

## LESSON 1: What is the Church?

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To instruct that the church is the body of believers and not the building.
- To teach the significance of being the Bride of Christ.
- To explain what is expected from the church—the Bride of Christ.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Ephesians 5:30-32; Revelation 19:7, 21:9; John 15:13; Romans 5:8; Jeremiah 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:15; James 4:4-7

### MEMORY VERSE

**Jeremiah 2:2:** This is what the LORD says: “I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown.”

### INTRODUCTION

The Bible uses the word ‘ekklesia’ to describe the church. Ekklesia literally means the “called out ones.” So the church, according to the Bible, is a body of believers who have been called out from the world by God to live as His people under the authority of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23) Over the following weeks we will find out more about why God wanted us to have a church and what should be our role in it.

### The Church

**What is the church? Is it a building or is it the people in the building?**

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**If church is really “the people” who meet ‘inside’ the church building, then is everybody inside the church premises automatically part of the church? Explain why or why not.**

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**Read Ephesians 5:30-32. Whom do these verses describe? (v. 32 contains the answer.)**

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**Where else in the Bible is v. 31 mentioned? Can you make a guess?**

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**Video Presentation**

**Video:** Bride of Christ

**Duration:** 3 minutes 41 seconds

**What is so special about being the Bride of Christ? Isn't it enough that we are His friends? Why do you think being His Bride is so significant?**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**If we the Church, have been given such a high status, then what is expected of us in return? Let us look at some Bible verses that talk about our position and our responsibility as Christ's Bride.**

**What kind of a bride did Jesus choose for Himself, according to Romans 5:8? What is so special about this verse?**

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**How does Jesus hope we will respond to His unconditional love? What does Jeremiah 2:2 say about the bride?**

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**What should be the Bride's response to Christ's unconditional love, according to 2 Corinthians 5:15?**

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**James 4:4-7 talks about God's jealousy. In these verses what does God say to His bride—the church?**

**Video Presentation**

**Video:** Support Your Church

**Duration:** 2 minutes 35 seconds

**According to this video what should be our attitude towards our local church?**

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**What are some things we can do to support our local church? How can we minister to the Bride of Christ?**

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**APPLICATION**

**Let's summarize all that we have learnt today:**

Jesus has given us—the church—an incredibly high status as His Bride. We must respond to this great love by:

- By devotedly clinging to Him even in the wilderness of lack and suffering.
- By choosing to please Him rather than please ourselves.
- By refusing to flirt with the world through compromises and worldly choices.

Because the Church is Christ's Bride I must not criticize it, but rather support and serve it.

**Hardships that I am currently facing:**

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Devotedly cling to Christ in spite of the wilderness experiences that you are going through.

**Areas of life where I have been compromising with the world:**

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Repent of these sins and make a commitment to please Jesus rather than please yourself.

**Three ways that I can serve the Children's Church:**

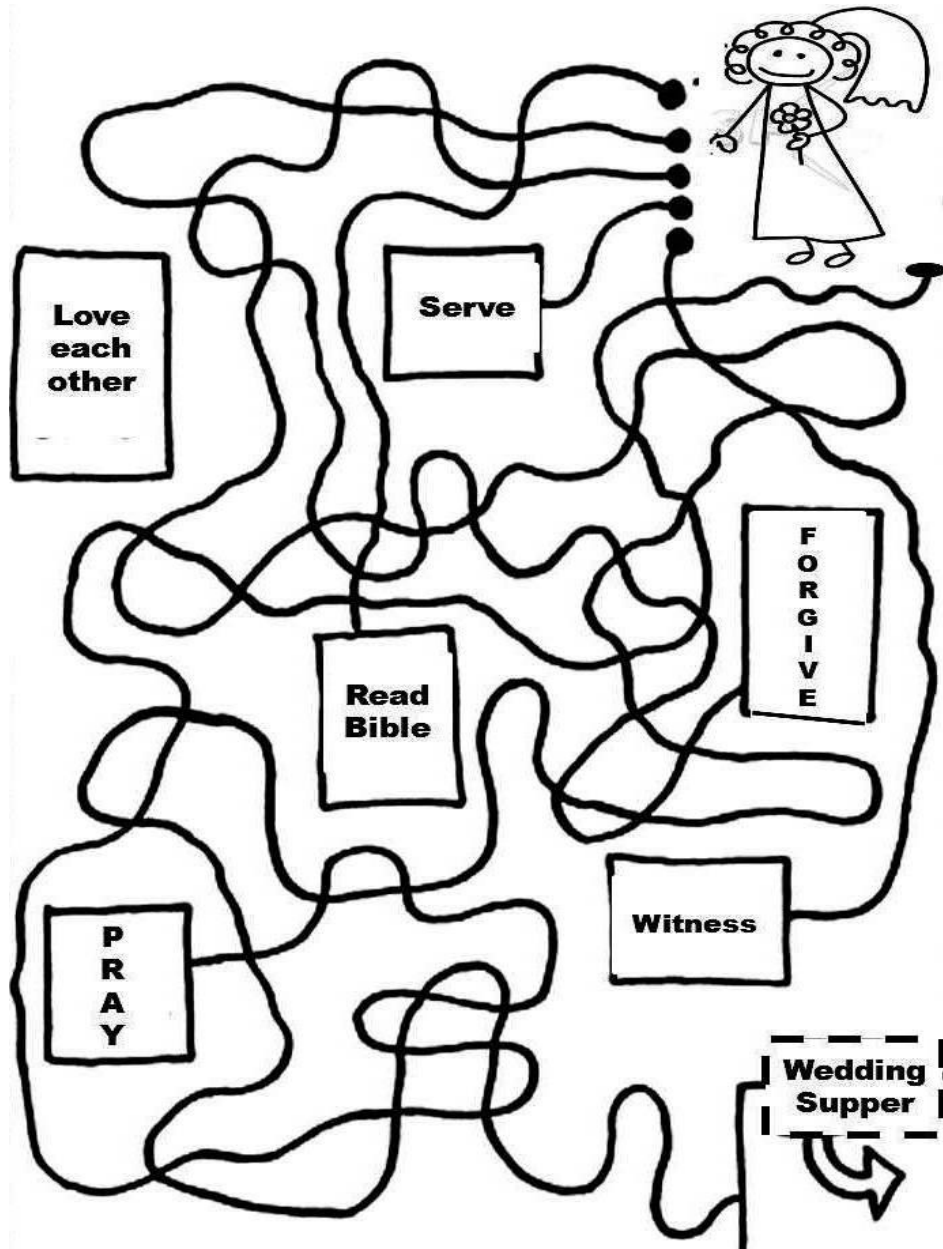
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**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**  
*(Adapted from Christart.com)*

Help the Bride of Christ choose the right path, to reach the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.



**FOLLFOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 2: Why Did God Make the Church?

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show how the church helps us grow in God's Word and Fellowship.
- To emphasize the importance of regular church attendance.
- To discover exactly what Christian fellowship involves.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Luke 2:46, 4:16; Hebrews 10:24-25; Philippians 2:3-4; Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:16

### MEMORY VERSE

**Acts 2:42:** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

### INTRODUCTION

There are a lot of different reasons why people go to church. Some go to church because they are in need of help. Some go because they feel lost and need guidance in their lives. Most people go only on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. However, God established the local church as a place where people could gather to worship, fellowship with other believers and grow in the word of God. Today we will look at one of the main reasons why God created the church and why we should actively participate in it.

### Why Attend Church?

**Why do Christians insist that we attend church every single Sunday? Is this really necessary? Explain why or why not.**

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### Video Presentation

**Video:** Why should I go to Church?

**Duration:** 2 minutes 13 seconds

**According to this video what are the 3 main reasons why we should attend church?**

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### **TEACHING CONTENT**

**Read Luke 4:16 and explain what Jesus' habit or His custom was.**

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**Why do you think Jesus went to the synagogue every single Sabbath? Was He trying to become a better Christian?**

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### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **Video Presentation**

**Video:** Why is Fellowship Important?

**Duration:** 1 minute 48 seconds

According to this video, believers are meant to be like glowing embers. As long as they stay together, they burn bright. But when they isolate themselves from other believers, they grow cold.

**According to Hebrews 10:24-25, how does Christian fellowship benefit us?**

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**According to Philippians 2:3-4, what does Christian fellowship involve?**

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**According to Galatians 6:1-2, what does Christian fellowship involve?**

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**According to James 5:16, what does Christian fellowship involve?**

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## APPLICATION

Some people from Children's Church that I commit to pray for regularly:

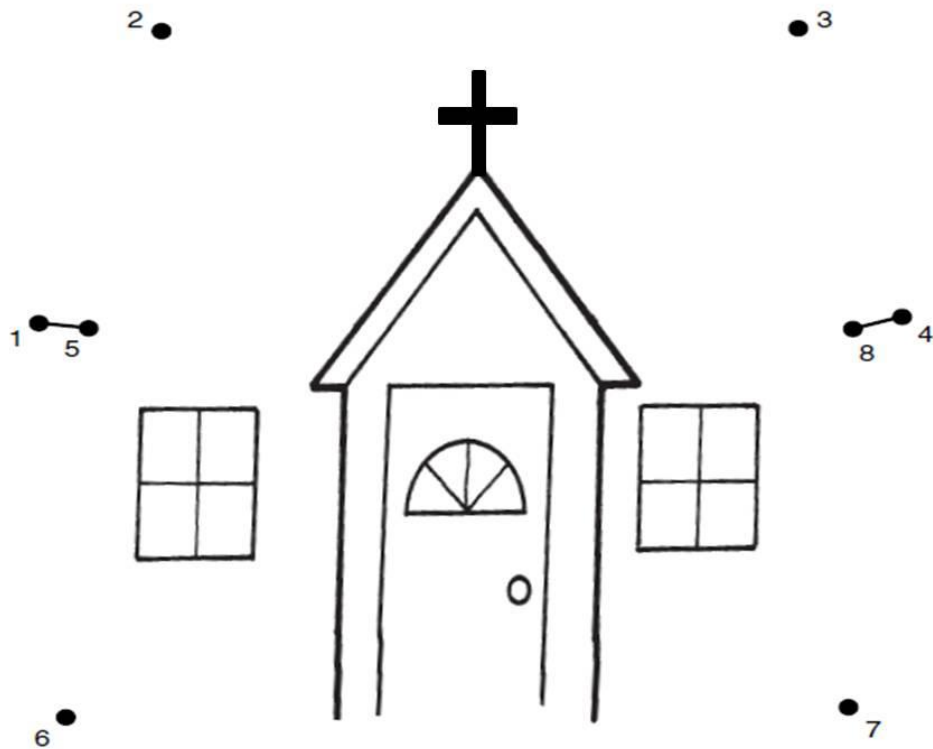
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It is good if each student is accountable to a couple of other children, to help us have regular personal devotions. I choose to have the following persons as my accountability partners:

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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

We attend Church for Fellowship



**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 3: Equipping the Saints

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that God expects all of us to do ministry-work.
- To explain that it is the pastor's work only to equip us—so that we can do ministry.
- To show how we can be ministers of God in different areas of influence.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Ephesians 4:11-12, John 4:39-41, Exodus 31:1-5, Acts 9:36-39

### MEMORY VERSE

**Ephesians 4:11-12:** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

### INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 4:11-12 says that it is the duty of pastors and teachers to equip 'all' the believers to do ministry. It is NOT the pastor's duty to do ministry. This is a responsibility given to the congregation. The sole task of pastors and teachers is to equip the rest of the believers to do ministry effectively. This week we will discuss why and how children must equip themselves to do the work of God.

### Video Presentation

**Video:** Doing the Work of Ministry

**Duration:** 1 minute 57 seconds

Can we say that Mitch is doing 'ministry'?

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Do all Christians have to do ministry work for God? Or does God expect only specially-called people to do ministry?

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According to Ephesians 4:11-12 who is supposed to do the ministry work? The pastor or the people?

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What kind of 'ministry' can children do? Can you think of any suggestions?

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**Ministry Work by Ordinary People**

**How did the Samaritan woman minister to God? (John 4:39-41)**

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**Can we minister like the Samaritan? What are some things we can do?**

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**How did Stephen minister to God? (John 4:39-41)**

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**Can we minister like Stephen? What are some things we can do?**

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**How did Bezalel minister to God? (Exodus 31:1-5)**

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**Can we minister like Bezalel? What are some things we can do?**

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## How did Dorcas minister to God? (Acts 9:36-39)

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## Can we minister like Dorcas? What are some things we can do?

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### Seven Mountains of Influence

The world we live in can be roughly divided into seven main fields:

- Field of Arts and Entertainment
- Field of Business
- Field of Education
- Field of Family
- Field of Government
- Field of Media
- Field of Religion

All of us belong to at least some of these fields.

- For instance, if I attend cricket coaching classes, then I am a part of the Field of Arts and Entertainment.
- Similarly all of us are a part of the Field of Education because we attend school.
- All of us are also a part of the Field of Family.
- Likewise we are also a part of the Field of Religion.

God places each of us in certain specific fields because He has a job for us to do in those fields:

- For instance, if God has given me great skill in cricket, He has done it so that I can gain access into the Field of Arts and Entertainment. I become God's special agent in this field. I am able to share my testimony with the cricket coach. I am able to live out a Christian life in front of all the cricket players who are observing my lifestyle. I am able to win tournaments and testify that the God of the Bible gives me the skill to be a Winner.
- In the same way, God has given Christian children special access to the Field of Education. Even if the pastor wishes to teach about Jesus Christ in the school, the principal may refuse to grant him permission. But I have permission to spend as much time as I wish with other students. I can talk to them freely about what Jesus Christ is doing for my family. I can show them how Christ can make a difference in their lives. My school is my mission field.

In other words, ministry-work is supposed to be done by ordinary people like us, who are not in full-time ministry. We are the ones with special access into schools, and different areas of art and entertainment. We have access to people that the pastor will never meet. The pastor will never be able to share the Gospel with the people who attend my skating class. But I can witness to them. My Sunday School teacher will never be able to minister to the drama team at school. But I can sit with them, pray with them, and show them that our God answers prayer.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Video Presentation**

**Video:** Fruit-shaped Ice Cubes

**Duration:** 2 minutes 58 seconds

**What happens when you drop a fruit-shaped ice cube into a glass of water? What happens to the water?**

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**We are supposed to be like ice-cubes. What should a person do if God ‘drops’ her into the school basketball team?**

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**How can the above person change the basketball team? Should she preach a short sermon before basketball practice? What are some practical things she can do?**

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**How can we minister to the people among whom God has ‘dropped’ (placed) us? What are some ministry-works that we can do?**

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### **APPLICATION**

#### **List down the different ‘Groups’ of people in your life:**

*(Including people you meet in your social circles, weekly extracurricular activities, etc.)*

1. Family members who live in your home
2. Relatives
3. Best friends - \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Classmates
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

These people are your Mission Field.  
God has sent you as a full-time missionary to them.

#### **Some practical things I plan to do to minister to my Mission Field:**

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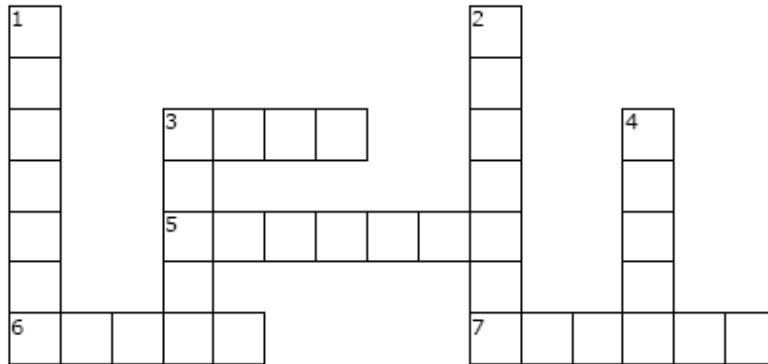
There are a countless number of small ways in which a person can start doing ministry work. Even as he does these things sincerely, God will entrust him with tougher responsibilities. Here are some ways we can serve the Lord:

- Assist in the Lord's Supper.
- Call up a new visitor and get to know them better.
- Help with the Offerings Collection.
- Give offerings out of your pocket money.
- Give one of your favorite possessions to a beggar-child at a traffic light.
- Give money to someone in need in your neighborhood.
- Give to the poor.
- Invite friends to Children's Church.
- Lead Closing Prayer.
- Leading Opening prayer.
- Serve on the Worship team.
- Make B'day cards that can be used in Children's Church.
- Make Welcome Cards for new visitors.
- Make the announcements for the week.
- Offer to help children in church who are weak in a subject.
- Pray for a friend in need at school.
- Pray for the sick.
- Pray for the Offerings.
- Prophecy in Children's' Church, with permission from the leaders.
- Do the Scripture-reading in Sunday Class.
- Serve Communion.
- Set up and Pack up in Children's' Church.
- Share gospel with non-Christian friends.
- Share testimonies with non-Christian friends.
- Share testimonies in Children's' Church.
- Teach a Sunday School class.
- Help your Sunday Class teacher in taking the attendance.
- Visit a sick friend in the neighborhood and pray with them.

**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

**God’s Woman-Preacher**

Based on this cross-word puzzle, can you guess who this woman preacher was? Was she in full-time ministry, or was she just an ordinary person like you and me?



**ACROSS**

- 3. A deep hole in the ground from which we get water
- 5. The one expected to come and save the world
- 6. To take in liquid through the mouth
- 7. The need or desire to drink something, especially water

**DOWN**

- 1. The man to whom a woman is married
- 2. A person who tells what will happen in the future
- 3. An adult female
- 4. A clear, colorless liquid which is necessary for life

PROPHET	THIRST	DRINK	WELL
WOMAN	WATER	HUSBAND	MESSIAH

**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 4: Women in Ministry

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To clarify the Scriptures that appear to forbid women from doing ministry.
- To explain that Paul never forbade women from teaching or preaching.
- To teach the need for submission to the leadership of the church.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

1 Corinthians 11:4-10, 14:28-40; Acts 21:9; Philippians 4:2-3; Romans 16:1-7; Galatians 3:28; 1 Timothy 2:12-13; Philippians 2:6-7

### MEMORY VERSE

**Galatians 3:28:** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### INTRODUCTION

In the first two weeks we received an introduction to the Church. We learnt that people make up the church rather than the building. And we looked at why God wants us to attend a church service every week.

Then last week, we began to look at God's perspective on ministry-work. We learnt that God expects all of us to serve Him, whether we are in full-time ministry or not. This week we will learn how important it is for girls and women to do ministry work too.

### Women Ministers in the Early Church

#### What roles did these women play in the Early Church?

- Philip's daughters (Acts 21:9): \_\_\_\_\_
- Clement and Euodia (Philippians 4:2-3):  
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- Phoebe (Romans 16:1):  
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- Priscilla (Romans 16:3-5):  
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- Junia (Romans 16:7):  
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Please note: If Paul was against the ministry and leadership of these women in the early church, he wouldn't have spoken favorably about them in his letters.

**According to 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 what is ‘disgraceful’?**

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**In 1 Corinthians 11:4-6 does Paul forbid women from speaking? Or does he forbid them from doing so in an inappropriate manner?**

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Video Presentation**

**Video:** Women’s Leadership Roles in the Church

**Duration:** 2 minutes 30 seconds

**According to Ron Moore who is superior—man or woman? (Galatians 3:28)**

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**According to Ron Moore why should Adam be considered the leader?**

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**Do you think Ron Moore is biblically correct in saying a man should always be the main leader of a church?**

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**According to 1 Corinthians 11:4-10 why was Paul so upset with women who prophesied with uncovered heads?**

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**Should women minister in the church today with covered heads?**

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**Why do you think Paul was upset with the Corinthian women in Chapter 14 and asked them to keep silent in church? (Look at Vs. 28, 30, 35, 40)**

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**Based on 1 Corinthians 14:35, is it wrong for women to raise doubts in a church gathering? Should they stay quiet even if they have doubts?**

**In 1 Timothy 2:12-13 Paul ordered women not to teach or exercise authority over men, as Adam was created first. Then why did he praise Priscilla who taught a man, and Apostle Junia who was leader over men?**

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**Do you think God is showing favoritism in declaring that a man alone can be the Main Elder of a church?**

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### **APPLICATION**

It is important for us to do the ministry work that God gives us. If the Lord appoints a woman as 'deacon' in the church, she must sincerely fulfill her leadership role. In the same way, if God calls upon a lady to pastor a church, she must obey Him by looking after that church.

Because God Himself has appointed these women, we should treat them with respect and submit to them, the same way we submit to the male leaders.

### **Some Women Leaders in my Church:**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_









4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**God expects us to submit to the women leaders because He appointed them.**

### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Look up the Bible verses to identify the names of these women ministers.

		<b>Name the Women Ministers</b>
	Paul sent this deacon to Rome to represent her church there. (Romans 16:1)	
	They travelled on evangelistic trips with Paul. (Philippians 4:2)	
	She stitched clothes for the widows and poor. (Acts 9:36)	
	This apostle was thrown in prison for her faith. (Romans 16:7)	
	She taught and disciplined the famous Apostle Apollos. (Acts 18:24-28)	
	These prophets didn't marry. (Acts 21:8)	

### FOLLOW UP

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 5: God's Message to the Churches

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To expose the danger of false teachings.
- To encourage Bible Study so that we are not led astray by false teachings.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Revelation 2:12-29, 3:14-22; Colossians 2:1-18, 4:18; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:1-2; James 2:17-19; Matthew 26:24, 27:3-5; Mark 1:15

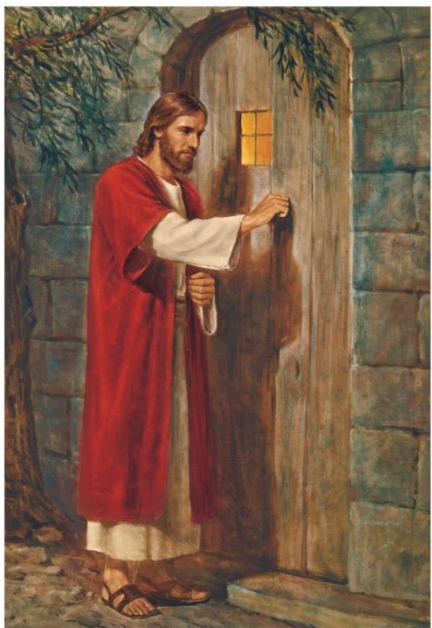
### MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 7:15: Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus gave John a message for seven churches in Asia Minor -Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These seven messages were given to strengthen the churches in John's day and throughout church history. Each of these messages includes information suitable to each church, and from these messages we can draw lessons applicable to our own lives today.

### Jesus Knocking at the Door. (Revelation 3:20)



### Video Presentation

**Video:** Jesus Knocking at the Door

**Duration:** 1 minute 48 seconds

**Based on this video, is Jesus knocking on the hearts of believers or unbelievers?**

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**Churches of Pergamum, Thyatira and Laodicea**

Jesus sent a message not only to the Laodicean church but to the churches of Pergamum and Thyatira as well. Read through Revelation 2:12-29 and identify exactly what the Lord said to these two churches.

	<b>Church of Pergamum</b>	<b>Church of Thyatira</b>
<b>What did Jesus praise them for?</b>		
<b>What did Jesus criticize them for?</b>		
<b>How did Jesus correct them?</b>		

<b>What did Jesus promise if they accepted correction?</b>		

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Why do you think God threatened to kill the children of the false teacher, Jezebel? Isn't He supposed to be a God of love?**

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**Why do you think God hated false teachers so deeply? They are not as bad as murderers and terrorists, are they?**

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**In Colossians 4:16 what did Paul instruct the Colossians to do?**

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**The churches of Colossae and Laodicea were struggling with what issue? Refer to Col. Ch.2: Vs.1, 8-9, 13, 16, 18; 4:18.**

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**How did the false teachings affect the Laodicean church? Do you think they responded to Paul's warning and got rid of the false teachers? Explain.**

**Video Presentation 2**

Video: Lukewarm in Laodicea

**Duration:** 2 minutes 56 seconds

**What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the Laodiceans, "You are neither cold nor hot"? Why do you think lukewarmness upset Him so much?**

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**Do you think Jesus hated the Laodiceans? Explain why or why not.**

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**Based on all that we have discussed, why do you think Jesus warned the churches of Pergmaum and Thyatira so strongly to get rid of their false teachers?**

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**What kind of false teachings exist today? Are they dangerous?**

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## **APPLICATION**

Most people don't realize how dangerous false teachings are. Laodicea took them lightly and paid the price for it. The price was very high ... they had to pay for the false teachings with their souls. Many of them must have gone to hell under the false impression that they were spiritually safe and secure.

We can recognize a false teaching only if we know what the true teaching is. For this we need to know our Bible well.

This week, make a resolution to read the Bible daily. Spend at least ten minutes reading, and spend the next ten minutes reflecting on what you have read.

- This week, I will devote \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, every day, to studying the Bible.

### **Is God knocking on Your Heart?**

Areas in which I have backslidden:

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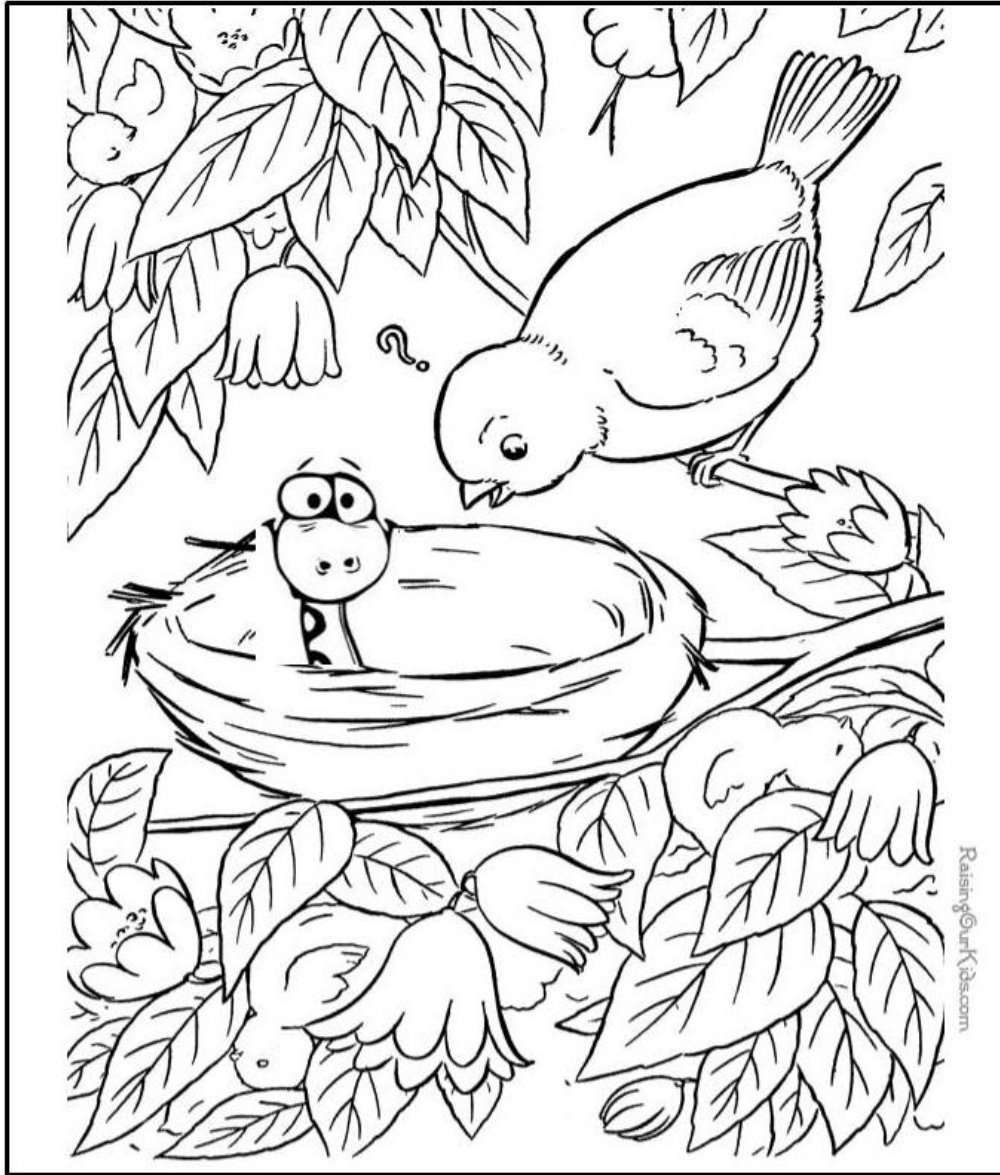
**Repent and Return to the Lord!**



## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

### Snake in the House!

False teachers are like poisonous snakes in the nest! How many of the baby birds managed to escape and where are they hiding? Observe the picture and identify them.



**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**This week, I started to maintain a journal, to record my daily Bible Study:**

**YES / NO**

*(Tick the appropriate response.)*

**Mention something new that you learnt during your personal Daily Bible Study, something that you had not known earlier:**

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**Other ways in which I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 6: Water Baptism

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the symbolism involved in immersion baptism.
- To teach that believers have zero-interest in sinful things!
- To urge children to renew their minds and refuse the body's sinful demands.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Romans 6:3-14, 8:20-22; John 3:6-8; 1 Corinthians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 3:9; Galatians 5:16-25; James 4:7

### MEMORY VERSE

**Romans 6:4:** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

### INTRODUCTION

Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two 'Sacraments' ordained by Jesus for the Church. Both must be permanently observed by the Church. The power of Christ's finished work on the Cross becomes real and effective in the believer's life when he or she meaningfully practices these two sacraments. In this lesson we will learn how to receive the power of God into our lives as we participate in Water Baptism.

### Immersion Baptism

**Do you think sprinkling baptism is okay? Or is immersion baptism the only right method? Give your reasons.**

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**Some Christians say it hardly matters whether we get 'sprinkled' or 'immersed'! Do you think the method really matters? Explain why.**

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**According to Romans 6:3-4 what does immersion-baptism symbolize?**

**Video Presentation 1**

**Video:** Why only Immersion Baptism is Correct

**Duration:** 3 minutes 39 seconds

**According to the video, immersion baptism symbolizes death and burial. Does this mean all baptized believers should be considered as ‘dead’? Explain why or why not.**

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**Given below is a list of statements about our status as believers. Identify the correct Bible reference for each statement. The list of verses is given below in random order:**

- 1 Corinthians 2:16
- Roman 12:2
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 1 John 3:9
- Galatians 5:16-25
- John 3:3,7
- Romans 6:11-14
- John 3:6,8
- Romans 6:6-7

Our Status due to Salvation	Bible Reference
The old sinful self of the believer is completely dead. The ‘burial’ proves it is completely dead—we don’t bury partially dead persons!	
Your human parents ‘gave birth’ to the person with the sinful spirit. But you died at the moment of salvation. Then the Holy Spirit created a new person who didn’t exist before. He has ‘given birth’ to the new you, and you are ‘born of the Spirit’.	
A believer is called ‘born-again’ because the Holy Spirit creates a new person who didn’t exist before.	
Because believers are created with God’s own DNA, they have holy desires and do not live in sin.	
After salvation the believer is a ‘new creation’. The old person with old sinful desires is dead and ‘gone’. Now a new person ‘is here’ with holy desires.	
The ‘new creation’ has a new spirit with the very ‘mind of Christ’! But his ‘human unrenewed mind’ continues to hold onto old sinful desires and thought-patterns.	
A believer can choose. If he chooses to follow the desires of his new spirit, he will enjoy a new life. But if he continues to follow the sinful desires of his unrenewed human mind and body, his whole life will be messed up.	
Because the old self is dead, a believer has as much interest in sinful things as a dead person does, which is basically zero-interest. So do not give your bodies to sin—because you don’t need to. Rather give your bodies to God, to serve Him.	

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**If the practice of baptism symbolizes ‘rebirth as a new creation’! then why do Christians continue to sin? What do you think is the solution to this problem?**

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**How holy should a person be to get baptized? Should we wait until we become super-saints?**

**Video Presentation 2**

**Video:** Sin is 'unnatural' for a Believer

**Duration:** 2 minutes 21 seconds

**Baby spiders eat their mother from the inside out, to survive and grow strong. According to the video, why do they do this? And how do fallen humans do the same thing?**

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**The preacher says that "sin is contrary to the nature" of the believer. What does this mean in simple everyday language?**

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## APPLICATION

What you believe in your mind determines what you become. If you believe that you are a helpless sinner who will never be able to live in victory, that's who you will always be. However, if you choose to believe the Scriptures, and begin to resist temptation, you will find yourself walking in victory more and more.

- The next time you are tempted to watch something immoral on TV, don't say, "I can't help it because I am sinful and weak." The weak and sinful person you once were, was buried with Christ at the moment of salvation. The Holy Spirit has now created you into a new person with His DNA. Holiness and purity are in your DNA now—NOT lust or immorality.

Your unrenewed mind and body are filled with old baggage.

- Your mind is still crammed with selfishness, bad-temper, lust and pride.
- Your body is still used to old habits like cigarettes or pornography, and it continues to want them.

But your spirit is brand new, filled with the righteousness of Christ. You have absolutely no interest in sinful things.

Today make a resolution to begin practicing James 4:7. Choose to believe that you are totally dead to sinful things and firmly begin to resist Satan.

- Teach your mind that the old sinful person is dead and you no longer have an interest in sinful things.
- Refuse to yield to the sinful demands of your body because you are a new person with God's holy DNA and godly desires.

Enter into the waters of baptism to declare what God has done for you. If you take water baptism firmly believing the truths explained above, the power of the cross will be released into your life and you will see yourself being transformed on a daily basis.

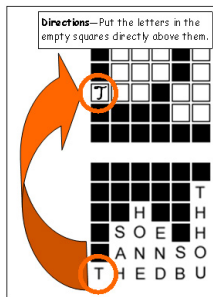
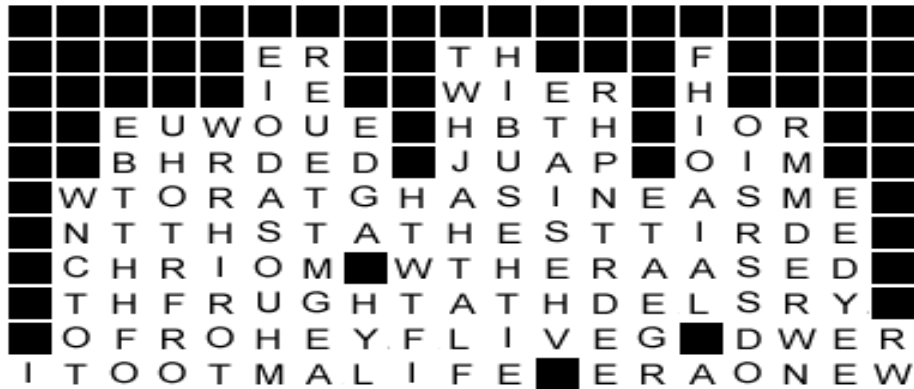
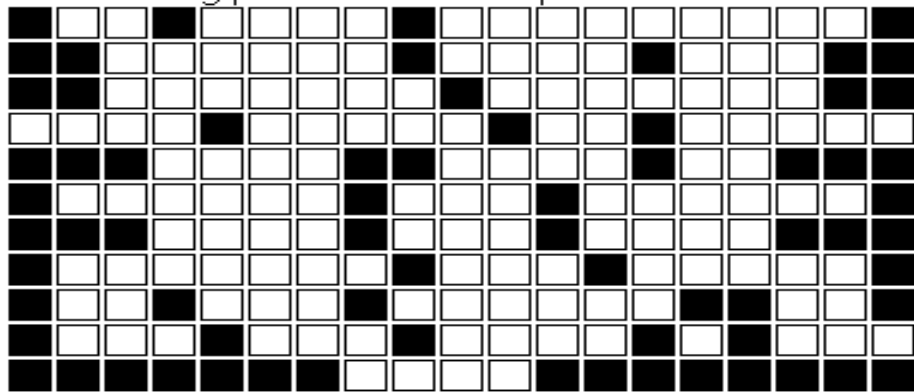
**I usually yield to temptation in these areas:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

As a believer you are you are dead to these temptations.  
Believe this truth, resist the devil, and watch him flee!

### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

#### Baptism represents Death , Burial and Resurrection



Write down the Memory Verse:

Romans 6:4:

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**DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!**

**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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## LESSON 7: The Lord's Supper

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Communion is a proclamation of Christ's work on the cross.
- To show how we can release God's Power into our lives through Communion.

### SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Hebrews 7:2-3; Genesis 14:8-20; Ephesians 3:10-11, 6:12; 1 Corinthians 15:56-57; Isaiah 53:5

### MEMORY VERSE

**1 Corinthians 11:26:** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### INTRODUCTION

Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two 'Sacraments' ordained by Jesus for the Church. Both must be permanently observed by the Church. The power of Christ's finished work on the Cross becomes real and effective in the believer's life when he or she meaningfully practices these two sacraments. In this lesson we will learn how to receive the power of God into our lives as we participate in the Lord's Supper.

### The Lord's Supper is a Spiritual Proclamation

**According to Ephesians 6:12 does God expect believers to do spiritual battle? Explain.**

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**Will God grant us victory in battle the same way He did for Abraham? Read 1 Corinthians 15:57 and explain.**

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Some believers grumble that God is not doing any miracles for them. But they forget that God can only give victory when we go forth and fight the battle.

One important way that we ‘fight’ is through spiritual proclamations.

- Ephesians 3:10-11 says, “His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God **should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms**, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The Communion Service is a proclamation of the completed work of Christ on the cross. Every proclamation is powerful in the spiritual realm and hence we can expect to receive the power of the Cross invading our lives as we partake in the Lord's Supper.

This is the reason why the pastor in most churches says, “Let us ‘celebrate’ the Lord’s Supper.” It is the ‘celebration’ of the greatest victory ever won for us! According to 1 Corinthians 15:56-57, because Jesus defeated sin and death on the cross, victory is now guaranteed in every encounter that we have with Satan!

Only three things prevent believers from enjoying this victory on a daily basis:

- Ignorance of these Biblical truths
- Deliberate indulgence in habitual sins
- Doubt and unbelief

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Video Presentation 3

#### Video: Healing Power of His Blood

Duration: 5 minutes 40 seconds

**In the video what comparison did Vicky draw between her blood and the blood of Jesus?**

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**Isaiah 53:5:** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**Vicky used to think earlier that healing must be ‘earned’? What are some ways that Christians try to ‘earn’ their healing?**

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**How can the Communion Service bring healing to our bodies? What must we do?**

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**APPLICATION**

Jesus asked us to partake of the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Him—in remembrance of the victory He won for us on the cross. So every time you participate in the Communion Service make a spiritual proclamation. Declare to the ‘rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms’ what Christ has accomplished for you. Declare to them that the works of the evil one will not prevail in your life.

Second, stop thinking that you can ‘earn’ healing through your good deeds. Your good deeds will never be perfect enough for that. Be humble enough to admit that you can never make yourself worthy enough to ‘deserve’ His healing. Instead humbly choose to accept healing from Him as a free gift.

Third, get rid of the three things that can obstruct your victory:

- Ignorance of these Biblical truths
- Deliberate indulgence in habitual sins
- Doubt and unbelief

**During the week, collect five verses on healing mentioned in the Bible:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Habitual sins that are blocking my healing come through:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Starting this week, make a resolution to read the Bible daily and pray. Spend at least ten minutes reading, and spend the next ten minutes reflecting on what you have read.

- Now onwards, I will devote \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, every day, to studying the Bible.
- I will spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in prayer every day

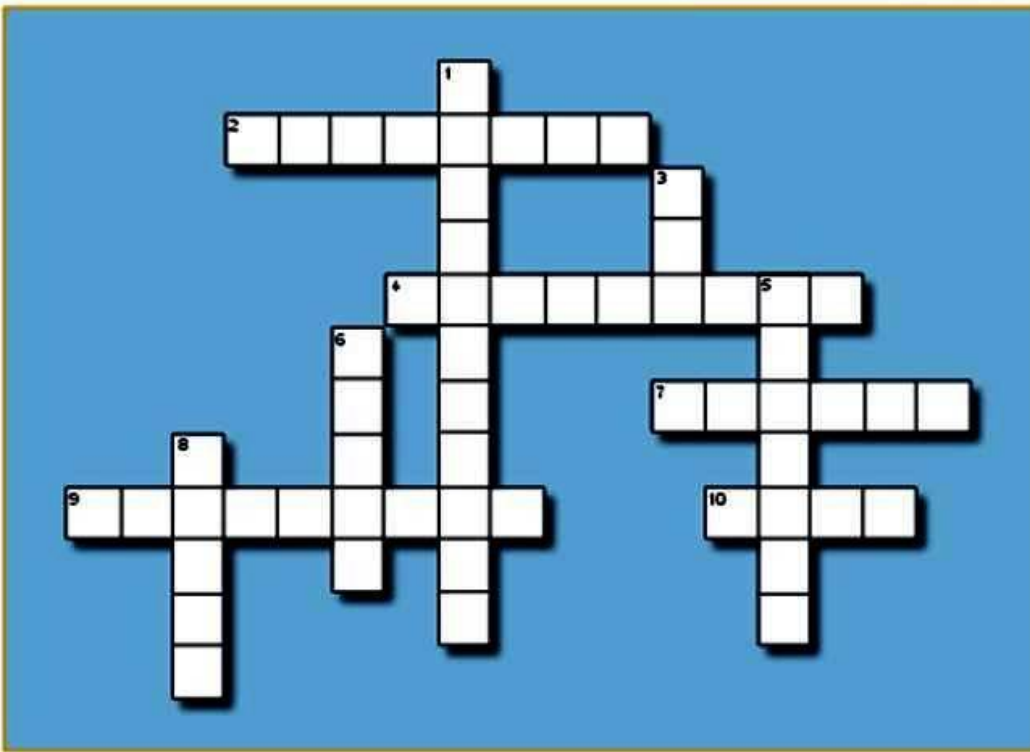
**Doing this will help you stay strong in the Lord  
and cause you to boldly claim your healing.**

## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

### Lord's Supper

(Taken from *SundaySchoolZone*)

# The Last Supper Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

2. The holiday that Jesus and His friends celebrated.
4. A name for the friends of Jesus
7. The number of Jesus' friends
9. The city where Jesus and His friends ate the meal.
10. Jesus said it represented His blood.

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of sins
3. Something to drink from
5. Not morning
6. Jesus said that this man would betray Him.
8. Jesus said it represented His body.

**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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