

Luther's Small Catechism - Deaf



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For those who want to learn and
Teach the basics of the Christian Faith

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Introduction:

This Edition of Luther's Small Catechism is designed for use in the teaching and guiding of Deaf people to understand what God has done for them. Especially knowing and believing that Jesus died to forgive their sins.

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The Lessons

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

The student should fill in the question sheet at the end of each lesson to review.

We encourage the student to practice remembering the memory verses.

Each Lesson has a Home Practice page. The Home Practice page helps us 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)

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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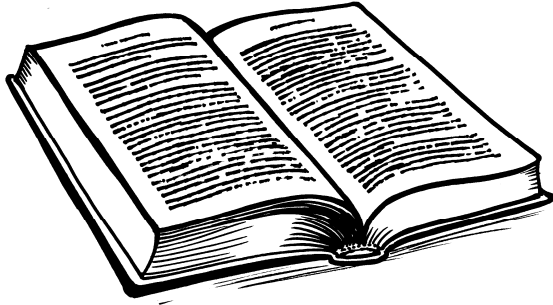
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LESSON 1: THE BIBLE – GOD’S WORD

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. God speaks to us through the Bible.

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.

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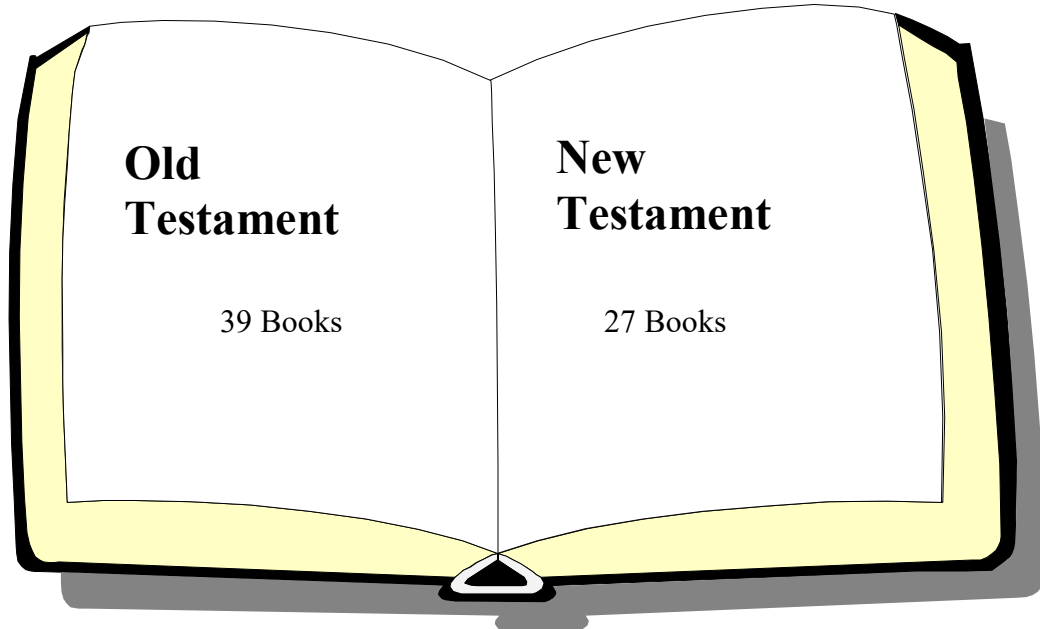
2 Timothy 3:15-16 - You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus. God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful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

Your Bible is
really a Library!

Holy Bible

Library of 66 Books!

Two Halves



O.T.

N.T.

BC

+

AD

= One Bible

66 Bible Books

O.T.

N.T.

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+

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39 Books Old Testament

27 Books New Testament

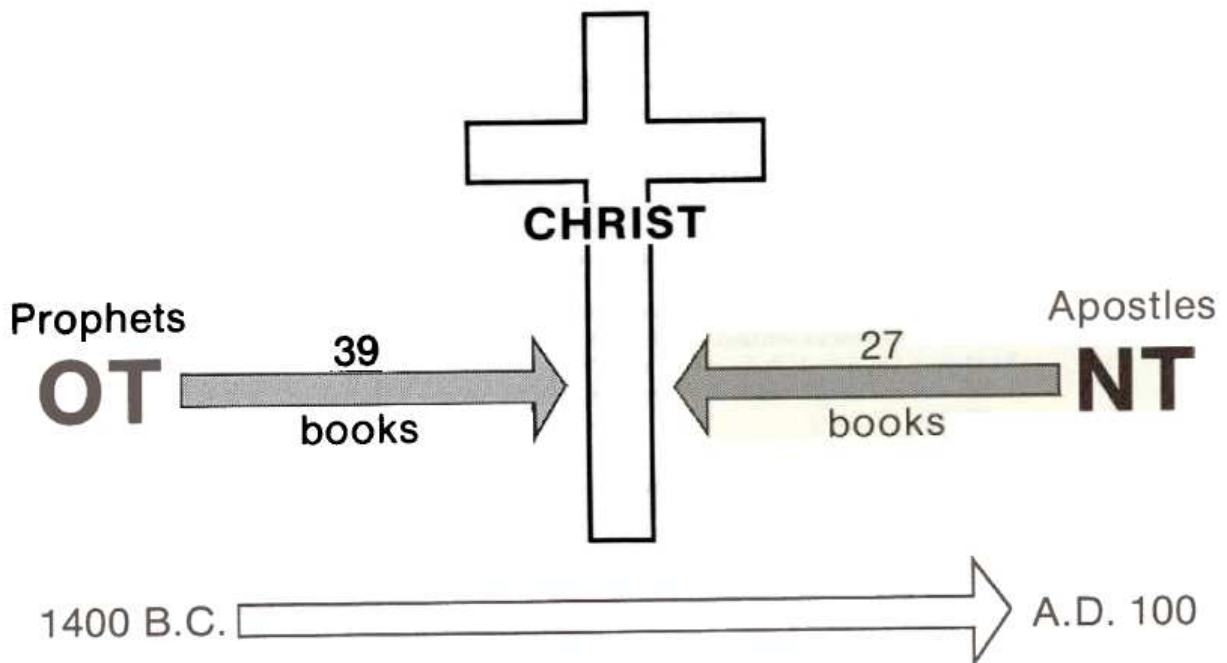
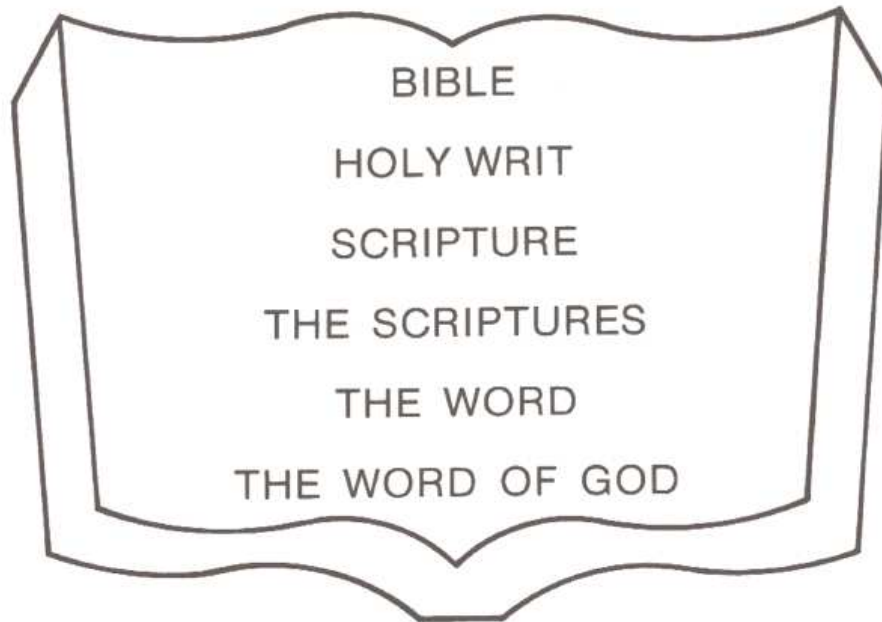
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Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of
Solomon

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
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1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter

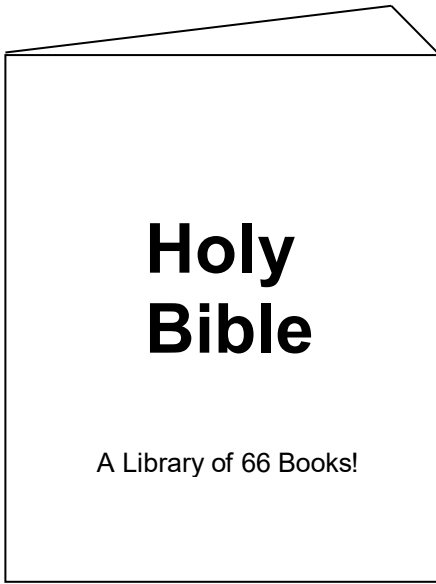
1 John
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3 John
Jude
Revelation

Other Names for Bible:



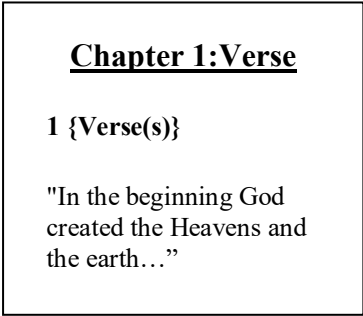
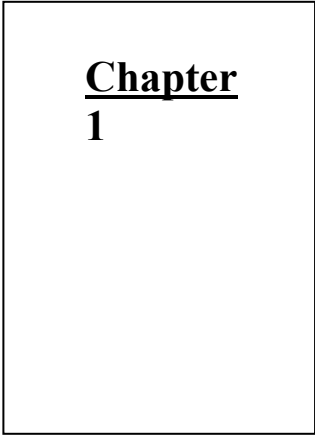
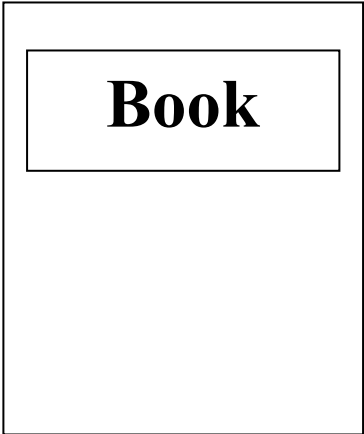
Bible Books Show Jesus

Christ Centered Books!

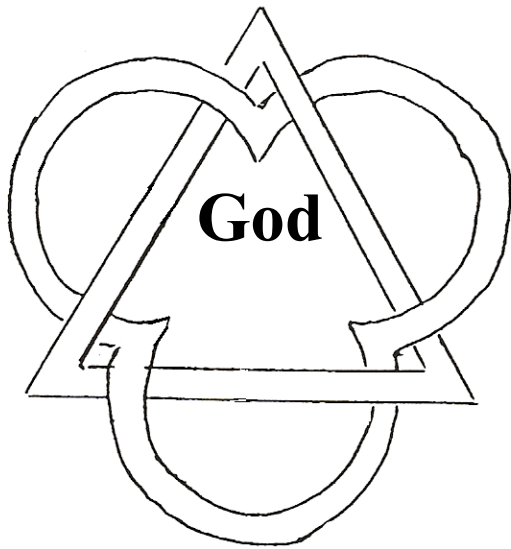


**Library
66 Books**

Genesis 1:1



How did we get our Bible?



Inspiration

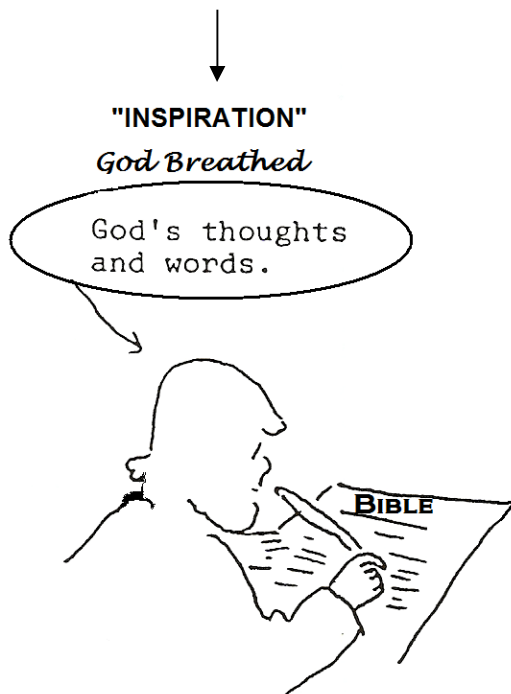
God's thoughts & words!

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

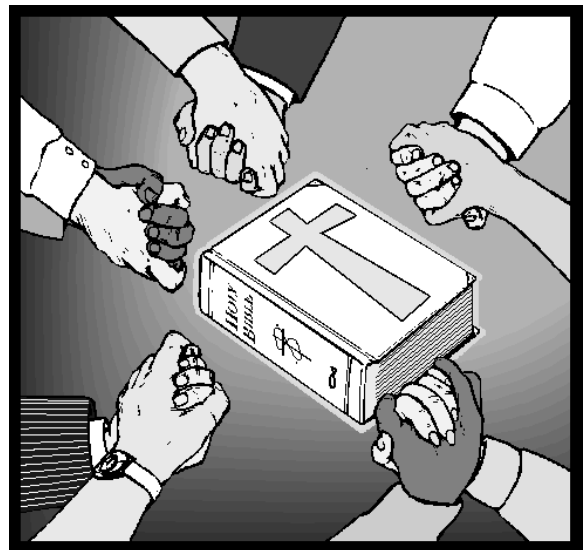
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Inspiration

In-SPIRIT-way

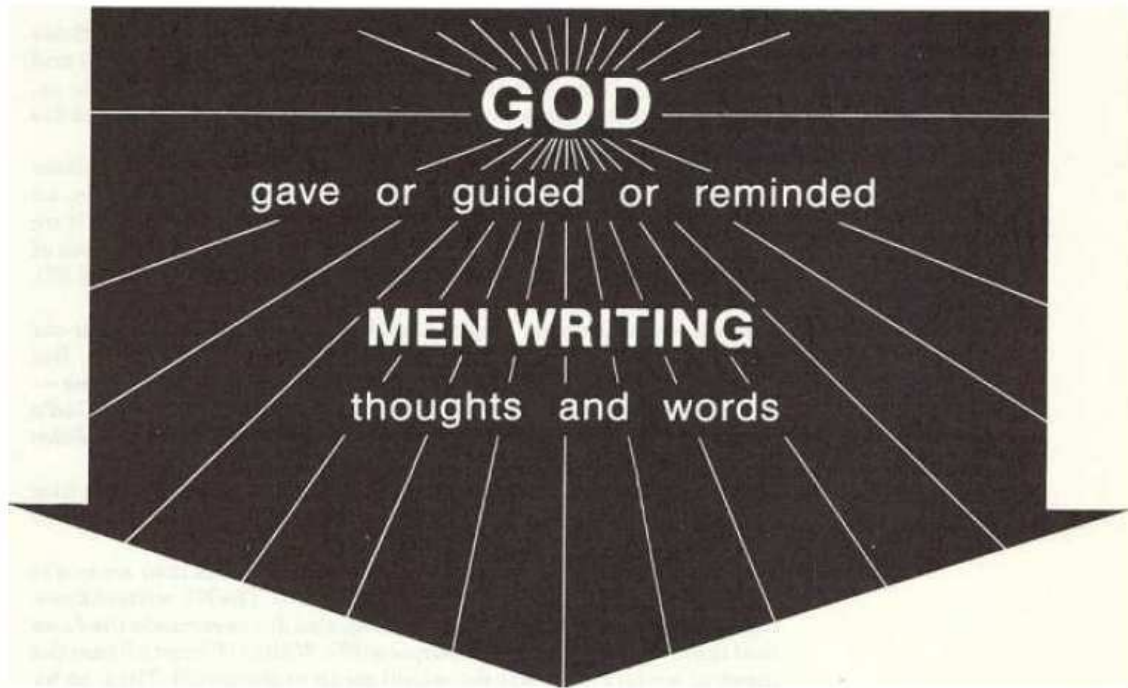


YOU & I...



...now have God's Word!

VERBAL INSPIRATION



Don't Add!

Don't Subtract!

Don't Change the Meaning!

Deuteronomy 4:2

WORD STUDY:

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
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	
	Philemon	

LESSON 1**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 is the last book in the Bible?
12. What are other names for the Bible?
13. Who is the center of the Bible?
14. In your Bible, what page is Joshua 1:9 _____ and Ephesians 2:8-9 _____.
15. 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 _____.

Lesson 2: Law & Gospel

(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)
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.

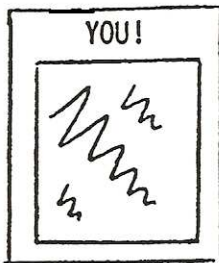
HOW CAN WE USE GOD'S LAW?

God's Law is good for three purposes:



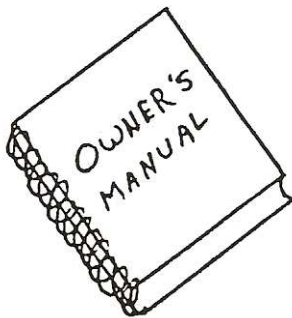
1. A "Curb" Romans 2:14-15

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



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.



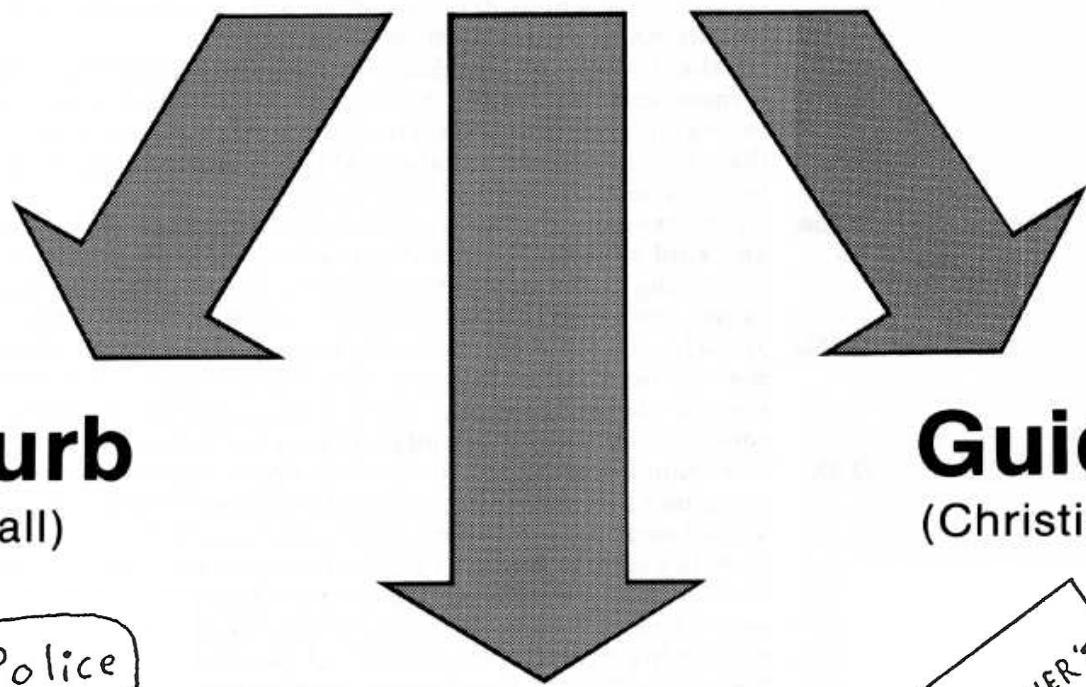
Owners Manual = Bible

3. A "Guide" Psalm 119:105

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

Shows Our Sin!

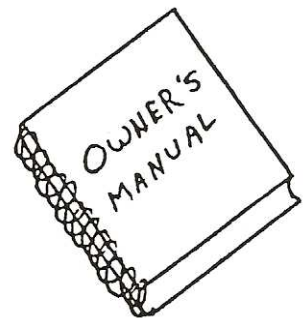
The Purpose of the LAW



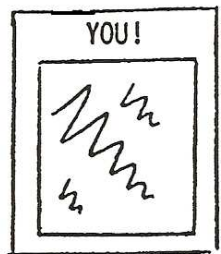
Curb
(all)



Guide
(Christians)



Mirror
(all)



GOD'S LAW

WRITTEN
IN



Heart

clouded
by a
hardened
or
mistaken

CONSCIENCE

Bible

always
clear

summarized in

THE

TEN COMMANDMENTS

LOVE GOD
AND
NEIGHBOR

Romans 6:23(a)

When you sin, the pay
you get is death.



WE fail to Love God & other people!

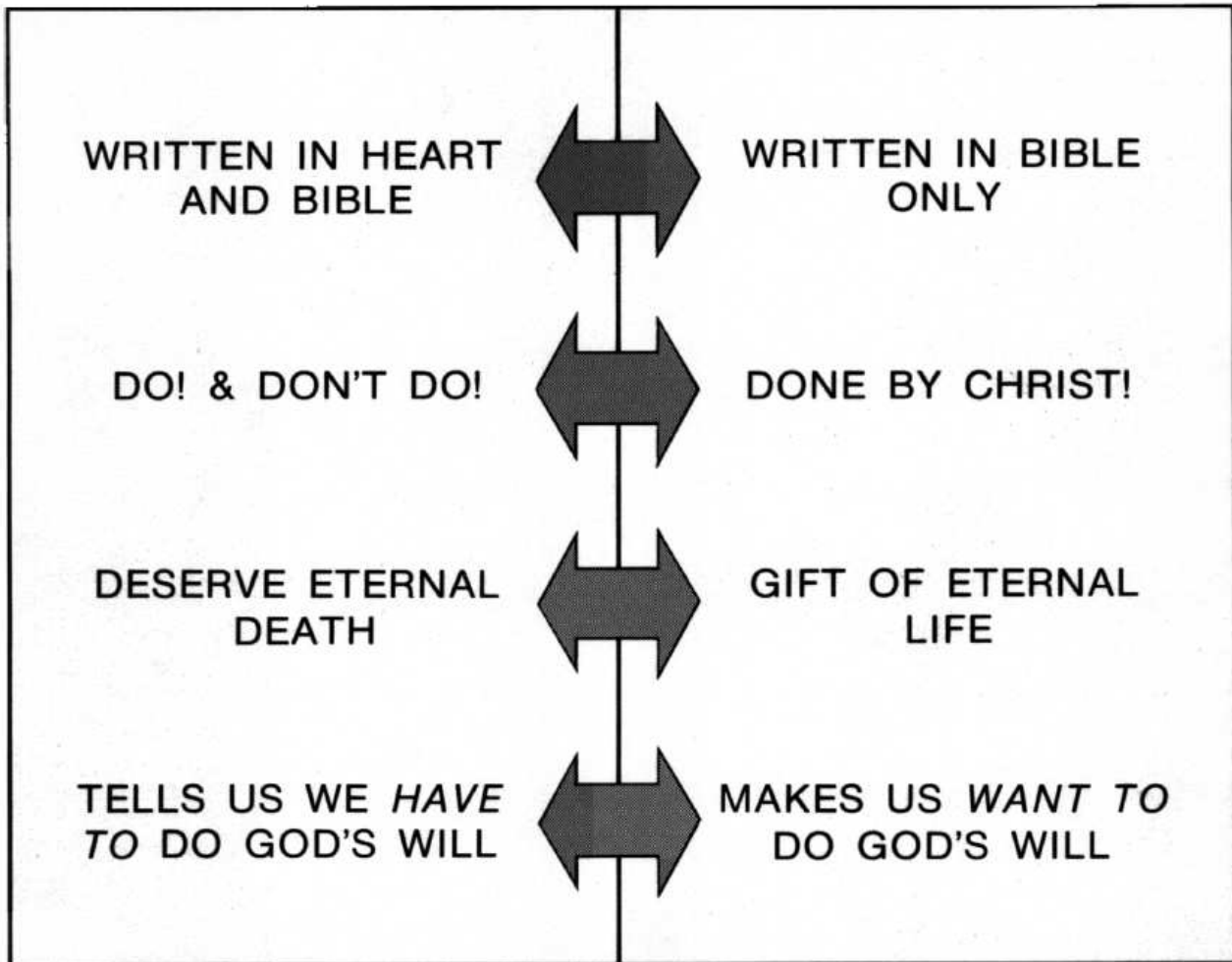
The Bible teaches many things – the most important is knowing Law and Gospel.

Below is a simple list to help you remember

**Differences
between**

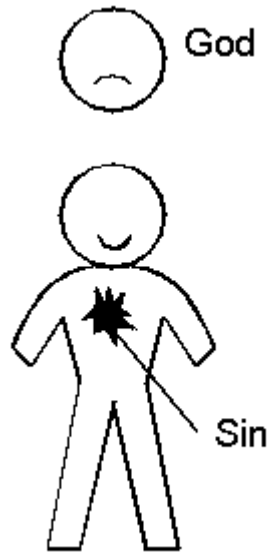
LAW

GOSPEL



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The Law: Bad News
God's Law is good and perfect!



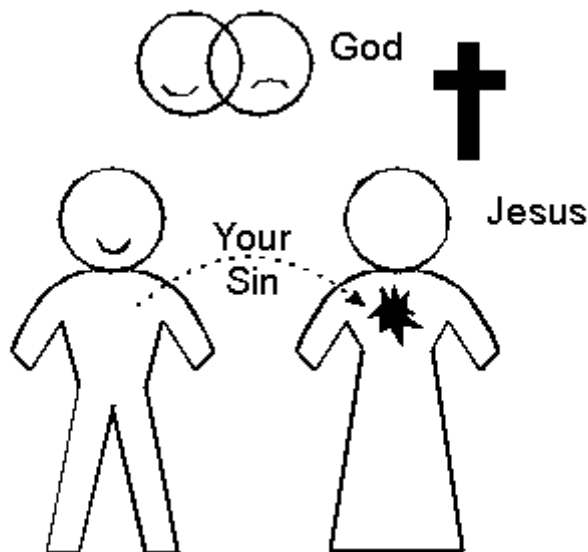
No one is perfect.

The Law brings death.

"I found that the commandment that supposed to bring life actually brought death."
(Romans 7:10-11 NIV)

The Gospel: Good News
God's Law is good and perfect!

*"He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross. He did it so that we would die as far as sins are concerned. Then we would lead godly lives. His wounds have made you whole."
(1 Peter 2:24 NIV)*



Jesus is perfect.

The Gospel brings life forever.

"I am not ashamed of the good news. It is God's power. And it will save everyone who believes."
(Romans 1:16 NIV)

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:



•GRACE ONLY!

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!

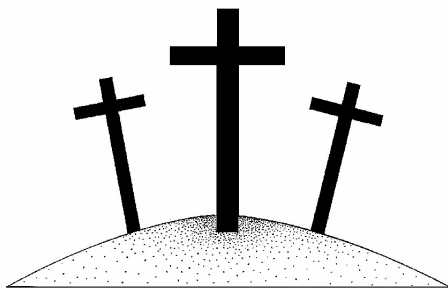
ONLY IN GOD’S WORD (BIBLE) WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS OUR SAVIOR (JOHN 20:30-31)

God's Gospel



John 3:16

“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.”
(NIrV)



God does not 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:

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

Name: _____

LESSON 2: 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:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
7. What can save me? Law ____ or Gospel ____
8. Who is perfect? Me yes or no Jesus yes or no
9. God saves us by: _____ only, _____ only, _____ only

Lesson 3: God

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

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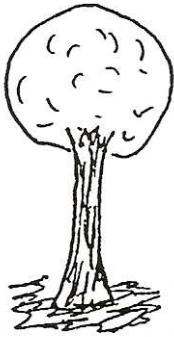
HOW CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

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**

Knowing About God

From
Nature
we
learn



God is Eternal,
Powerful, Wise

We look at the trees, flowers, animals, and people, all wonderfully made. Who made them? People cannot make them.

There must be a God who made and takes care of the world. Only a fool would say, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)

Romans 1:19-20

From
Conscience
we
learn



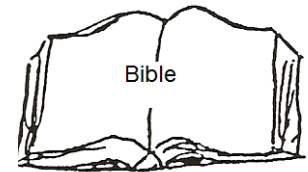
God is Divine (Holy),
God Punishes

Conscience is that feeling that tells us when we do right or wrong. If we do good things, we feel that God is pleased.

If we do bad things, we feel that God is angry and will punish us. This feeling tells us that God lives, and sees, and judges us.

Romans 2:15

From
Bible
we
learn



GOD SAVES!

In the Bible God tells us about Himself. He tells us how He feels to us and what He does for us.

The Bible tells us God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins.

John 20:31

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.

TRI: means THREE

UNE: Means ONE

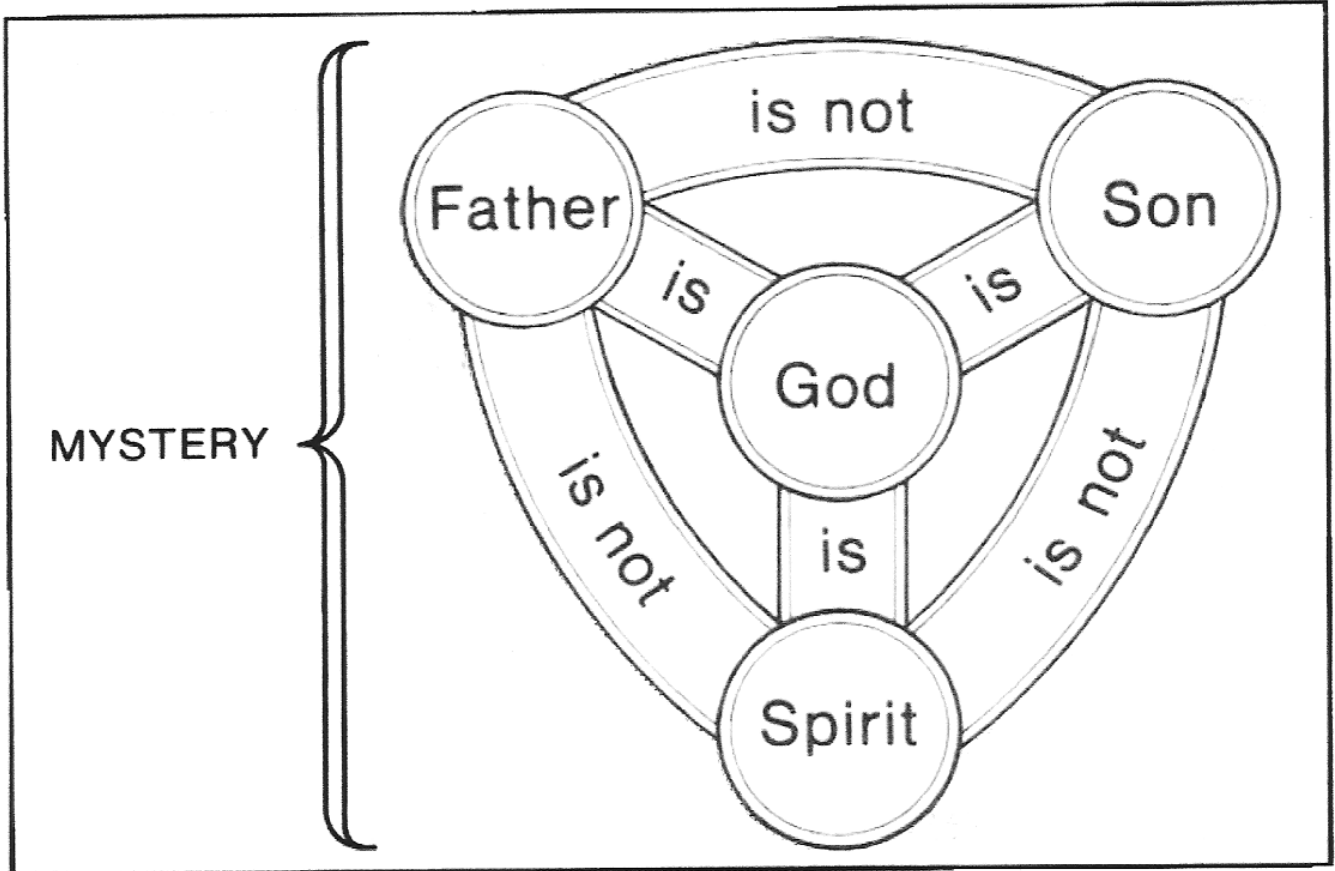
TRIUNE: means Three-In-One God

(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.

GOD is TRIUNE



and a SPIRIT

A REAL PERSON



WITHOUT A BODY

WORD STUDY:

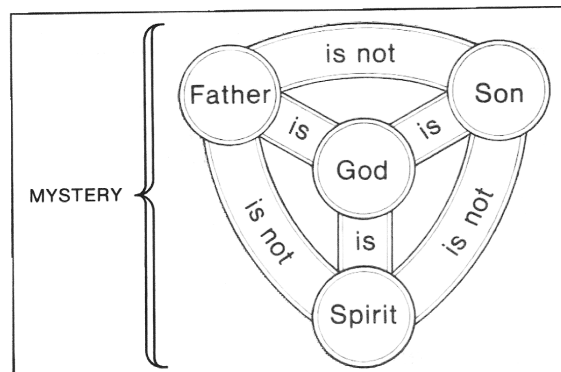
1. **Baptism, Baptize:** In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit water is poured, sprinkled, dipped on someone. The Holy Spirit gives faith and the forgiveness of sins.
2. **Conscience:** A feeling God put in us that makes us feel bad when we do wrong and makes us feel good when we do right.
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:



The Apostles' 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**

**OUR LORD
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE
WAS CRUCIFIED
DEAD
AND BURIED
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
AND IS SEATED ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD
THE FATHER ALMIGHTY
WHENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE
LIVING AND THE DEAD**

**Romans 1:4
Luke 1:35
Matthew 1:18
Mark 15:1-15
John 19:18
Luke 23:46
Luke 23:53
Matthew 12:40
1 Peter 3:18-19
Acts 10:40 Ephesians 4:8
Ephesians 1:19-23
Acts 10:42
2 Timothy 4:1
1 Peter 4:5**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY
AND LIFE EVERLASTING**

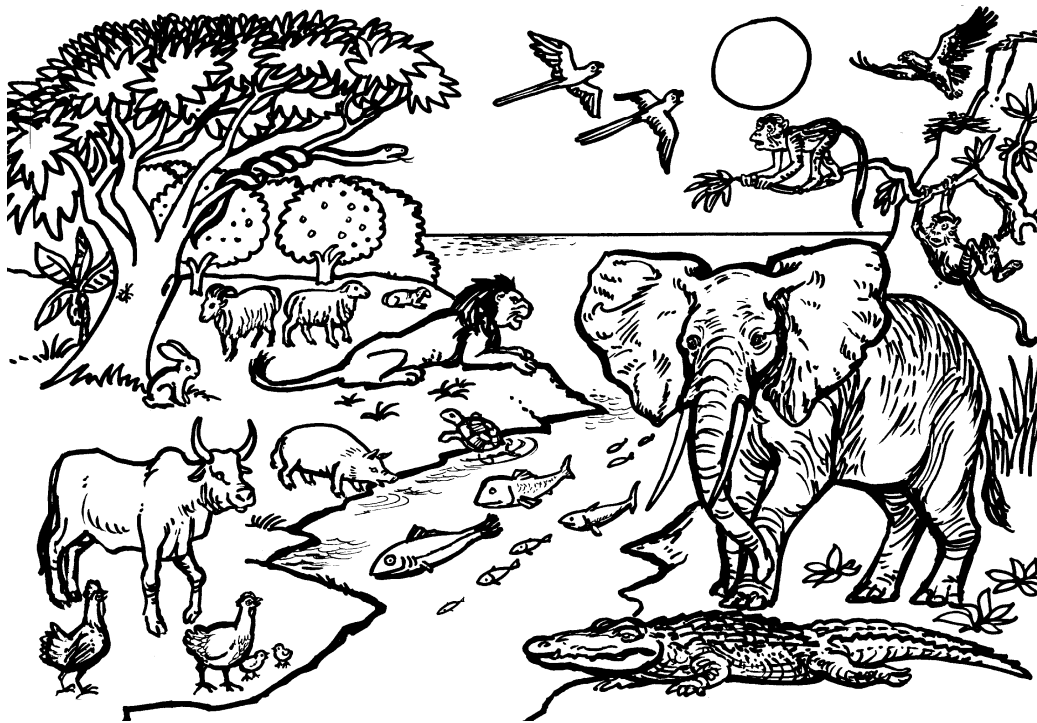
**Matthew 28:19
John 15:26
2 Corinthians 3:17-18
Matthew 16:18
Acts 2:42
Hebrews 10:25
John 20:23
John 5:28-29
Philippians 3:11
John 3:16
Romans 6:22-23**

AMEN. (Amen= Let it happen)

2 Corinthians 1:20

Lesson 4: God Is Our Father

Apostles' Creed: 1st Article



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;

The **First Day God** made light. He divided the light from the darkness. He called the light DAY and the darkness NIGHT. This was the first day in history

1

Sunday



On the **Fourth Day God** made the sun, moon, and stars.

4

Wednesday



On the **Second Day God** divided the waters, water on earth and water around the earth (sky).

2

Monday



CANOPY

On the **Fifth Day God** made birds in the air and fish in the water.

5

Thursday



On the **Third Day God** made dry land from the water on earth. He made oceans, lakes and rivers. Then He made every kind of plant: grass, flowers, and trees grow on the land.

3

Tuesday



On the **Sixth Day God** made all the animals that live on land. God also made people.

6

Friday



On the **Seventh Day God** rested.

7

Saturday



HOW GOD MADE THE WORLD (CREATION = MAKE FROM NOTHING)

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

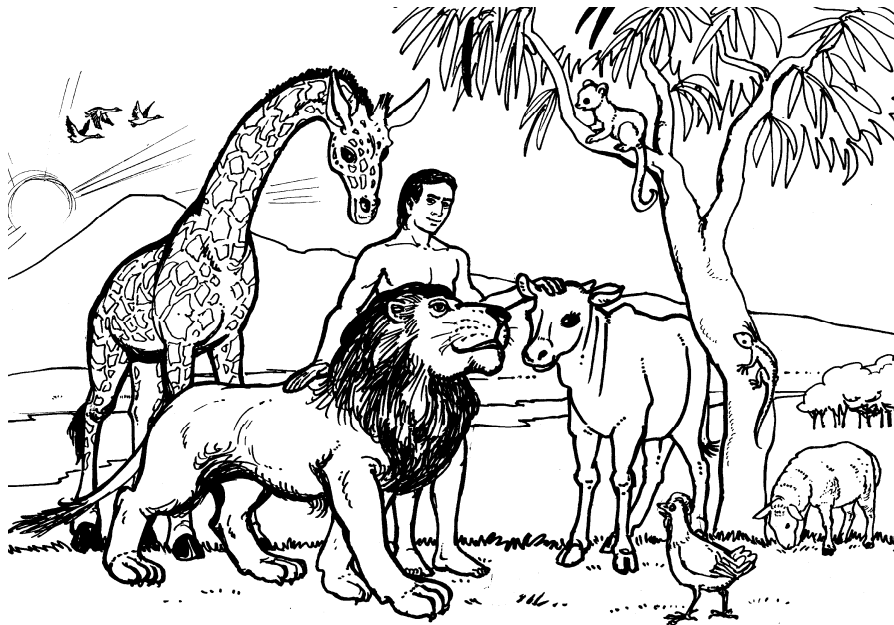
HOW GOD MADE PEOPLE



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**.

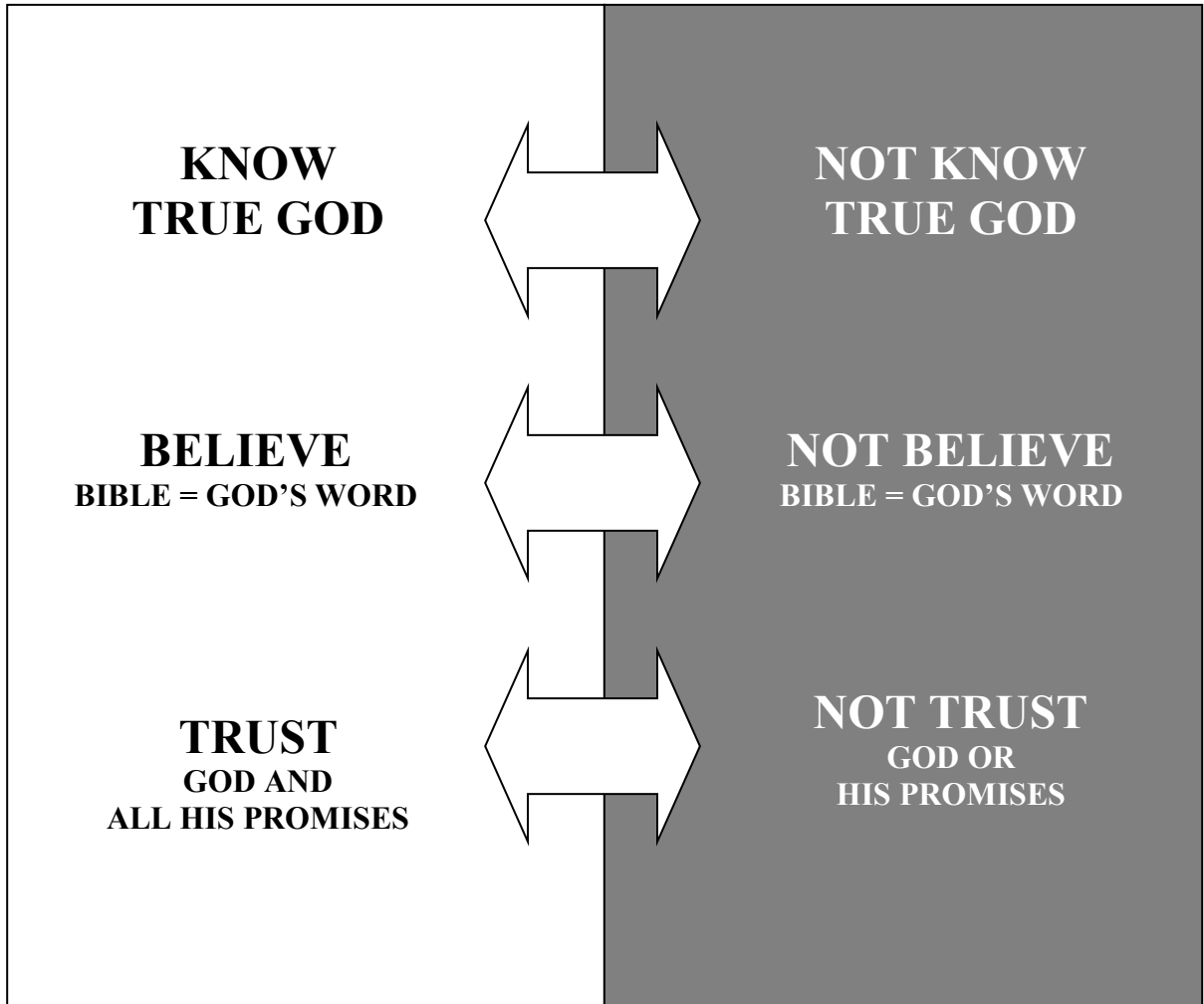
When God made the world, He made everything good and holy.



Differences Between

FAITH

UNBELIEF



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.



	<i>Has a Body</i>	<i>Has a Soul (Spirit).</i>
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.

How did the World begin?

Creation

Evolution

Holy Bible explains



People's false theory (story)

Six days



Millions or billions of years

Out of nothing



Cells appear by their own power

By God's thinking & speaking



Happened itself, No design

People are a special creation

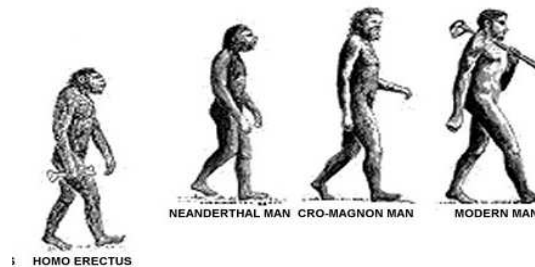
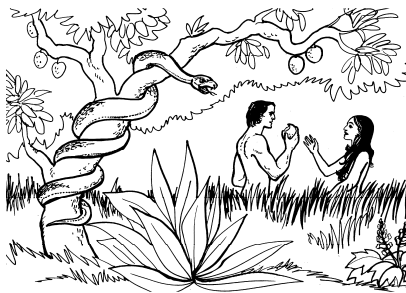


People are only apes or monkeys (same as animals)

God is the Master of all Life & Universe



Person is master of own life



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:

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 year. 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" (1ST PAGE OF LESSON 4)
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

Lesson 4**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?

Lesson 5: God Became Man

Apostles' Creed: 2ND Article

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 Christmas -- December 25. Really we don't know what day Jesus was born. 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 Word was God. And the Word became flesh, 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. We also belong to his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God. He is eternal life."



Hebrews 1:8 tells us "But here is what he says about the Son. "You are God. 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**:*

Father	Son (Jesus)	Holy Spirit
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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**.
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,
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?



Jesus' Person

True Man

*Called man
Human body and soul
Human actions
Luke 24:39*

True God

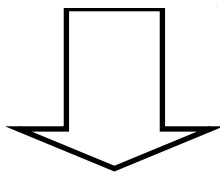
*Divine names
Divine attributes
Divine works
Divine glory
John 20:28*

Combined in one person by the

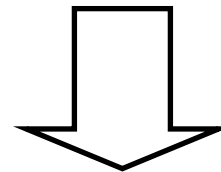


VIRGIN BIRTH

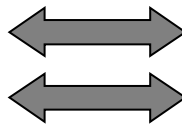
So He could



*Galatians 3:13
Hebrews 7:26-27*



*Be under law
Die*



*Keep law perfectly
Ransom all people*

Savior

CHRIST'S REDEMPTION

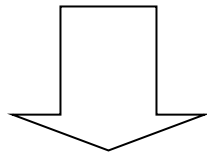
MINE ONLY
BY

ONLY BY FAITH

**NOT
BY HUMAN
POWER (NATURE)**



**POSSIBLE ONLY
BY THE WORK
OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

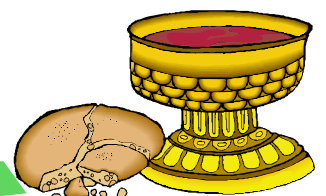
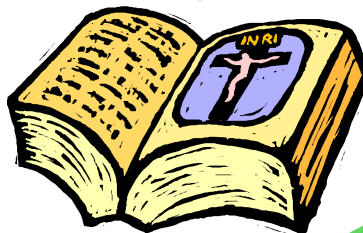


ENEMY OF GOD

DEAD IN SINS



By Word & Sacraments



CHRIST'S OFFICE

ANNOINTED
BY GOD

O.T.

- Teach God's Word
(good news)

PROPHET

CHRIST

- Teach God's Word
(good news)

O.T.

- Represent people
- Sacrifice for sin

PRIEST

CHRIST

- Represent world
- Sacrifice self
for sin of all

O.T.

- Fight for people
- Rule people

KING

CHRIST

- Won victory
- Rule in hearts

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:

Divine: of God

Lord: King, Ruler, Boss.

Manger: Box from which cows eat.

Ransom: Pay the price to free someone, save

Stable: Small barn or cave

Virgin: 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*

LESSON 5

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? See John 1:1,14, 1 John 5:20, Hebrews 1:8

10. Christ's Office (See page 45): Jesus fulfills all of the Old Testament promises God gives to His people. Jesus is my _____, _____, and _____.

Lesson 6: Jesus Died For Me

Apostles' Creed: 2ND ARTICLE

BIBLE STORY: *HOW JESUS DIED AND LIVES AGAIN!*

Jesus Died

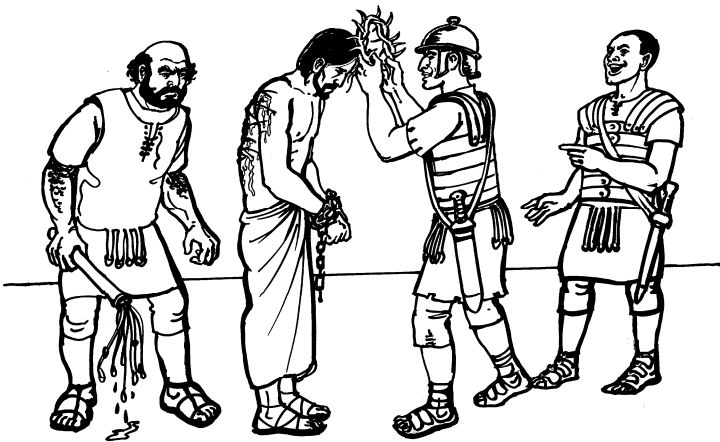
The baby Jesus grew up to be a man. He was a good man because He was really God. Jesus helped many people. He healed sick people. He taught God's Word.

*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.*



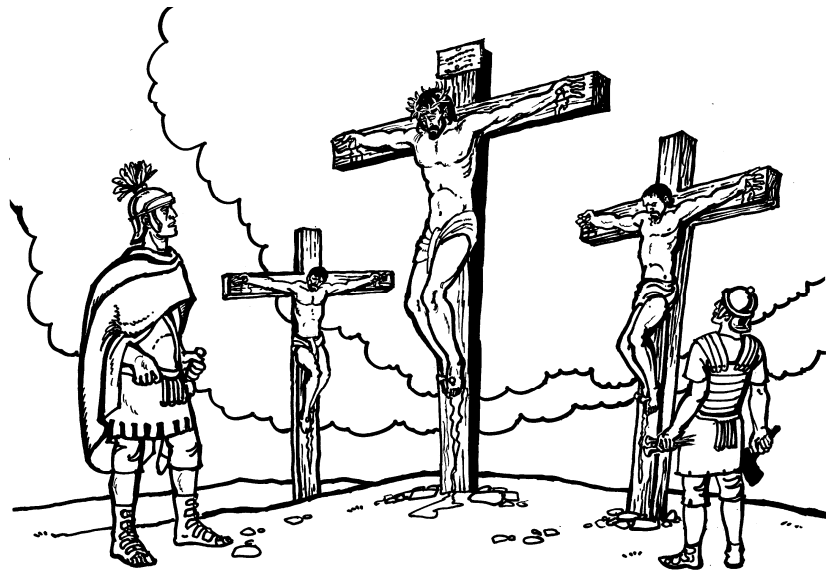
Jesus hung on the cross for six hours. He suffered awful pain. People made fun of Jesus. His friends left Him. Jesus suffered all the pain and punishment of hell in our place.

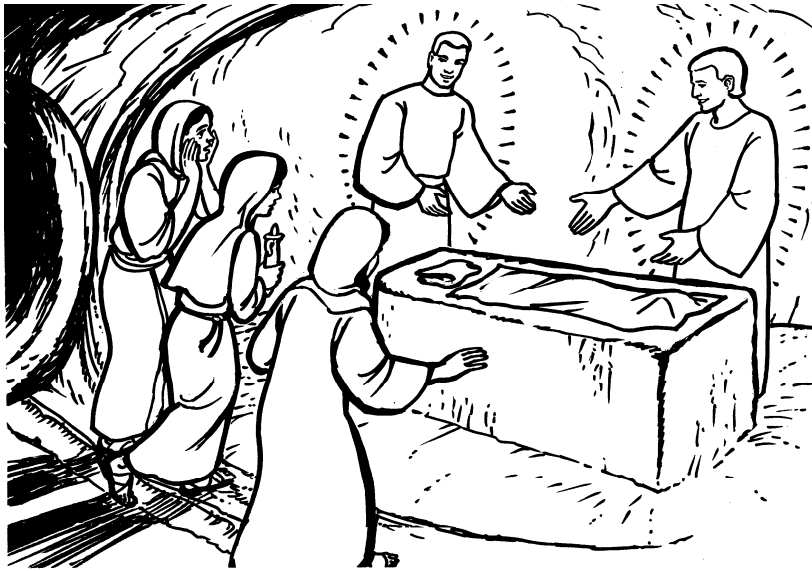
Jesus died on the cross. Some friends took His body off from the cross. They put Him in a tomb (grave). A large stone covered the door, and soldiers stood guard.



JESUS LIVES AGAIN!

Three days after Jesus died, early Sunday morning Jesus came to life again with power and glory. An angel pushed away the stone. The soldiers ran away. Jesus' friends came to the tomb. But they could not find Jesus' body. Jesus is alive!





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

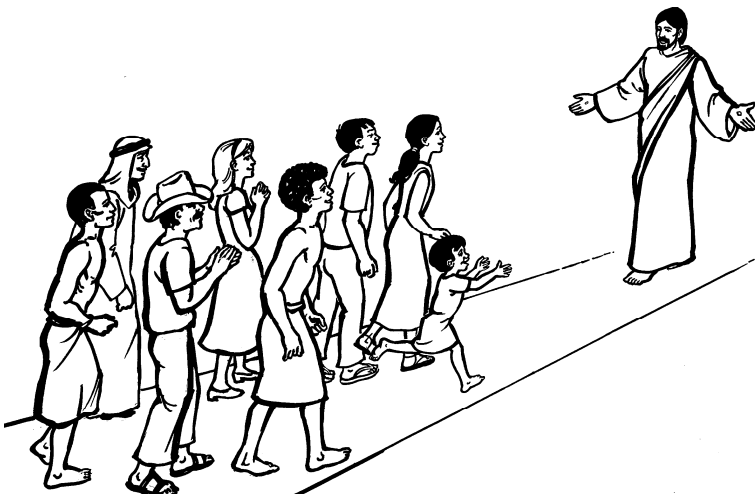
Him to heaven forever. And He will send people who don't trust Him to hell forever.

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)



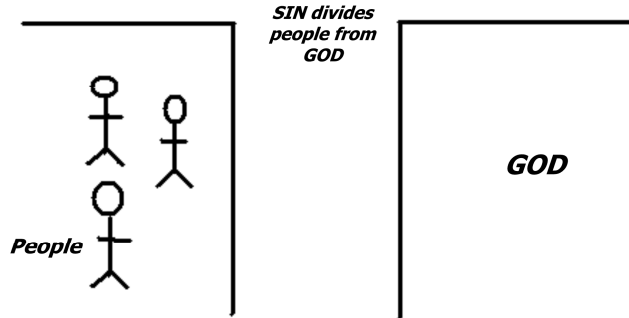
God loves us. He wants us in heaven. God put our sins on Jesus; then He punished Jesus for our sins. Jesus paid for all our sins with His blood on the cross. Now God forgives our sin, and He will bring us home to Heaven! Now I belong to Jesus.

Jesus Saves Us – How to share your faith

1. *God loves all people.*

But all people are sinners.

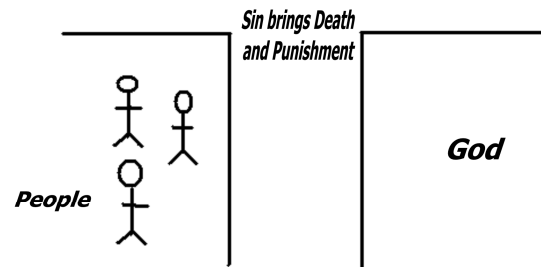
BIBLE VERSE: "All people have sinned and are far away from the glory of God." (Romans 3:25)



2. *God is holy. He must punish sin.*

Sin brings death & punishment.

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

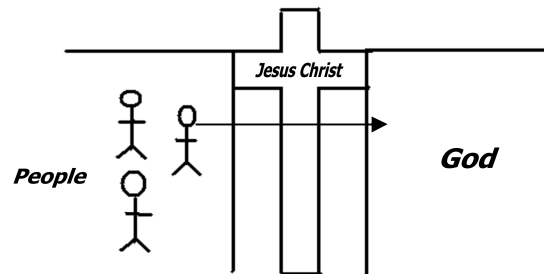


3. *God punished Jesus for our sin.*

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)

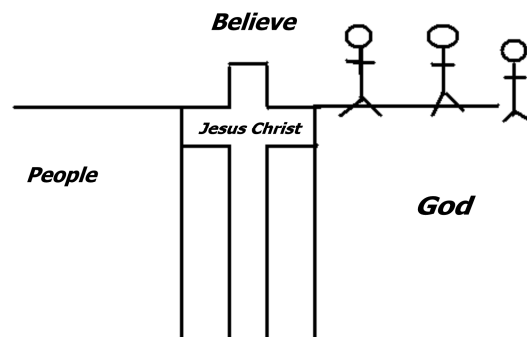


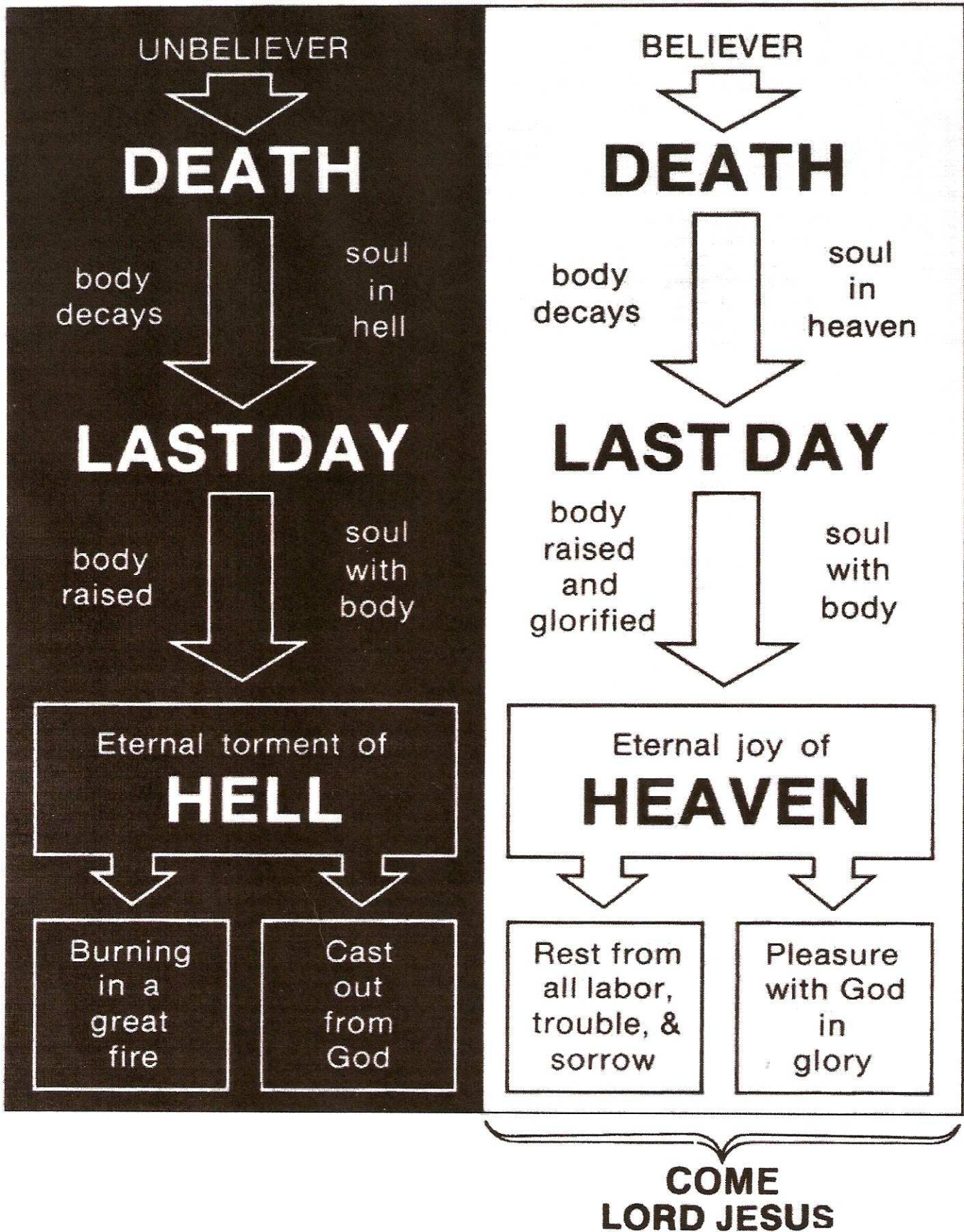
4. *Now we can be friends with God,*

when we believe in Jesus,

and trust Him to save us.

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





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:

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*

LESSON 6**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
 I sinned
4. Who pays for my sin?
 Me
 Jesus
5. My sin makes Jesus . . .
 sad
 happy
6. Does Jesus love me when I 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 _____.

Lesson 7: God The Holy Spirit

Apostles' Creed: 3rd Article

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 together 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.

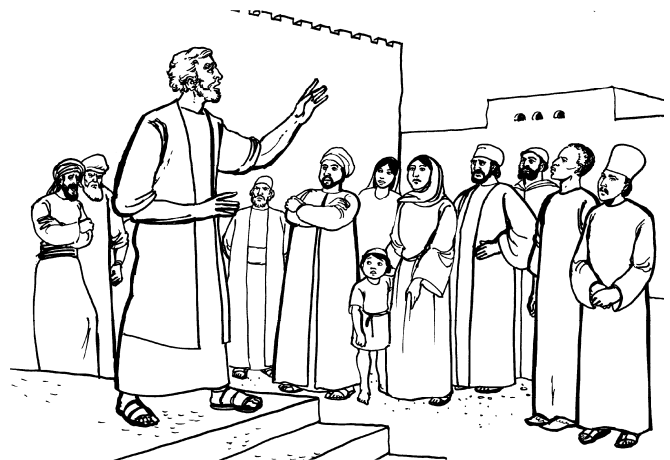
The people were very surprised to hear the disciples speaking in their own different languages. The disciples talked about the wonderful things God did.

Peter stood up and talked to the people. Before, Peter was afraid to talk about Jesus. But now the Holy Spirit was in Peter, 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**:
Father Son (Jesus) **Holy Spirit**

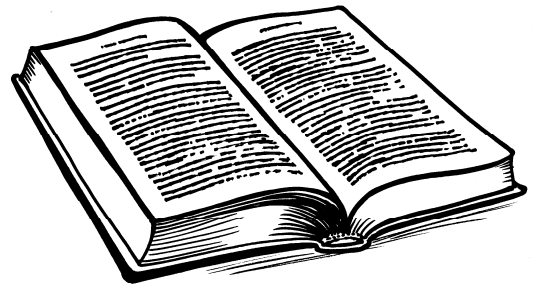
The Holy Spirit is God Himself living in every true believer.

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:*



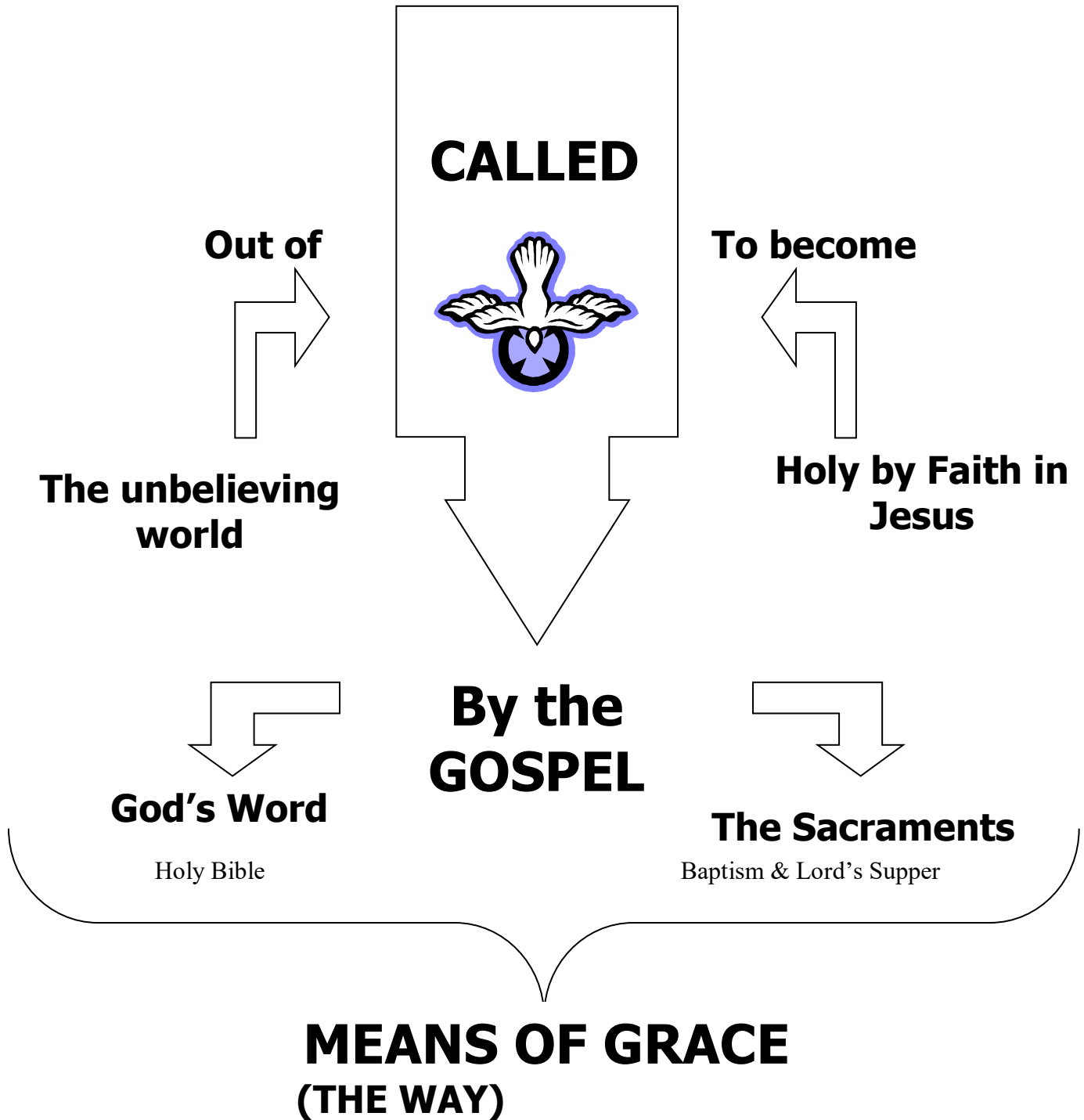
“Without the help of the Holy Spirit no one can say, “Jesus is Lord.”” 1 Corinthians 12:3

SANCTIFICATION

BY THE

HOLY SPIRIT

Sanctification = God Makes holy



SANCTIFICATION

By the

HOLY SPIRIT



Leads me
To want
To do

GOOD WORKS

Power

EMPOWERED

By Christ living
in me

Want

MOTIVATED

By my love
& thanks
For Christ

Leads

GUIDED

By God's Word
& what it says is
right

A believer does Good Works as a "Thank You" according to God's Will (want)!

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:

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

LESSON 7**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 Every day

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

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:

Jesus Need Believe Faith Holy Spirit

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
7. Do you have the Holy Spirit in you? YES NO I DON'T KNOW
8. Do you want the Holy Spirit to help you live for Jesus? YES NO

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 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

- 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

Lesson 8: The Ten Commandments

REMEMBER THIS PICTURE:



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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 (Church 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. (You must not break marriage.)
7. You must not steal.
8. You must not tell false stories about your neighbor.
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.

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.



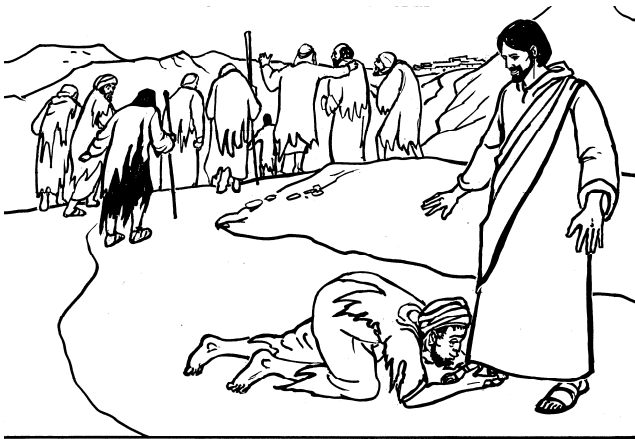
THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

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 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.

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.

WORD STUDY

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: Day 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 HOME WORK:

1. Practice remembering Commandments 1, 2, and 3.
2. 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)
3. Find and read Exodus 20, Daniel 3, Daniel 6, and Luke 17:11-19
4. Practice telling the Bible stories

LESSON 8**QUESTIONS:**

1. Who gave the Ten Commandments to the people?
2. Who is the man God called to go up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments?
3. Write the First Commandment.

4. What does the First Commandment mean?

5. Who is the true God?
6. What are some things or people you like very much?
7. Which do you love MOST? These things _____ or God _____?
8. Write the Second Commandment.

9. What does the Second Commandment mean?

10. Write the Third Commandment.

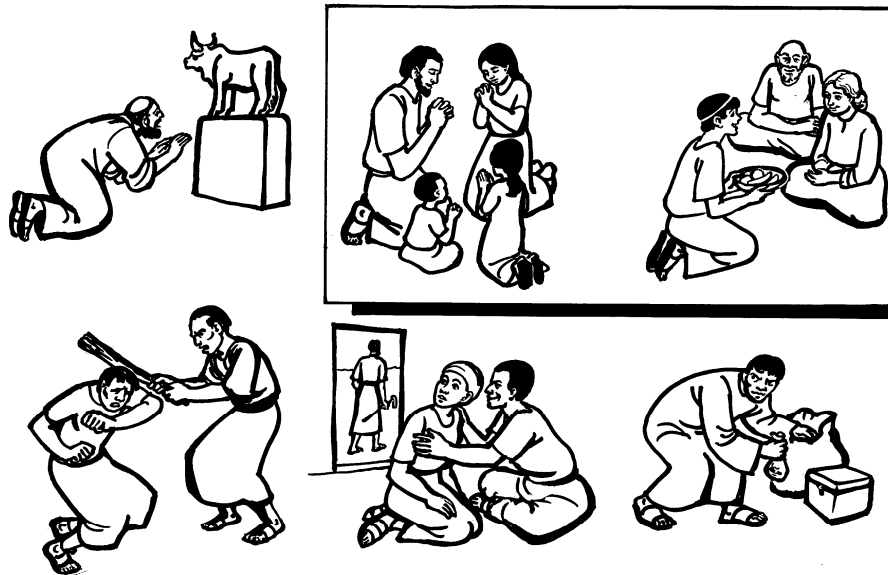
11. What does the Third Commandment mean?

12. What does "Sabbath Day" mean?

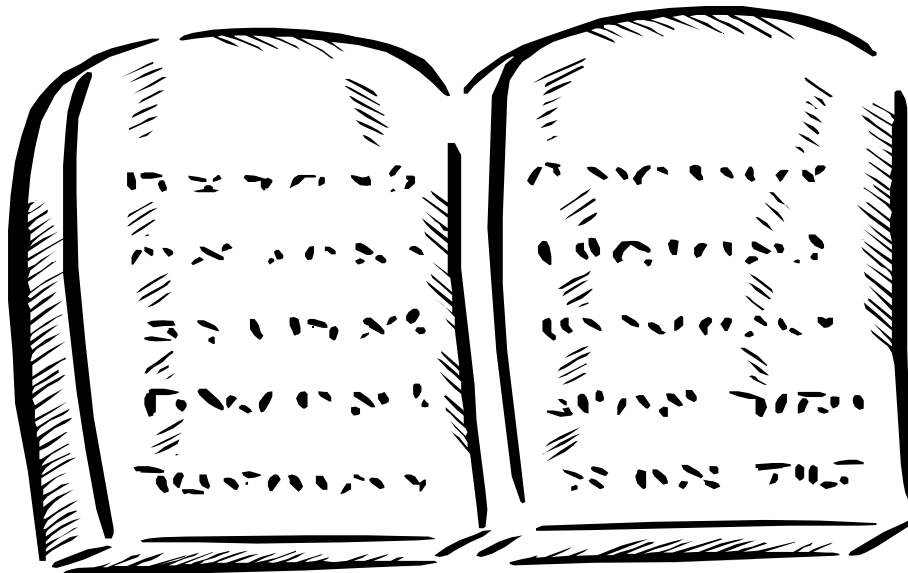
13. Fill in the blanks (Bible memory verse):
"You must love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, and with all your _____, and with all your _____." Matthew 22:37

Lesson 9: The Ten Commandments (4 – 8)

REMEMBER THIS PICTURE:



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.

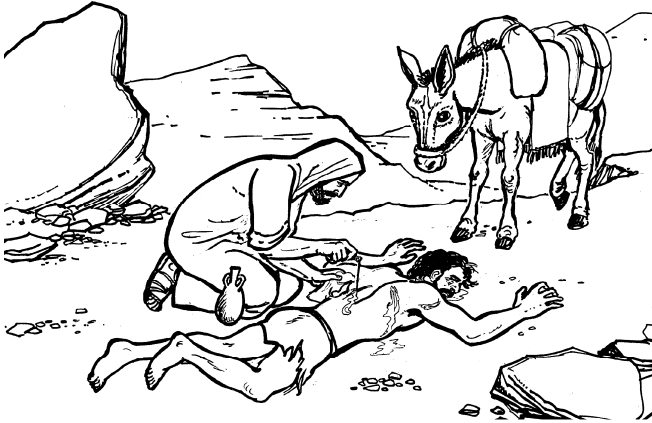
The Fifth Commandment

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.

The Sixth Commandment

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 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.

The Seventh Commandment

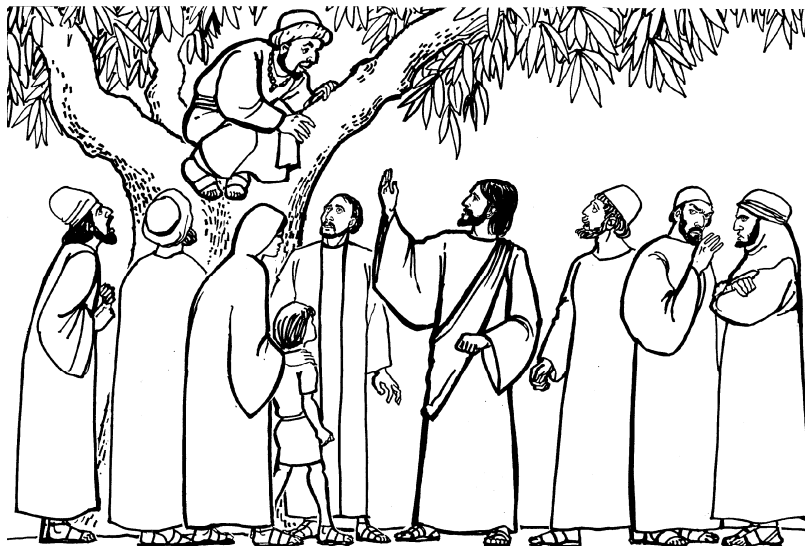
GOD SAYS:
"You must not steal."

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.
- **Pay not enough** for something you buy.
- **Charge too much** for something you sell.
- **Borrow** and **not pay back**.
- **Gamble**.
- **Cheat** on a test.
- **Waste time** at work.

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.

Supplement to Lesson 9

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*

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:

1. Practice remembering Commandments 4 – 8.
2. Find and read: Luke 10:25-37, Genesis 39:1-23, Luke 19:1-10
3. Think of ways you can fight against temptations.
4. 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 9

QUESTIONS:

1. Write the Fourth Commandment:

2. Name 4 people who are over us:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

3. Write the Fifth Commandment:

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

5. Write the Sixth Commandment:

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

7. Write the Seventh Commandment:

8. What are four ways people steal?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

9. Write the Eighth Commandment:

10. Can I tell gossip if it is true story? Yes ____ or no ____

Lesson 10: The 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.*

REMEMBER THIS PICTURE:



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 things, 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.

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

LESSON 10

QUESTIONS:

1. Write the Ninth Commandment:
2. Write the Tenth Commandment:
3. Why is it wrong to strongly want (jealous) things we cannot have?
4. Sin brings what? (Read Romans 6:23a)
5. What does "Gospel" mean? (Read Romans 6:23b)
6. Write ways you can help other people to keep and protect what God gives to them:

Lesson 11: The Lord's Prayer

REMEMBER THIS PICTURE:



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 be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your wants be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And 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?

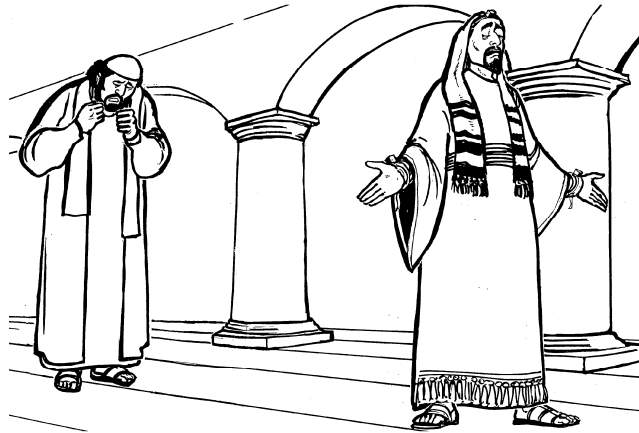
- We can pray any time. God wants us to pray always. It is good to pray every day in the morning, at night and before meals.
- We should pray when we have trouble and we need God's help. We should pray when other people have trouble and need God's help.

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.
 - ❖ We can pray just with out 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.

LESSON 11

MEMORY HOME WORK:

The first half of the Lord's Prayer.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who gave us the Lord's Prayer? _____

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

3. What does this mean?

4. What is prayer?

5. Who can pray?

6. Where should we pray?

7. When should we pray?

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

9. What three ways God answers prayer?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Lesson 12: The Lord's Prayer

The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer:



. . . Holy be 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 Second Petition 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 Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer:



Your wants be done 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 us 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, live for You, and do things that make YOU happy."

In the first three petitions we ask God for Spiritual things.

In the fourth petition we ask God for things we need for our Body.

The Fourth Petition 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."

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.

WORD STUDY

Petition: a short prayer; asking for something.

Spiritual: for the soul.

LESSON 12

MEMORY HOME WORK:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Write the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer:
2. What are the two ways we can keep God's name holy?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. Write the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer:
4. What is God's kingdom?
5. Do you belong to God's kingdom?
_____Yes _____No _____I don't know.
6. How can you help bring God's kingdom to other people?
7. Write the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer:
8. Does God want good things for us, or bad things?
9. What is the chief good thing God wants for all people?
10. Write the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:
11. Who gives us our food, clothes, home, etc.?

Lesson 13: The Lord's Prayer

In petitions 1 – 3 we ask God for **SPRITUAL** things.

In petition 4 we ask God for things we need for our **BODY**.

In petitions 5 – 7 we ask God to **SAVE US FROM SIN AND EVIL**.

The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:



And forgive our sins, same as we forgive those who sin against us.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

In this petition 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 Sixth Petition 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 petition 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 Seventh Petition 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.



LESSON 13**MEMORY HOME WORK:**

1. The Lord's Prayer.
2. 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 Petition of the Lord's Prayer:
2. In the Fifth Petition 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 Petition:
4. What are four ways to beat temptation:
5. Write the Seventh Petition:
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.

Lesson 14: The Lord's Prayer (and Guidance)

The Close of the Lord's Prayer:



***Because Yours 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:

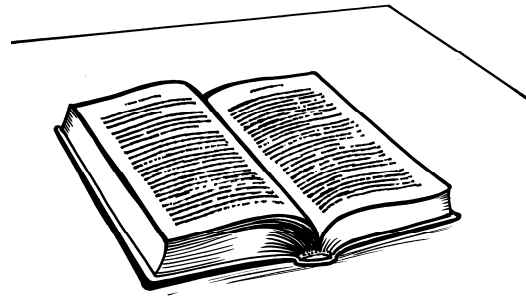
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord and avoid evil." Proverbs 3:5-7

"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).

#1. 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

#2. 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

#.3 ADVICE 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

#4. 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

LESSON 14**MEMORY HOME WORK:**

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?
4. When we have important choices, we must first _____, then look for _____.
5. God can lead us with what four things?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
6. Bible Memory Verse "If any of you need _____, ask God for it. He will _____ it to you. God gives freely to everyone. He doesn't find fault." James 1:5
7. 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.

Lesson 15: The 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?

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



	Baptism	Lord's Supper
A holy act that God commands:	<p>18 Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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."</p> <p>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</p>
Has things we can see	Water	Bread & Wine
Is joined to God's Word	<p>"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. "</p> <p>Matthew 28:19</p>	<p>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."</p> <p>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</p>
Gives forgiveness of sins	<p>5 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</p> <p>"So what are you waiting for? Get up and call on his name. Be baptized. Have your sins washed away." Acts 22:16</p>	<p>"This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many." Matthew 26:28</p> <p><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)</p>

LESSON 15

QUESTIONS:

1. What is a SACRAMENT?

A Sacrament is . . .

- a. a holy act that _____,
- b. has things that we can _____,
- c. is joined to _____, and
- d. gives _____ of sins.

2. What are the two sacraments?

- a. _____
- b. _____

You will learn more about those two sacraments in the next lessons.

Lesson 16: Baptism

Remember this picture:



Baptism

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 believe 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

2. WHAT DOES BAPTISM GIVE?

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 BAPTISM?

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

By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life. Romans 6:4

LESSON 16

MEMORY HOME WORK:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. What is baptism?

2. Who can get baptism?

3. Did you get baptized? _____ YES _____ NO _____ I don't know.

4. Can babies believe in Jesus? _____ YES _____ NO _____ I don't know.

5. What three things does baptism give?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

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

7. Write the Bible memory verse. (Matthew 28:19):

8. On what page in your Bible is the memory verse? Page _____.

PRAYER:

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.

Lesson 17: The Lord's Supper History and Explanation



BIBLE STORY: How Jesus gave us the Lord's Supper

It happened Thursday night, the night before Jesus died. Jesus sent His Disciples, Peter and John, to the city of Jerusalem to make ready the Passover supper. (*Read Exodus 11 and 12 for the Passover story.*)

When everything was ready, Jesus and His Twelve Disciples sat around the table. While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is My Body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, remember Me."

Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and gave it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is My Blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many. Every time you drink it, remember Me."

Later that night, soldiers arrested Jesus. They next soldiers beat Jesus and they nailed Him to the cross. Jesus died for the sins of all people.

You will find this story in your Bible. Read:

Matthew 26:26-28

Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20

1 Corinthians 11:25

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The Lord's Supper is the true body and true blood of Jesus in and with bread and wine. Jesus gave this for us who believe in Him to eat and drink.

The Lord's Supper has two things that we can see:

- (a) BREAD
- (b) WINE

The Lord's Supper also has things that we can't see:

- (a) The BODY of Jesus
- (b) The BLOOD of Jesus

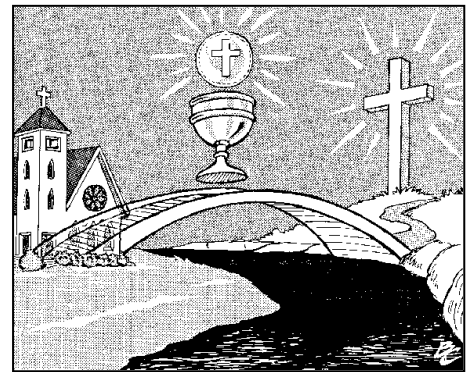


	Things we can see	Things we can't see
We eat...	bread	Jesus' Body
We drink...	wine	Jesus' Blood

We can't understand how that happens. But we believe because Jesus said it.

Christians still today have the Lord's Supper often. Jesus said *"Every time you eat it... Every time you drink it, remember Me."*

The Lord's Supper is like a "bridge" that joins **us** today to the **death of Jesus** long ago.



OTHER NAMES FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Altar

Eucharist (*This word means "give thanks"*)

Mass

Memory Bible Verse:

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." Then He took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many. Matthew 26:26-28

LESSON 17**QUESTIONS:**

1. What is the Lord's Supper?

2. What are two things in the Lord's Supper that we **can see**?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

3. What are two things in the Lord's Supper that we **can't see**?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

4. Who gave us the Lord's Supper?

5. What are other names for the Lord's Supper?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

6. Christians should have the Lord's Supper:
 - ___ once every year
 - ___ once every month
 - ___ often

7. Memory verse: *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 _____."* Then He took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is _____ of the new covenant. It is poured out to _____ the sins of many."
Matthew 26:26-28

8. On what page in your Bible is Matthew 26:26-28? Page _____.

Lesson 18: The Lord's Supper Blessings and Benefits



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, and His blood flowed on the cross. Because Jesus died for us, God forgives all our sins. The Lord's Supper helps us remember this.

HOW CAN EATING AND DRINKING DO THESE WONDERFUL THINGS?

The eating and drinking does 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.

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 people believe Jesus' promise of forgiveness.

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)

LESSON 18

QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus gives us His _____ and His _____ in the Lord's Supper.
2. The eating and drinking does _____ give the blessings.
The _____ of Jesus give the blessings.
3. Three questions we ask ourselves as we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper:
 - 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?
4. Why should we have the Lord's Supper often?
 - a. The Lord's Supper helps our _____ in Jesus grow strong.
 - b. Jesus _____ us to have the Lord's Supper _____.
5. Who should not have the Lord's Supper?
 - a. People who don't _____ Jesus to save them.
 - b. People who are not _____ about their sins.
 - c. People who don't know what the _____ teaches about the Lord's Supper.

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.

Lesson 19: Tell My Sins And God Forgives (Confession and Absolution)



Jonah 3:6-10

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.**

Romans 10:9-10 "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 you mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved.**"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

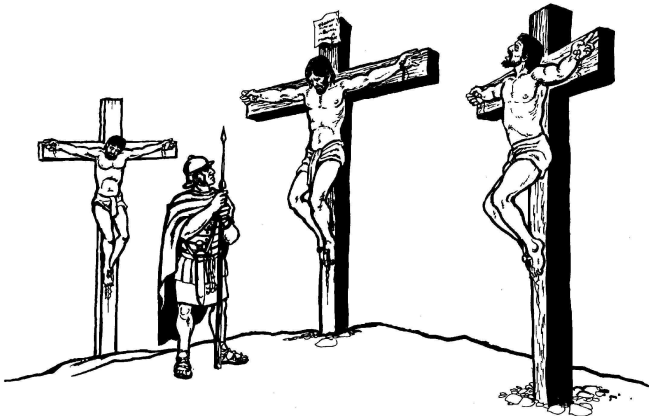
What is Confession?

"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.
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." John 20:23

These are TWO PARTS of our Christian life every day:

- (1) CONFESSION (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 the pastor and His church people. 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)

All people are sinners. Also the people who believe in Jesus yet 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 ME ?

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

If I am sorry --

- (1) I must **confess** my sin to God right now. Don't wait.
- (2) I **believe** God's promise: God promised to forgive me because Jesus died for me.
- (3) And I **thank** 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,
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- (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 must tell people about Jesus.
We must tell people that God forgives sinners who are sorry!

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's sins, then their sins are not forgiven."
(John 20:22-23)

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for ALL the sins I do. Everyday 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.

LESSON 19**QUESTIONS:**

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. Explain the story in this picture:
(Luke 15:11-32)



Lesson 20: The Church

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 Christian Church.



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 So let us come near to God with an honest and true heart. 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 **head** of the Church.

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

Each part needs every other part if the body 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!

WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT "CHURCH" IN FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS.

The word "church" can mean:

1. All true believers in Christ are the "**invisible**" **Church**. We always spell this with a capital "C". Only God knows who are true believers and false believers.
2. Organized groups of Christian people make the "**visible**" **church**. The visible church has both true believers and false believers. The visible church has many different groups (denominations) which have different teachings and different ways to worship God.
3. A **building** where Christians meet for worship may be called "a church."
4. When Christians meet for worship, we often call that **worship meeting** "church." This is the when 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)!

Alleluia!
To God Only be the Glory!

LESSON 20**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)

QUESTIONS:

1. The Church is GOD'S _____ OF BELIEVERS!
2. 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 _____.
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. The word "church" can mean:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

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.