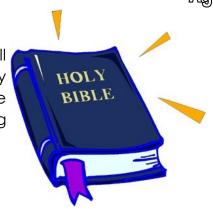




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We should want to know what the Bible says. This will help us know what to believe and how to obey God. The next ten lessons will tell you what the Bible says about many things. We will start by talking about the Bible itself.



READ 2 PETER 1:20-21

Do you like to read?

What books do you like to read?

The Bible is a special book. No other book is like it. The Bible was written by God!

The Holy Spirit gave God's Words to men. These are the words that God wanted people to know. The men wrote God's Words down. You can read these words in your Bible today. This is why we call the Bible, God's Word. You should read the Bible.

How many books are in the Bible?

How many are in the Old Testament?

How many are in the New Testament?

What do we learn from our Bible?



READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:15

All of the books of the Bible come from God. You can trust God, and you can trust the Bible. God wanted humans to know about Him and His plans, so God gave the words to men to write down.

List in order the four ways Verse 16 says the Bible helps ("profitable") us?

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2). - It proves what is true.

3). - It corrects what is wrong.

4). - It trains us in God's ways.

The Bible is what we need to obey God.

READ ROMANS 10:17

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If you want to go to Heaven one day, you need to have faith in what Jesus Christ did for you. It is the Gospel found in the Bible that will tell people how to go to Heaven. Gospel means "good news." The Good News is that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again.

Have you trusted in Him?

Have you told others the Good News from God's Word?

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Some people do not believe in God. Other people teach there is more than one God. Some teach the wrong god. You can know the God of the Bible is real. You do not have to wonder. He is there. We learn the right things about Him in the Bible.

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4

Thor is not a real god. Hercules is not a real god. They are some of the pretend gods that people have made up. The God of the Bible is not pretend. He is real.

How many Gods are there?

Where do we read about the real God?



READ 2 CORNTHANS 13:14

How many names are in this verse?

God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is hard for even adults to understand, but it is true.



I like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It is one sandwich, but it has bread, peanut butter, and jelly. You can see the peanut butter. You can see the jelly. You can see the bread. But, all three are in one sandwich.

There is one God. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You can think of it as a tree with three branches.

What are some things you know about God?



See if you can find these words about God in the word search below.

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READ PSALM 90.2

God has always been alive. No one made Him. He made all things. Our God is an amazing God. He made the tall mountains and the deep seas. He made the small ant and the big elephants. He made the sun and the grass. He made people. When the first person Adam sinned against Him and death came into the world, God still loved us and sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay for our sins. The God of grace offers eternal life to all who believe Jesus Christ died for their sins, was buried, and came back to life.

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Jesus Christ is God. He came to earth to be born so that He could save us from our sins. He grew up and spoke about God the Father. Some people did not like it.



READ PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7

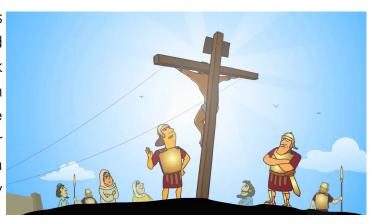
Jesus Christ is also known as God the Son. He lived with the Father before the earth was made, but He did something for us. Jesus Christ became human. He was born to a young virgin named Mary.

Complete the crossword puzzle by using the words in the box to answer the questions.

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READ PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Jesus Christ came to serve others. He left His home in Heaven to become human. He had work to do while He was on earth. His work was to obey the Father. He was sent to die on a cross. Jesus Christ did not deserve to die. He never did anything wrong. He died to pay for OUR sins. In order for us to have a home in Heaven some day, Jesus Christ had to obey and pay for our sins on the cross.



The Apostle Paul says that Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Jesus Christ paid for the sins of everyone.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11



Jesus' body was buried, but it did not remain in the grave. Jesus Christ came back to life three days later! He did not hide. He showed Himself to women. He spoke to a crowd. He talked to His disciples. After teaching His disciples to serve Him, He went back to Heaven. Later, He showed Himself to a man named Saul (later, called Paul) to give him a special message of grace.

Jesus obeyed. God the Father gave Him the honor that only God can have.

How many people will bow to Jesus Christ as Lord one day?

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Some people do not believe in Heaven and Hell. The Bible says there is a Heaven and Hell. Some people think you have to do good things to get to Heaven. The Bible tells us that we cannot get to Heaven by doing good things. Yes, we should be kind and nice, but not to get into Heaven. Every one of us needs to be saved. There is only one Person who can save us.



READ ROMANS 3:23

The Bible says sins are the things that make God sad. Sin is things like murder, stealing and lying. Sin is also not being kind, not obeying parents, and wanting what your friend has.

How many have sinned?

What does everyone fall short of?

Everyone is guilty. No one will ever be good enough. It is like there is a cliff between us and God. All of the kind things we do will not get us to God's side. If we try to jump, we will fall short.

God has no sin. He is so holy that He cannot live with sin. A holy God cannot live with sin, and all of us are sinners. There is a BIG problem!

The problem began when the first man Adam sinned. Everyone was born away from God's side. We can do nothing to get on God's side. We all were born (spiritual) dead in sin. Our only chance was for God to send Someone to save us.

Wait a minute! You don't have to be sad. Cheer up! God did send Someone to save you! There is good news!

READ ROMANS 5:8

Since God loved us, what did Jesus do for us?

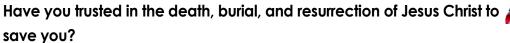


Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself and died on the cross for us. This was the only way to save us from our sin. Jesus died, was buried, and arose from the grave to give us life on God's side.

Kind things do not save you. Going to church will not save you. Doing these lessons will not save you. Only one thing will save you.

READ ROMANS 10:13

The good news is that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again. In order to get back on God's side, you must trust what Christ did for you. You need to admit that your kindness and good deeds do not get you to Heaven, because Jesus Christ already paid for your sins. You do not have to be sad if you have trusted in Him.





READ ROMANIS 3:33–39

If you have trusted in the work of Jesus Christ, you are saved. You will always be on God's side. You will never be unsaved if you have trusted in Christ.

Does this make you happy?

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God the Holy Spirit is a Person, but He does not have a body like you and me. The Holy Spirit can be hard to explain, because He stays in the background. We know about Him more by the work that He does. Let's talk about some of the work He does.



READ I CORBITTIBANG 6:19-20

The tabernacle given to Israel was a place where God lived with the people. The people would see a cloud of smoke during the day and fire when it got dark. The people could look at the tabernacle and remember that God was living with them.



Paul calls our bodies the "Temple of the Holy Spirit." This means that our bodies are where the Holy Spirit lives. Your body is the home of the Holy Spirit. He lives in you! You do not feel Him. You do not hear Him. The Bible tells it to us. We believe it.

When does the Holy Spirit come to live in believers? (Read Ephesians 1:13)

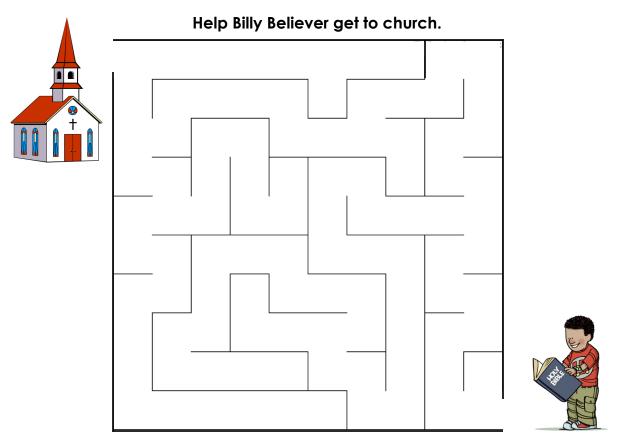
- a). When they stop doing bad things
- b). When they believe the Gospel
- c). When the pastor gives it to them
- d). When they pray hard enough

The Holy Spirit is proof that the person who trusts Christ is a child of God. He stays with us for the rest of our lives. He tells us that we will be saved forever.

The Holy Spirit lives inside us because God paid the price to buy them from sin. Jesus Christ paid the price to buy us out of sin. We belong to God now. We are His forever!

READ I CORBUTURANS 6:11

The person who does not trust Jesus Christ will not live with God. Verse 11 tells us that those who trust Him are not called sinners any more. We are saints (holy ones) due to the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does many things for us when we trust in Jesus Christ. He makes us clean. He sets us apart for God to use. He makes us right before God. He joins us to Christ's work. He gives us new life.



READ GALATIANS 5:16

The Holy Spirit keeps working in our lives. He gives us power to serve God. He helps us know God's Word. He directs us as we live for Jesus Christ. We need to read the Bible. The Holy Spirit will help us obey God. Church is also a place to learn about the Bible.

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Most of the Bible talks about God's message to the nation of Israel. Israel was God's special group. Today, God is dealing with a new, special group. God's group today is the Church, the Body of Christ.

READ EPHESIANS 3:1-3

God's special group was Israel. Any person who wanted to be saved had to come to God by Israel's Law. The nation did not obey God. God had a secret ("Mystery") plan. No one knew about this plan except God, until God told His secret plan to a man named Paul. This new plan had new special group. The group is called the Church, the Body of Christ.

Today, you do not come by the Law to be saved. Anyone can be saved by trusting that Jesus died for their sins, was buried, and came back to life. Those who believe this truth are put into this new group - the Body of Christ. God will turn back to Israel one day. For now, He has the Church, the Body of Christ. You will only learn of this group in Paul's letters. Only Paul told of this new group.



When Israel was God's special group, the person from Israel was told that they would rule over all nations. The person from Israel was special. This is not what God is doing today.

The Body of Christ does not have some groups of people better than others. No matter where we come from, no matter how much money we have, no matter if we are boy or girl, no matter what school we go to, no matter what color our skin is, we are all equal in the Church, the Body of Christ.



READ 2 CORBUTURANS 5:20-21



A spy goes on a secret mission. An astronaut goes on a mission to space. A mission is a job a person does for another person. The Church has a mission from Jesus Christ. We represent Him by serving Him. The United States sends people to other countries to represent the United States. The Church's home is in Heaven. We are here on earth to serve Jesus Christ. We should obey Him. We should show others what Christ would do.



We also have an important message to tell. It is a message of reconciliation. That is a big word, isn't it? Can you even say it? Here is what it means: enemies are made friends again. Let me explain this message. God is holy. We were not. Sin made us enemies of God. Sin had to be paid for so that we could be with God. God sent His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus did not sin, but He agreed to pay for our sins on the cross. Now that our sins have been paid for, we can be friends with God again when we trust that Jesus Christ paid for our sins, was buried, and came back to life.

God wants us to be with Him. He would like all of us to be back into His family. Our mission is to tell others what Christ did for them.

READ GALATIANS 1:10

Who do you represent?

What should you do if someone tells you not to follow God's way?



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Many churches teach that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are God's commands to the church. Water baptism was a command, but not to the Body of Christ. The Lord's Supper is for the Body of Christ, but it is not a command.

READ COLOSSIANS 2:10-12



You may know of a church who water baptizes. The church you know may pour water on a baby, or the church you know may dunk a person in a pool of water or in the river. Many churches have a water baptism service. They can't agree on how to do it. Water baptism is a command in the Bible, but it is NOT to the Body of Christ. It was a command



for Israel. Our baptism has nothing to do with water.

Baptism connects a thing to something else. Israel was connected to God's group of people by being water baptized. This is not God's plan for you today.

When we know Paul's special message, we can know that water baptism is not for the Body of Christ. Water is not part of our baptism. Our baptism is done by the Holy Spirit. When we trust in the work of Jesus Christ to save us, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ. This means that He joins us with the work that Christ did. When the Holy Spirit joins us with Christ, we are "complete in Him." In other words, our salvation is done. Christ's work is all we need! There is nothing more that can be added to our spiritual baptism - not even water!

We are not saved by water baptism. We are saved by trusting that Jesus died for our sin, was buried, and came back to life. We are not made better Christians by being water baptized. We can serve Christ since we are saved.

Do you need to be water baptized?

How are you joined to the work of Jesus Christ?



READ I CORMINIMO 11:23-26



The Lord's Supper is sometimes called "Communion." Bread, or crackers, is used to stand for the body of Christ. Grape juice is used to stand for the blood of Christ. The bread is passed out. A verse is read. People eat it. The juice is passed out. A verse is read. People drink it.

It is <u>NOT</u> part of your salvation. It is a time for saved people to show what Jesus Christ did for them. It does not make you a better Christian. We are already complete in Christ.

It is <u>NOT</u> a commandment. It is a request. A church may do it once a year. A church may do it four times a year. A church may do it every month.

It is <u>NOT</u> a holiday that Israel used to do. It was given to Paul for the Body of Christ to do.

The bread and cup are <u>NOT</u> really Christ's body and blood. They just help us remember what Jesus Christ did for us.

How does your church do the Lord's Supper (Communion)?

Why do you think the Lord's Supper (Communion) is good to do?

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God gave the greatest gift - eternal life through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also gives spiritual gifts. God gives these gifts to help us live for Jesus Christ. Not all of the spiritual gifts in the Bible are still being given today. Let's talk about the gifts.



READ I CORINTHIANS 13:3-10

A sign tells us something. Draw a line from the sign to the word that goes with it.



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When Israel was God's special group, they looked for signs. God told Israel to look for these signs. The signs would tell if someone was sent from Him. They were also used to tell God's Word to people. The Holy Spirit gave these signs as a gift. There was a time when the Apostle Paul used these sign gifts, but he said they would stop one day.



The signs would stop when "that which is perfect is come." Paul is saying, "When God is done giving the Bible, the signs will stop for the Body of Christ." Today, the Bible is done. There are no new books to add. The sign gifts are not used by God today. We do not need them. We only need the Bible to tell us what God wants us to know.

READ ROMANS 12:3-5



The sign gifts have stopped, but the Holy Spirit still gives gifts to the Body of Christ. God's group today is all people who trust in Jesus Christ to be saved. One person should not think he is better than someone else. We all have our part to play in God's group.

The gifts the Holy Spirit gives today are given for us to help others. The Holy Spirit gives the right gift to the person He wants. We should not brag about what we are good at doing. We should thank the Lord who gave them to us. We should use them to help others know more about Jesus Christ.

Use the three boxes below to draw three ways you could help someone else.

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If you have trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are saved forever. Nothing will ever unsave you. We should be glad to serve the Lord, but some times we will do things that make the Lord sad. We may have a bad thought, or be mean to our sister or brother. When we sin, we need to admit our wrong and ask the Lord to help us do right.

READ ROMANS 686

Before you trusted Christ, you were a slave to sin. A slave does what his master tells him to do. Before Christ, you did what sin wanted you to do. After you trusted in Christ, you were set free from sin. You do not have to do what sin wants you to do. We have been set free to obey Christ.

It is like you are a new person after you trust in Christ as your Savior. You are still the same person on the outside, but your inside is new. Sin will still try to make you do things that make God sad, but you do not have to obey sin. We can say to sin: "You are not my boss any more! I will not obey you! I want to do what Jesus Christ wants me to do!"

READ EPHESIANS 5:1-2

We are to copy God. This means that we do the things God wants us to do. We are to copy God's love for us. It begins by learning about God's great love for us. Christ loved us so much that He died on the cross for our sins. We can be part of His family if we trust Christ. Then, we can love others with this same love! We need to read the Bible if we want to know what God wants us to do.

What are a few ways you can show your love to others?



READ ROMANS 12:1-2

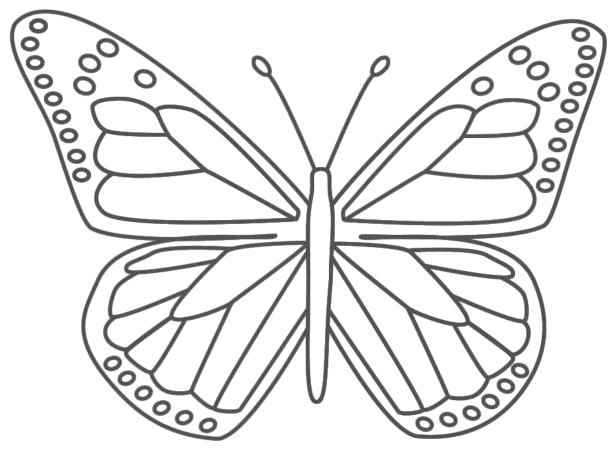


The Lord wants to help us obey Him. We need to let Him help us. We give our lives to Him so He can use us. We say, "Here, God. This is my life. You use it." We are not to behave like the world. We are to behave in a new way - a way that honors God.

Think of a caterpillar. They may look cool, but they are ugly things. A caterpillar will go into a cocoon for a time. When it comes out, it is has new look. It is a butterfly with pretty colors, and it can fly. The butterfly is still the same insect, but it is now different.

When you trust in Christ, you are the same person, but your inside is different.

Color the butterfly to remind you that God has made you new to serve Him.



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What happens after we die? We can find out from the Bible. The Bible tells us that life does not stop when we die. We go to one of two places. The Bible tells us we go to Heaven or Hell. Hell is not a fun place! God does not want us to go there! Jesus Christ has paid for our sins on the cross and came back to life so that we do not have to go to Hell! Sadly, some people will not trust in Jesus Christ. Have you? If you have, you will be with all those who have trusted Christ. You will be in Heaven. You do not have to worry! Heaven is your home!

READ 2 CORINTHANS 5:1

Death can be a scary and sad thing. We do not have to fear it. Jesus Christ has given us life forever with Him. We do not have to be sad. We have a home in Heaven when we die. When a saved person dies, they go to be with the Lord. They will get a new, better body that lasts forever. While our bodies get put in a grave, we go to be with the Lord. No one has ever seen this happen, so how do we know we go to Heaven? The same way I know Jesus loves me, because the Bible tells me so. We KNOW this is going to happen. When we die someday, we will be with the Lord. We can serve the Lord here on earth with joy.

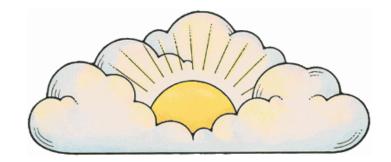
Fill in the blanks from 2 Corinthians 5:8.

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Do we have to fear death?

Where do we go when we die?

How do you know?



READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16–13

The Lord gave a new Gospel to Paul. This new Gospel told people about God's group called the Body of Christ. This new Gospel said Jesus will come back for the Body of Christ some day. We call this The Rapture.

The Lord will come down with a shout, the trumpet will sound, and the angels will speak. Those who have died will come with the Lord. Those who are still alive at this time will meet them in the air. The Body of Christ is taken away from the earth to be with the Lord in Heaven.

We do not know when this will happen, but it could be at any time.

Where do we meet the Lord?

- a). In front of Wal-mart
- b). In the air
- c). On earth
- d). At the airport

Where do we go?

- a). To be with the Lord (in Heaven)
- b). Out for coffee
- c). To enter the Kingdom
- D). To church



READ ZECHARIAN 14.5-4

After the Body of Christ is in Heaven, God will keep His Word to Israel. There will be a time of testing (The Tribulation) that will last for seven years. Then, the Lord will return to war with His enemies (He wins!). This time His feet will stand on the earth. He will set up His Kingdom like He told Israel He would do.

There are other things that happen. For now, just know that one day the Lord will throw sin, death, Satan and his demons out of His Creation. The entire world will give glory to the Lord!

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