire; want things other people have Duty: work; job. Gospel: Good News about Jesus. Jealous: want for yourself Mercy: love and forgive Servant: Worker Urge: Help, encourage Warn: Tell someone to be careful; promise.

MEMORY HOME WORK:

- 1. Practice remembering Commandments 9 & 10.
- 2. Read 2 Samuel 11, Romans 3:23-24, Romans 6:23
- 3. What makes you jealous and what other people's things? How can you change this week?
- 4. Practice write all 10 commandments. Look at long and short examples

Alleluia! To God Only be the Glory