

JOURNEY

BEGINNING YOUR WALK WITH GOD



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Welcome to *The Journey*

You have made the greatest decision you will ever make in all your life. You have found the Savior, and He has great plans for you. On the very day that you accepted Christ as your Savior and Lord, you started a journey that will last for the rest of your life. You see, God has a purpose for your life. You are no accident; you are a part of God's wonderful creation and plan.

The Journey: Beginning Your Walk With God will help you start your walk with God and get you headed in the right direction. You will learn how to have a quiet time, pray, read the Bible, allow Jesus to be Lord, share your faith, and find your spiritual gifts. There are many more things you will learn in this book to get you started in the right direction.

Read and study one lesson per week. Review your lesson daily to get a better understanding. Read the verses assigned to you in your Bible. You can find out how to look things up in the Bible on page 5. You will also want to begin memorizing Scripture each week. There is a weekly memory verse with each weekly lesson.

Answer the questions and review throughout the week what you have learned. Do not get in a hurry. You want to take all the time needed to begin your walk with God. He is right there with you. Let's get started!



Spiritual Birth Certificate

This certificate is witness to

receiving Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

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Through belief that Jesus is the Son of God who died for your sins and rose on the third day,
and by making Him Lord of your life, you have eternal life.

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become
children of God.” (John 1:12)

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Witness signature _____

Location _____ Time _____ Day of week _____

How to Have a Quiet Time

1. Each day, you should find a time that is right for you to spend with God.
2. Find a quiet place. Turn the radio and TV off.
3. Approach God with the highest respect.
4. Remember, God loves you and cares about your every need.
5. Do not do all the talking. Let God speak to your heart.
6. If God shows you something in His Word (the Bible), "Do it."
7. Write down your prayer requests and the date of your requests so that you can see how God answers your prayers. You will learn how to do this later in your studies.
8. Journal: It is hard to remember all the things that God will do in your life. Write down specific things that He does so that you can look back during hard times and be encouraged. You can write out your prayers if you like and be able to voice your desires and burdens in written form. As you study, write down what you have learned in your journal. You can find journal pages in the back of this book.
9. Spend time daily memorizing and meditating on your memory verses.
10. Put on the whole armor of God daily. (See page 30 to learn how to do this.)



How Do I Find Things in the Bible?

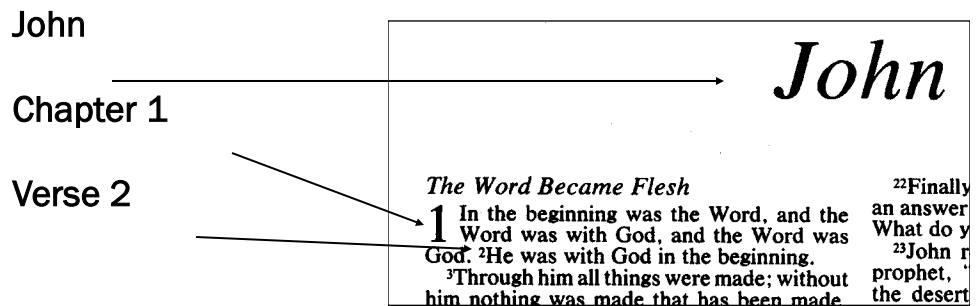
The Bible appears to be a big book, and it is. Do not let that scare you away from finding out who God really is and more about His wonderful plan for your life. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” The Bible is God’s Word. God inspired men years ago to write the words of the Bible for us so that we can know how to live our lives.

How can I find things in the Bible?

Turn to the front pages of your Bible to the Table of Contents. Find the book of the Bible you are looking for (Matthew, Mark, Luke, etc.). The Bible is a large book that has many smaller books in it. Next, find the page number of that book.

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Once you find the page number for the book you are looking for, turn to that page. You will be on the page of the first chapter of that book. The Bible is divided up into books, chapters, and verses. If someone says, “Turn to John 1:2,” they are saying to turn to the book of John, Chapter 1, verse 2. See example below:



LESSON ONE: Why Is the Bible Important?

The Bible is a special book because it was written by men who were inspired by God—He told them what to write. It is called the “Word of God” because God speaks through it. The Bible is divided into books, almost like a library. Christians, those who believe in Jesus Christ, read it at home, at church, or anywhere to see what God is saying to them. The Bible is still just as important today as when it was written many years ago. With it, you can find answers and direction for your life. The Bible has been read by more people than any other book in history. The Bible is divided into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells the story of the Jewish people and their relationship with God. The New Testament tells us about the life of Jesus and the first people—Christians—who believed in Him as the Son of God.

The Bible is inspired by God and can be trusted for direction.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Find the secret message that is just for you:

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This Week’s Memory Verse:
“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

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LESSON TWO: How Do I Study the Bible?

The Bible has so many wonderful stories of lives that have been touched and changed by God. Men and women, boys and girls alike throughout the ages have discovered God's wonderful love and purpose for their lives. There is a simple way to be blessed by what you read in the Bible. Use the S.P.A.C.E. acrostic to learn how to apply what God is saying to you from His Word as you read each day. Remember, if God says it, you should do it!

Sin to confess

Sin is anything you think, say, do, or don't do that displeases God. Some verses you read will reveal sin in your life. Confess it to God, and then ask Him to forgive you of your sins (1 John 1:9).

Promise to claim

When God makes a promise in His Word, you know that you can count on Him to always keep His promises to you.

Attitude to change

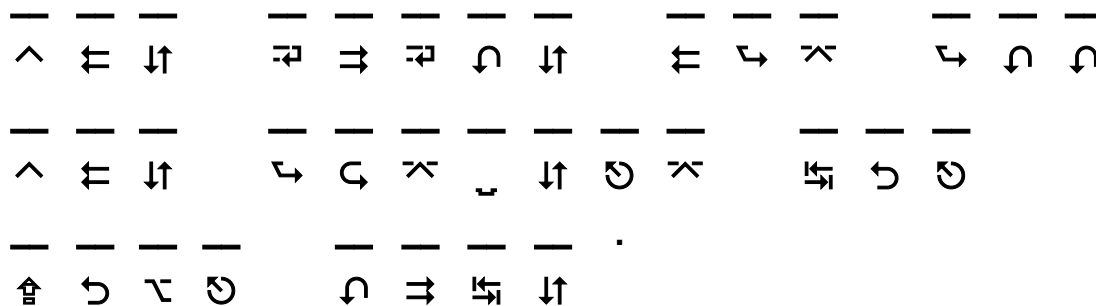
This is a time to have an attitude check to make sure your life aligns with the will of God.

Command to obey

When God's Word tells you to do something, it should be taken as a command to obey (James 1:22-25).

Example to follow

There are a lot of wonderful role models and examples in the Bible to follow.



This Week's Memory Verse:
"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

LESSON THREE: What Does it Mean to Be Saved?

There are several important things you need to understand about what it means to be saved. Using the secret code on this page, you can discover the answers for yourself. Next, read the assigned Bible verses that go along with your answer.

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Read: John 3:16

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Read: Romans 3:23

Sin is anything you think, say, do, or don't do that displeases God (such as lying, cheating, stealing, disobeying your parents, etc.).

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Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Read: John 14:6

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YOU MUST A, B, C.

- **A**dmit that you are a sinner.
- **B**elieve that Jesus is God’s Son and that He died for your sins and rose on the third day.
- **C**hoose to receive Him as your Savior and Lord.

Remember, God loves you, but you have sinned. Jesus died for your sins and rose on the third day so that you can have eternal life. By receiving the Lord Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you have eternal life. It is that simple and that great. Aren’t you glad you found the way to God?!

This Week’s Memory Verse:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)



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LESSON FOUR: Knowing That You Are Saved

On the day you accepted Christ as your Savior, you became a child of God. One thing you must understand is that it is a promise from God. Salvation is not based on how you feel from one day to the next; it is a fact of God's Word and a promise from Him. Read the verses below to see God's promises to you when you accepted Christ as your Savior. Find the answers using the Secret Code on the next page.

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Read: John 1:12

Whose child are you? _____

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Read: Romans 10:9-10

If you believe in Jesus, you will be _____.

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Read: 1 John 5:13

You have eternal life because you believe in _____.

In Hebrews 13:5, God says, "I will never leave you."

Will God ever leave you? _____

Read: John 10:28-29

Can anyone take you out of Jesus' hands? _____

Can anyone take you out of God's hands? _____

Remember, salvation is a promise from God. So if you ever doubt, pick up your Bible and read these verses again. Thank God that you are saved forever!



WORD SEARCH

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SAVED, FOREVER, GOD, JESUS, CHILD OF GOD, ETERNAL LIFE, HANDS

This Week's Memory Verse:

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5b)

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LESSON FIVE: How Do I Talk With God?

Jeremiah 33:3 says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” God says for us to call on Him and He will answer our call—He is talking about prayer. There is a simple way to start your prayer life called P.R.A.Y. Each day, you should pray and spend time alone with God. He is there for you 24/7, and He will be your best friend.

Praise & thanksgiving

Take a moment each day to worship God and praise His name for what He has done for you. After your time of praise, offer up to God prayers of thanksgiving. There is a lot to be thankful for, so do not forget to tell God thank You. Hebrews 13:15a says, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God.”



Repent

Repent and confess your sins to God. *Repent* means to stop sinning and turn to God. First John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Ask

God answers prayers in three different ways:

- **Yes**—God chooses to give you what you ask.
- **Wait**—God sometimes wants you to wait on Him.
- **No**—It is not His will to give you what you ask.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

Yield & Surrender

Romans 12:1 says, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your reasonable service.” Surrendering your life to God for His service is a holy and pleasing sacrifice to Him.

How do I write in my Prayer Journal?

Take a moment and look at the sample prayer page below. This is a page out of your Prayer Journal. When you have something to pray for, write it down in your Prayer Journal. When God answers, thank Him, and then write down the date He answered your prayer next to your request.

Friday

P.R.A.Y. for: "Personal Needs"

- Pray for your own personal needs.
- Pray for the personal needs of your family.
- Pray for the personal needs of your friends and the needs of others.

DATE OF REQUEST	REQUEST	DATE OF ANSWER
3/29/05	A good friend	
3/29/05	My brother is sick please make him well	4/1/05
4/23/05	Car for family to drive	

P.R.A.Y.=Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield

This Week's Memory Verse:

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3)



Jesus said in John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” Abiding in Christ means to be totally dependent on Him every day. You must surrender your life to Jesus, giving Him your all. By abiding in Christ, you will become a new person, and you will bear spiritual fruit. To *abide* means to “remain” or stay with Jesus all the time.

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Abiding in the Vine

The day you accepted Jesus as your Savior and invited Him to come into your heart, He made His dwelling in you and has been there ever since. Jesus promised that He would never leave you, so He sent the Holy Spirit to live in your heart to help you and be your guide. In order for you to have and experience everything God has planned for you, you will need to learn to allow Him to have control.

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Read: Romans 12:1

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Read: John 15:5

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Read: Galatians 5:22

Jesus wants all of you. When you allow Jesus to have His way in your life, you will begin to see change. He will help you each day to make the right choices when you fully rely on Him. Remember, wherever you go, He goes with you because He lives in you.

This Week's Memory Verse:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5a)

LESSON SEVEN: Telling Others About Jesus

Go and tell others about Him. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20a, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” In order to tell others, you need to understand the message you are telling. Look at the outline below and see what the message is. (See the copy of your tract on the next of page.)



1. God loves you!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life .” (John 3:16)



2. You have sinned.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

Sin is anything you think, say, do, or don't do that displeases God, such as lying, cheating, stealing, disobeying parents, etc.



3. Jesus died and rose again to pay for your sins.

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



4. You must choose to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord. You must A, B, C:

- **A**dmit that you are a sinner.
- **B**elieve that Jesus is God's Son and that He died for your sins and rose on the third day.
- **C**hoose to receive Him as your Savior and Lord.

Prayer: “Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned and that You died for my sins and rose on the third day. I invite You right now to come into my heart to be my Savior and Lord. Amen.”

This Week's Memory Verse:

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Let's go and tell others
about what Jesus has done
for us!



				<p>You must ABC:</p> <p>Admit that you are a sinner.</p> <p>Believe that Jesus is God's Son and that He died for your sins and rose on the third day.</p> <p>Choose to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord.</p>
<p>God loves you!</p> <p>John 3:16</p>	<p>You have sinned.</p> <p>Romans 3:23</p>	<p>Jesus died and rose again to pay for your sins.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:3-4</p>	<p>Choose to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord.</p>	

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JESUS, DIED, SINS, BELIEVE, SAVED, ABC, DECIDE

LESSON EIGHT: Becoming a Servant of Others

Jesus was the perfect example of a servant. He shows us how we should live in a way that honors Him. Do you ever feel really good when you do something nice for someone? You can feel that way all the time when you serve and minister to others. Jesus is a wonderful example for you to follow.

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☐ Read: Mark 10:35-45

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☐ Read: Matthew 20:28

Jesus wants you to be a _____ of others. (Shade each square with an "S" to find the answer.)

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On the lines below, write down some things you can do to serve others, and then do them this week. (Example: clean your room, help do the dishes, help your parents around the house, help your neighbor or friend, etc.)



This Week's Memory Verse:
 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

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LESSON NINE: What Are my Spiritual Gifts?

Did you know that everyone who receives Jesus as their Savior is given a spiritual gift? Notice that I said *everyone*. God has a plan and purpose for your life. Part of His plan is to give you a spiritual gift, or even several spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit and are supernatural, meaning a gift that God gives. As you study your lesson, you will discover what your gifts are. Using the Secret Code on the next page, discover for yourself what spiritual gifts are.

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Read: James 1:17

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Read: Colossians 1:16

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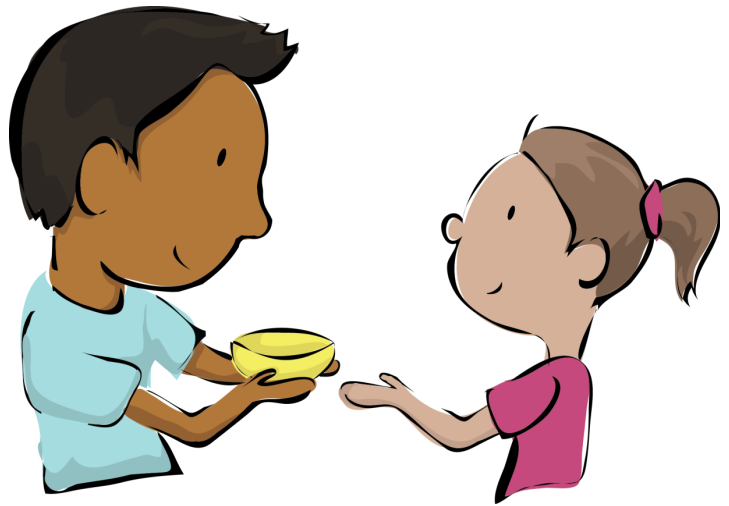
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Read: 1 Corinthians 12:4

Spiritual gifts are part of God’s plan to reach the world for Him. They are also given for the purpose of building up God’s church. The apostle Paul compared the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the body of Christ. Every part of the body is important, and without one part, the body cannot function properly. Every gift that God gives is important to the church, and without them, the church cannot function properly either. So, no matter what gifts God gives you, they are important to His work here on Earth. In order for you to grow in your faith and find God’s joy in your life, you must use your spiritual gifts for God.

This Week’s Memory Verse:

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:4)



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SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST

Answer the questions below to the best of your knowledge. Give honest answers so that you can discover your spiritual gifts. This test is not perfectly accurate, but it will give you an idea of how God may have gifted you. Circle your answers below using the following scale:

1-Never, 2-Sometimes, 3-Always

1. When something is unorganized, it bothers me. 1 2 3
2. I love to give money to God's work in the church. 1 2 3
3. I always love to help out at church. 1 2 3
4. I think about lost people all the time and want to help them find Jesus. 1 2 3
5. I feel like I understand the Bible very well and find myself showing my friends their mistakes. 1 2 3
6. When I read the Bible, it is easy for me to explain what I read to others, and they understand what I tell them. 1 2 3
7. I like to encourage my friends. 1 2 3
8. I find myself being protective of my friends. 1 2 3
9. I hate to see someone being hurt by others. 1 2 3
10. When I read something in the Bible, I believe it, and I always try to do what it says. 1 2 3
11. I enjoy working behind the scenes to support other people's ministries. 1 2 3
12. Organization comes easy to me. 1 2 3
13. If my friends do not have money to do something, I want to pay their way. 1 2 3
14. I find myself naturally wanting to help at church. 1 2 3
15. It is easy for me to tell people about Jesus. 1 2 3
16. I frequently find myself explaining Bible truths to my friends and others. 1 2 3
17. I love to help my friends understand what the Bible says. 1 2 3
18. My friends would say that I encourage them to do better. 1 2 3

1-Never, 2-Sometimes, 3-Always

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| 19. I enjoy helping my friends grow in their faith. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 20. I often want to meet people's needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 21. When I pray, I believe that what I pray for will come true. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 22. I enjoy working with others to do ministry. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 23. I am always organizing things. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 24. It does not bother me to give money to the church. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 25. It is easy for me to take on a responsibility and finish it. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 26. I think about telling people about Jesus all the time. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 27. I enjoy speaking in front of people. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 28. I find it easy to explain the Bible to people. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 29. When someone is down, I want to build them up. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 30. I notice when people are missing at church. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 31. When someone shares with me that he is hurting, I feel very concerned about him. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 32. I have no problem believing what the Bible says. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 33. You can frequently find me working in the church and giving a hand when needed. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 34. When I see confusion in a group, I always try to help everyone get organized. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 35. I feel the need to give to missions. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 36. When I see someone in need of help, I always try to help out. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 37. My friends often hear me telling them about Jesus. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 38. I daydream about being a pastor one day. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 39. I enjoy teaching my friends about Bible truths. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 40. I like to encourage people to be better Christians. | 1 | 2 | 3 |

SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST (CONTINUED)

1-Never, 2-Sometimes, 3-Always

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| 41. I lead people more often than I follow. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 42. I find myself wanting to help people who have needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 43. When I read and study the Bible, I accept what it says and believe God's promises. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 44. I find great joy in helping others be successful. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 45. I can see how something needs to be organized, and I do it. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 46. It is very easy for me to give money to someone in need. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 47. I often want to help others working at the church. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 48. I understand how to share my faith, and I share it without fear. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 49. I catch myself thinking about teaching people. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 50. I want to teach my friends about the Bible. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 51. It is easy for me to build people up. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 52. I always want to be with my friends when they are hurting and to check on them when I am away. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 53. When I see someone in need, I want to help. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 54. When I pray, I believe that God will give me what I ask of Him. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 55. I feel like my job is to support other people as they do things for God. | 1 | 2 | 3 |

DEFINITIONS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Organization / Administration: Titus was to organize the ministry in Crete. In 1 Corinthians 12:28, there is a list of spiritual gifts. One is administration. The person with this gift helps the church organize itself and be effective in ministering to each other and in reaching out to the world.

2. Giving: The gift of giving expresses itself in a desire to give above and beyond our ten percent tithe. The person with this gift finds it easy to give freely and is very cheerful in doing so.

3. Service: The gift of service expresses itself in a desire to serve others. The person with this gift finds it easy to be a servant in the church and finds great joy and fulfillment in doing so.

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SCORE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Turn back to the first page of the test and begin writing your scores on this page beside the appropriate question numbers. After you have all the scores written in the correct boxes, add the numbers together on each line, and put the totals in the far right column. When you are finished, you will see what your spiritual gifts are by looking at the lines with the highest totals.

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1	12	23	34	45	
GIFT OF GIVING					
2	13	24	35	46	
GIFT OF SERVICE					
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GIFT OF EVANGELISM					
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GIFT OF PROPHECY					
5	16	27	38	49	
GIFT OF TEACHING					
6	17	28	39	50	
GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT / EXHORTATION					
7	18	29	40	51	
GIFT OF SHEPHERD / LEADERSHIP					
8	19	30	41	52	
GIFT OF MERCY					
9	20	31	42	53	
GIFT OF FAITH					
10	21	32	43	54	
GIFT OF HELPS					
11	22	33	44	55	

DEFINITIONS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

4. Evangelism: The gift of evangelism is the ability to explain clearly to lost people how to become Christians and to persuade them to desire to be saved.

5. Prophecy: The gift of prophecy enables a person to speak God’s Word boldly so that it brings conviction of sin. Prophets will speak to people and confront them concerning sin.

6. Teaching: The gift of teaching is the ability to teach Bible truths in a way that others can understand and be built up in their faith.

7. Encouragement / Exhortation: Romans 12:6-8, lists several gifts of the Spirit. The gift of encouragement, or exhortation, is one of those gifts. It is given to build up the body of Christ. The person with the gift of encouragement is able to build up individual people as well as the body of Christ.

8. Shepherd / Leadership: The gift of a shepherd is to lead, guide, and feed the flock of God—the church. The shepherd, or pastor, is gifted by the Holy Spirit to be a leader. He has the ability and desire to teach, protect, and build up the church.

9. Mercy: Those who have the gift of mercy see the needs of others and find it easy to help them. They are aware of people’s needs around them.

10. Faith: The gift of faith is an unwavering trust in what God promises. The person with the gift of faith believes that God will be faithful to His Word.

11. Helps: Christians with the gift of helps are those who like to work to assist or help another person’s ministry. They usually work behind the scenes.

LESSON TEN: Why Do I Need to Be Baptized?

Jesus commands all of His followers to be baptized. Baptism is an act of obedience to God. Jesus was baptized and says you need to be baptized, too. Baptism does not save you. Baptism is a command from God. Baptism is like a picture of two things. When a believer goes under the water, it is a picture of Christ's death; when the believer comes out of the water, it is a picture of Christ's resurrection—Jesus coming back to life. For you it is also a picture of what happened inside you. The Bible says that old things have passed away (your old self is gone), and you are brand new. Find the answers to the secret codes below.

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Read: Matthew 3:13-17

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Read: Acts 8:35-38

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Read: Acts 9:1-19

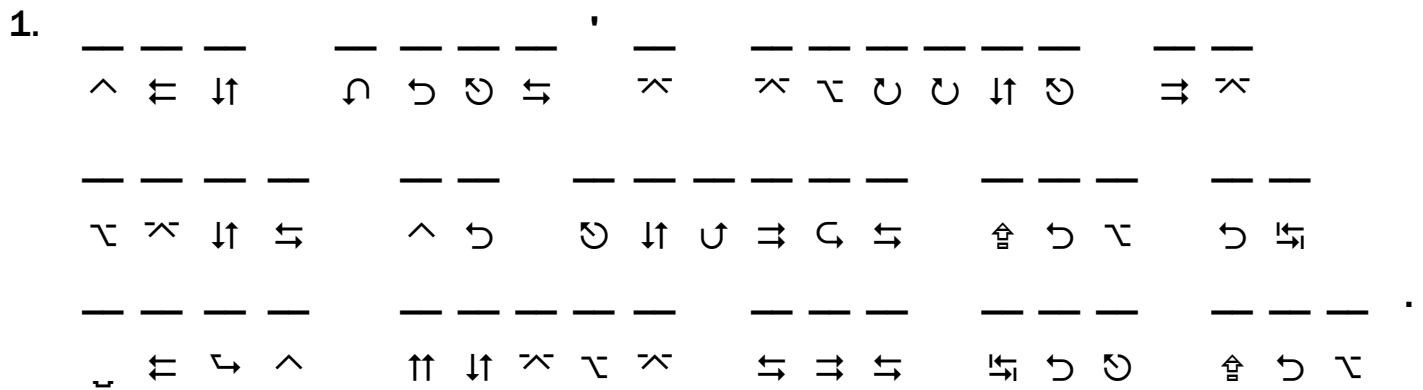
This Week's Memory Verse:

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him." (Matthew 3:13)

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LESSON ELEVEN: Communion

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a special time to remember what Jesus did for you. Each part of the service is an important reminder of Jesus' death and the price He paid for your sins at Calvary. The juice and the bread are significant symbols. The bread represents Jesus' body and the suffering He went through for your sins. The juice represents the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for your sins. When you eat the bread and drink the juice, you are remembering Jesus' sacrifice for your sins. The Lord's Supper does not save you, but it again reminds you of what Jesus did for you. Only those who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior should take the Lord's Supper.



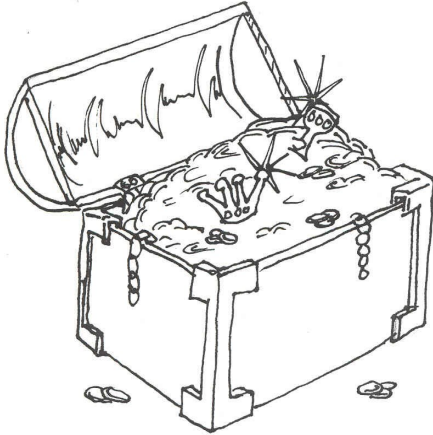
Read: Matthew 26:26-28

In the space below, draw a picture of a cup of juice and a loaf of bread to remind you of what Jesus did for you.

This Week's Memory Verse:

"This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19b)

LESSON TWELVE: Storing up Treasures in Heaven



Jesus tells us that there is nothing on this earth that we can take with us. The good things we do for God here on Earth will one day result in eternal rewards in Heaven. So, whatever you do every day matters to God. You will want to live each day for Him because what you do here will result in great things in Heaven. There are a lot of things you can do to store up treasures in Heaven. Let's find out in this week's lesson. Use the Secret Code on page 26 to find answers.

Read: Matthew 6:19-21

What do you think earthly treasures would be?

What do you think heavenly treasures will be?

How does a person store up things in Heaven?

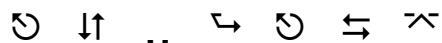
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Read: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

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You will receive _____ for the good things you have done for God.



Read: 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Draw a large treasure chest below and write words that describe good things you can do for Jesus.

One very special way to store up treasures in Heaven is giving money for the work of God's Kingdom. When you give money to God's church, it can be used to reach lost people. It can also be used to support and help missionaries around the world who are telling people about Jesus.

This Week's Memory Verse:

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)



LESSON THIRTEEN: Put Your Armor on Daily

Put on the whole armor of God daily. Remember you have an enemy, the devil, and God has provided the armor for your protection. Put it on piece by piece, through prayer, looking at the parts of the armor below. You would not go outside without first getting dressed neither should you start your day without out the armor on.

Read: Ephesians 6:10–18

This Week's Memory Verse:

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11)

- ◆ **Belt of Truth**
- ◆ **Breastplate of Righteousness**
- ◆ **Sandals of Peace**
- ◆ **Shield of Faith**
- ◆ **Helmet of Salvation**
- ◆ **Sword of the Spirit—“Word of God”**



PRAYER JOURNAL

How to Use Your Prayer Journal

On the next several pages, you will find guides to help you pray. These guides cover the following areas to help you get started in your prayer life:

- **Sunday**—Pray to prepare your heart for worship and Bible study.
- **Monday**—Pray for your country, the president, your school, and your teacher.
- **Tuesday**—Pray for lost friends.
- **Wednesday**—Pray for your family.
- **Thursday**—Pray for missionaries.
- **Friday**—Pray for your personal needs.
- **Saturday**—Pray for your personal ministry to others.

When you write down your request, be sure to write the date beside it. When God answers, put the date to the right of your request. God is ready to spend time with you. He wants to show you great and mighty things. He wants to let you know that He is there 24/7, ready to hear your requests. Jeremiah 33:3 says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Call on Him right now—He is waiting for you.



THURSDAY

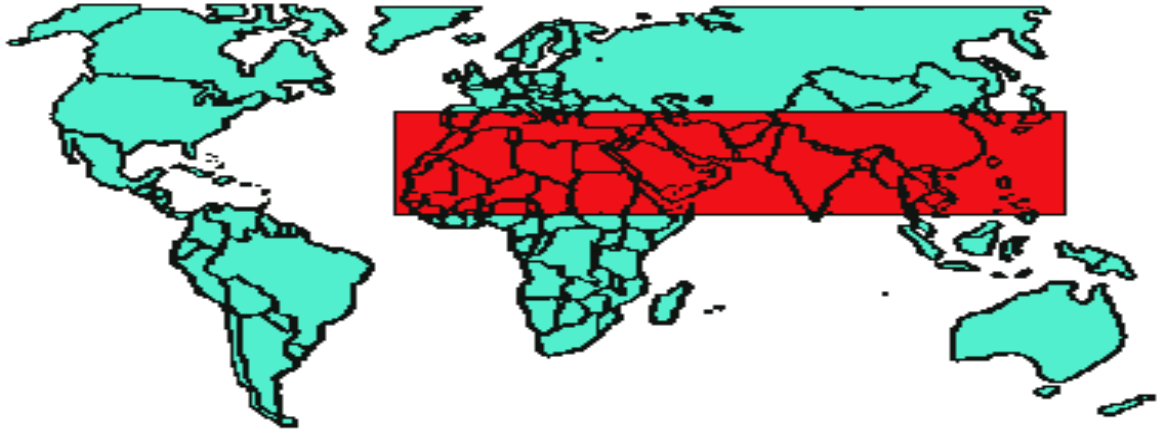
P.R.A.Y. for: " Missionaries and Servants of God"

- Pray for missionaries serving in America and overseas.
- Pray for them by name if you know them; write their names below.
- Pray for God to give them courage to share Christ, and pray for their protection.
- Pray for the 10/40 window.

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P.R.A.Y.=Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield

10/40 WINDOW



The largest number of unreached people in the world live in a part of the world called the “10/40 Window.” The window extends from West Africa to East Asia, from ten degrees north of the equator to forty degrees latitude north of the equator. It was given its name by mission strategist Luis Bush. This window encompasses the majority of the world’s Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus—billions of people who live in this part of the world have never heard of the good news of Jesus Christ. Two-thirds of the world’s population live in the 10/40 window—approximately 5.1 billion people. The poverty level in these countries is very high—85% of those living in the window are the “poorest of the world’s poor.” Half of the world’s least reached cities are in the window. They will be lost unless we, the people of God, reach them. You can make a tremendous spiritual impact through praying for them daily that God would open the window for His message of love to be heard.



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