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Born Again

BEING BORN AGAIN - IS THAT POSSIBLE?

How long ago were you born? ____ years ago.

Do you think you could be born again? **Yes/no**

A man was asking Jesus about being born again. 'How can I be born when I am old?' Nicodemus asked. 'I can't go back inside my mother! I can't be born a _____ time!' (John 3:4)

Let's start at the beginning so we can answer that question:

We are God's most _____ and best creation

Genesis 1:1&26 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth'. Then God said, (v26) 'Let us make man in our _____, and let them rule.'

God loved us so much that he made us in the likeness of himself - starting with Adam and Eve.



From Genesis 2:16 & 17 what would happen if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? They would _____.

Sadly, they chose to eat from that tree but how did they die?

- Their _____ started to age (die)
- Their _____ started to age (die)
- Their _____ - the part of them that connected to God died instantly and it is the same for all of us since then.

However, there is good news for us!

OUR _____ CAN BE BORN AGAIN

Born Again Part B





**Our spirit is dead but God gives us the
chance to be _____.
(Have life put back into our spirit)**

John 3:3,5&6 'No one can see God's kingdom without being _____. What I am about to tell you is true. No one can enter God's kingdom without being born through water (like a baby) and the Holy Spirit. People give birth to people, (babies) but the Spirit gives birth to _____.'

So when someone becomes a Christian the spirit inside them is 'born again' - brought _____ by God.

Romans 5:19 Many people were made sinners because one man did not _____ (Adam - by eating the forbidden fruit). But one man _____ (Jesus - by being perfect and then dying on the cross just for us). That is why many people will be made right with God.

If you have asked God into your life you:

-  Told God you were _____ for your sin.
(Sorry for living your way instead of God's way). **yes/no**
-  Asked him to forgive you. **Yes/no**
-  Thanked him for dying on the cross for your sin (Being punished in your place so you don't have to be punished). **yes/no**
-  Decided to live your life _____ for him.
Yes/no

Colour in the letters

People who are
'born again'
become part of
God's family

Look up 2 Corinthians 6:18.

If we have become a Christian, been born again,
God has become our _____ and you have
become his _____.

From John 1:12 what do you become when you
receive God into your life?

A _____ of God.

*They say that a baby being born is like a
miracle.*

*Being born again into God's family is an even
greater miracle!*

Have you been born again?

PASSAGE TO LOOK AT FOR NEXT TIME
Jonah: Chapters 1-3

Repentance

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

A change of _____. To change from the way you live to the _____ wants you to live. To turn back to what is right and best.

Proverbs 14:12: There is a way that may seem right to a man. But in the end it leads to **death**.

From Deuteronomy 30:19&20: Choose **life**. Then you and your children will **live**. And you will love the Lord your God. You will obey him. You will remain true to him. The Lord is your very **life**.

2 Peter 3:9: God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to _____, but _____ to come to repentance.

Luke 15:10 I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the _____ of God over one sinner who repents.

Colour the Prodigal Son picture.



Repenting leads to _____ and
salvation

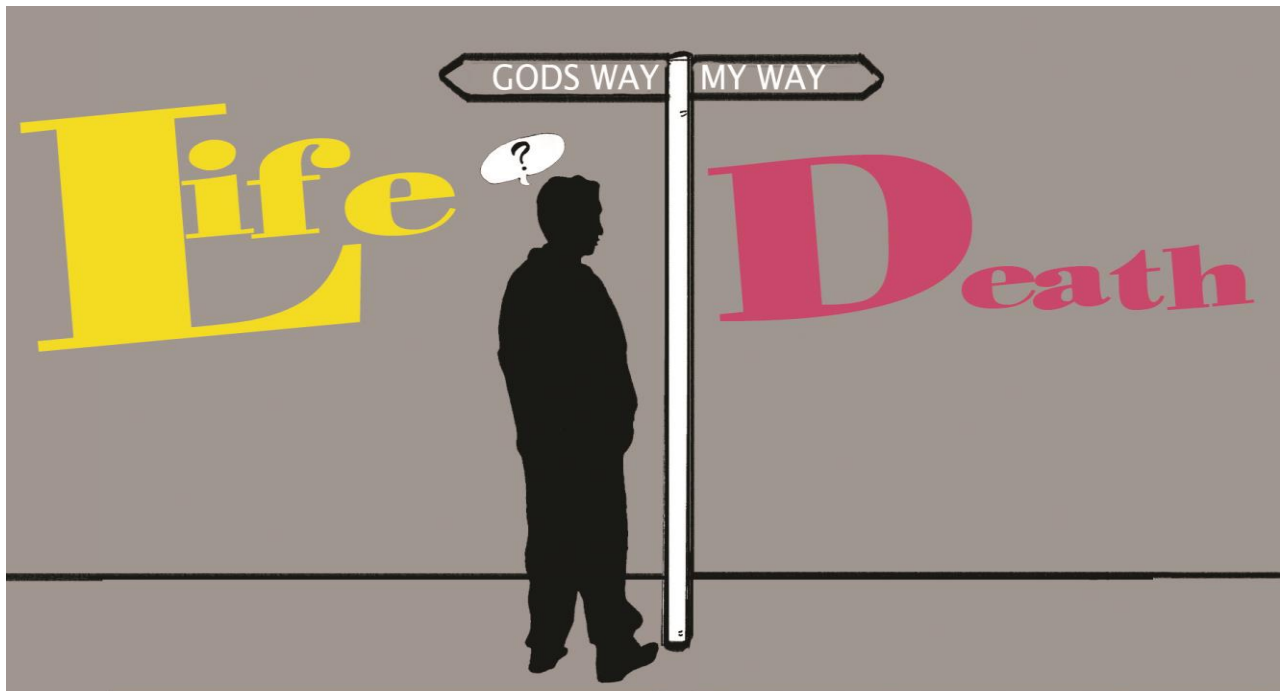
Luke 24:46,47 Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and _____ and forgiveness of _____ will be preached in his name to all nations.

Repenting is a decision

When we _____ we are making the decision to change from living our life our way to living our life God's way.

Repentance Part B

We see from Romans 2:4 that it is God's _____ that leads us towards repentance.



The people of Ninevah repented. Who else repented? _____

How? _____




Repenting is just the _____

Remember that to repent is a decision to go God's way. We show we are serious by serving God instead of ourselves.

Ezekiel 18:30-32: Repent! _____ away from all your offences; then sin will not be your downfall. _____ yourself of all the offences you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

Acts 26:20 ... I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their _____.

Write down one thing YOU could do that would show you were following God instead of living for yourself:

 At home	_____
 At school	_____
 With friends	_____

Luke 3:8 Produce _____ in keeping with repentance.

SO ALL THIS MEANS

Before we become a Christian we are living for ourselves

THEN

we decide to live for God (repent)

BY

telling God we are sorry and giving our whole lives to live for him

AND

that is when we are forgiven and are born again into God's wonderful family

PASSAGE TO LOOK AT FOR NEXT TIME
Acts 2:38-41

Water Baptism

What is water baptism?

For Christians, water baptism is when we go under the water and leave our selfish life behind. Then we come out of the water all clean and ready to live for God.

When we go under the water we take our old _____ life down with us.

We leave our old sinful ways under the water and come up _____ and ready to _____ clean!

Are Christians already forgiven before they are baptised? _____.

So why do they need to be baptised?

It is to show _____ else they are serious about living for God.

If you were Christened as a baby that is your parents letting everyone know they are going to bring you up in the ways of God.

When _____ are baptised it is _____ declaring that _____ are going to follow God!



From Acts 2:38 when someone turns away from their sins they _____ baptised.



Acts 8:12 Philip preached the good news of God's kingdom. He preached the name of Jesus Christ. So men and women _____ and were baptised.

Underline what we are commanded to do

Matthew 28:19-20 You must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.

2 Corinthians 5:15&17 Christ died for everyone. He died so that those who live should not _____ themselves anymore. They should _____ Christ. He died for them and was raised again. Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone! The new has come!

Being baptised takes _____. It is a great thing to show all our _____ that we are serious about living for God.

_____ Christians should be baptised to show the world that they belong to Christ and are living for him.

Have you been baptised? _____

If not, would you like to be? _____

If you want to be baptised write down why you want to be.

THE BIBLE

About the Bible

- The Bible is made up of ____ books.
- The Bible has the ____ Testament (____ Christ) and the ____ Testament (from the ____ of Christ).
- The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has ____ books.
- Each book has _____ and _____.
- The Bible was written by more than ____ people over a period of 1500 years!
- The Bible is God's _____ to us
- _____ were guided by God so they wrote _____ what God wanted for us.

Find the words in the squares below and colour the squares in. Wait until you know which words you are looking for. The words are across and down.

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**When we are born again (become a Christian)
we are like a baby just starting out**

1 Peter 2:2 Like babies that were just born, you should long for the _____ of God's Word. It will help you grow up as believers.

The Bible is full of amazing stories and things to help us know how to _____ for God.

From the story about David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17, write down something God could be teaching you.

From Romans 15:4, what four things do the Scriptures do for us?

1. _____ us
2. give us _____
3. _____ us up
4. give us _____

The Bible, part B

The Word of God is _____ and helps us
bring our lives into line with God's will

Hebrews 4:12 says, 'The Word of God judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart'.

Ask God to help you understand what he is saying to you from this Scripture. Write down what he has shown you.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Is the Bible alive? _____.

What are the Scriptures good for?

(Rearrange the letters)

Cheating _____ us what is true.

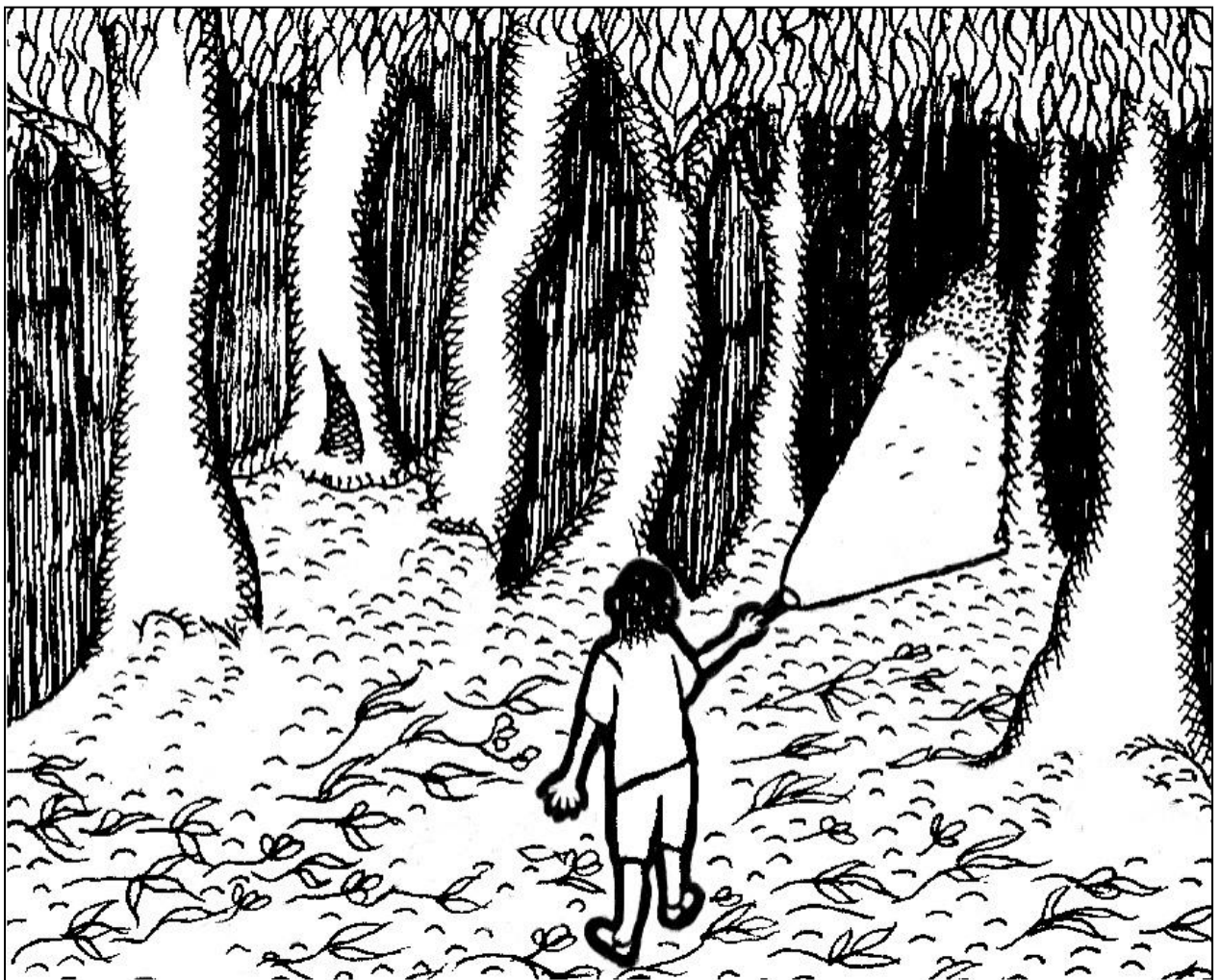
Correcting our **skitemas** _____.

Making our **viles** _____ whole again.

ratining _____ us to do what is right.

In fact, verse 17 tells us that the Scriptures can help us be prepared to do every _____ thing.

Psalm 119:105 Your Word is like a _____ that shows me the way. It is like a _____ that guides me.



We need to do more than just read the Bible. We need to what we learn.

Look at the verses below and underline what we should do.

James 1:22-25 (most of)

Don't just listen to the Word.

You fool yourselves if you do that.

You must do what it says.

Take a good look at the perfect law that gives freedom.

You keep looking at it.

You don't forget what you have heard,
but you do what the law says.

Then you will be blessed in what you do.

Circle the words that give you a secret that helps you remember what you should do.

How to get to know God through the Bible

In order to get to know God better, you need to make a time where you can be alone with him to read his Word - the Bible - so he can teach you how to live for him. Then you will understand him better and realise how much he

loves you

and the wonderful

plans

he has for you.

A good way to start is to read a chapter a day. Before you read ask God to _____ you things for your life. Then slowly work your way through the passage, allowing time for God to show you things.

A good place to start is John, then perhaps Luke, Proverbs, Romans, Genesis and Corinthians.

TALKING TO GOD

What is prayer?

Prayer is simply _____ to God.

Millions of people could send messages to _____ at the same time but _____ would only be able to read one at a time. _____ hears everybody at the same time and listens carefully to everything they say.

From Psalm 145:18, we see that God is ready to _____ people who really want his help.

Spend a little time talking to him now. Tell him you love him and ask him to help you with something in your life.

Set aside a time each day to pray.

People usually pray and read their Bible at the _____ each day.

Look up Psalm 5:3. When did King David talk to God? In the _____.

Luke 5:16

Jesus often went away to be by himself and pray.

Early morning, before you start your day is a good time for you to be alone with God (personal devotions) but you need to find a time that is best for you and commit yourself to it.

When did Jesus go and pray?

Mark 1:35 Very _____ in the morning when it was still _____.

He found a place where he could be _____.



Where would be a quiet place for you to spend time with God? _____

When is the best time of the day for you?

Prayer makes us a stronger Christian!

Deuteronomy 4:29 Look to the Lord your God. You will find him if you look for him with _____ your heart and with _____ your soul.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray. Then you won't fall into sin when you are tempted. The spirit is willing. But the _____ is weak.

It is good to spend time not only talking to God, but also quietly _____. Often God speaks to us in our heart as we wait.

Psalms 46:10 Be _____ and know that I am God.

James 4:8 Come _____ to God and he will come _____ to you.

Close your eyes and ask God to speak to you. Then wait and listen.

Did you feel him say something to you?

Talking to God, Part B

God loves to answer our prayers

John 16:24: Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. _____ and you will _____ what you asked for. Then your joy will be complete.

Our time alone talking to God is mainly about getting closer to God so we should:

- ✓ **Confess** any sin and ask for forgiveness.
- ✓ _____ - Tell God how much you love him.
- ✓ _____ - Ask him to talk to you and spend time just listening.
- ✓ **Talk** to him about your life, your plans, your needs, people and other things in your life.
- ✓ **Believe** for things from God.
- ✓ _____ him.

We fill our self up with _____ to give our body strength to do things.

We fill our self up with _____ to give us strength to live for God.

Over the next 7 days spend time each day with God reading your Bible and praying.

GETTING TO KNOW GOD TOGETHER

FELLOWSHIP

Prayer, Bible reading and fellowship
are the main things that help us
grow to be _____ Christians.

Fellowship is whenever you get _____ with
other _____ in Jesus name.

When you get together to play sport you are
_____ your love for the sport with one
another. When you get together to do 'God
stuff' you are sharing your _____ for God with
one another.



So what exactly do we do when we get together?

From Acts 2:42 and Psalm 35:18 what did they do together?

1. ?? what the apostles taught. (We study the Bible)
2. ?? life
3. Broke bread and ??
4. ??
5. ?? God
6. ?? God

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There are plenty of other ways we can fellowship together as well.

Our fellowship includes us, others and God

In Matthew 18:20, what promise does God give us? 'Where two or three people meet together in my name, I _____ with them.'

We see in 1 John 1:3, that when we share life (fellowship) together we are also sharing life with the _____ and his son, _____ Christ.

Fellowship, Part B

We become one together

As Psalm 133:1 says: How _____ and _____ it is when God's people live together in peace!

What is good about meeting together from Philippians 2:2?

We _____ with one another
We come to have the _____ love
We become _____ in spirit
We become _____ in purpose

If you were trying to decide what nice thing to do for your neighbours as a witness to them, what could you do so you would all agree?
_____.

Only God can help us to be one in spirit.

We love and serve one another

Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them. 1 Peter 4:8.

If we are really serious about fellowshiping together we have to make a _____ to love one another deeply.

The Bible tells us it is really important to meet together

Let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us cheer each other up with words of hope.

Hebrews 10:25

We help one another to be strong Christians

From Hebrews 3:13, how do we help one another so we will not be 'fooled by sins tricks'?

By _____ one another up.

Admit to one another that you have sinned. Pray for one another so that you might be healed.

James 5:16

Together we can remember Jesus dying for us

We see in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 that whenever we eat _____ and have a _____ we should remember what Jesus has done for us.

Do you know what Jesus did for us just after he ate and drank with his disciples. He _____ for our _____.



We hope you have learnt plenty about getting closer to God. We also hope you will continue to pray, read your Bible and fellowship together.

Confidence to live for God

As Christians we want to be

good

because we

love God.

Being good all the time is not easy.

We need God's help.

Philippians 4:13 I can do _____ by the power of Christ. He gives me _____.

Being good does not just happen. We need to _____ to be good.

DECISION ONE

To tell God _____ that we want to obey him because we love him.

In the next scripture **circle** what we should do.

1 John 2:3-5: We know that we have come to know God if we obey his commands. Suppose someone says, 'I know him', but suppose that person does not do what God commands. Then that person is a liar and is not telling the truth. But if anyone obeys God's word, then God's love is truly made complete in that person. Here is how we know we belong to him. Those who claim to belong to him must live just as Jesus did.

Now **underline** what good comes to us when we do what we should.

DECISION TWO

To be filled with God's strength by reading the Bible and praying every day.

God gives us the power to live for him. However, we need to be continually filled with his power through close relationship with him.

The Scripture - Be _____ with the _____
_____ from Ephesians 5:18 is a command and we need to be filled because we leak!

Write the correct word!

Just as we need food to keep our
(hair - dog - strength - computer)

_____ going

so we also need strength from God to keep our
(muscles - teeth - spirit - ghost)

_____ strong.

DECISION THREE

To live for God in everything we do.

How did Jesus show us the way? I have not come down from heaven to do what I want to do. I have come to do what the One who sent me wants ____ (His Father - God). John 6:38.

What do we learn for ourselves from the way Jesus lived?

**The key is our daily
decision to live 100% for God**



Proverbs 16:3: Commit to the Lord everything you do. Then your _____ will succeed.

Confidence to live for God, Part B

In 2 Corinthians 10:5, what are we to do with every thought? Keep them under _____ in order to make them _____ Christ.

Write down a couple of thoughts that could be a problem.

Whose job is it to control our thoughts? _____.

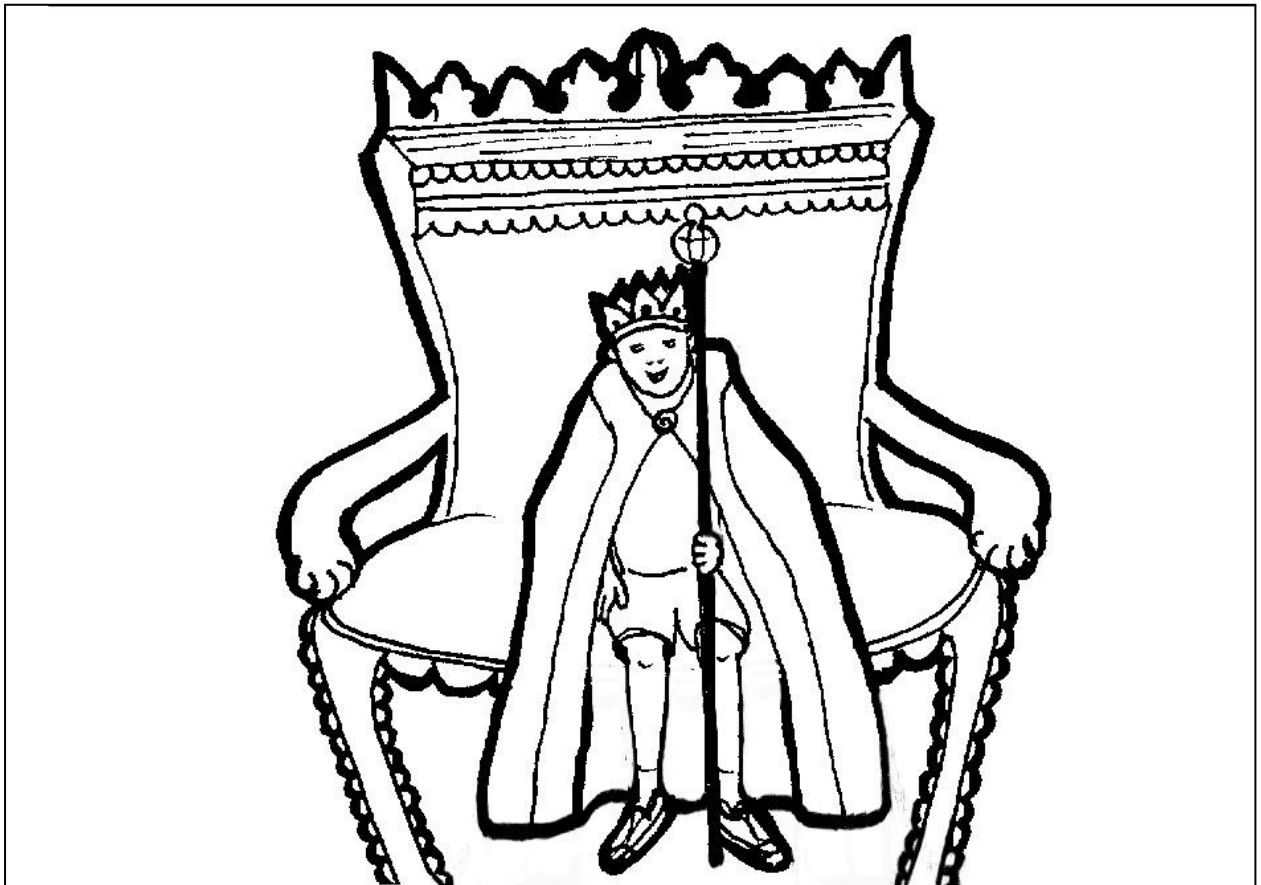
It would be great if we were perfect but we are not. When we are a Christian, it upsets _____ when we have sinned. God understands and helps us.

1 John 1:9: God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will _____ us our sins. He will forgive _____ thing we have done. He will make us _____.

Rewards in heaven for victorious Christians

Revelation 3:21: I'll give those who overcome the right to sit with me on ____.

John 12:26: My Father will _____ the one who serves me. (Jesus).



Passage to look at for next time
Acts 2:42-47

CONFIDENCE

TO BE A WITNESS FOR GOD

The power to witness comes from the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

You will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you.

Then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem.

You will be my witnesses in all Judea and Samaria. And you will be my _____ from one end of the earth to the other.

Witnessing is telling others about God.....

2 Timothy 1:7, 8: God didn't give us a spirit that makes us weak and fearful. He gave us a spirit that gives us _____ and _____. It helps us control ourselves. So don't be ashamed to give witness about our Lord.

Witnessing also comes from people seeing the difference God makes to our lives.....

John 13:34, 35: I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have _____. If you love one another, everyone will _____ you are my disciples.

In Acts 2:42-47, the people were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit and living for God. What do you think was the ONE main thing about them that attracted more people to the gospel?

The message...

...people are _____ in sin.

Romans 3:23: _____ has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. (God's standard - perfection)

...they need a Saviour (someone to save them).

Romans 6:23: When you _____ the _____ you get is _____. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

...Jesus took the punishment for their sin.

Romans 5:8: Here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ _____.

...they can become a Christian by repenting and giving their life to God.

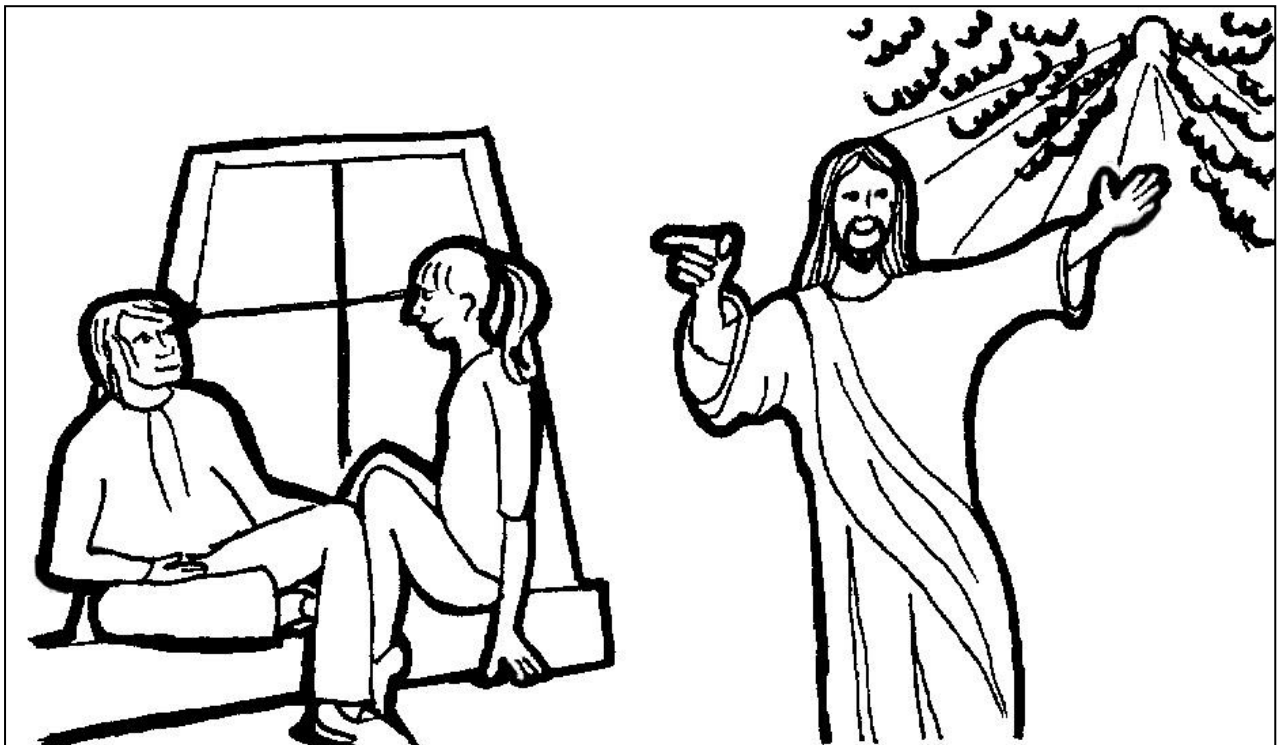
John 3:16: God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who _____ in him will not die but will have eternal life.

Witnessing, Part B

We need to be ready to share our faith

1 Peter 3:15: Make sure in your hearts that Christ is Lord. Always _____ to give an answer to everyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give a reason for it. But do it gently and with respect.

God is serious about us making a stand for him



Matthew 10:32: What about someone who says in front of others that he _____ me?

I will also say in front of my Father who is in heaven that I _____ him.

Romans 1:16: I am _____ ashamed of the good news (gospel). It is God's power. And it will save everyone who believes.

God commands us to share the Gospel

Mark 16:15: _____ into all the world. Preach the good _____ to everyone.

2 Corinthians 5:18: He has given us the _____ of bringing others back to him through Christ.

God is pleased when we share the good news.

Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky. Those who lead many others to do what is _____ will be like the stars for ever and ever.

PASSAGE TO LOOK AT FOR NEXT TIME
1 John 5:10-12

CONFIDENCE THAT YOU BELONG TO GOD

Assurance is knowing you are a _____
and being sure of your place in _____.

Promises from the Word of God

John 10:27, 28: My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never _____. No one can _____ them out of my hand.

John 5:24: What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who hears my Word and believes him who sent me has _____ life. He will not be found _____. He has crossed over from death to life.

God values family

God created families and we know they are **very important** to him. So if he says we become his children then we must be safe!

From John 1:12, we can see that we are part of God's family because we _____ him and believed in his name.

We know inside our self.

Read 1 John 5:10-12

What are the 2 things from this Scripture that help us know we are a Christian?

1. The **testimony in** our heart.
2. He who **has the Son** has life - we can know we belong to God because we have a feeling of real life that can only come from God.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself joins with our spirit. Together they give witness that we are God's children.

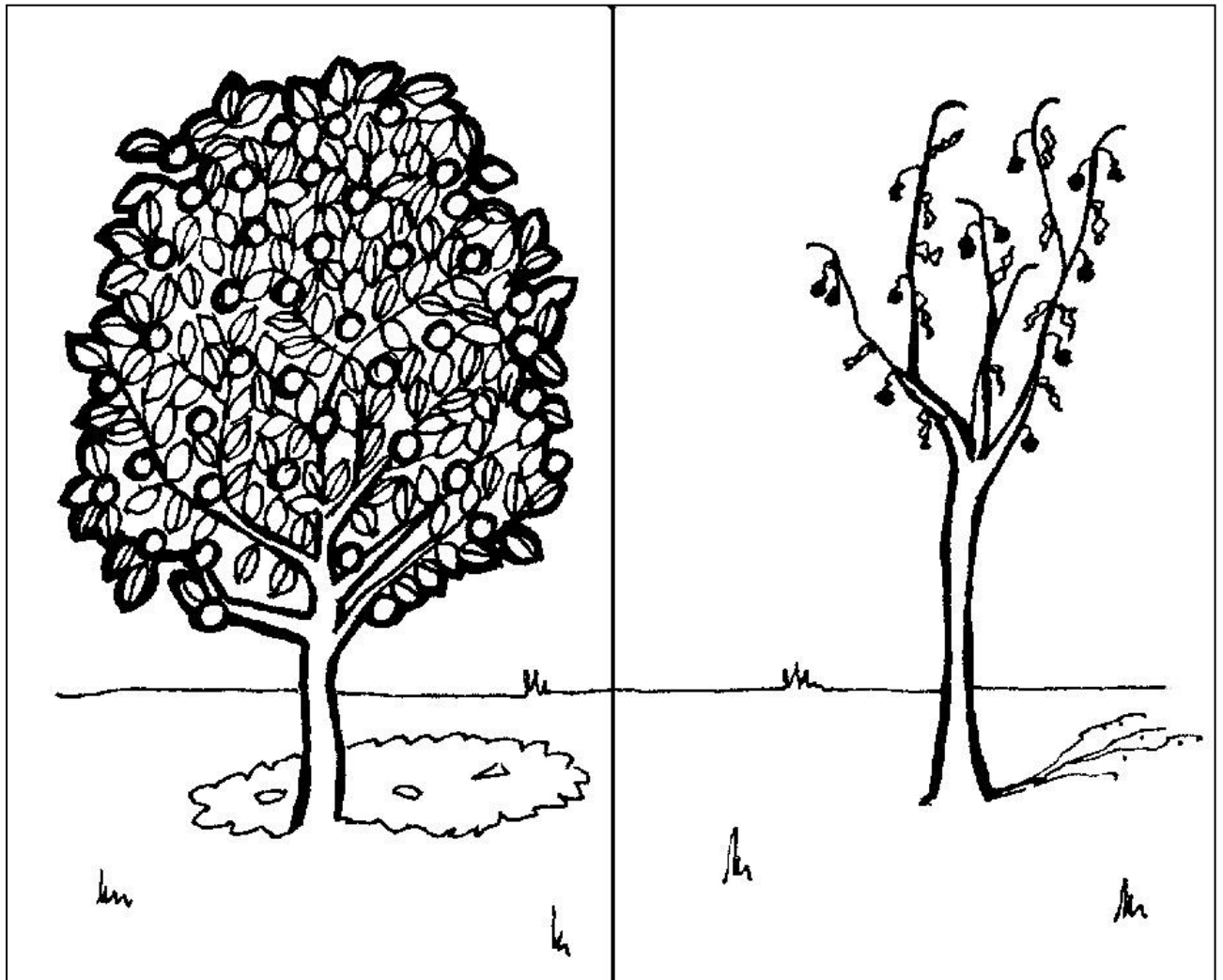
We can have confidence if our desire is to live for God.

Romans 8:5: As Christians we want to do right and are upset when we do wrong. We have set our hearts on living for God, but doing what is right is something we work at our _____

Assurance, Part B

We can tell by our fruit

Matthew 7:17,20 Every good tree bears
 . But a bad tree bears bad fruit. You
can tell each tree by its fruit.



Galatians 5:22: The _____ the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of yourself.

Do fruit trees have fully grown, ripe fruit, straight away? _____. It takes _____ to grow.

God loves us even when we mess up

Romans 8:1 says: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. (NIV)

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Condemnation is when we are made to _____ about something.

The devil hates us and condemns us.

God loves us and wants to _____.

In other words the forgiveness that comes through Jesus stops us from being _____ any more.

We are safe and secure in his love

Read Ephesians 2:4, 5

We see from this passage that God must have an amazing amount of love for us to bring new (eternal) life to us even though we are sinners!

Romans 8:38-39: I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can do that. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can do that. Nothing at all can _____ us from God's _____ because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

**We hope these lessons have been a great help to
you.**

It is a wonderful thing to follow God.