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God's General and Special Revelation



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the three ways God provides general information about Himself.
- To show that specific information about God is available only in the Bible.
- To stress the importance of studying and meditating on the Bible.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Psalms 19:1-4; Acts 17:26-27; Romans 1:20, 2:15 (General Revelation of God).



MEMORY VERSE

Romans 1:20: For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



INTRODUCTION

In the following weeks, we'll study some important Bible Doctrines:

- Doctrine of the Bible
- Doctrine of Sin
- Doctrine of Salvation
- Doctrine of Last Things

'Doctrine' is a set of **beliefs**. Over the next two weeks, we'll be looking at what we Christians **believe** about the Bible.

GENERAL REVELATION of GOD

1. NATURE tells us that GOD EXISTS

- **Psalms 19:1-4:** The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what He has done. Each day informs the following day; each night announces to the next. They don't speak a word, and there is never the sound of a voice. Yet their message reaches all the earth, and it travels around the world.

V.1 says, "The skies proclaim the work of His hands." How do the skies do this?

2. NATURE tells us that GOD CARES

- **Acts 14:17:** But He showed that He was there by the good things He did. God sends rain from heaven and makes your crops grow. He gives food to you and makes your hearts glad.

God doesn't give the warmth of the sunlight to only a few good people. He allows the sun and rain to provide good crops to both the honest and the dishonest. This shows us that God loves and cares for each of us, even when we are bad.

3. OUR CONSCIENCE teaches us GOD'S VALUES

- **Romans 2:15:** This proves that the conscience is like a law written in the human heart. And it will show whether we are forgiven or condemned.

According to these verses, deep in our hearts, all of us can sense what is right and what is wrong.

- For instance, people all over the world sense in their hearts that it's wrong to murder someone.
- In the same way, when people tell a lie, they make sure that nobody finds out they've lied. That's because they sense in their hearts that they've done a wrong thing, and prefer to hide their wrongdoing.
- Through our Conscience, God shows us what is right and wrong.

This is called ‘General Revelation’

Through these methods, God generally shows people who He is and what He expects from them. Then, if people have a desire to know more about God, they can turn to the Bible.

In the Bible, God gives ‘Specific Revelation’ about Himself. He explains in detail who He is, and what He has done to help and benefit us.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are the three ways in which God provides general information about Himself?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If Creation and our own Conscience tells us about God, and about what is right and wrong, then why do we need the Bible at all? Why don't we simply stop reading the Bible?

We studied that through our Conscience, God shows us what is right and wrong. But some people say, “My

conscience is telling me that speaking lies is okay.” So does our conscience really tell us what is right and wrong?

1 Timothy 4:2: They will also be fooled by the false claims of liars whose consciences have lost all feeling.

In some parts of the world, people have not even heard about Jesus or the Bible. How can these people know for sure that God exists?

Romans 1:20: God’s eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all He has made. That’s why those people don’t have any excuse.

Acts 17:26-27: From one person God made all nations ... God has done all this, so that we will look for Him and reach out and find Him. He isn’t far from any of us ...



APPLICATION

This week, spend more time with God, in worship, prayer and Bible study. The more you get to know Him, the more you'll begin to understand how deeply you're loved. And then your trust in Him will begin to increase, leading to an increase in your level of obedience.

- This week I will spend _____ minutes on Bible Study, every day.
- This week I will spend _____ minutes on Prayer, every day.
- This week I will remember to worship God and thank Him for all that He has done for me.

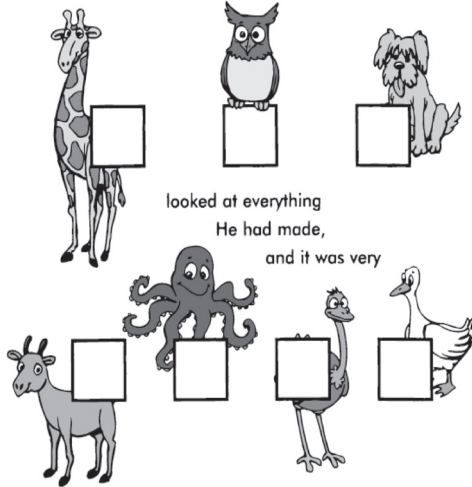


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

God's Creation

(Taken from Kids Korner.)

God created all the animals of the sea and sky and earth. To find out what God thought of His Creation, write the first letter of each animal in the box next to it.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





Bible Is Divine



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that every verse in the Bible is directly from God, inspired by Him.
- To stress the importance of reading the Bible for ourselves and hearing from God.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Acts 17:11-12 (The Bible is God's Own Words).



MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that people are without excuse.

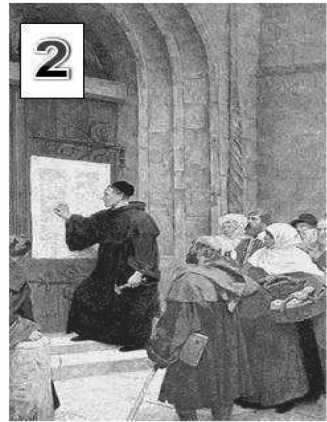


INTRODUCTION

There are many evidences that the Bible is an entirely unique book, quite unlike any other work. The unique claims within the Bible itself bear witness to its unusual character. Some thirty-eight hundred times the Bible declares, “God said,” or “Thus says the Lord.” (e.g. Exodus 14:1; 20:1; Leviticus 4:1; Numbers 4:1; Deuteronomy 4:2; 32:48; Isaiah 1:10, 24; Jermaiah 1:11; Ezekiel 1:3; etc.)

So today we’ll focus on the importance of understanding that the Bible is directly from God, and not merely written by humans.

STORY of MARTIN LUTHER





Why do you think Martin Luther wanted everybody to read the Bible? Isn't it enough to listen to a nice sermon in church? Why must we read it for ourselves everyday?

BIBLE IS GOD-BREATHED

The words contained in the Bible are directly from God. It doesn't simply contain the ideas and thoughts of human writers.

- **2 Timothy 3:16:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness ...

Ask:**What do you think that means, “God-breathed?”**

‘God-breathed:’

This word is used in the Scriptures only in this particular verse. It is a compound word, combining the words ‘God’ and ‘breath.’

In other words, each word in the Bible has been provided by God ... people didn’t write these words simply because they felt like writing them. For example, Matthew didn’t just sit down and write an account of the life and teachings of Jesus on his own. God, through the Holy Spirit, guided him.

- **2 Peter 1:21:** The prophets did not think these things up on their own, but they were guided by the Spirit of God.

Bible Facts**Writers:**

God inspired forty different persons to write the different books of the Bible. Among the writers were Moses, a political leader; Joshua, a military leader; David, a shepherd; Solomon, a king; Amos, a herdsman and fruit picker; Daniel, a prime minister; Matthew, a tax collector; Luke, a medical doctor; Paul, a rabbi; and Peter, a fisherman. So God used a different people to write the Bible.

Places:

The Bible was written in different locations and under a variety of circumstances. In fact, it was written on three continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Paul wrote from a Roman prison as well as from the city of Corinth—both in Europe; Jeremiah (and perhaps Moses) wrote from Egypt in Africa; most of the other books were written in Asia. Moses probably wrote in the desert, David composed his Psalms in the countryside, Solomon thought about the Proverbs in the royal courts, John wrote on the island of Patmos, and Paul wrote five books from prison.

Time Period:

The Bible is unique because it was written over a span of 1500-2000 years. Moses very likely recorded Genesis around 1400 BC, whereas John may have written the book of Revelation as late as 80-90 AD.

As we can see, the Bible was written by different people, and most of them didn't know each other. David never met Peter, and Daniel never knew Paul. In spite of this, it's incredible that the words written by these different people talk of the same God, in the same ways, without contradicting one another!

This was possible only because the Holy Spirit guided all of them in writing the Bible.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Verses:

Acts 17:11-12:

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

According to these verses, why did the Bereans keep checking up their Bibles?

According to these verses, what was the result of the Bereans reading their Bibles daily?

James 4:11 says that we shouldn't gossip about others or criticize them. Do we have to follow this teaching today? Is this James' commandment or God's commandment?



APPLICATION

If the Bible is truly 'God-breathed,' then we must boldly claim the promises God has made to us, and enjoy them in our lives. Pick out some specific Bible promises that you'd like to claim for your own life this week.

Bible Promises I believe are true, and wish to claim for myself:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Similarly, if the Bible is truly 'God-breathed,' then we must take each commandment of God literally.

- For example, Ephesians 4:26 commands, “Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.” So this means that I can’t hold a grudge against another person, and keep on thinking over what they have done for a few weeks. God expects me to forgive and forget that day itself!

Pick out some specific Bible Commandments which you sense God wants you to obey in the coming days.

Commandments that God is specifically asking me to obey:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

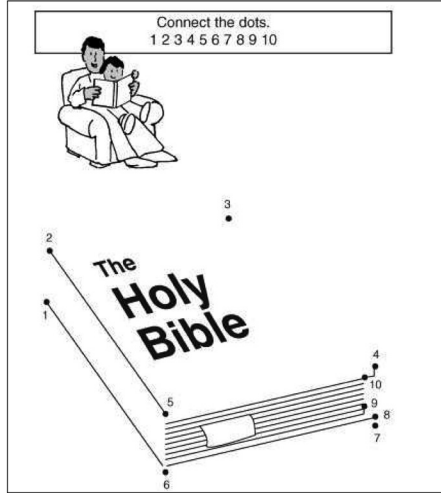


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Let God’s Word Work In You

(Taken from Children’s Christian Corner.)

Connect the dots to find out what they’re reading.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Biblical Doctrines

Doctrine of Sin



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain that sin is “missing the mark.”
- To teach that we’re born with a sinful nature that makes us sin.
- To show how we can overcome sin and temptation through the Word of God.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

1 John 3:4; Romans 6:23, 7:12-14; James 2:10; 1 John 2:16, Ephesians 6:17 (Defeating Sin and Temptation).



MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 6:17: Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.



INTRODUCTION

The Doctrine of Sin is called Hamartiology. It is the study of sin, and deals with how sin started, how it affects humanity, and what it will result in after death. To sin basically means to “miss the mark.” We all miss God’s mark of righteousness (Romans 3:23). Hamartiology explains why we miss the mark, how we miss the mark and the results of missing the mark. We’ll discuss some of these things briefly today.

The Danger of ‘Sin’

- 1 John 3:4 says, “Everyone who sins breaks God’s law, because sin is the same as breaking God’s law.”
- Romans 7:12-14 says, “... the Law and its commands are holy and correct and good. Am I saying that something good caused my death? Certainly not! It was sin that killed me by using something good. Now we can see how terrible and evil sin really is. We know that the Law is spiritual. But I am merely a human, and I have been sold as a slave to sin.”
- James 2:10: If you obey every law except one, you are still guilty of breaking them all.
- Romans 3:23: All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.
- Romans 6:23: Sin pays off with death.

Most people in our schools and neighbourhoods don’t realize the great danger they’re in. They don’t realize that the punishment for a single sin is eternal death in hell!

Jesus Can Save

This is why Jesus came to ‘save’ us. He wanted to ‘save’ us from the consequences of our sinful actions. To achieve this Jesus took our punishment on the cross, dying on our behalf.

SIN and the SALVATION PACKAGE

Satan doesn’t want us to enjoy the benefits of salvation. So he uses sin to tempt us and keep us under his control.

He primarily brings three kinds of temptations into our lives, to keep us under sin’s control.

- 1 John 2:16: For everything in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**—comes not from the Father but from the world.

THE WORD OF GOD

If we give in to the temptations that satan brings, we remain under the control of sin and satan. Sin and satan block us from getting the blessings that God wants us to have.

So it’s important for us to overcome temptation. We can mainly do this through God’s Word.

- Ephesians 6:17: Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

By believing in and practicing the Word of God, we can overcome all the consequences of sin, and joyfully walk in God’s abundant life.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We studied that if a person breaks even one small commandment, he will suffer eternal punishment in hell. But what if a person never sins (just like Jesus)? Will that person automatically go to heaven?

Ecclesiastes 7:20: No one in this world always does right.
Psalms 51:5: I have sinned and done wrong since the day I was born.

If we all have a sinful nature that makes us sin from an early age, then what hope do we have? Won't all of us end up in hell?

How do you think the Word of God can help me when I'm tempted to avoid my studies or avoid my Bible reading?

Matthew 6:33: But more than anything else, put God’s work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

Proverbs 12:27: Anyone too lazy to cook will starve, but a hard worker is a valuable treasure.

How can the Word of God help me when I’m about to lose my temper?

Proverbs 15:1: A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up.



APPLICATION

Reflect for a little while and think of the sins that trouble you the most. What are your main areas of weakness,

where you always fail to obey God? Is it in the area of anger management? Is it laziness? Is it back-answering or being rude to your parents?

My Main Areas of Weakness:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

After you've identified your weaknesses, take the help of elders to identify key Bible verses which discuss these issues.

(A Google search can help you locate relevant Bible verses. Eg: You can type the words "Bible Verses on Anger" to get a detailed list.)

Bible Verses I can use to Fight satan:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Memorize these verses and begin practicing them, so that satan will not be able to control you in future.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Jesus Saves

Whom did Jesus save? Complete the outline of the person (Use your creativity to complete the picture. You can even add plaits to turn the outline into a little girl.)





FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





Doctrine of Salvation—Regeneration



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the difference between salvation and a mere resolution to change oneself.
- To teach that regeneration leads to a “new creation.”
- To instruct on how to put off the ‘old self’ and put on the ‘new self.’



SCRIPTURE PORTION

John 3:3, 6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 4:22-24 (Being Born Again).



MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.



INTRODUCTION

According to the broadest meaning as used in Scripture, the term *salvation* includes the total work of God by which He seeks to rescue man from the ruin, doom and power of sin and bestows upon him the wealth of His grace including eternal life, provision for abundant life now and eternal glory (Ephesians 1:3-8; 2:4-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5; John 3:16, 36; 10:10).

Over the next two classes, we'll deal with some basic concepts that form a part of the Doctrine of Salvation, such as Regeneration, Eternal Security, Atonement, etc.

LEO or LAMBERT?

Animal Facts	Is this Leo or Lambert?
Animals of this species usually eat grass	
Animals of this species usually eat meat	
Even if he tips over, he can get back on his feet within a second	
He can eat 3 kgs of grass per day	
He can eat 27 kgs of meat per day, if he wishes to	
He has a field of vision of around 300 degrees, allowing him to see behind himself without having to turn his head!	
He has four stomachs!	
He has only one stomach	
His eyes are in the front and he cannot see behind him without turning	

His top speed is 25 km/hr (but not for long)	
His top speed is 58 km/hr (but not for long)	
If he tips over and ends up on his back, he cannot get back on his feet by himself	

WHAT is SALVATION?

John 3:3: Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 3:6: Humans give life to their children. Yet only God’s Spirit can change you into a child of God.

We learnt last week that all of us are born with a sinful nature that makes us sin against God.

We try again and again to stop sinning and start living a holy life. But again and again, we fail.

So this is what God does for us. When a person accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit changes us into a “new creation.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17: Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

The Holy Spirit ‘regenerates’ us into a new person.

NEW CREATION

When the Holy Spirit ‘regenerates’ us into a “new creation,” we acquire not only a deeper desire to love and obey God, but we also acquire the power we need to love and obey Him.

Philippians 2:13: God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey Him.

It's almost as if a helpless sheep has been transformed into a powerful lion, and it can now efficiently deal with any wolves that come its way!

THINK like a NEW CREATION

A lot of Christians behave like poor Leo. Even though the Lord has transformed them into a “new creation” they still believe that they are weak and helpless. So it's very important for us to realize who we are.

Ephesians 4:22-24: You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

In these verses, the Christian is told to stop behaving like his “old self.” The “old self” includes the wrong attitudes, feelings and practices that the person had before he became a believer.

God reminds the person that he has now been changed into a “new creation.” A new creation has godly attitudes, feelings and practices.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Salvation includes making a commitment to give up sins and follow Jesus. A New Year Resolution too, can include making a commitment to give up sins and follow Jesus.

- So, in what way is Salvation different from a New Year Resolution?

Why did Jesus tell Nicodemus that he could enter heaven only if he was “born again?”

Why is it so important to be “born again?”

We discussed the importance of putting off the ‘old self’ and putting on the ‘new self.’ How do we do this on a daily basis?

There are three steps involved in putting off the 'old self' and putting on the 'new self':

- _____
- _____
- _____

How can I "put off" anger and "put on" the love and gentleness of God, on a daily basis?

Proverbs 15:1: A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up.

How can I put off rebellion and disobedience, and put on the 'new self?'

Ephesians 6:2-3: “Obey your father and your mother, and you will have a long and happy life.”



APPLICATION

When we accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit regenerated us into a new creation.

- However, we begin to enjoy all the advantages of being a new creation only when we start putting off the ‘old self’ and putting on the ‘new self.’

So reflect on the areas of your life that you need to change. And ask the Lord to give you the strength you need, to put on the ‘new self’ in these areas.

I’ll “put off” these wrong things that I used to do:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REMEMBER:

There are three steps involved in putting off the ‘old self’ and putting on the ‘new self:’

- I consciously choose to stop practicing the wrong attitude or wrong behaviour.
- I ask God to help me start practicing the right attitude or right behaviour.

- Then, I teach my mind what the Bible says, and I choose to believe/practice what the Bible says.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Jesus told Nicodemus to be Born Again

(Taken from "Ministry to Children.com")





FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





Doctrine of Salvation—Eternal Security



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To assure that salvation cannot be lost.
- To explain the meaning of “sealed by the Holy Spirit.”
- To teach about the intercessory work of Christ.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

2 Corinthians 1:21-22; John 10:29; Romans 2:4, 8:34; 1 John 2:1, 3:9 (Sealed by the Spirit).



MEMORY VERSE

Words scramble on page 43 contains Memory Verse.



INTRODUCTION

According to the broadest meaning as used in Scripture, the term *salvation* encompasses the total work of God by

which He seeks to rescue man from the ruin, doom and power of sin and bestows upon him the wealth of His grace encompassing eternal life, provision for abundant life now, and eternal glory (Ephesians 1:3-8; 2:4-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5; John 3:16, 36; 10:10).

Within a brief duration of two classes, we're dealing with some basic concepts that form a part of the Doctrine of Salvation, such as Regeneration, Eternal Security, Atonement, etc.

SEALED BY GOD

Last week we discovered that when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, He regenerates us into a new creation. Today we'll learn of one more thing that God does for us at the time of salvation.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22: ... God is also the one who chose us and put His Spirit in our hearts to show that we belong only to Him.

- At the time of salvation, God seals us with His Holy Spirit. He does this so that all principalities and powers will know that we belong to the Lord, and nobody can steal us away from Him.

John 10:29: My Father gave them to me, and He is greater than all others. No one can snatch them from His hands.

Jesus Our Intercessor

- Romans 8:34: Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed! Christ died and was raised to life, and now He is at God's right side, speaking to Him for us.

- 1 John 2:1: My children, I am writing this so that you won't sin. But if you do sin, Jesus Christ always does the right thing, and He will speak to the Father for us.

Every time we sin against God, Satan blames us before God. **However Jesus speaks for us and declares that we're innocent.** Therefore we can have full assurance that we will never lose our salvation.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If I'm never going to lose my salvation, does this mean I'm now free to commit any number of sins? Will I still go to heaven?

1 John 3:9: God's children cannot keep on being sinful. His life-giving power lives in them and makes them His children, so that they cannot keep on sinning.

Romans 2:4: You surely don't think much of God's wonderful goodness or of His patience and willingness to put up with you. Don't you know that the reason God is good to you is because He wants you to turn to Him?

What if I commit a sin after getting saved? Will I lose my salvation and end up in hell?

1 John 2:1: My children, I am writing this so that you won't sin. But if you do sin, Jesus Christ always does the right thing, and He will speak to the Father for us.

1 John 1:9: But if we confess our sins to God, He can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

Do you think Christians have an invisible seal marked on their foreheads—showing that they're sealed by the Holy Spirit?

John 3:8: ... The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

Acts 16:16-17: ... She had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell the future ... The girl followed Paul and the rest

of us and kept yelling, “These men are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how to be saved.”



APPLICATION

Because we’re sealed with the Holy Spirit, we will not lose our salvation. How can we express out gratitude to God for this? What are some specific things you can do (or not do), to show your gratitude to God?

Specific things I can do this week to express my gratitude to God:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Memory Verse

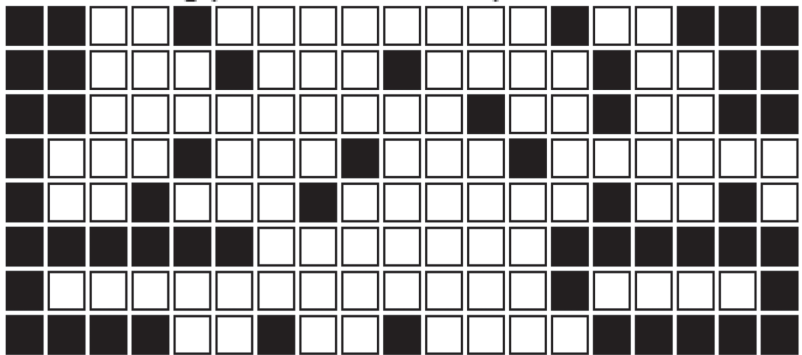
(Created online at GospelHall.org)

The following puzzle is a “Dropped Verse.” All of the letters in the white squares have fallen to the ground. Raise them back up into their places to see what the Memory Verse says.

Write down the Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 1:21-22: _____

DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!



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 NOISE
 H A H I S N P E A L S
 S E T E R S H I I S O N O F
 O E N P U T H H A R T S U U S
 A N W O U R E P E S I T S P I R
 I N D R A D T E O I N G W A S I T
 G U A I S N T O E C O M E H A T A

Directions—Put the letters in the empty squares directly above them.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





Life After Death (Doctrine of Eschatology)



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain about the intermediate and ultimate destination of all humans.
- To teach what the Bible says about heaven and hell.
- To urge children to make a commitment to Christ.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 10:28; Romans 6:23; Matthew 18:8; Revelation 21 (Heaven and Hell).



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 10:28: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.



INTRODUCTION

The word Eschatology literally means “Study of Last Things:”

- It studies the intermediate and final state of both the righteous and the wicked, and
- It studies the various events that lead up to the final establishment of the Kingdom of God (including Christ's second coming, the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, etc).

In this session, we’ll specifically study what happens to man after death (the intermediate and ultimate state of humans).

THE RICH MAN and POOR LAZARUS (Luke 16:19-31)

Why did Jesus tell this story?

- Jesus wanted to tell us that there really is a heaven and hell. When we die, we will go to one of them.
- It is our choice. If we trust Jesus and believe in Him, we will go to Heaven and be with God. If we choose to do what we want and live for ourselves, instead of trusting in Jesus, we will not be in heaven.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Jesus said, “The rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). Why do you think the rich man died? Didn’t he have money to pay the doctors and get well?

Hebrews 9:27: We die only once, and then we are judged.

Jesus said that after death, the rich man was “in torment” (Luke 16:23). How can a dead person feel any pain?

Matthew 10:28: Don't be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul. Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell.

Why do you think people die? Did God invent death? Does God enjoy making people die?

Romans 6:23: Sin pays off with death.

What kind of suffering was the rich man facing in hell?

For how many years do you think the rich man had to suffer in hell?

Matthew 18:8: If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.

Why do you think a 'good' God created a 'bad' place like Hell?

Matthew 25:41: Then the king will say to those on his left, "Get away from me! You are under God's curse. Go into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels!

If we choose to follow Jesus, where do you think will we spend our eternity?

Revelation 21:27: But nothing unworthy will be allowed to enter. No one who is dirty-minded or who tells lies will be there. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be in the city.

What does the Bible say about the New Jerusalem?

- About Lighting for the City (Revelation 21:23)?

- About its Construction Materials (Revelation 21:18-21)?

- About life in the City (Revelation 21:4)?



APPLICATION

Depending on whether or not we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we'll either spend all of eternity in heaven (in the New Jerusalem) or in hell.

- So make sure where you're personally headed.
- And make a commitment to tell other people about Jesus, so that they won't have to spend eternity in hell either.

I'll share the Salvation Message about Jesus with these people:

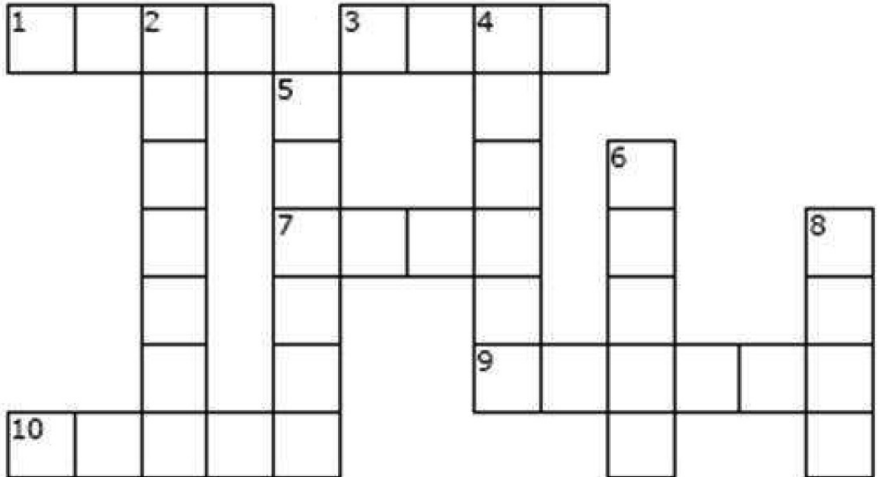
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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Rich Man and Lazarus

(Taken from Sermons4Kids.)



Life After Death (Doctrine of Eschatology)

ACROSS

1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
9. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting
10. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life

DOWN

2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering
4. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done
5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
8. Stopped living

warn	died	comfort	water	gate
agony	rich	tongue	beggar	repent

**FOLLOW UP**

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How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

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The Second Coming (Doctrine of Eschatology)



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To describe the sequence of events that will follow the Second Coming of Jesus.
- To help children prepare for the Lord's Coming.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

1 Thessalonians 4:16; Luke 12:47-48,21:27; Revelation 1:7,20:5-6,13,22:12; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15,15:51-52; Philippians 3:21; Matthew 24:39-42; John 5:28-29 (Second Coming, Resurrection and Judgment).



MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 22:12: Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

JESUS in the CLOUDS



SECOND COMING OF JESUS

The Second Coming of Jesus will take place in two stages.

STAGE 1 – RAPTURE

Isaiah 26:19: Your people will rise to life! **Tell them to leave their graves** and celebrate with shouts.

John 5:28-29: Don't be surprised! The time will come when **all of the dead will hear the voice of the Son of Man, and they will come out of their graves.** Everyone who has done good things will rise to life, but everyone who has done evil things will rise and be condemned.

1 Thessalonians 4:14: We also believe that when God brings Jesus back again, **He will bring with Him all who had faith in Jesus before they died.**

1 Corinthians 15:52: It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye. At the sound of the last trumpet the dead will be raised. **We will all be changed,** so that we will never die again.

Philippians 3:21: ...and He will **make these poor bodies of ours like His own glorious body.**

Resurrection of Living Believers

Matthew 24:39-42: That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears. Two men will be in the same field, but only **one will be taken. The other will be left.** So be on your guard! You don't know when your Lord will come.

1 Corinthians 15:51: I will explain a mystery to you. **Not every one of us will die, but we will all be changed.**

Judgment of Believers

1 Corinthians 3:12-15: Whatever we build on that foundation will be tested by fire on the day of judgment. Then everyone will find out if we have used gold, silver and precious stones, or wood, hay and straw. **We will be rewarded if our building is left standing. But if it is destroyed by the fire, we will lose everything.** Yet we ourselves will be saved, like someone escaping from flames.

STAGE 2 – JESUS' RETURN to the EARTH

1 Thessalonians 4:16: With a loud command and **with the shout of the chief angel and a blast of God's trumpet,** the Lord will return from heaven. Then those who had faith in Christ before they died will be raised to life.

Luke 21:27: Then the **Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud** with great power and glory.

Revelation 1:7: Look! He is coming with the clouds. **Everyone will see Him,** even the ones who stuck a sword through Him.

Resurrection of Unbelievers

Revelation 20:5-6: **(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)** This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Judgment of Unbelievers

Revelation 20:13: **The sea gave up the dead people who were in it**, and death and its kingdom also gave up their dead. **Then everyone was judged by what they had done.**

Luke 12:47-48: If servants are not ready or willing to do what their master wants them to do, **they will be beaten hard**. But servants who don't know what their master wants them to do **will not be beaten so hard for doing wrong**.

PREPARING for the SECOND COMING

1. Accept Jesus as _____ and _____

Only those who repent of their sins and ask Jesus to forgive them, will enter heaven. Make Jesus your Lord and Saviour, so that you won't have to spend eternity in hell.

2. Always place _____ first

Always do whatever will please God—not whatever will please only you. For instance, you may feel like telling a lie to escape punishment. But please God by speaking the truth—even if it means getting punished. If you do this, you'll receive a great reward in heaven .

3. Get rid of _____ sins

Most of us usually have one or two sins that keep defeating us. For instance, I may have a very bad temper. Or I may be a very selfish person who refuses to share with others. God wants me to work on getting rid of all such known sins.

4. Work _____

Give your hundred percent to everything you do:

- If your parents give you a household work, give it your very best.
- Study sincerely and don't be lazy.
- If you get a chance to help someone, be as kind and loving as you can.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If a person rejects Christ before the Rapture, can he be saved after the Rapture?

When Jesus returns in the clouds, seven years after the Rapture, everybody will see Him with their own eyes, and

realize that He is real. At this time, can people quickly make a choice to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour?

Luke 21:34-36: Don't spend all of your time thinking about eating or drinking or worrying about life. If you do, **the final day will suddenly catch you like a trap**. That day will surprise everyone on earth. Watch out and keep praying that you can escape all that is going to happen and that the Son of Man will be pleased with you.

Luke 9:26: If you are **ashamed of me and my message**, the Son of Man **will be ashamed of you** when He comes in His glory and in the glory of His Father and the holy angels.

Hebrews 11:6: But **without faith no one can please God**. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him.

Romans 8:24-25: And this hope is what saves us. But if we already have what we hope for, there is no need to keep on hoping. However, **we hope for something we have not yet seen**, and we patiently wait for it.

The Bible teaches that even believers will be judged by Jesus. Does this mean that God may send some believers to hell?

1 Corinthians 3:12-15: Whatever we build on that foundation will be tested by fire on the day of judgment... We will be rewarded if our building is left standing. But if it is destroyed by the fire, we will lose everything. Yet we ourselves will be saved, like someone escaping from flames.



APPLICATION

When Jesus returns, if He finds you ready, He will give you a great reward and personally honour you in front of everybody!

- Revelation 22:12: I am coming soon! And when I come, **I will reward everyone for what they have done.**
- John 12:26: If you serve me, my Father will honor you.

Some things I do that don't please God:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Always do whatever will please God—not whatever will please only you.

I will give my Hundred Percent in doing these things this week:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Colossians 3:23: Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord Himself, and not just your earthly master.



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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Memory Verse Word Search

Search for the highlighted words of the Memory Verse:

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DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!

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