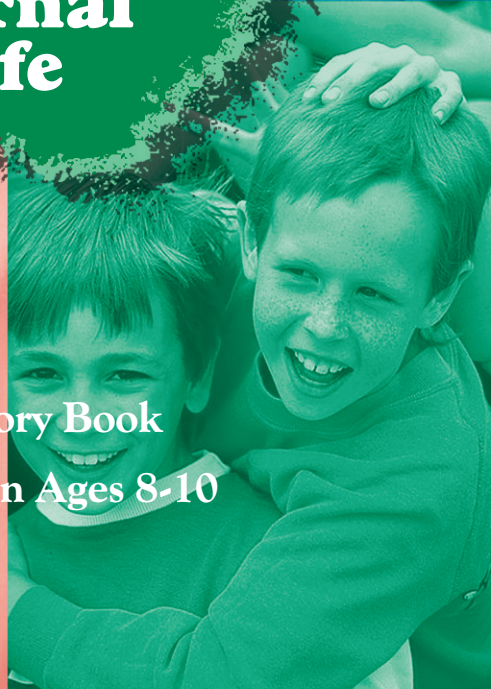




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# Lesson 1

## God Loves Me.



Sometimes I feel like nobody loves me. I can even get down on myself. But God's Word says I am always loved, because God loves me. I am important to Him.

God loved me before I was even born. He loved me when I was a baby. He loves me today. He will love me in the future. God always loves me.

God loves me because He is love. His love never changes. It is always strong. It is always available to me. No matter what I do, God will never stop loving me. Thank You, God, for Your love!

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten\* Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**\*Begotten** means born.

**1 John 4:10**

**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us ...**

**1 John 4:16**

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love ...**

## Lesson

# God Gives Life.

In the beginning there was no life on the earth. Then God created living things. He made plants, animals and people. He gave life to all these things.



Inside living things, God made a way to grow more living things like them. An oak tree produces acorns which can grow into more oak trees. Cats have kittens. My mom and dad had me.

But all of life comes from God. People can make stuffed animals and artificial flowers, but we can't give them life. Only God can give life. He made me and put life in me.

Now He wants me to have a happy and exciting life that goes on forever. He wants me to receive the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of my sin. I can do that by trusting Jesus as my Savior.

## **John 10:10**

**... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly\*.**

**\*Abundantly** means more than enough.

## **John 17:3**

**And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.**

## **1 John 5:11-12**

**And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

## Lesson

# God Knows About My Sin.

God knows everything. He sees everything I do. He hears everything I say. He even knows everything I think and feel. It is impossible to keep any secrets or hide anything from God.

God has a record of all the bad things I have ever done. He knows every lie I've told and every time I've disobeyed my mom or dad. He knows every mean word I've said, every time I've fought and every bad thought that's ever come into my mind.

God loves me, but He does not love the bad things I do. God hates sin. Sin is like a wall between God and me. But God wants to forgive all my sin and tear down that wall. He can wash my sin away. But I must make a choice. I can choose to trust Him as my Savior from sin and enjoy life forever with Him.





**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned, and come short  
of the glory of God.**

**Psalm 14:3**

**... there is none that doeth good,  
no, not one.**

**Isaiah 59:2**

**But your iniquities\* have separated  
between you and your God,  
and your sins have hid His face  
from you ...**

**\*Iniquities** means sins.

# Lesson 4

## Sin Brings Death.



In the Garden of Eden, there was no death. Then something terrible happened. Adam and Eve did exactly what God said not to do: They sinned. They disobeyed God. When sin entered the world, so did death. Sin brings death.

All people die because of sin. Pain, tears, war, disease – they all came into the world because of sin. Even things that don't sin, like animals and plants, die because sin is in the world.

But there's good news: God loves me. He doesn't want me to die a death that lasts forever to pay for my sin. God won't change His law. Sin still brings death. But He allowed His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for my sin.

**Ezekiel 18:20**

**The soul that sinneth, it shall die. ...**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages\* of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Wages** means reward or payment for something done.

**James 1:15**

**... and sin, when it is finished,  
bringeth forth death.**

# Lesson

## Jesus Came from Heaven.

Every person on the earth has sins of his or her own to pay for. None of them could take the punishment for my sin. So God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, down from heaven.

Jesus is God. He is equal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. He has always been alive. He existed before the world was made. In fact, He made the world.

But God knew we needed a Savior. And Jesus came to earth to pay the penalty for my sins. He was God as well as a man while He was here. He lived a perfect life, so He was the only one who could die for the people who had sinned – people like me. He came to be my Savior.



**Luke 19:10**

**For the Son of Man is come to seek  
and to save that which was lost.**

**John 6:38**

**For I came down from heaven,  
not to do Mine own will, but the will  
of Him that sent Me.**

**1 John 4:14**

**And we have seen and do testify  
that the Father sent the Son to be  
the Savior of the world.**

## Lesson

# Jesus Died in My Place.

Although Jesus never sinned and always did kind and loving things, many people were jealous of Him. Others hated how perfect He was. Still others didn't understand why He came to earth. They decided that He must die.

It was the people's own horrible idea, but God knew about it from the beginning. Jesus knew that the reason He came to earth was to die on the cross.

When Jesus died, He took my place. He was punished for the wrong things I have done. He took the penalty for my sin. Now I will not have to die forever. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for me.



## **Isaiah 53:5**

**But He was wounded for our transgressions\*, He was bruised for our iniquities ...**

**\*Transgressions** means breaking God's laws.

## **Romans 5:8**

**But God commendeth\* His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**\*Commendeth** means shows how wonderful it is.

## **1 John 3:16**

**Hereby perceive\* we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us ...**

**\*Perceive** means understand.

## Lesson

# Jesus Arose to Give Me Life.

Jesus did not stay dead after He died on the cross. He rose from the dead and showed Himself to His friends. He even let them touch Him, so they could see that His body was really alive.

Jesus promised to rise from the dead before He died. He kept His promise. He keeps all His promises.

He can save me from eternal death and give me eternal life. He is preparing a place for me in heaven. Someday He will take me home to live with Him forever in heaven.

Thank You, Jesus, for rising from the dead so that I can have eternal life.





**Matthew 28:6**

**He is not here: for He is risen,  
as He said. Come, see the place  
where the Lord lay.**

**John 11:25**

**Jesus said unto her, “I am the  
resurrection, and the life: he that  
believeth in Me, though he were  
dead, yet shall he live.”**

**1 Corinthians 6:14**

**And God hath both raised up the  
Lord, and will also raise up us  
by His own power.**

## Lesson

# God's Word Tells Me About Heaven.



The Bible says the Lord Jesus is preparing a special home for everyone who trusts Him as Savior. The place is called heaven.

Everything is beautiful there. It is a happy place filled with love and joy. There will be no pain, no sickness and no sadness. No one will ever die. There is no nighttime in heaven. Friends and family members who trusted Jesus as Savior before they died now live in heaven.

Best of all, I will be with Jesus forever if I trust Him as my Savior. I can see Him and talk to Him whenever I want. He will always be near. I will praise Him forever for His gift of eternal life.

**Psalm 16:11**

**Thou wilt show me the path of life:  
in Thy presence is fulness of joy;  
at Thy right hand there are  
pleasures for evermore.**

**Revelation 21:4**

**And God shall wipe away all tears  
from their eyes; and there shall be  
no more death, neither sorrow,  
nor crying, neither shall there be  
any more pain ...**

**Revelation 22:5**

**And there shall be no night there;  
and they need no candle, neither  
light of the sun; for the Lord God  
giveth them light ...**

## Lesson

# God's Word Warns Me About Hell.

Not everyone goes to heaven. Those who do not trust in Jesus as their Savior still are full of sin. If I don't trust Jesus as my Savior, then I will be punished. I will pay the penalty for my sin and be separated from God forever.

Everyone who doesn't trust Jesus as Savior will spend forever in a place of darkness and pain. This place is called hell.

God does not want anyone to go to hell. That's why He warns me about it in His Word. That's why He sent His Son to die on the cross and take the punishment for my sin. Jesus offers me a way out. The choice is up to me.



### **Matthew 7:13**

**Enter ye in at the strait\* gate:  
for wide is the gate, and broad  
is the way, that leadeth to  
destruction\*\*, and many there  
be which go in thereat.**

**\*Strait** means narrow.

**\*\*Destruction** means hell.

### **Luke 16:23**

**And in hell he lift up his eyes,  
being in torments ...**

### **Revelation 20:15**

**And whosoever was not found  
written in the book of life was  
cast into the lake of fire.**

# Lesson

## Trusting Jesus Is the Only Way to Heaven.



Some people think if they are good enough, they will go to heaven. Others think they will go if they do more good things than bad things. That's not what the Bible tells us. No one is good enough to get into heaven. God won't allow sin in His heavenly kingdom – not even one sin.

I can't earn my way to heaven, because I'm a sinner. The bad things I did yesterday and last week and last year are written down in God's record book. That record would keep me out of heaven.

There is only one way to heaven. There is only one way to have all my sins taken away. Jesus said, "I am the way." He is the only way. If I want to live forever with God in heaven, I have to trust Jesus as my Savior. He is the only One who will not fail me.

**John 14:6**

**Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.**

**Acts 4:12**

**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

# Lesson

## Trusting Jesus Gives Me a New Birth.

I can be born all over again and start a brand-new life. All I have to do is put my trust in Jesus as my Savior, and I am born again.

Being born again does not mean becoming a tiny baby again. My new eternal life as a member of God's family begins the very moment I trust Jesus to pay the penalty for my sins. My name gets written in God's Book of Life. Everyone in heaven sees that I now belong to God.

My sins are forgiven and God's Holy Spirit comes to live in my heart forever.





**John 3:3, 7**

**... Except a man be born again,  
he cannot see the Kingdom of God.  
Marvel not that I said unto thee,  
Ye must be born again.**

**1 Peter 1:23**

**Being born again, ... by the word  
of God, which liveth and abideth  
for ever.**

**1 John 5:1**

**Whosoever believeth that Jesus  
is the Christ\* is born of God ...**

**\*Jesus is the Christ** means the Messiah, the Savior.

# *Lesson* **12**

## **Trusting Jesus Gives Me a New Family.**

God planned for me to have a family of my own when I was born into the world. Having my own family gives me a special place to belong!

When I trust Jesus as my Savior, I am born into another family: God's family. God is my heavenly Father, and I am one of His children. He gives me the family name: "Christian."

Every other person in the world who has trusted Jesus as Savior is in God's family. Every Christian who has ever lived becomes my brother or sister through Jesus. As a family, God helps Christians to care for each other and feel wanted and loved. I have a great new family when I trust in Jesus!



**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him,  
to them gave He power to become  
sons of God, even to them that  
believe on His name.**

**Ephesians 2:19**

**Now therefore ye are no more  
strangers and foreigners,  
but fellow citizens with the saints,  
and of the household of God.**

**1 John 3:14**

**We know that we have passed  
from death unto life, because  
we love the brethren. ...**

# Lesson

## Trusting Jesus Makes Me a New Person.

Being born into God's family means a new start. Life as a new Christian is a wonderful adventure!

If I trust Jesus as my Savior, I can have a reason for doing what is right. Christians want to please the Lord no matter what they do because He loves them so much and gave His life for them.



Little by little, bad things won't seem as important as they used to. Things that seemed dull will become exciting – like reading the Bible, praying to God, and doing good things for others. There's nothing like being a new person in God's family!

## **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature\*: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

**\*New creature** means new person made by God.

## **Ephesians 2:10**

**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works ...**

## **1 Peter 2:2**

**As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.**

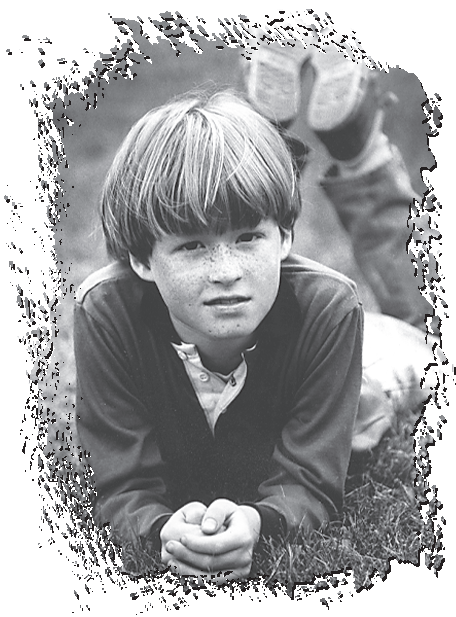
# Lesson

## I Can Know I Have Eternal Life.

God wants me to be absolutely sure I have eternal life. He wants me to be able to say, “Yes, I know I have eternal life right now, and nothing can ever take it away from me.”

How can I be that sure? Because of Jesus’ promises. He promises me that the moment I believe in Him and trust Him as my Savior, I receive His gift of eternal life. He forgives all my sin. He gives me the Holy Spirit to be my teacher and guide. And He promises to be with me always, no matter what.

Jesus always keeps His promises. He is God. He cannot lie. He wouldn’t promise me something and then not do it. I can be sure today.



**John 10:28**

**And I give unto them eternal life;  
and they shall never perish,  
neither shall any man pluck  
them out of My hand.**

**1 John 2:25**

**And this is the promise that He  
hath promised us, even eternal life.**

**1 John 5:13**

**These things have I written unto  
you that believe on the name  
of the Son of God; that ye may  
know that ye have eternal life ...**

# Lesson 15

## I Can Know I Have a Home in Heaven.

Everyone who receives eternal life from Jesus will be with Him forever in heaven.

The Bible says that I will go to heaven and be with Jesus the moment I die if I

have trusted Him as my Savior. My body will be buried in the ground to wait for Jesus to raise it up again. But the real me will go to heaven.

I don't have to be afraid to die if Jesus is my Savior. He will take me to live in a better place – His heavenly home. The Bible says some Christians will go to heaven without dying. Jesus promised to come back to earth someday. He will take Christians back to heaven with Him. He could come for us today.





**Psalm 23:6**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**John 14:2-3**

**In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

# God's Only Way to Heaven

## **AM I A SINNER?**

Sin is something in me (bad thoughts, lying, stealing, disobedience, pride, cheating, etc.). God hates sin. We can't hide it from Him. Sin leads to eternal separation from God in hell.

Gods Word says:

*... all have sinned ...*

**ROMANS 3:23**

*For the wages of sin is death ...*

**ROMANS 6:23**

## **WHAT SHALL I DO ABOUT MY SIN?**

Can I give God something nice to make Him forget it? How about going to Sunday School, church, or Awana, or praying, or getting baptized, or other good deeds? NO!

God says:

*Not by [good works] which we have done ...*

**TITUS 3:5**

## **GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING.**

God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sin in my place.

*But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**ROMANS 5:8**

## **IT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS.**

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood, rising from the grave and going back to heaven.

*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ...*

**1 PETER 3:18**

**GOD ASKS ME  
TO BELIEVE (trust)  
HIM TO TAKE  
AWAY MY SIN.**

Believing is trusting what God did for me. When I believe that His death was for me, He gives me eternal life. Will you believe (trust) now that Jesus died in your place? Will you accept Him as your Savior? If you have, tell Him what you have done.

*... as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*

**JOHN 1:12**

**I KNOW THIS GIFT  
IS MINE ...**

I want to thank Him for it now.

*God says: ... I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...*

**JOHN 10:28**

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**JOHN 3:16**



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