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HOW TO TEACH THESE LESSONS

Teaching the Word of God is a very important ministry. How will anyone understand the Word of God, if the people of God do not expound its truths?

“And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.” Acts 8:30

If we don't tell them what God's Word says, who will?

Just as the preacher, who ministers to a church, prepares for his sermon; so also must the teacher be prepared. Praying, asking God to show which lesson is to be taught, reading Scriptures on what is felt to be taught, meditating on what is learned, and organizing the lesson in the order it is to be taught are essential. It is also paramount that the teacher prays for each student that will attend, that they will have their heart stirred and changed! Five minutes of preparation will not give as much blessing from God and results as several hours of studying and preparing.

I believe that as God can give every preacher a message, He can also give the teacher a message specific to those attending his class. Personally, I have seldom used commercially prepared lessons. I have always read my Bible daily, and have asked God to give me a lesson for those to whom I was ministering. In 35+ years of teaching many times a week, the Lord has never failed to give me a lesson.

Although I earnestly believe that God can give the teacher a fresh lesson directly from studying the Word of God, I also realize that not everyone, at least in the beginning of their teaching ministry, knows how to prepare. For this reason, I have prepared these lessons, so that those that are new to the ministry of teaching the Word of God can get help in teaching and preparing a lesson. I also have made these lessons available to those that may need some help in what to preach. Sometimes teachers' minds go blank about what to teach. Most of these lessons have not only been used in the primary grades, teens, and adults, but also for senior citizens in nursing homes.

These lessons can be taught to all age groups, although the wording in many of the lessons may be difficult for younger students. These lessons can still be taught, and should be, to younger children. The vocabulary will need to be changed to reach a younger audience. The teacher should teach the lesson from his own knowledge and NEVER read a lesson verbatim.

The prepared lessons are in black in white so they can be printed on black and white copy machines when reproducing the lessons. Because my concern is reaching as many as possible with the truths from God's word rather than making money, the original owner of this book can make as many copies of any page and distribute them freely in his ministry.

The Lesson:

Read the included lesson material. Read the included Scriptures. I usually read the whole chapter, and sometimes the previous chapters, to make sure I have the correct context. It is hurtful to the student and embarrassing to the teacher, if he teaches what he thinks the verses mean; when he is actually teaching something that is out of context and is not what the Scriptures teach.

It is also a good idea to read what other writers say about the Scripture you are teaching. It is not unusual that some writers will say something completely different from what you are getting out of the

text. Sometimes it can be confusing, but always know why you are teaching what you are. Look up other Scriptures.

A concordance is necessary to look up other verses with some of the words you have read. Reference verses found in a study Bible are also useful. The more you learn about the subject, the more the student will hear and learn. If you are well prepared, any questions asked will be easily answered. I do not believe it is possible to be over prepared. The more you put into the ministry, the more God will bless!

The included lessons are in an order that builds on previous learning. I suggest staying close to this order; so what is talked about in future lessons will be understood. Depending on the faithfulness of your class, it may be a good idea to briefly review what was taught the previous week.

Make sure, by at least the end of your lesson, that you challenge each student to make a decision about the lesson. I usually ask them to bow their heads and ask them not to look around. I will then ask them to make a decision concerning the lesson they have heard.

If the lesson was on sin, I will ask them, as a group, to raise their hands if they are reminded of sin they have committed. If the lesson was on creation, I would ask them if they have learned that it is God that has made everything, and it was not just an accident. A lesson in giving would prompt me to ask if they realize they have not been giving what God desires from them, and are they going to start being faithful in returning a portion of what God has allowed them to earn. The purpose of a lesson from the Bible is to tell them what the Bible says about a subject, and give the hearers an opportunity to make a choice to do as the Bible commands!

I feel it is imperative that every opportunity we have to teach must also include an opportunity for a student to trust Christ as Saviour, if they have never done so before. Are they going to Heaven? Are they unsure of their eternal destination? Give them the opportunity to trust Christ as Saviour and be saved at that moment.

After the lesson, I usually ask the class, with their eyes closed, to raise their hands if they believe they are not saved and would like to be. To those that are concerned about their salvation, I ask them to see me after class, so I can tell them what the Bible says one must do to be saved. We may never see the student again. They are there so you can minister to their lives and souls!

**** NOTE **** It is very important that all Scriptures be taught from the King James Version. All the lessons produced by OpenThouMineEyes.com use only the KJV. All the other versions, including the New King James Version, change, add, and delete words. You will encourage confusion and disorder if you allow the different versions. To avoid that situation, I always have some spare King James Bibles on hand to give to those that forget their Bibles, and to those that have a different version. I never make a big deal about it; I just encourage them all to use the same wording, so that there is not confusion in the lesson.

“For the Teacher” Pages:

These pages are suggestions for the teacher in having other activities that can be performed in the class, appropriate songs, and discussions. It is also important that each class has a verse that they can memorize, hear, and even put their finger on it in their Bibles and read it.

Questions:

The included questions can be used as review after the lesson is taught. Asking questions helps find out what the class has learned and makes sure students leave with an understanding of the basic principles that were taught.

This material can also be given as a course. Copies can be made of the lessons, along with the questions page. The student can read and study the lesson and fill out the questions. Later the teacher can collect the questions, and grade them. This can be used in such ministries as a prison ministry, or given to students in a classroom situation. After it is taught in class, the students can leave with a copy of the lesson and questions. The questions can be graded when they are returned. When all lessons are completed, the student can be rewarded with a personalized copy of a completion certificate found at the end of this book.

The Worksheet:

To get the students to think about the lesson during the week, I give them a copy of the worksheet, and tell them if they return the sheet the following week I will give them a reward or hang it on the classroom wall.

Remember to do as you promised. Some students will fill it out and read some of the Scriptures. I always try to get them to think about the Bible as much as possible and get some of the Word of God into as many homes as possible. You never know what God can do with the little we have sown in hearts and lives.

The included worksheet is designed for fourth grade and above. It may be too advanced for some of the younger children in the class. I often will help those that are having difficulty. With the younger ones that often manage to come into my class, I hand them a sheet and tell them to turn it over and color a picture of what was taught during the lesson. I also encourage the younger ones that if they take the sheet home and get their older siblings or parents to help them answer at least some of the questions, I will reward them with a treat when they return it the following week.

CREATION: HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Many have wondered about the beginning of all that is around them. They have wondered, “How did the Earth get here? Where did all the stars come from? How did life begin? How did man come about? How did animals, trees, flowers, and the rest of what dwells on the earth first come into existence?”

To answer his questions, sometimes man has devised what he thinks are logical answers to explain his own existence and all he sees. Of all these ideas, the Theory of Evolution, that lower lifeforms changed into higher lifeforms over millions of years, has been the most popular in the last 150 years or so. Although taught without question in most schools throughout the world, it overlooks one important factor in its explanations. It purposely leaves God out of its ideas as to how everything began. Those that blindly believe any theories that exclude God suppose, that since they cannot see God and do not have what they consider proof that He exists, He cannot have any part in the answers to the questions they are asking.

Their theories use what they claim is science, but are not proven. The world is not millions of years old, because no one was there at the time to actually document its age. The tools that are used to measure time operate on theories that have not been proven and tested accurately. Man did not originate from monkeys, or any other species; as there is no real proof of those transformations. The truth of the matter is that modern science is based on a faith in mankind’s knowledge to prove all that is in the universe.

There is another faith, however, that explains more accurately and answers most of man’s musings. This faith believes there is a God, and it is He that has created all that we see and are — from nothing.

The biblical account starts out with the earth being a formless mass that He created. Within six days, God created what occupies the universe. During those days, He also created all that is on the Earth.

The first days of creation began about 6,000 years ago, not millions and billions of years ago. Here is God’s preserved answer to man’s query about how it all began, as it is found in the Word of God:



Day 1:

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Genesis 1:1-5

During the first day, God created the heaven and the earth. It did not come from a big “bang” somewhere out in the universe. God created it out of nothing.

The earth at the time did not have a shape, and it was empty. It was apparently covered in water and was a dark place.

In the Bible, day is always referred to as night then day time which coincides with our 24 hour day. The Bible never states that the day of creation was a longer day than what we now experience. A day was 24 hours then, as it is now!

God created a light on earth, but since the sun and moon were not created until the fourth day, the light was from another source. God then divided this day, so that there was darkness and light.



Day 2:

“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.” Genesis 1:6-8

On the second day, God made more changes to the Earth. Apparently, the Earth was covered by, and surrounded in, water. God separated the waters on the Earth from the water above the Earth. Even to this day three quarters of this planet is covered by water. He put a space (firmament) between the Earth that stretched to the sky and beyond.



Day 3:

“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.” Gen. 1:9-13

Further separation was done on the third day. The waters were separated, so that there was now dry land. The land that was covered in water was instantly dried.

On the dry land, God created and planted plant life. Grasses, herb, and trees were flourishing on the third day.



Day 4:

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.” Gen. 1:14-19

On the fourth day, God created additional sources of light for the earth and the stars. We often say that glibly, but think what that entails. The sun that gives us “day” is 864,938 miles in diameter and never burns up. We can understand that such a huge burning mass can give off such light, but the moon is another matter. It is only a round mass of rock that reflects the sun’s light to us, and is the “lesser light” that shines in the nighttime. When was the last time you saw a rock reflecting light similar to a mirror?

God had a plan for His creation from the beginning. Each day’s work was a necessary step for what He would create in following days.

Light was needed for what was created on Day 3. Dry land (Day 2) was needed so that plant life could grow. All of the works done on days one to five were needed so His creation on Day 6, man, would be able to live!

On this day, millions and millions of stars were also created. There are so many celestial creations out of our range of sight that they have never been accurately counted.

One of the largest stars that our scientists have been able to see is VY Canis Majoris. It is so far away that if we could travel at 186,000 miles per second (11,160,000 miles per hour) for 5,000 years, we would reach it. That star is 1,540 times the size of our sun. Wow! And God created all that occupies the heavens in one day!

✿ Day 5:

“And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.” Genesis 1:20-23

Living creatures were created on this day. Fish and whales occupied the once empty waters. Starfish, crabs, and thousands of other varieties of water life were also created. Some may have been as small as the microscopic tardigrade, a water-dwelling invertebrate of about 4/1000th of an inch. Others may have been larger than today’s Blue Whale, that can be as long as 98 feet.

Birds and other flying creatures were also created on this day. I am sure on that day there were more than the 10,000 species of birds that exist today.

✿ Days 6:

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31 ¶ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

Gen. 1:24-31

On the days that plant and animal life were created they probably were not seedlings and baby fish and animals. They had to be adult organisms so they could multiply and be food for the other species that ate them. There were probably many of each species created at the same time.

On this day, animals were created. This must have included at least the 10,000 different species of animals that exist today, plus the over 950,000 species of insects that also exist.

The most unique and important creature was created on this day also. It is this creation that was to enjoy much of what God had made, and it was the only creature that looked like its Creator. That creation was man.

Man looked similar to God (Gen. 1:27). He had arms like God. Walked like Him. Talked like Him, and saw things. It is the only species He created of which this can be said. The Word of God declares that it is man that is created in His image. That does not include monkeys or any other animal.

Day 7:

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” Gen. 2:1-3

Genesis 2:1 makes a statement that totally negates any form of evolution. It simply states that creation was “finished.” Created lives are not changing and getting better; they are not evolving. God finished His work, and He rested from His work.

To accept by faith that God created all that is in the universe, creates a problem for most unsaved people. If they accept it by faith, then they have to admit there is a God. If there is a God, then they have to accept that other parts of the Scripture are also true.

There is one teaching in the Bible that they are fearful they would also have to accept. They would have to accept that God would one day judge them, as He had done Adam, Eve, and others for their sins. Although unbelief in this frightening truth does not mean it will not happen, the unsaved still do their best to explain God’s workings away; so they do not have to face the fact that they one day will have to give an account for their actions.

God Himself preserved the account of creation for us, so we can have the answers to our many questions. Like any belief, it takes a step of faith. Believing creation boils down to one decision; whom will you believe: man, or God’s Word?

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the lesson:

Study the above lesson. Read Genesis 1, so you understand the passage's context more clearly. Do not wait until the day before you teach it. Start as soon as possible. I try to start reading the Scripture on Monday, the day after I have taught the previous class. Reread it. Make notes. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there. One gets out of the lesson what one puts into it. Spend some time, and God will bless your investment. Be spiritually prepared!

This is a basic lesson. Some may have heard this when they were in primary classes. Many have never heard it. The majority of new Sunday school attendees only know what secular teaching has taught them about how the earth was formed. Do not assume they know the truth.

There is also a lot of material in the lesson. Do not be in a hurry to give it to your students all in one day. Add some of your own knowledge on creation. Take as long as you need, so they understand. This material could take several classes to teach, depending on the class, and how the students have been grounded in the basics.

Suggested Hymns:

"How Great Thou Art", *Stuart Hine*

*O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.*

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"The Doxology"

Before the Lesson:

Ask the class what they know about how the earth and all that is in it was formed. Expect to hear evolutionary accounts. Cut most of it short, as not to reinforce what they have been taught about evolution. After hearing the evolutionary and Big Bang type of explanations, preclude your lesson with the comment, "Now we are going to learn what God says about how He created it all."

The Questions:

Included are eight questions. Ask these after the lesson is taught, to see what was learned by the class. This will also reinforce what was taught.

The questions can also be included with the lesson material, if this lesson is to be left with the student to be done on his own time, as in a prison ministry situation.

The Worksheet

To get the students to think about the lesson during the week, give them a copy of the worksheet to take home. If they return the completed sheet the following week, tell them that you will give them a reward or display it on the classroom wall. Remember to keep your word and do as you promised.

“Creation: How It All Began” Questions

1. Write Genesis 1:1.

2. What is “evolution”?

3. What did God create on the second day (Genesis 1:6-8)?

4. What did God create on the third day (Genesis 1:9-13)?

5. What did God create on the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19)?

6. What did God create on the fifth day (Genesis 1:14-19)?

7. What did God create on the sixth day (Genesis 1:14-19)?

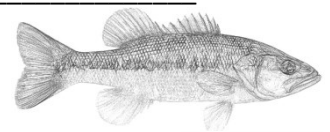
8. On the seventh day, God _____ (Genesis 2:2).

“Creation: How It All Began?” Worksheet

Draw a picture of what you think the world looked like when it “... *was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*”

What did God create or do on:

Day 1: _____



Day 2: _____



Day 3: _____

Day 4: _____



Day 5: _____

Day 6: _____



Day 7: _____

MAN AND THE FIRST SIN

The beginning of Genesis 2:1-15 reiterates some of what Genesis 1 taught about creation. More detail is given in Genesis 2 about what God did during some of the days of Creation. This chapter teaches about man and his first sin.

✿ God made man from the dust of the ground. We find that when God made man, His creation was placed in a garden, which was probably created on the third day. The garden was called the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8). The garden was most likely located west of the Mediterranean Sea and east of the Persian Gulf. Although the exact spot is not known today, it was near the Euphrates River of today and joined by three ancient rivers.

✿ We also find one important detail about God's prize creation, man. We learn of one feature that the man had that no other creatures were given. The first man was a living soul (Gen. 2:7), and his name was Adam (Gen. 2:19).

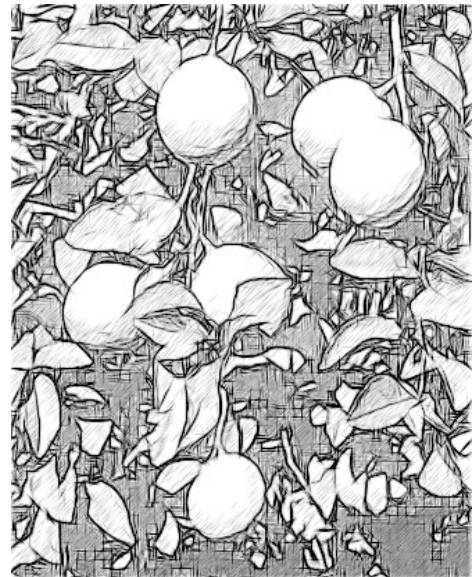
"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7

✿ Adam was immediately given responsibilities by his Creator. One of Adam's jobs was to take care of the garden God had given him (Gen. 2:15). Another of his jobs was to name the animals (Gen. 2:19-20).

✿ The first man was also given his first commandment from his Creator. Although Adam could eat of any of the fruits in the garden, he was forbidden to eat of the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" (Gen. 2:17). Adam was warned that if he ate of the forbidden tree's fruit, he would die!

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17

We do not know what kind of fruit the tree bore, as the Bible does not name it. It could have been an apple, a pear, or some exotic fruit. Most people imagine the fruit was an apple only because that is what an artist painted many years ago.



✿ Although the other animals had companions, man had none. God saw that it was not good that man was alone (Gen. 2:18).

✿ One day, God put Adam to sleep and took from him one of his ribs (Gen. 2:16). God closed up the incision on the man's side, and from that rib made Adam a companion. When God brought what He had made to Adam, the man called his helpmeet, "Woman" which means "she was taken from Man" (Gen. 2:23). Now, Adam had someone with whom he could share his life and work. They were husband and wife (Gen. 2:25). They were naked and were not ashamed of it.

✿ In the garden, there was a deceitful, and crafty ("subtil") serpent. This snake did not slither on its belly, as we see snakes do today (Gen. 3:14), and it talked (Gen. 3:1). Perhaps, at the time, other creatures in the garden also talked.

We know that the serpent is Satan, as he is called one in Rev. 12:9. Throughout the Bible we see Satan's intervention as the one who tries to get man to do contrary to what God commands him not to do. Satan is also a deceiver (I Chron. 21:1, II Cor. 11:3, Rev. 20:2, 10).

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Rev. 12:9.

✿ Satan had a plan to get the man and his wife to break God's commandment. He got Eve to question what it was that God actually commanded Adam not to do.

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Gen. 3:1.

The serpent's ploy was confusing Eve, as she had only heard God's commandment indirectly from Adam. She incorrectly reiterated to Satan what God had said to Adam, *"And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."* Gen. 3:2-3. God never told Adam not to touch the tree. Adam was to tend ("dress") the trees, so he probably came in contact with the tree. He was told not to eat of the fruit of the tree.

Satan continued with his deception. He got Eve to think that God was not telling the truth, and that she surely would not die if she ate the fruit (Gen. 3:4). The enemy of God advanced his attack by convincing Eve that God did not want them to eat the fruit, because if they did they would know good and evil and be as "gods." She was also tempted with the idea that she could be like God.

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Gen. 3:5

✿ Eve fell for Satan's trickery. She ate of the fruit and gave it to Adam to eat. Although it was the woman that was deceived, Adam also partook of the fruit. That brief moment of his disobedience to the commandment of God changed his and Eve's life, the world, and much that was in it. It was the biggest disaster that ever happened to the world! The first sin was committed.

"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." I Tim. 2:14

Sin is the most destructive activity on this earth. It has ruined, destroyed, changed, and shortened lives. Sin has broken hearts, sent countless millions of souls to Hell, separated man from God, and had many more disastrous results. Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin is now in the world! The world was never the same!

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil did not have to be there. God put it there for a reason. It was an opportunity for man and his wife to trust God and do what He had commanded. There was always and will always be temptation to do wrong. It is always up to individuals to make the right decision and not submit to temptation.

Although we have not physically walked and talked with God in person, as did Adam and Eve, we still have commandments that we should obey. The Bible is the source of these commandments.

Many of them we have already learned. Most know that lying is against God's commandment. Most also know that stealing is wrong, and it is known that it is wrong to disobey our parents. We may know what is right and wrong but when we purposely do those things, we are making a decision, as did Adam and Eve, to disobey God.

We can see how Adam and Eve ruined their relationship with God and hurt themselves, but too often, we do the same thing. We may think that what the first man and woman did was more serious than our disobedience to God's commandments, but our sin is serious in God's eyes. Sin is against God; it hurts others and those around us.

*** Many of the questions that may be unanswered in today's lessons will be answered in the following lesson!*

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Suggested Hymns:

"What Can Wash Away My Sin?" *Robert Lowry, 1826*

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Chorus:
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin"

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Man and the First Sin Questions

1. What made man different from any other creature God created?

2. What two tasks did God give Adam to do?

3. What was the first commandment God gave Adam?

4. From what was Eve made?

5. What does “woman” mean?

6. Who was the serpent that tempted Eve?

7. What was the tempter’s plan to get the first couple to sin?

8. Who was the first to sin? _____

9. In one word, describe what Adam and Eve’s sin was. _____

10. What is the most destructive and permanently damaging activity any person can do?

“MAN AND THE FIRST SIN” Worksheet



Words to Find:

- Adam
- alone
- deceive
- die
- disobedience
- Eve
- GardenOfEden
- Genesis
- goodand
- knowledg
- Satan
- serpent
- sin
- subtil
- tempted
- tree
- woman



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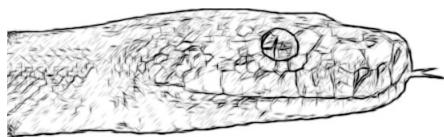
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IF EVE HAD SAID, “NO!”

The well-known story of Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God is found in Genesis 3:1-19. Because of that first sin, mankind has been plagued with more sin, its consequences, and sin’s terrible side effects. One bad decision changed all mankind and the earth. It was the worst tragedy in history. If only Eve had said “No!” to her temptations, Adam and Eve’s life would have been different, as would ours.

No one sins without facing repercussions — eventually. There is always a price tag on sin; as Adam and Eve learned. The Bible is filled with examples of what sin cost different people:

✳ Adam and Eve did not get away with their sin. This earth and the first couple paid a severe cost for their transgressions against God.

1. Adam was told that if he ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil’s fruit he would die. The Bible tells us that Adam lived on the earth 930 years (Genesis 5:5), but he did pay sin’s wage; both Adam and Eve eventually died.
“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Gen. 2:17
2. Adam and Eve had to be clothed, when they sinned. God killed animals and clothed the sinners with the animal’s skins. Innocent animals lost their lives, so the two could be clothed. The animal’s death was the beginning of sin affecting others.
*“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”
Gen. 3:21*
3. God also cursed the serpent (Gen. 3:14-15) for his tempting others to sin. Before the curse, the snake did not crawl on its belly. Snakes were doomed to slither on their belly due to God’s punishment on to the serpent.
4. Eve, and all women after her, have pain in childbirth because of Eve’s sin. Women would not have had that experience, if sin had not entered the human race. Also, the relationship between a man and woman was changed as part of the wages of Eve’s transgression.
*“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”
Gen. 3:16*
5. Adam, and all after him, would have to deal with the curse put on the ground for their sin. Getting food from the earth would be difficult, and sweat while working would be mankind’s reminder of the curse for sinning. Mankind would also have a shorter life and would eventually return to the dust from which he came.
“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” Gen. 3:17, 19
6. The ground was also cursed. Because of God’s judgment of that first sin, the earth would be plagued with weeds and thistles; at the time, there were none.
*“Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;”
Gen. 3:18*

7. Physical death would one day end their lives. They did die as God had warned them. Because the wages of their sin were passed on to future generations, we also will die one day.
8. Sin entered into mankind and would bring hardship and heartache to all future generations.
9. Adam and Eve could not have fellowship with God anymore. The one-on-one conversations with the Creator in the garden ceased. Because sin entered the human race, we can no longer have physical contact with the Creator, while in this sinful body.
10. Both sinners were expelled from the Garden.

“Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Gen. 3:23-24

✱ King David sinned and did not go unscathed from the wages of his iniquities. David lusted after Bathsheba, a woman he watched bathing on her rooftop (II Samuel 11:2). His lust for her soon led him to commit adultery with the married woman (II Sam. 11:4). When Bathsheba reported to the king that their sin had led to her being pregnant, David schemed to conceal his sin (II Sam. 11:7-17). Later the king had Bathsheba’s husband, Uriah, put into battle. Under the king’s orders, much of the army retreated, allowing Uriah and others soldiers to die. King David was not only guilty of lusting and adultery, but was guilty of murders. King David did not avoid sin’s wages.

1. The King’s sin was made known to the prophet of God, Nathan (II Sam. I Sam. 12:1-9).
2. David would never have peace after his sin. He would face wars and family problems for much of his life (II Sam. 12:10).
3. David lost his other wives (II Sam. 12:11).
4. David’s sin would be made public (II Sam. 12:12).
5. David’s sin cost him the life of his son born from Bathsheba (II Sam. 12:15-19)

✱ Others sinned and “paid” sin’s terrible consequences. Some of them include:

1. Samson. Samson was to keep himself as a clean vessel for God’s use (Judges 13:5). He disobeyed God. Israel’s judge did not avoid what God told him to avoid. He got involved with ungodly people, including women (Judges 14-16). He had supernatural strength given to him by God, but he still lost what God had intended for him. He eventually lost his strength, eyesight, his position of being a judge of Israel, and his life.
2. Israel. If the people of Israel had not murmured against God-appointed leaders and doubted God, they would have entered the Promised Land God had prepared for them (Number 14:122, 23, 29-35). Because of their sin, all over 20 years old died (except for Joshua and Caleb — Num. 32:11-12) before reaching the land God had for them. They also would not have been bitten by poisonous snakes (Numbers 21), and experienced other terrible displays of God’s wrath upon them.
3. Moses. If Moses had believed God (Num. 20:12), and spoken to the rock to get water for the people of Israel as God commanded him, he would have entered the Promised Land.
4. Miriam. If Aaron and Miriam had not talked about Moses (Number 12:1-10), Miriam would not have had leprosy.
5. Haman. If Haman had not been bitter against Mordecai, he may not have died by hanging (Esther 7:10).
6. Jonah. If Jonah had obeyed God, he would not have ended up in the belly of a whale.
7. Herod. If Herod had not boasted of his accomplishments, he would not have been eaten by worms (Acts 12:23).

8. Judas Iscariot. If Judas Iscariot had not given place to the devil by being involved in sin (Luke 22:3), he would not have been used to kill Jesus.
9. Soldiers. If the soldiers had believed that Jesus was God's son, they would not have nailed Jesus to the cross.
10. . . . and on the list could go of biblical examples of those paying the wages for their commission of sin.

✳ No one gets away with sin. The many examples in the Word of God are a testimony to that fact. Those biblical characters did not escape sin's consequence and neither will we.

1. Some will have a divorce, because they did not wait on God's choice of a mate.
2. Some will flunk in school, because they would not learn the right way, and cheated their way through school.
3. Some may not graduate high school, because they were too lazy to study.
4. Some may end up in jail, because they cheated on their taxes, stole cars, did drugs, etc.
5. Some may hurt someone physically, because they watched the wrong TV shows and were desensitized about harming others.
6. Someone may be addicted to or killed by drugs or alcohol, because their exposure to sin started with a sip of daddy's beer.
7. Some may be killed in a car accident, because they disobeyed parents and snuck out at night.
8. Some girls may have children out of wedlock, because they would not listen to their parents about how, who, or when to date.
9. Some may be crippled in a fight, because their anger tuned to sin; which led them to disagree and fight with their peers.
10. Some may go to Hell, and be tormented forever, because they worried about what their friends would think and never were saved!

All sin has consequences — either here or in eternity. Most already know this, because they have seen what others have reaped by sowing sin in their lives and recognized what their own involvement in sin has cost them. Sin ruins lives! Why do we think we can get away with it?

If God is reminding you of sin you have been involved in in the past or even at the present, now would be a good time to get it right with Him! Do not put off confessing it to Him. It may not negate the fruits of the sin already sown, but we can still repent (turn from the sin we have done) and ask God's forgiveness. Commit yourself to keeping out of the life-altering grasp of sin!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9 Also: Mark 2:10,

If Adam and Eve had not committed the first sin, we would not be facing their wages from their first iniquity today. The world would be a much different place! Your life also will be completely different if you avoid sin!

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

Study the above lesson. Look up the reference Scriptures and familiarize yourself with the stories. Do not wait until the day before you teach it. Start as soon as possible. Start reading the Scripture on Monday. Reread it; keep it on your mind. Make notes. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there. One gets out of the lesson, what he puts into it. Spend some time on the lesson's preparation, and God will bless your investment. Be spiritually prepared!

There is a lot of material included. You may not be able to cover it all in one class; it depends on the level of the class. If it takes more than one class to cover the material, be sure to review what was covered in previous lessons. Do not assume any know or remember it all.

Suggested Hymns:

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin" *James Rowe,*

*I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.*

Chorus:

*Love lifted me!
Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

"What Can Wash Away My Sin?" *Robert Lowry, 1826*

Before the Lesson:

Ask the class what they remember about last week's lesson. The best way to reinforce what you are teaching is to repeat, repeat, and repeat! I often give candy rewards to those that answer the questions. For larger classes, I divide the class into two sides, usually the boys and girls. For each answered question, their side gets a point. The winning side can win something inexpensive like several pieces of candy, or a puzzle that I print out.

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If EVE HAD SAID, “NO!” Questions

1. Who committed the first sin? _____

2. What was the first sin?

3. What do you think the world would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned?

4. Whom did God curse for the first sin?

5. Name two of the curses God plagued man and this earth with because of the first sin.

6. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve were banned from the _____

7. What was King David’s sin; the one that led to other sins discussed in the lesson?

8. What was Samson’s sin? _____

9. What sin kept Moses from going into the Promised Land?

10. What sin have you committed that has cost you much in suffering, pain, or missed opportunities. (Think about this, but do not write it down).

"IF EVE SAID, "NO!" Worksheet

Name five people from the lesson that paid a terrible price for their sin:



I JOHN 1:9

Words to Find:

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I	N	G	Q	U	K	E	W	W	Y	I	T	H	M	K
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U	F	I	H	U	R	L	A	U	R	S	L	L	L	S
A	E	A	P	S	B	L	M	H	T	O	B	T	E	E
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Without mentioning to anyone and not writing anything down, can you remember some sins you have committed? God knows of them also. Certainly, you would not want to pay the terrible consequences of them, as did the many people in the lesson. Confess them to God and "forsake" them.

WHAT IS SIN?

“Sin” is a small three-letter word; but despite its length, its mention can raise all kinds of responses from different people. Labeling another’s activity as “sin” can make one angry as someone is “judging” what they do, or that one is trying to stop what another wants to do. Its mention can also surface forgotten guilt and shame from sin done in one’s past.

These reactions have caused many to stop using the word, even from pulpits where warning of involvement in sin should be broadcast frequently. In many groups, it is politically incorrect to even use the word “sin”.



Whatever the reaction, it is still a word that is very important to God. Involvement in sin can certainly change man, his surroundings, nations, and a relationship between man and God. This lesson’s intent is to examine what the Bible says sin is.

✱ Sin is the breaking of God’s laws.

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” 1 John 3:4

“Transgression” is the violation or breaking of laws. The “law” referred to here is the law mentioned in the Old Testament. Some have counted over 600 laws in the entire Bible; certainly that is a number far more than the Ten Commandments that many think it refers to.

In this time of the church age, we are not under obligation to obey Old Testament laws:

1. The Law did not permanently redeem a person. Covering of one’s sin, by sacrificing, was temporary and had to be repeated. It was weak, because of man’s flesh. It should have shown people that good works cannot cover sins, and that something more was needed.
“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:” Romans 8:3
2. Jesus Christ’s death on the cross redeemed (delivered from bondage and penalty):
“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” Gal. 3:13

However, the Law does have a purpose today. The Old Testament laws show us, as it did the Jews before Christ even came, what sin is.

1. It gives us knowledge of what sin is.
“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Rom. 3:20
“Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.” Rom. 4:15
“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” Rom. 7:7
2. It is our teacher or schoolmaster.
“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.” Galatians 3:24, 25
3. Since God never changes, what He disliked in the past, He certainly dislikes now. The Law shows us what sin is. What was sin in the past is usually sin today!
“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

✱ **Here is a partial list of what the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, identifies as sin:**

Abstain from even the appearance of sin:

1 Thessalonians 5:22

Adultery: *Mat. 19:18*

Afraid of bad news: *Psalms 112:7*

Against a child of God: *Psalms 11:2*

Anger against another Christian:

Mat. 5:22

Backbiting (to speak evil of

another): *Romans 1:30*

Being carnal and worldly:

1 Cor. 3:1-3

Bitter towards another:

Acts 8:23

Bragging: *Romans 1:20*

Coveting: *Exodus 20:17*

Cursing: *Romans 3:13-14*

Deceiving others: *Romans 1:29*

Denying we are sinners: *1 John 1:8*

Despiteful (spiteful against another): *Romans 1:30*

Disputing (debating, arguing) unnecessarily:

Romans 1:29

Disrespecting parents: *Exodus 20:12*

Disobedient to parents: *Romans 1:30*

Dressing immodestly: *1 Tim. 2:9*

Envy (to be unhappy at the success or prosperity of another): *Romans 1:29*

Idolatry: *Exodus 20:3*

Ignorance of God's Law: *Lev. 5:15*

Hater of God: *Romans 1:30*



Homosexuality: *Gen. 18:20, Rom. 1:26-27*

Killing: *Exodus 20:13*

Lust: *Romans 1:24*

Lying: *Exodus 20:16*

Maliciousness (wanting to hurt others): *Romans 1:29*

Malignity (evil feelings towards another):

Romans 1:29

Murder: *Romans 1:29*

Not being content with what you have:

Hebrews 13:5

Not being courteous: *1 Peter 3:8*

Not being meek and quiet: *1 Peter 3:4*

Not believing on Jesus: *John 16:8-9, 1 John 3:23*

Not controlling one's tongue (bridling): *James 1:26*

Not loving people (without natural affection):

Romans 1:21

Never satisfied (implacable): *Romans 1:31*

Not tithing: *Malachi 3:8-10*

Not thankful: *Romans 1:21*

Prideful (arrogant): *Romans 1:30*

Promise breaking: *Romans 1:31*

Putting God out of their thoughts: *Romans 1:28*

Taking the advice of ungodly people: *Psalms 1:1*

Tattling ("whisperer"): *Romans 1:29*

Thinking of doing something foolish: *Proverbs 24:9*

Thievery: *Exodus 20:15*

Unmerciful: *Romans 1:31*

Witchcraft: *1 Samuel 15:23*

If the person's count of 667 sins spoken of in the Bible were accurate, it would take 620 more sins to complete the list. Wow! That serious, sad news is that if we are guilty of only one sin (and we are all guilty of much more), than we are guilty of all — according to the Word of God.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." *James 2:10*

Because we are all sinners (*Romans 3:23*), we cannot go to Heaven, unless we trust Christ as Saviour.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again [also referred to as "saved"], he cannot see the kingdom of God." *John 3:3*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." *Joh 3:16*

One of the purposes of the Old Testament Law and the New Testament is to show us what sin is. If we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we are all guilty and not headed to Heaven. God, however, loves us so much that He gave us a way to Heaven. If we will admit we are sinners, believe Jesus Christ died for our sins and paid for them with His blood, we can be saved from Hell. Call on the Lord Jesus Christ today, if you have not already done so!



FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

Study the above lesson. Read the verses and even the chapters in which that they are, so you understand the passage's context more clearly. Make notes.

I have learned that five minutes of study will only result in five minutes of blessing, but several hours of work will produce a much larger reward in teaching the class. One gets out of the lesson what one puts into it. Spend some time, and God will bless your investment.

Do not start studying the day of the lesson. Start many days earlier. Think on the lesson. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there.

Suggested Hymns:

"What Can Wash Away My Sin"

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Chorus:
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin"

"Jesus Paid It All"

Before the Lesson:

Ask students to list sins that they know. Write them on the board or on a piece of paper.

Suggestions for Lesson:

If sins from the list are discussed, have students look up the verses ahead of time, and then when they are mentioned have them read the verse. This will not only help the student be familiar with finding Scripture, but reading verses impresses them into one's mind more than just hearing them.

The Questions:

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What Is Sin? Questions

1. What is sin according to I John 3:4?

2. Approximately, how many laws are in God's Word? _____

3. According to Galatians 3:25, what is one of the purposes of God's law?

4. List ten sins taught in the lesson.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Can just obeying God's laws assure us of Heaven? Yes No

6. What is the only way one can be sure that he has had his sins forgiven?

“What is Sin?” Worksheet



Words to Find:

- adultery*
- blasphemy*
- bragging*
- busybody*
- cheating*
- complaining*
- cursing*
- deceitfulness*
- disobedience*
- gossiping*
- judging*
- lying*
- murder*
- stealing*



Sin is the breaking of _____.

List five sins that are not listed in the above puzzle:



SO, WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT SIN?

The Bible reminds us of something most of us already know about ourselves: *"For all have sinned, ..."* (Romans 3:23a). We are all sinners. Not only do we all commit it; we were born sinners. So, if all are guilty, what is wrong with sin? Here is some of what the Bible says is wrong with sin:



✱ Sin is against God.

When Joseph was tempted to commit adultery with Potiphar's wife, he knew if he sinned, it would be against God: *"There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"*

Genesis 39:9

The prophet Samuel knew that if he failed to pray for Israel it would be a sin against God: *"Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you ..."*

1 Samuel 12:23a

Although this instance was prophetic at the time, the people of Israel knew that sin was wrong: *"And it shall come to pass ... what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?"* Jeremiah 16:10. Also: Jer. 51:5.

King David also knew sin was against God: *"Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: ..."* Psalms 51:4.

✱ God hates sin.

God was unhappy he had made man, because of man's sin. That is why God sent the worldwide flood of Noah's day on the earth: *"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."* Gen. 6:6

It is very clear that God hates sin:

"The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth."

Psalms 11:5

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19

✱ Sin violates God's commandments.

Sin is not doing what God has told a person to do. If one knows it is sin, and still commits it, it is direct disobedience and rebellion to God.

"If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;" Leviticus 6:2

✱ **Sin separates us from God.**

Israel's commission of sin separated them from receiving the blessings and protection of the Lord. They would not be right with God until they stopped the sin.

"Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more except ye destroy the accursed from among you." Joshua 7:12

The enemies of God's people can cry out for God's help, but He will not hear them because of their sin that separates them from Him.

"They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not."

Psalms 18:41

Israel, a nation God loved, was separated from Him because of their sin:

"And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:15

✱ **Sin brought a curse on mankind (Gen. 3:16-19), because of Adam and Eve's first sin.** Mankind has been cursed by the plague of sin even to this day.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Rom. 5:12

✱ **Sin has an eternal price tag.** For those that have not trusted Christ's death to cover their sins, they will spend eternity in hell. For the believer, he will never lose his salvation, but sin will result in the loss of rewards for not serving God as he should.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

Ephesians 2:1-2

✱ **God's people are uncomfortable around sin.** A sinner may be separated, not only from God, but also from God's people; especially those that want to be far from sin. Sin can leave one with a lonely life.

"I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked." Psalms 26:5

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." Proverbs 8:13

✱ **Sin will harm you.** There is a wage for committing sin now, while we are living, and eternally.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

Some sins physically affect the body, and make one sick. Some alter one mentally. Sin can interfere with one's physical, social, and marital life. God knows how damaging sin is, and that is why He hates it so. It is not that He does not want you to have any "fun"; it is because God loves us so much that He does not want us to suffer the damage sin will do.

✱ **Sin is contagious.** Sin passed from Adam, to his children, and has not stopped spreading (Rom. 5:12). Also, when one is exposed to sin, it is easier to commit it. Much of the sin we have committed was planted by the idea we got from something we saw, felt, or heard.

✱ **Sin ruins one's testimony.** We will be remembered for the sin others know we commit.



"The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." Proverbs 10:7

✿ **Sin robs us of our joy.** We can be so busy being tempted and ruined by sin, that we cannot enjoy life.

"The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: ... Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death." Lamentations 1:18-20

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:14-15

✿ **Sin always has consequences.** NO ONE gets away without damage being done to him by his sin. A sinner reaps sin's consequences later than the sin was sown. Sin affects others also; not just us.

Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years because of their sin. Some of us today are still reaping damage done by sin committed earlier in our lives!

"And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness." Numbers 14:33

"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." Exodus 34:7

"The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish." Proverbs 14:11

✿ **Sin robs us of our freedom.** God's hand of protection is off the unrestrained sinner.

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34

We should love God's law, and sin is contrary to His law. A saved person is a changed person (II Corinthians 5:17). He is a new creature that should have new desires to please God. How can a life of unrestrained sin please the Saviour that hates sin?

A Christian will still sin, but he should do all he can to keep away from it and from committing it. When a Christian does sin, he should repent of it and get it right with the Lord. God desires us to stay away from it as far as possible, because committing sin will cost the sinner more than he would ever want to pay.

**"I have never heard one person, at the end of his life, say he was ever glad he had sinned.
All regretted it."**

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

Study the above lesson. Read the verses and even the chapters that they are in, so you understand the passage's context more clearly. Make notes.

Five minutes of study will only result in five minutes of blessing, but several hours of work will produce a much larger reward in teaching the class. One gets out of the lesson what one puts into it. Spend some time, and God will bless your investment.

Do not start studying the day of the lesson. Start many days earlier. Think on the lesson. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there.

Highlight the important points on the sheet and teach from it. The highlighted points will remind you of the main points you want to get across to the class. Do not read the lesson.

This is a long lesson. Depending on the time you have, it should take longer than one class; possibly two classes.

Suggested Hymns:

"What Can Wash Away My Sin"

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin"

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Before the Lesson:

Ask the students what they think is wrong with sin. Write the responses on the blackboard or on a piece of paper. Sometimes if there is no blackboard, and I have a student that has a hard time being quiet or sitting still, I give him the job of writing the responses down on paper.

The Questions:

Included are five questions. Ask these after the lesson is taught, to see what was learned by the class. This will also reinforce what was taught.

The questions can also be included with the lesson material, if this lesson is to be left with the student to be done on his own time, as in a prison ministry situation.

The Worksheet:

Hand out the worksheet before the lesson is started. On the back of the page, get the students to list five things that they think are wrong with sin. After the lesson, get them to cross out what was not taught, unless they still think their thoughts were correct.

Depending on your class, you may want to allow them to fill-in the five things mentioned in the lesson as they are taught.

So, What's So Bad About Sin? Questions

1. Who have sinned, according to Romans 3:23? _____
2. When a person sins, they are sinning against _____.
3. God hates sin! According to Proverbs 6:16-19, there are seven sins that God detests ("an abomination" to Him). What are they?

4. Name three things that sin does.

5. Look up and write I John 1:10.

So What's So Bad About Sin? Worksheet



List five things you remember from the lesson that are wrong with sin:

Do you remember? Fill in the missing word from what was said in the lesson:

Sin is _____ s _____ God.

God _____ s _____ sin.

Sin is against God's _____ m _____.

Sin _____ p _____ us from God.

Sin will _____ m _____ you..



WHO IS JESUS ANYWAY?

Today, Jesus is the key to anyone's getting to Heaven. Since having faith in Jesus and what He has done for us is important, it is essential to know who He is, and what He has done. This lesson will examine who Jesus really is, according to the Scriptures.

✳ **Jesus was the prophesied Messiah that God promised to send many years before He was even born.** Some of the 300 plus prophecies about the Messiah includes:

1. That the Messiah ("anointed", "consecrated one") would come from the lineage of King David (Jer. 23:5-6). It was prophesied about 599 B. C. (years before Christ was born).
"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." Mat. 1:1
Also: Acts 13:22-23, Luke 3:23-38.
2. Jesus' purpose was foretold to His earthly father (Joseph) before He was born.
"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Mat. 1:21
3. That man's Saviour would ask God why His heavenly Father turned His head, when He became sin for us. It was foretold more than 1020 years B. C.
"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" Psalm 22:1 It was fulfilled in Mat. 27:46.
4. It was foretold, approximately 1,020 years B. C., that the Messiah would have his hands and feet pierced. In Jesus' case, they were "pierced" by nails.
"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet." Ps. 22:16 It was fulfilled in John 20:25.
5. It was prophesied, at least 1020 years B.C., that the Saviour would not have any of His bones broken
"He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken." Psalm 34:20 It was fulfilled in John 19:36. When Jesus died on the cross, the soldier did not break his legs; as they did to many that were still alive when crucified.
6. It was also foretold, about 1020 years B. C., that the Son of God would not say a word to His prosecutors.
"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7 This promise was fulfilled in Mat. 26:63.



✱ **Jesus preached and taught God's message.**

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mat. 4:17

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Mat. 4:23

"Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." John 7:16

✱ **Jesus performed miracles.** He did things that a normal person could not do.

1. Jesus healed many with leprosy. *"And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Mat. 8:3 Also: Luke 17:11-19.*
2. Jesus healed the lame.
*"Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." John 5:8
*"And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:" Mat. 15:30**
3. Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52).
4. Jesus healed a paralyzed man (Mat. 9:2-8).
5. Jesus healed a man with a withered hand (Mark 3:1-5).
6. Jesus raised the dead (Luke 7:11-16).
7. Jesus cast out demons (Mat. 12:22-37, Mark 5:13).
8. Jesus walked on water (Mat. 14:22-33).
9. Jesus knew the thoughts of people around Him. A normal person cannot do that. This is another proof that Jesus was not just a man.
"And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:" Mat. 12:25
10. Jesus rose from the dead (Mat. 28:2-10, Luke 24:34) and appeared to many after He arose (John 20:26-29, John 21:1-2).
11. Jesus ascended back to Heaven (Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9-11).
12. He performed many more miracles (John 21:25) than are recorded in God's Word.
"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." John 21:25

✱ **Jesus is God's only son.** This is why He could do all the miracles he did.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18

*"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." I John 4:15
Also: I John 4:9, Acts 3:13.*

- Jesus' disciples knew He was God's son.
"Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ." Mat. 16:20
- The devils knew Jesus was God's son.
"And, behold, they [devils] cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Mat. 8:29 Also: Mark 5:7

✱ **Why Jesus is so important:**

1. Jesus was sent so man would know the Truth of God's Word, and so man would not have to pay the ultimate consequences for his sin in the Lake of Fire.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12 "Darkness" is referring to sin. When a person is saved He does not have to sin. Sin is always a choice. Knowing the truth from God's Word can keep us from making the wrong choices.

2. Jesus is man's only way to Heaven.

'I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.'" John 10:9 The only way anyone will enter heaven is by trusting Christ as Saviour. A Saviour is one that can save a person from the penalty of his sin.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Acts 16:31

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they."

Acts 15:11

3. Jesus' death on the cross is the only payment for man's sin that God will accept. One's good deeds, kindness, goodness, traditions, or following religious ordinances and rules will not get anyone to Heaven!

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thes. 4:14

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Heb. 2:9

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." Ephesians 5:2

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Gal. 2:16

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14

"Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." I Tim. 2:6 Also: Mat. 28:20. A ransom is the price a person must pay to free one that is captured. We are "captured" by sin and headed to Hell, unless we accept the ransom that Jesus paid for us.

✱ **Jesus was God in the flesh.** Jesus and God are one! This is the teaching of the Trinity. God is three in one — The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

"I and my Father are one." John 10:30

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:" Philippians 2:6

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus — John 1:14], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." I John 5:7

✳ **Jesus was sinless.** Only one born supernaturally, as was Christ, could be without sin. Jesus' sinlessness was necessary so He could be an acceptable payment for our sins. Only Jesus was sinless. All others born on this earth are guilty of sin.

"And being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;" Heb. 5:9

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb. 9:14 "Spot" here is referring to sin.

In the Old Testament sacrificial system, the only sacrifice that God would accept to cover sins was the blood of an animal (usually a lamb) that was perfect without any disease, deformity or discolored spots. Jesus was the perfect acceptable sacrifice for our sins, because He was perfect without any "spot" of sin! *"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" I Peter 1:19* Here we see Jesus is the perfect "spotless" sacrifice for all our sins.

Jesus was God's gift to man. No one can earn their way to Heaven. It is a free gift to those that will accept what Christ has done for them.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

"Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;" John 13:3

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." John 8:42

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me." John 12:44

Jesus was not just a man as some claim. He was God in the flesh come down to this earth to die for man's sins. Those that believe and accept what Jesus did for them, when He died on the Cross and rose again from the dead, can be saved.

That is why making Jesus one's Saviour from the punishment for our sin is so important. Jesus is the only way anyone will get to heaven. There is nothing we can do to earn Heaven. It has all been done for us by Jesus. All we have to do is believe He died for us, believe that He rose again from the dead on the third day, and ask Him to be our Saviour. If you have never been saved, and you believe Jesus died for you and rose again, you can ask Him to be your Saviour right now!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

This lesson will help the student understand why Jesus is so important to one's being saved. It goes into detail about who Jesus is, and what He has done for them!

Study the above lesson. Look up the reference Scriptures and familiarize yourself with them. Start as soon as possible. Start reading the Scripture on Monday. Reread it. Make notes. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there. One gets out of the lesson what one puts into it. Spend some time on the lesson's preparation, and God will bless your investment. Be spiritually prepared!

There is quite a lot material here. Do not expect to teach it in one lesson. Depending on the understanding of the class and time allotted, it should take at least two sessions to cover the material. After hearing it, a student may be led by the Holy Spirit to accept Christ as Saviour. Although salvation will be taught in the following lesson, give an invitation at the end of each class time for anyone that wants to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Suggested Hymn:

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee*

Chorus:

*Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord, let it be.*

*When my feeble life is over
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely over
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore
Chorus:*

Before the Lesson:

Ask the class what they remember about last week's lesson. The best way to reinforce what you are teaching is to repeat, repeat, and repeat! I often have given candy rewards to those that answer the questions about the previous lessons. For larger classes, I divide the class into two sides, usually the boys and girls. For each answered question, their side gets a point. The winning side usually wins something inexpensive like several pieces of candy, or a puzzle that I print out.

The Questions:

Included are ten questions. Ask these after the lesson is taught, to see what was learned by the class. This will also reinforce what was taught.

The included questions can be used to find out what the students have learned and to reinforce what is taught. For those that are using these lessons as a course, they can be copied and handed out with the lesson.

The Worksheet:

To get the students to think about the lesson during the week, give them a copy of the worksheet, and tell them if they return the sheet the following week you will give them a reward or display it on the classroom wall. Remember to keep your word and do as you promised.

“Who Is Jesus Anyway?” Questions



1. What is prophecy?

2. What does “Messiah” mean?

3. According to John 19:32-36, which bones of Jesus were not broken, when He hung on the cross?

4. Name one Old Testament prophecy about Jesus.

5. Name three miracles that Jesus performed.

6. Jesus was God’s _____ son (John 3:16).

7. Jesus is the _____ to Heaven (John 10:9).

8. Write Heb. 2:9:

9. Who does John 10:30 say Jesus is? _____

10. What one fact made Jesus the only person that could die for the sins of man? (Heb. 9:14)

“Who Is Jesus, Anyway?” Worksheet

Name three things that Jesus did while on this earth.



NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

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Words to

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| <i>Anointed</i> | <i>Rabbi</i> |
| <i>Carpenter</i> | <i>Redeemer</i> |
| <i>Christ</i> | <i>Saviour</i> |
| <i>Cornerstone</i> | <i>SonOfGod</i> |
| <i>Deliverer</i> | <i>Word</i> |
| <i>Door</i> | |
| <i>Foundation</i> | |
| <i>God</i> | |
| <i>HighPriest</i> | |
| <i>Judge</i> | |
| <i>LambOfGod</i> | |

Name two things that make Jesus different from any other person.

Look up John 14:6 and write it below.

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Most wonder, at least sometime in their lives, what will happen when they die? Will life end in death, or will there be life after death? They wonder where they will spend their eternity.

People then start looking for answers to those questions. Often they look in a place they think may have “religious” answers to their query. Sometimes their searching leads them to an acquaintance that seems good and “religious.” Many times, it is a building that has “Church” on its sign where they look for the answer. They rationalize, “certainly a church will have the right answers.” They go looking.

Although a church should be the road that many take to find the Truth, it is often the avenue that leads to wrong answers. Sometimes the “religious” person is only spouting what they think is the way to Heaven. They have no real authority for their thinking, as they have little understanding of the Bible.

Many “religious” organizations are also preaching their own philosophies and not necessarily the truth according to God. Most religions and denominations, if examined closely, will reveal they have one idea of going to heaven in common. They believe and teach that if one is good, often by the religion’s own standards and rules, he will please God. Because of their obedience to those man-made rules, they believe they will go to Heaven. Most of those organizations teach that good works and deeds will get one to Heaven. Again, they are often giving one seeking real answers their own philosophies and ideal.

There is, however, a different path one can travel to find the real answers. Those answers are found in the Bible. The Bible is God’s preserved Word. God promised that man, throughout all ages, would know His truths, and would have them. Although there are many trying to change the written Word to agree with their philosophies, the King James Bible is the source in which God preserved what he wants all to know. People can get the answers to “Where will I go when I die, and how can I know for sure that I will go to Heaven” from that preserved Word of God.

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8

Here are the answers from God's Word to man’s earnest question, “What must I do to be assured of heaven”:

✳ Before one can be saved from a tormenting, eternal Hell, one must first know he is lost. He must know that he is a sinner.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23 “Short of the glory of God” means none have pleased God because of their sin.

“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” Romans 3:9-10

“The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Psalms 14:2 Although most think they are “good people, because of our unpaid for sin, we are not “good” in God’s eyes. We are terrible sinners.

“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.” Galatians 3:22

Many believe they are not as bad as others are, and that they are good people. It is not wise to compare ourselves to others (II Cor. 10:11). Besides, it is by God’s standards we are measured, and He knows all have sinned!



✳ The other bad news is there is a terrible price tag for our sin. Because of our sin, when one dies, his soul will go to Hell, and he will eventually face the terrible Second Death (Rev. 20:14).

The Second Death is where the unsaved stand before God and are judged for their sins (II Peter 2:9). They will be cast into the Lake of Fire and remain there forever. What a horrible future too many will face!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23
"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Rom. 5:12

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 "Perish" is referring to being destroyed in the "Lake of Fire."

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Revelations 20:14 All will die the first death when their body no longer lives on this earth. The second death, however, will only be experienced by the unsaved that are thrown into the Lake of fire at the White Throne judgment.

✳ However, there is good news! One does not have to face Hell and the Lake of Fire. Jesus loves us so much, that He was willing to pay the only payment God would accept as payment for our sins. Jesus died on the cross, not for anything He had done, but for our sins!

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Rom. 5:8

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" I Peter 3:18

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." I John 3:16

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Rom. 5:9

✳ After one acknowledges one's sinnership, what one's sin will ultimately cost him, and that Christ's death on the cross is the only payment God accepts for sin, there remains only one step that will assure anyone of Heaven. That important step is to ask God to save him from Hell!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9 "Confess" means to "declare to be true." It is only this without-a-doubt, total trusting belief in Christ's finished work on the Cross that can save us!

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13 No one is excluded from salvation — no matter what sin he has committed!

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Mat. 10:32 Also: Luke. 12:8.

People make salvation more complicated than it really is. Salvation is not earned by doing good works or deeds (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is not earned by one's attempts to be good. It is a free gift given to those that will believe and trust that Christ is the only Saviour that can keep anyone from Hell.

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)" Rom. 5:17

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rom. 6:23

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" Eph. 2:8

The most important question one must answer correctly is not "What should I do in the future?" It is not, "How can I earn a lot of money?" or "Who should I marry?" The most important question one must

answer is, "If I were to die tonight, tomorrow, or 100 years from now, am I absolutely sure that I will one day go to Heaven? The answer to that question does not need to be, "I think so," or "I hope so." It should be, "I am 100% sure I will one day go to Heaven, because I am a sinner, Jesus died for my sins, and I have asked and trusted Him to save me!" Have you answered that question correctly? Have you trusted Christ as Saviour by faith? If not, do not put it off another minute. Ask Christ to save you today!

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

This is the most important of all the lessons in this series. All the previous lessons have laid out the groundwork for this lesson. This lesson explains salvation, and how each student can know for sure that he can one day go to Heaven.

Study the above lesson. Look up the reference Scriptures and familiarize yourself with them. Start as soon as possible. Start reading the Scripture on Monday. Reread it. Make notes. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there. One gets out of the lesson what one puts into it. Spend some time on the lesson's preparation, and God will bless your investment. Be spiritually prepared!

Although many of the lessons in the series can be taught over a period of more than one week, this lesson should be taught all at once. After hearing it, a student may be led by the Holy Spirit to accept Christ as Saviour. If they only hear a portion of the lesson, they may miss the lesson where they have the opportunity to trust Christ as Saviour. Most importantly, give an invitation at the end of the lesson for the student to be saved.

Suggested Hymn:

"Amazing Grace" John Newton, 1779

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

Before the Lesson:

Ask the class what they remember about last week's lesson. The best way to reinforce what you are teaching is to repeat, repeat, and repeat! I often have given candy rewards to those that answer the questions about the previous lessons. For larger classes, I have divided the class into two sides, usually the boys and girls. For each answered question, their side gets a point. The winning side usually wins something inexpensive like several pieces of candy, or a puzzle that I print out.

The Questions:

Included are nine questions. Ask these after the lesson is taught, to see what was learned by the majority of the class. This will also reinforce what was taught.

The questions can also be included with the lesson material, if this lesson is to be left with the student to be done on his own time, as in a prison ministry situation.

The Worksheet:

To get the students to think about the lesson during the week, give them a copy of the worksheet, and encourage them to return the sheet the following week, so you will give them a reward or display it on the classroom wall. Remember to keep your word and do as you promised.

How Can I Be Saved? Questions

1. Where is the only place one can find God's way to Heaven?

2. What is the danger in just trusting what a church, religion, or denomination teaches about salvation or any biblical doctrine?

3. Where did God promise man that he could always find God's will and way, in all matters, including salvation?

4. Before one can be saved, what is the first thing one must know?

5. Many, by their own standards, believe themselves "good." Why is man's measurements of his own "good deeds" not important?

6. There is a price tag for sin as is written in Romans 6:23. Write Romans 6:23.

7. Good works and deeds do not pay for our sins. What does pay for our sins?

8. The most important step in being saved, is that we must _____ (Rom. 10:13) God to save us.

9. Write Romans 10:13.



“How Can I Be Saved?” Worksheet

Fill in the blank with a letter for the correct answer.

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| 1. Before one can be saved, they must first know that he is a _____ that needs to be saved. | a. Jesus' blood |
| 2. “For _____ have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23 | b. call |
| 3. Unless sin is paid for, no one can be _____. | c. all |
| 4. _____ is the only payment God will accept to pay for one’s sin. | d. saved |
| 5. “For whosoever shall _____ upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Rom. 10:13 | e. sinner |

ROMANS 10:9

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IF WE COULD GET UNSAVED ...

The Bible clearly teaches that when one is truly saved, he cannot lose his salvation. No one certainly deserves such a wonderful gift as eternal life. It is the gift God gives those that trust Christ's payment was enough for their sins. Many, however, think they can lose their salvation. Logically, this does not make sense. **IF** one really could lose his salvation, it would imply that:

✳ **Jesus did not die for all his sins.** We know Jesus did die for all our sins; the sins of our great, great grandfather, our sins, and our great grandchildren's. The iniquities Christ paid for on the cross were for all our trespasses. This includes the sins we did before we were saved, the ones that we committed today, and the ones we will commit next year — all sins!

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5 This is a prophecy that foretold that the Messiah would die for the sins of man. 750+ years later, Jesus fulfilled this promise and died for all of mankind's sins.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;" 1 Corinthians 15:3 His death was payment for everyone's sins, even those after the Corinthian church.

✳ **Jesus' payment for sins was not enough for the sins we did today.** If one thinks he can lose his salvation, then he implies that Jesus' payment on the cross was not sufficient payment to cover his sins. If that were the case, there would be no hope for anyone to be saved, as all are sinners (Rom. 3:23). Even after salvation, we still sin; although we are still forgiven.

Fortunately, for all that trust Christ for salvation, God's Word says something different:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 1:24 A saved person, is seen as "faultless" (or sinless), because of Jesus' payment for his sins.

"Who his [Jesus] own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24 Our hopeless, sin state is healed by Jesus' finished work on the cross.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9 We are to ask Jesus to save us as we cannot save ourselves, and we must believe Jesus died for us and rose from the grave. He is alive, as He got victory over death.

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Romans 4:25 Also: 1 Corinthians 15:3. Jesus is enough payment for our sins, because God's Word says so!

✳ **His death was in vain.** If one believes that Jesus' death alone was not enough to save him, then His death on the cross was unnecessary and for naught! However, the Bible says:

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," II Timothy 1:9 No one can be saved by doing good works. One is saved, because of the good work Jesus did for us.

✳ **He is doing something to keep his salvation.** Opinions of this nature usually follow with thoughts of doing good things to earn or keep their salvation. God's Word says:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" Ephesians 2:8-9 We are saved by God's grace ("undeserved merit"), not by any good thing we could possibly do. He gives salvation to us; we do not earn it (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Salvation is often referred to as a gift from God; the receiver of a gift never pays. It is never mentioned that one has to work for it. If one had to do good works to earn it, how many does one have to do? Is it 10, 1,000, 100,000? A number is never revealed in the Bible, as no one can earn their way to Heaven. It has already been paid for by Jesus, when He died for us!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" Ephesians 2:8

✳ **That God is a liar!** If people think they can lose their salvation, then they are proving that they do not believe what God's Word says about receiving eternal salvation. They would be implying God is a liar. Perish the thought. It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). God's Word says:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29 Jesus can give one a salvation that no action or person can take away from you!

Although one's soul may be saved, one still has the same body ("flesh") he was born with. It will still sin (1 John 1:8). It does not mean that a person has to be saved again. Jesus died for ALL our sins. It does mean that one has to ask Jesus to forgive them of the sin.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37 God will not take away your salvation if you sin. Seek His forgiveness by prayer, and it will be forgiven.

"That he [Jesus] might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:27 In God's eyes a sinner is without sin (without "spot"), because a Christian is forgiven.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38 Once saved, we are inseparable from our Saviour.

Getting close to the Lord by reading the Word of God, being obedient to what He has shown you, and having a consistent prayer life will empower you to live a life pleasing to Him. Being close to Him will also give you strength not to fall for temptations.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 1:24

"In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight." Col. 1:22 Even though we will sin after salvation, because of what Jesus did for us we are forgiven and "unblameable."

Although "once a person is saved, he is always saved" is true, we do not have a license to sin. When one has that attitude, it may be because he really is not saved. A saved person genuinely wants to please God. One of the primary proofs of wanting to please God is an intent to keep from sin. When one is saved, he is a new creature in Christ. The child of God should want to stay away from what does not please His Father — sin.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17 A proof of being a "new creature" is a new life style. As a children's Sunday school song says, "The things I used to do, I don't do them anymore." A new creature in Christ may make sinful mistakes, but he will generally desire to want to please the Lord and obey Him.

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." Gal. 6:15

Once a person has admitted he is a sinner, understands that he is bound for eternal torment, believes Jesus' death was the only payment God will accept to cover his sins, and asks to be saved, he is saved. We cannot lose our salvation thanks to God's gift to us. We need to be grateful and show it by living as the Lord commands us for the rest of our lives. That is the least we can do because of all Jesus has done for us!

"We are saved by someone doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves." — Lester

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

This lesson shows the student that he cannot lose his salvation. Most people after they are saved sometimes doubt they are really saved, or think they have lost it because of committed sin. This lesson teaches some of what the Bible says about eternal security.

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Depending on teaching speed and allocated class time, this lesson can be taught in one session. Do not hurry. Take your time. This is a subject that all will consider sometime in their life, if they are saved. Use examples from your own life.

After hearing it, a student may be led by the Holy Spirit to accept Christ as Saviour, if he is not already saved. If they are saved, but have felt they lost their salvation because of sin, give them an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness for that sin.

Suggested Hymn:

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

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IF We Could Be Unsaved Questions



1. When a person believes he is unsaved, it is usually because he has _____, and he thinks he has lost his salvation because of it.
2. Jesus died for ALL our _____.
3. *“But he was wounded for our _____, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5*
4. *What does the missing word in the previous question mean? (Use a dictionary, if necessary.)*

5. Name two reasons why one cannot lose their salvation.

6. We are saved by _____ (Ephesians 2:8), not by our good works or deeds.
7. Salvation is also a _____ (Ephesians 2:8) of God and can never be earned.
8. In your own words, what is a proof of one’s being saved (II Cor. 5:17).

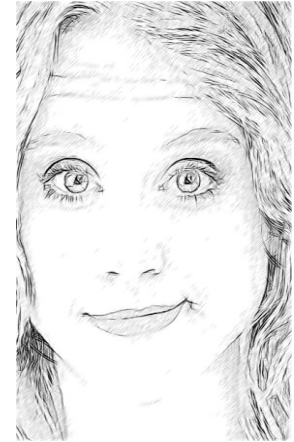
9. Look up and write John 10:28-29 in the lines below:

"IF We Could Be Unsaved" Worksheet

EPHESIANS 2:8

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Words to Find:
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"



Look up and write John 10:28-29 in the lines below:

WHAT DO I DO AFTER I AM SAVED?

When a person is saved (Rom. 10:9), it is the beginning of his spiritual life. There is much that is required and expected of the new Christian. Although, these opportunities are not necessary to be performed to keep one's salvation, they should be done because of the love for the Saviour and appreciation for what He has done for the saved person.

A married person does many things for his spouse. These things should be done, not because he has to, but because of his love for his mate. He wants to. Not doing things for one's mate does not mean they are not married; it just shows that he is not the best husband he could be. Living and serving the Lord after salvation is very much the same way. Serving and obeying God should be an action of love.

The Lord saved us because of His love for us, and He desires that we live for Him because of our love for Him. He does not save anyone just to sit and not grow in the things of the Lord. He saved us so that we would have a fuller, happier life, be a good testimony for the Lord, spread the truths of what God did in our lives to others, keep His commandments, live a life that wants to please Him, and have an eternity with Him.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15

Here are some of the things a Christian should do once they are saved:

Love the Lord. Love makes a big difference in a marriage, and love for the Lord will make a big difference in a Christian's life. We do not have to do anything more after we are saved, as so many unfortunately think, but God wants to see our real love for Him by our actions. True love for the Lord should be the motivation for changing our lives to please Him, keeping His commandments, and for living for Him.

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deuteronomy 6:5

Read your Bible. Reading the Word of God is the source of spiritual food for Christians. It is where one will find what God says to do, and the only preserved history of what He has done. How can a believer expect to obey God if he does not know what God has recorded in His Word and expects of him? One cannot grow spiritually unless he feeds on spiritual food, found in the Bible!

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:5

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:" I Peter 2:1, 2 God's Word is the source of spiritual milk for spiritual babies.

Pray. God lets His will be known through our reading and hearing of the Word of God. We can talk to Him anytime by prayer.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

Quit known sin. Separate from sin and temptations that could make you fall. God will usually work on one sin at a time in your life; little by little. If you do fall into sin, get right back up, seek God's forgiveness, and do right! We may be saved on the inside, but we still have the nature (desire) to sin. We will battle the desire to sin the rest of our lives. The further we get from sin, the fewer temptations we will face.

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Rom. 6:12

Obey God! It is one thing to read the Word of God and attend church to learn what God desires of us, but the most important thing is that we do what He lays on our hearts. We need to be obedient to what He has shown us to do!

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." II Timothy 2:22

Be thankful. Prayer is not always about asking for things and for help from God. It should also be a time to be grateful for what God has done for you and through you. God wants us appreciative of what He has done. Thank Him for what He has done for you!

"O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

Psalms 105:1

Join and attend a local, Bible-believing church. Although we need to read the Bible for ourselves, God still commands us to go to church. Church is the place we learn more about God and His commandments for us, where we are encouraged to live a Christ-like life; where we can have fellowship with other Christians, and where we can serve Him in one of the church's ministries.

Not every building that calls itself a "church" is Bible-believing. Some churches teach and practice doctrines that are not in the Bible. If you read and know your Bible, God will help you discern which churches are Bible-believing. Chances are if a church cared enough for your soul to invite you to church and even tell you about salvation, that may be the church God wants you to be a part of. Find and be faithful to a good church. It is necessary for spiritual growth.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

Be Baptized! Baptism is a very important commandment for a Christian to obey. Water baptism is symbolic of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. When it is performed for one that has had his sins forgiven by trusting in Jesus' death on the cross for remission of his sins, it is a perfect picture of what Jesus did for him. When the one being baptized is lowered into the water, it is a picture of Jesus' death on the cross. When He is brought up out of the water, it is a picture of His resurrection.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 19:5 Also: Romans 6:3, Ephesians 4:5, Galatians 3:27

Baptism is for believers only. It is not for babies, as they do not know anything about Jesus at the time of their christening. The Bible always speaks of baptism as immersion, and never sprinkling of water over one's head. Also, baptism does not "wash away sins", as some believe; only salvation does that.

Tell others about Christ and how to be saved. One of the most important responsibilities of a Christian is for him to tell others how to be saved. Most people have been saved, because someone told them about salvation. Perhaps it was because of the efforts of a pastor, Sunday school teacher, friend, parent, or grandparent. Because of others' obedience to God's commandments, we were saved. It is up to us to tell others the way to heaven. Our goal, as a Christian, should be to point as many to heaven as we can. Just remember, those that are around you: your parents, family members, friends, people you work with who may die and go to hell, if someone does not tell them. Someone most likely told you at one time. Go and tell others.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Acts 5:42

Serve God. Ask God for a ministry. God wants all to do something for Him. Doing good works and deeds cannot get anyone to heaven, but when one is saved, God expects each person to do something for Him.

Each person is different, and each person can do something that others may not be able to do for the Lord. Some can teach what the Bible says to others. Some are outgoing and can invite many to church. Others have voices that can sing songs of the faith, that will encourage others. Many who realize the urgency and importance of soul winning, tell others what the Bible says one must do to go to Heaven. What can you do for the Lord?

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” Ecclesiastes 9:10

Tithe. Tithing is giving God at least one-tenth of what He allows you to earn. God does not need our money, but giving to the cause of Christ shows Him how important He is in our life. Giving our finances also shows the Lord that we are trusting Him to provide for our daily needs. Most claim they cannot afford to give, but when you give as the Bible commands, God will honor your living by faith, and He will meet your needs.

Giving part of what God allows you to earn is very important. It funds churches, ministries, and allows more to hear the Gospel. However, the most important thing God wants from every believer is his heart and life. He wants us to give of ourselves to Him. If that is done, most of the things listed above will easily be taken care of by the believer.

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” Luke 6:38

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” II Cor. 9:6-7

The above lists many actions a Christian should take. Reading the Bible reveals many more things a Christian should be doing. These steps, when obeyed, will help the believer get closer to God. They will allow the child of God to see His working in their lives, and it will help them grow to be the Christian God desires them to be.

Unfortunately, many do not obey a step or steps the Lord convicted their heart of doing. In so doing, they have indirectly told God, “No” in an area that God wants that person to change. This disobedience to the Holy Spirit’s prodding is why so many Christians never grow.

Be a growing, obedient child of God. While reading God’s Word, or hearing it in church or Sunday school, do all the Lord tells and shows you to do. When you do, you will be the Christian God desires you to be and will be the type of Christian example the unsaved world needs to see more!

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Cor. 5:17

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, “How is the will of God done in heaven?”

One child answered, “Cheerfully.”

Another, “By everybody.”

A third, “All the time.”

But the best answer was, “It is done without asking any questions.” — D. L. Moody

FOR THE TEACHER:

Prepping for the Lesson:

This is an important lesson, that when heeded, will make a difference in a believer's life. It teaches some of the many things a Christian is responsible to do after he has been saved.

Like many of the lessons in this series, there is a lot of material here. Depending on class knowledge, and time allotted, this lesson should take multiple weeks.

Expound on each Bible principle with accounts of how they have applied to your Christian walk or to other Christians you have known. Students need to hear how the biblical teaching is applied in one's life. Make it very clear that following what the Bible says a Christian should do does not make one a Christian. One is saved by God's grace, not by good works or deeds.

Study the above lesson. Look up the reference Scriptures and familiarize yourself with them. Start as soon as possible. Start reading the Scripture on Monday. Reread it. Make notes. Pray over it, and pray for each student that you know will be there. One gets out of the lesson what they put into it. Spend some time on the lesson's preparation, and God will bless your investment. Be spiritually prepared!

After the lesson, encourage all to commit themselves to doing something that the Lord spoke to their heart about doing from what was taught in the lesson. As after all lessons, give the plan of salvation in your invitation.

Suggested Hymn:

"Trust and Obey" *John H. Sammis (1846-1919)*

*When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

Chorus:

*Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do;
Where He sends, we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Chorus:

Before the Lesson:

Ask the class what they remember about the previous week's lesson. The best way to reinforce what you are teaching is to repeat, repeat, and repeat! I often give candy rewards to those that answer the questions about the previous lessons. For larger classes, I divide the class into two sides, usually the

boys and girls. For each answered question, their side gets a point. The winning side usually wins something inexpensive like several pieces of candy, or a puzzle that I print out.

The Questions:

Included are five questions. Ask these after the lesson is taught to understand what was learned by the class. This will also reinforce what was taught.

The questions can also be included with the lesson material, if this lesson is to be left with the student to be done on his own time, as in a prison ministry situation.

The Worksheet:

To get the students to think about the lesson during the week, give them a copy of the worksheet, and instruct them if they return the sheet the following week, you will give them a reward or display it on the classroom wall. Remember to keep your word and do as you promised.

“What Do I Do After I Am Saved?” Questions

1. What is one reason a Christian is to obey the Scripture and do as it commands us?

2. Write John 14:15:

3. Name six things a Christian should do after being saved, as taught in this lesson.

4. Not doing what God commands us to do in the Scriptures, does not make us unsaved. It does show we are _____ to what God wants us to do.

5. What is a “tithe”?

“What Do I Do After I Am Saved?” Worksheet

WHAT A BELIEVER SHOULD DO AFTER HE IS SAVED

F	P	B	M	S	I	T	P	A	B	H	N
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- Words to Find:**
baptism
Bible
church
loveLord
obey
pray
read
serve
stopSin
SundaySchool
tell
thankful
tithe

ANSWER TO WORKSHEETS

Creation: How It All Began Questions — Page 17

Answers will vary.

1. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1
2. The unscientific, unproven theory that lower life forms changed into higher life forms over millions of year.
3. A firmament (separation) between the waters
4. God separated the waters causing dry land to appear, and made grasses, herbs, and fruit trees.
5. God created the sun and moon.
6. God created water life (fish, whales), fowl (birds).
7. God created animals and man.
8. Rested

Creation: How It All Began Worksheet — Page 18

Answers will vary.

Day 1: Light

Day 2: Separated waters from above the earth

Day 3: Separated waters on the earth, revealing dry land. God also created plant life.

Day 4: God created the sun, moon, and stars.

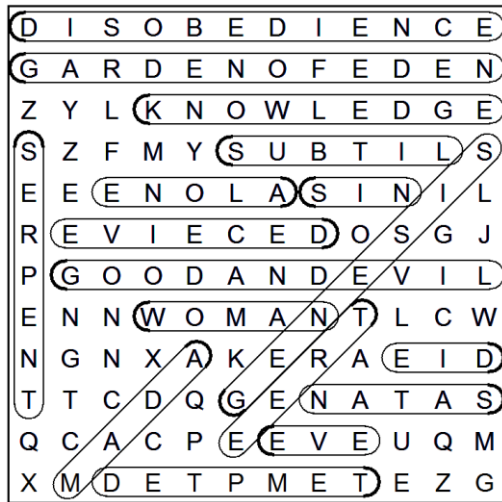
Day 5: God created the birds, fish, and whales.

Day 6: God created animals, and man.

Day 7: God did not create anything on this day. He rested. (Trick question)

Man and the First Sin Questions — Page 25

1. Man was a living soul.
2. Care for the Garden of Eden and name the animals.
3. Adam was forbidden to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
4. Eve was made from one of Adam's ribs.
5. "She was taken from man."
6. Satan tempted Eve in the Garden (Rev. 12:9).
7. Satan wanted Adam and Eve to question (doubt) what God had said.
8. Eve
9. Disobedience.
10. Sin



Verse to Unscramble the words:

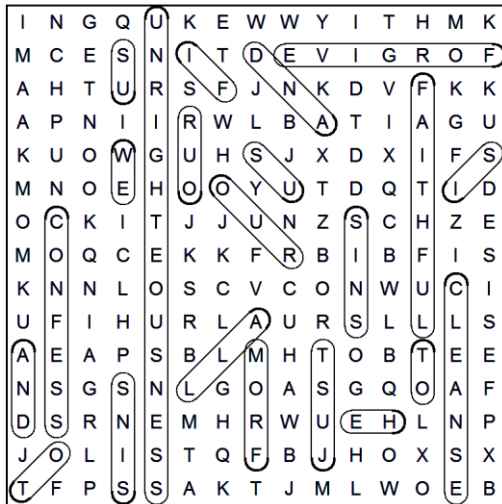
“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2:7

If Eve Had Said, “No” Questions — Page 33

1. Eve
2. Disobedience to God’s commandment when Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
3. Answers may vary but it should include that the world would be a much better place if there were no sin.
4. Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Satan)
5. Answers will vary, but they may include: Adam and Eve would die, the serpent would have to crawl on his belly, Eve and all women would have pain in childbirth, the relationship between man and woman was changed, it would be difficult to get food (they would have to contend with weeds), and work would be hard (they would sweat).
6. Garden of Eden
7. He lusted after Bathsheba, another man’s wife.
8. Samson did not abstain from the things and people God commanded him to avoid.
9. Moses disobeyed God by not speaking to a rock to get water out of it. Instead, Moses hit the rock with his rod.

If Eve Had Said, "No!" Worksheet — Page 34

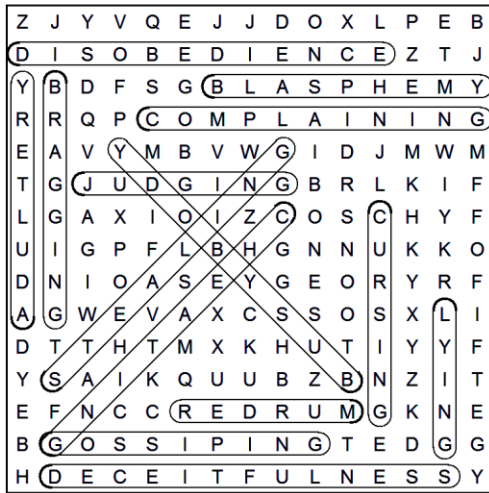
Answers will vary! They may include: Adam, Eve, King David, Samson, Israel, Moses, Herod, Miriam, Haman, Jonah, Judas Iscariot, soldiers



What Is Sin? Questions — Page 39

1. Sin is breaking (transgressing, violating) God’s laws
2. Over 600
3. The law is our “schoolmaster.” It shows us what is right and wrong.
4. Answers will vary. See list in lesson.
5. No
6. By trusting Christ as his Saviour; by being saved

What Is Sin? Worksheet — Page 40



Sin is the breaking of God’s Law.

List of five sins will vary.

So, What’s So Bad About Sin? Questions — Page 47

1. All
2. God
3. “(1) A proud look, (2) a lying tongue, and (3) hands that shed innocent blood, (4) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, (5) feet that be swift in running to mischief, (6) A false witness that speaketh lies, and (7) he that soweth discord among brethren.”
Prov. 6:17-19
4. Answers will vary. They may include: sin is against God, violates God’s commandments, separates a person from God, has a price tag, harms you, is contagious and spreads to others, ruins one’s testimony, robs us of joy, robs us of freedom, always has consequences.
5. “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

1 John 1:10

So, What’s So Bad about Sin? Worksheet — Page 48

The five things each student lists, before the lesson, that they think are wrong with sin will vary.

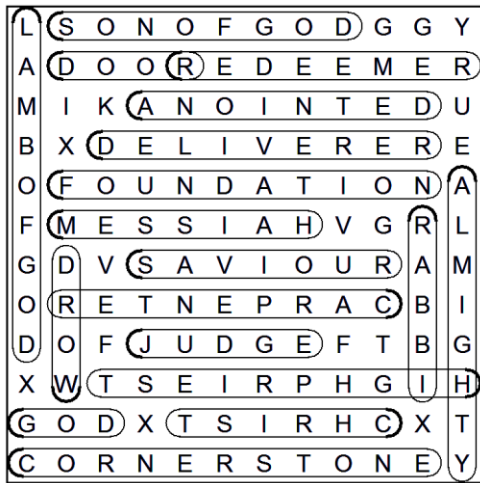
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“Who Is Jesus, Anyway?” Questions — Page 55

1. Telling accurately what will happen in the future.
2. Anointed; consecrated one
3. legs
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.
6. Only begotten
7. Door
8. *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”*
Heb. 2:9
9. God, the Father. *“I and my Father are one.”*
10. He was sinless.

“Who Is Jesus, Anyway?” Worksheet — Page 56

Answers may vary about what Jesus did on this earth. They could include: fulfilled prophecy, healed people (lame, leprosy, blind, paralysed man), walked on water, taught, preached, cast out demons, rose from the dead, died for sinners, ascended back to heaven.



Answers may vary about what makes Jesus different from any other person. The answers could include: Jesus was God in the flesh, He was God’s Son, He was not a sinner, and He was prophesied about ahead of time.

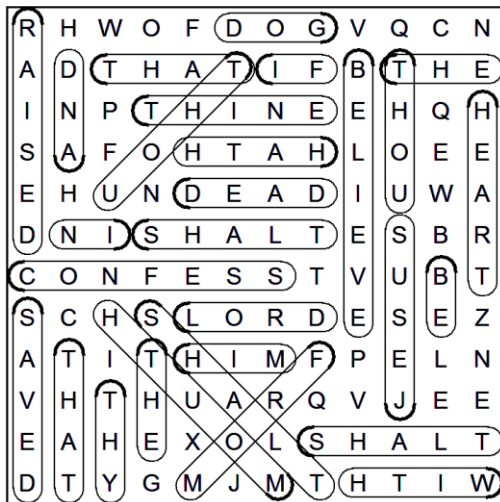
“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
John 14:6

How Can I be Saved? Questions — Page 63

1. In the Bible
2. They could be wrong.
3. The Word of God (Isaiah 40:8)
4. That he is lost and headed for Hell unless he does what God commands in His word to do to have the promise of Heaven.
5. Because only God's standards, as found in the Bible, matter!
6. *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23*
7. Jesus' blood, which was shed on the Calvary's cross, is the only payment God will accept for our sins.
8. Ask (confess)
9. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13*

How Can I be Saved? Worksheet — Page 64

1. E
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B



IF We Could Get Unsaved Questions — Page 71

1. sinned
2. sins
3. transgressions
4. sins, iniquities
5. Answers will vary, but may include:
 Jesus died for all one's sins.
 Jesus' payment for our sins is enough to cover all our sins.
 We did not earn our salvation by good works. It is a gift to those that accept it.
 God says if we accept Jesus' death as payment for our sins, we will have eternal life.
6. grace
7. gift
8. Answers may vary, but should mean, "When one is saved, he is changed and is a different person."
9. *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29*

IF We Could Get Unsaved Questions Worksheet — Page 72



"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28

“What Do I Do After I Am Saved?” Questions — Page 79

1. Answers will vary, but should contain: Because of love of the Saviour or showing our appreciation for what He has done for us.
2. *“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15*
3. Answers may vary, but can include: love the Lord, read the Bible, pray, stop sin, obey God, be thankful, join a Bible-believing church, be baptized, tell others about salvation, serve God, tithe
4. Disobedient or rebellious
5. Tithing is giving God at least one-tenth of what He allows you to earn.

“What Do I Do After I Am Saved?” Worksheet — Page 80

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orted, and as some affirm
ay,) Let us do evil, that good
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is none that seeketh after God.
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together become unprofitable; there
ne that doeth good, no, not one.

Their throat is an open sepulchre;
n their tongues they have used deceit;
poison of asps is under their lips:
Whose mouth is full of cursing and
ternness:

5 Their feet are swift to shed blood:
6 Destruction and misery are in their
ways:
7 And the way of peace have they not
known:

18 There is no fear of God before
their eyes.
19 Now we know that what things
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