

Basic Bible studies for new and growing Christians

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INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDENT

You are now a Christian. You need to learn to grow as a Christian. You will study eight lessons about growing as a Christian.

Study each lesson on your own. Read the Bible. Answer the questions the best you can. Then, meet with your teacher or pastor. They will help you. They will answer the questions you do not know. They will help you understand the lessons.

You will find a Bible memory verse in each lesson. You should learn these verses. Memorize them. These verses will help you grow as a Christian.

Sometimes, you will see words printed in darker letters, **like this**. These are words or phrases that may not be familiar to you. At the end of each lesson, you will find the word list with short definitions.

God loves you very much. He wants to be your God. He wants you to learn about him. You can talk to God. You can ask him to help you. He will help you understand. He will help you learn.

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER

Give this book to a new Christian at the time of his or her conversion, or as soon as possible. Encourage the person to read the lessons and answer the questions the best he or she can. Ask the person to work on only one lesson at a time. Try to schedule a time every week to meet with the student to discuss the lesson.

If the student cannot read the lesson independently, schedule a time when you can read and discuss the lessons together. While it is preferable to schedule only one lesson at a time, it may be necessary to take more than one session with each lesson. Help the student in looking up the scriptures in the Bible. Answer the questions together, making certain the student understands the material before moving to the next lesson. (Possible answers can be found in the Appendix.)

Lesson 1

CHRISTIANS BELONG TO GOD

Memory Verse:

Jesus said, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

For each question below, find the Bible verses lessons in the Bible or New Testament. “John 1:12” means the Book of John, chapter 1, verse 12. Find the list of books at the beginning of the Bible. You will find the page numbers for all the books. Turn to the page numbers where the books start. Find the Bible verses and read them. Then read each sentence and question in the lessons. Write the answers in your own words. Or, use the words from the Bible. (The verses from the Old Testament are printed for you.)

1. Read John 1:12. I have received Jesus into my heart. I believe Jesus Christ is God. Jesus is my Savior. I am a Christian. Does this mean I am a child of God? (yes or no)
2. Jesus is a friend to all people who receive him. Jesus wants to come into our hearts. He is waiting to come. But, we must ask him to come. Read Revelation 3:20 and answer the questions below.
 - a) Who wants to come into our hearts?
 - b) Who can answer Jesus’ voice?
 - c) What does Jesus want me to do?
 - d) What will Jesus Christ do when I open the door of my heart?
 - e) Have you asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart? (yes or no)
 - f) Are you a Christian now? (yes or no)
3. Read Luke 19:20. Did Jesus Christ come to save people who are lost? (yes or no)

Lost means everyone who does not know Jesus as **Savior**.

4. Read Romans 3:23.
 - a) Why are people lost?
 - b) Is it because they sinned? (yes or no)
 - c) What does Romans 6:23 mean when it says that sin “pays” or brings us death?
 - d) Does this mean that sin separates sinners from God? (yes or no)

Sinners will live in hell when they die. But, Jesus Christ gives **believers** the gift of **eternal life**. **Believers** will live in heaven when they die.

5. Read Romans 5:8. Who died for us while we were still sinners?
6. Find the Book of 1 John. It is near the end of the New Testament. 1 John is one of John’s letters. It is not the same as the Book of John. Read 1 John 1:9. What will God do if we confess our sins?

Confess means to admit to **God we are sinners**.

7. Isaiah 55:7 says: "The wicked should stop doing wrong, and they should stop their evil thoughts." It also says: "They should come to our God, because He will freely forgive them." They must repent of their sins. Answer the questions below.
- a) What should the wicked stop doing?
 - b) What should they do with their evil thoughts?
 - c) What will God do when we repent?
8. Find Ephesians 2:8-9. What is the correct answer? (a, b, or c) What is the way for me or anyone to be saved?
- a) I must do a lot of work.
 - b) I must try to save myself.
 - c) I must believe in Jesus Christ to save me.
9. Read Ephesians 2:10.
- a) What are we to do after we are saved?
 - b) Do good works **save** us? (yes or no)
10. Who do we learn to know through Jesus Christ. (John 14:6 and 14:9)
11. Read 1 John 5:13. Can believers know that they have eternal life now? (yes or no)
12. Read John 6:47.
- a) Does the person who believes in Jesus have eternal life? (yes or no)
 - b) Does this mean I will live forever? (yes or no)
 - c) Where will I live when I die?
13. Do you know that you are a child of God? If yes, can you tell how you know in your own words?

Jesus has given new life to you. You are a child of God. Now, how can you grow as a Christian? Here are some important ways to grow.

Read the Bible every day. Read Matthew 4:4. Then, read a chapter in the Book of John each day. These lessons have questions from the Book of John and from other books in the Bible. Study the memory verse for each lesson. Memorize each one.

Pray every day. Talk to God. There are no special words you must say. Talk to God as you talk to a good friend.

Go to church as often as you can. Go to a church that preaches from the Bible. Go to a church that preaches about Jesus. You need to be with other **Christians**. They will help you live for Jesus.

Obey God. Ask God to help you. He will tell you what you should do. He will speak to you through the Bible. He will speak to you in church. When you wonder what to do, ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" The answer will help you obey God.

Witness to other people. Tell someone else what Jesus Christ did for you. **Witness** to other people that you are now a **Christian**.

Now, you should understand better what a Christian is. This is only the start of your Christian life. There is more joy to come!

WORD LIST

1. believers (*noun*): people who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior; people who receive Jesus into their hearts; all people who are Christians.
2. Christian (*proper noun*): a person who repents of sins and believes in Jesus; a person who follows and obeys Jesus Christ.
3. confess (*verb*): tell God that you know you are a sinner; tell God about your sins and your evil thoughts and acts.
4. eternal life (*noun phrase*): the life that God gives; the life with God now and with him forever in heaven.
5. forgive (*verb*): not punish someone for their bad thoughts and acts; (God forgives and forgets our sins when we repent.)
6. heaven (*noun*): the home of Christians after death.
7. hell (*noun*): the place where sinners are punished after death.
8. into my heart, into our hearts (*prepositional phrase*): in the inner person; in the center of people; (The heart includes the mind, will, and desires of a person.)
9. lost (*adjective*): not finding the way to God; without hope of eternal life; not knowing Jesus Christ as Savior.
10. repent (*verb*): ask God to forgive sins; turn away from sin and turn to God.
11. save; saves (*verb*): make free from sin; (Jesus Christ saves or cleans us of our sins. Therefore, he saves us from being punished in hell.)
12. Savior (*proper noun*): Jesus Christ; the one who saves us from sin.
13. sin (*verb*): sins (*noun*): do bad acts and think bad thoughts; not obeying God; bad thoughts or acts.
14. sinner (*noun*): a person who does not obey the laws of God; a person who sins.
15. witness (*verb*): tell people about Jesus Christ; tell what Jesus Christ has done for you.

Lesson 2

CHRISTIANS WALK WITH GOD

Memory Verse:

“The only **temptation** that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can **stand**” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

New Christians are like babies in some ways. Babies grow after they are born. Christians must grow as new believers in Jesus. Christians grow as they **trust** God. Christians grow as they obey God. We call our growing, “walking with God.” Micah said, “Walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). Micah was a **prophet** in the Old Testament.

Find and read the following Bible verses. Then answer the questions with your own words. Or, use the words from the Bible verses.

1. The Book of John tells us how to walk with God.
 - a) Read John 8:12. Do Christians live or walk in darkness? (yes or no)
 - b) Does God want us to walk in the light that gives life? (yes or no)
 - c) Read John 1:37. Who must Christians follow?
 - d) Read John 2:5. Should Christians do everything Jesus tells them to do? (yes or no)
 - e) Read John 5:14. Should Christians stop disobeying God?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:8. Who does not want us to walk with God?
3. Read Matthew 4:1. What did the **devil** do to Jesus Christ?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-15. The Bible says that Jesus was tempted. Did Jesus **yield** to **temptation**? (yes or no)

Temptation and sin are not the same thing. **Temptation** is being led or invited to do wrong. Sin is doing wrong. Is **temptation** a sin? (yes or no)

5. We should pray to God when the **devil tempts** us. We fight the **devil** with the help of God. Read James 4:7. What should you do when the **devil tempts** you?
6. Read James 4:17 and 1 John 3:4. What is sin?
7. Isaiah 59:2 says, “It is your evil that has separated you from your God.” Does my sin separate me from God? (yes or no)
8. Read 1 John 3:9.
 - a) What does this Bible verse mean to you?
 - b) Does a child of God continue sinning?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What is God’s promise to us? (a or b)
 - a) God will help me to escape **temptation**. He will help me not **yield** to **temptation**.
 - b) God will not help me to escape **temptation**. He will not help me when I am **tempted**.
10. 1 John 2:1 says that John wrote this book. Why did John write this book?

11. Read 1 John 2:1 again. Christians should not sin. Which is the best answer (a, b, c, or d) to this question? If Christians choose to sin, they should:

- a) say they cannot help sinning. They should say the **devil** made them sin.
- b) act as if they did not sin at all.
- c) confess the sins to Jesus and repent. And then they should go on living for God.
- d) stop living the Christian life. They should feel that they cannot live for Jesus.

12. Read 1 John 1:9. God does not want us to sin. But, will he forgive us if we sin? (yes or no)

He forgives us when we confess our sins and repent.

13. Read John 14:21. What do we show Jesus when we obey him?

14. Read John 10:27-28. The “sheep” in this verse means Christians. Who has eternal life?

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep. Jesus knows everyone who is a Christian. Is it important for Christians to follow Jesus Christ? (yes or no)

Now walk with God. Don't **yield** to temptation. Obey God. Follow Jesus Christ every day.

WORD LIST

- 1. devil (*noun*): the evil spirit who **tempts** people to do wrong; the most powerful evil spirit; (The devil fights against God.)
- 2. prophet (*noun*): a person who speaks for God; (A prophet gives a message to people from God.)
- 3. stand (*verb*): not give in to a temptation; (Stand in this verse means to be strong in the Lord. Stand means not sin against God.)
- 4. tempt, tempted (*verb*): try to get a person to sin or do wrong.
- 5. temptation, temptations (*noun*): whatever invites or leads someone to sin or do wrong; the act of being tempted by the devil; the devil trying to make a person sin.
- 6. trust (*verb*): believe God completely; have faith in; believe in fully.
- 7. yield (*verb*): give in to; say “yes” to sin; do what we should not do.

Lesson 3

CHRISTIANS LEARN FROM GOD

Memory Verse:

“I have **taken your words to heart** so I would not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11).

The Holy Bible is the Word of God. It tells us the plan of God for our lives. It tells us the plan of God for the world. Read the Bible daily to find the truth of God. Read the Bible to learn his promises to us.

Answer the following in your own words. Or, use the words in the Bible verses.

1. Read John 17:17. Is the Word of God truth?

The **Word of God** is his teaching to us.

2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. How do we know the Scripture is the truth of God?

All **Scripture** is **God-breathed** or **inspired**. This means it came from God. God guided the thoughts to the people who wrote the Bible.

3. Tell what the Word of God or **Scripture** will do for us in the following verses.

- a) Read 2 Timothy 3:15. Will the Word of God will make us wise for Salvation? (yes/no)
- b) Read John 15:3. Will the Word of God will make us clean in our hearts? (yes or no)
- c) Read Act 20:32. Will the Word of God will give us strength? (yes or no)

4. The Word of God is very important for Christians. Find John chapter 8. Several verses tell what we should do with God's Word.

- a) Read John 8:54-55. Jesus Christ knew God, the Father. What did Jesus do with God's word?
- b) Read John 8:37. Some people do not accept the teaching of Jesus. They have no room for His word. Does this mean they do not keep God's Word? (yes or no)
- c) Read John 8: 47. The believer belongs to God and not to the devil. What do believers do about the Word of God?
- d) Do believers listen what God says? (yes or no)
- e) Read John 8:31. What will a **disciple** do with the Word of God?
- f) Will **disciples** obey God's Word? (yes or no)
- g) Read John 8:51. How can we have eternal life?
- h) Is it necessary to obey the **Word of God**? (yes or no)

Jesus said that He obeyed God, His Father. Jesus kept **God's Word**. We should also obey God, our Father.

5. Read John 14:23. What do I show Jesus when I obey his teachings?

6. Read John 20:31.
 - a) Does the written **Word of God** tell us about Jesus, the Son of God? (yes or no)
 - b) What does Jesus Christ give the believer?
7. Read Ephesians 6:17. The devil tries to defeat us in our Christian lives. He tempts us and tries to make us sin.
 - a) What can we use to defeat the devil?
 - b) What is the sword of the Spirit?
8. Read Matthew 4:4, 4:7, and 4:10.
 - a) How did Jesus answer the devil?
 - b) Why did Jesus use **Scripture** verses?
9. Read Psalm 119:10-11.
 - a) How will the Bible help you not to sin?
 - b) Why should we **take God's Word to heart**?
10. What truth in the Scripture has helped you?
11. Has the Bible helped you grow as a Christian? (yes or no)

If your answer is "yes," can you describe in your own words what this truth is?

12. A **disciple** of Jesus should read and study the Bible every day. Can you tell why in your own words?

We have studied how a Christian learns from God. We have learned why the Bible is important to **disciples**. In the next lesson, we will learn another important way that Christians grow.

WORD LIST

1. disciple (*noun*): a believer; a person who follows Jesus Christ; a person who wants to learn more about Jesus; a person who wants to study the Word of God.
2. God-breathed (*adjective*): came from God.
3. God's Word: (See Word of God.)
4. inspired (*adjective*): came from God; gave thoughts to; (God inspired holy men to write his words.)
5. Scripture (*proper noun*): the Bible; the Word of God; (God helped holy men to write the Scripture.)
6. taken your words to heart (*verb phrase*): believed and obeyed God's Word; learned and understood what God said in the Bible.
7. Word of God; God's Word (*proper noun phrase*): the Holy Bible; the **Scripture**; the truth of God; what God says to people.

Lesson 4

CHRISTIANS TALK WITH GOD

Memory Verse:

Jesus said, "You have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive" (John 16:24).

Christians need to talk with God. He is more powerful than anyone in heaven or on earth. We should talk with him daily. We should pray during our best time each day. Many people find early morning to be the best time. We should talk with God in a quiet place. David, who wrote many Psalms, said: "Lord, every morning you hear my voice. Every morning, I tell you what I need, and I wait for your answer." (Psalm 5:3)

What else does the Bible tell us about prayer? We will learn the answer in this lesson. Answer the following questions in your own words. Or, use the words from the Bible verses.

1. Read Mark 1:35. When did Jesus pray?
2. Read Luke 18:1. How often did Jesus say that we should pray?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. What should we do when we pray?

We thank God for what he has done in Jesus Christ.

4. "If I had known of any sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me" (Psalm 66:18).
 - a) Why is prayer sometimes not answered?
 - b) Should I keep sin in my heart? (yes or no)
5. Read 1 John 5:14.
 - a) Does this verse tell us how we should pray? (yes or no)
 - b) How should we pray?

We should ask for the things that are God's will. This is important to all Christians.

6. We learn about prayer in the Book of John .
 - a) Read the memory verse John 16:24. What is a **privilege** for Christians?
 - b) Is it possible for Christians to ask for anything in the name of Jesus? (yes or no)

However, Christians should always pray for **God's will** to be done.

- c) Read John 14:13. Jesus answers our prayers. Who does this bring **glory** to?

We give **glory** to God the Father for what is done.

- d) Read John 15:7. What must we do for Jesus to answer our prayers?

We must try to **remain** in Jesus all the time. God will help us live for him.

7. Read Matthew 21:22. What must I do to receive an answer to prayer?

This means I must trust God. I must have faith in him to answer my prayers.

8. Read these verses and think about the kinds of things about which you can pray.

- Matthew 6:11
- Matthew 9:38
- Philippians 1:9
- 1 Timothy 2:2
- James 1:5

9. Read Matthew 26:41. What should I do when I am tempted to sin?

God will help us not to sin. We can ask him to help us.

10. How does Jesus want us to pray? (a, b, or c) Jesus wants us to:

- a) Use the right **religious** words.
- b) Say only the words in the Bible.
- c) Tell him what we feel in our hearts.

11. Do you have a plan for your prayer time? (yes or no)

12. What can you do about talking with God? Tell in one sentence your plan for prayer.

Prayer is a **privilege**! You can talk to God. He has power to answer your prayers. God loves you very much. He **blesses** you each day. He blesses you with many things. He also blesses you in many ways.

Now, you can do something for God. Study the next lesson to learn what you can do.

WORD LIST

1. blesses (*verb*): gives good things to; helps in a special way; makes happy.
2. glory (*noun*): praise, honor, and worship.
3. privilege (*noun*): a special act or deed; (Prayer is one of the privileges of Christians. We can talk to God as we talk to close friends. We can ask God the Father for things we need. This is why prayer is a special act or privilege for Christians.)
4. religious (*adjective*): describes something of a religion or church; (We use religious words when talking about a religion or church.)
5. remain (*verb*): stay; stay in the same place; (In this verse, remain means to live in Jesus Christ. We choose to stay with Christ and not leave him.)
6. God's will (*noun phrase*): what God wants for all people; (God's will is also called the will of God.)

Lesson 5

Christians Share with God

Memory Verse:

“If you eat or drink, or if you do anything, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Can you pray this prayer?

God, I really believe in you. I believe you have saved me. I will live for you the best that I know how. I want to please you. I want to serve you. I want to share everything I have with you. I want to **share** myself with you. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

The **Apostle** Paul wrote a letter to Christians at Corinth. He told them to do everything for the glory of God. Read the memory verse again. We should ask this question in everything we do: Does it **glorify** God?

1. Read Matthew 22:36-40.
 - a) How much should I love God?
 - b) How much should I love my neighbor?
2. Read 1 John 5:2-3. How do I show love to God? How I show love to other people?
3. John tells us about living to please God.
 - a) Read John 12:24-25. What must a grain of wheat do before it can make many seeds?

The wheat continues to live in its new seeds. I should live for Jesus. But, I must die to the **world**. I must turn from the **world**. I must obey God completely. Jesus gives me life.

- b) Why should I follow and serve Jesus? (John 12:25)
 - c) I should not be **selfish**. What did Jesus say His Father will do for anyone who serves Jesus? (John 12:26)
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. I am now a Christian. I have new attitudes toward everyone and everything. Whose family am I now in?

I belong to Christ. The old person is gone. Now, I am a new person in Jesus. I see things in a new way. I have a new attitude about things.

5. Read Luke 6:38. Now, I want to give things away. What do I not want to keep for myself?
6. The **Apostle** Paul writes about our attitude towards things. Read Ephesians 4:28. Then, read the list below. Choose three that should be our **attitude** about things. (a, b, c, d, e, or f)
 - a) Steal no more.
 - b) Be a good worker.
 - c) Keep everything for myself. Be **selfish**.
 - d) **Share** with poor and needy people.

- e) Steal when I can.
- f) Be lazy. Do not work.

I see people in a new way. I have a new **attitude** about other people.

7. What do I show others when I am **compassionate** to them? (Ephesians 4:32)
8. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. Who should I not join together with?

This means I should not let them lead me to sin. I see myself in a new way. I have a new **attitude** about myself.

9. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19.
- a) Who lives within me? Therefore, I should take care of my body. I should not do anything to harm my body.
 - b) Why should I live carefully?

I should use every **opportunity** to do good. (Ephesians 5:15 -16)

10. Read 1 John 2:10. Who am I to love?

This means I should love all people. "My brother" includes every person on earth.

11. God created all people. Now, read 1 John 2:15-16. What am I not to love?

I am not to love the things of the **world**. I must stay away from the **world**. I must love God more than anything else.

12. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20. Why does God want us to **glorify** and honor him?

We were "bought at a price". "Bought at a price" means that Jesus died to save us from sin. The "price" was Jesus' death.

13. Read Matthew 6:33.
- a) What should we see or want most of all?
 - b) What else should seek or want?

God will take care of our needs.

14. Read Mark 10:29-30. Christians are to follow Jesus. What will they receive in the next **world**?
15. Can you tell in one sentence how you will **share** your life with God?

Now we know better how to **share** our lives with God. We can also share our lives with other people. We should be kind and **compassionate** to others. This will **glorify** God. We can also speak to other people about Jesus Christ. We should use every **opportunity** we can to share Jesus. Next, we will study how to share Jesus with others.

WORD LIST

1. Apostle (*proper noun*): a leader in the early Christian church; a special disciple or follower of Jesus Christ.
2. attitude (*noun*): an idea, thought, or feeling about a thing or person; (Attitudes usually control what we do.)
3. compassionate (*adjective*): loving other people and caring about their needs; (For example, when Christians feed hungry people, they are compassionate.)
4. glorify (*verb*): give glory, praise, or honor to someone.
5. opportunity (*noun*): a chance to do something.
6. righteousness (*noun*): being clean from sin; being holy, just, and right before God.
7. selfish (*adjective*): living to please only myself; not thinking about others and only thinking of myself.
8. share (*verb*): give what I have to others and God.
9. the world (*noun phrase*): whatever or whoever keeps me from following Jesus Christ; (The world includes bad habits that harm our bodies. It includes bad attitudes that cause us to act in wrong ways. It includes people who tempt us to sin. The world includes anything that helps us forget God.)

Lesson 6

Christians Speak for God

Memory Verse:

“Jesus said, ‘Come follow me, and I will make you fish for people’” (Matthew 4:19).

A man had a friend who was very sick. Later, the man saw his friend. His friend was well. “I found a doctor who healed me,” the friend said. “What is his name?” the man asked his friend. “I will not tell you,” the friend answered. The man went away sad. He wanted to go to this great doctor too.

This is just a story. But the story reminds us of some Christians. Sometimes, Christians do not tell others about Jesus Christ. Jesus can help all people. He can heal them of their sins. Christians should tell other people about Jesus. A witness tells what Jesus has done for him or her.

1. Read Luke 8:39. Jesus Christ healed a man who had an evil spirit. This man was a good witness. He went all over town. What had the man told about Jesus?
2. The Book of John teaches us how to witness. Read John 3:32. Then, put select the best answer. (a, b, or c) Witness or **testify** means to share:
 - a) what you learn from books.
 - b) what someone tells you.
 - c) what you see and hear for yourself.
3. Read John 1:40-41.
 - a) Andrew found his brother. What was his brother’s name?
 - b) Andrew said to Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Who took his brother to Jesus?

Andrew was a witness. He was a **fisher** for people.

4. Read John 6:28-29. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the **Messiah**? (yes or no)

This is what God wants us to do. This is the work of God. (John 6:28-29)

5. Read John 15:16.
 - a) What does God want Christians to produce or **bear**?
 - b) When do we **bear** fruit?

We are **fishers** for people when we **bear** fruit.

6. You can be a **fisher** for people and **bear** fruit.
 - a) What is the greatest thing that has happened to you?
 - b) Can you write your answer in one sentence?
 - c) Have you told anyone about this? (yes or no)
 - d) How can Christians be most kind to others?

This is one way that Christians can **bear** fruit.

7. Read Matthew 28:18-19. Who does Jesus tell us to make disciples of?

Then, we are to **baptize** them. **Baptism** is one way to witness. **Baptism** shows other people we are Christians.

8. Read Act 8:12 and 8:35-38.

a) When were early Christians **baptized**?

This showed that they believed in Jesus, the **Messiah**.

b) Have you been **baptized**? (yes or no)

c) If not, are you thinking about it? (yes or no)

9. Read the memory verse. (Matthew 4:19) What did Jesus say he would make us?

10. I should be ready to witness for Jesus. (1 Peter 3:15) What must I always be ready to give?

I must be ready to answer questions about my faith. I must be ready to **testify** for God.

11. Read Act 17:16-17 and 20:20. Which Apostle met people in the **synagogue** and the Market?

Today, you must also be ready to witness in any place.

12. Read John 14:6.

a) Why must we witness for Jesus Christ?

b) Who does Jesus say he is?

No person can come to the Father except by Jesus. Jesus is the only way we can have eternal life.

13. I can **witness** for Jesus Christ. What should I tell someone who does not know him? Which is the answer below? (a, b, c, d, or e)

a) The payment for sin is death. But God's free gift to us is eternal life. (Romans 6:23)

b) All people have sinned. (Romans 3:23)

c) Isaiah 53:6 says: "All of us like sheep have gone the wrong way. Each of us has turned to his own way. And the Lord has put on him the sins of us all." This means that Jesus died in our place for our sins.

d) All who believe in Jesus, the **Messiah**, are children of God. (John 1:12)

e) We should tell all of these (all a, b, c and d are needed).

14. Read Act 14:21-22.

- a) How can we help new Christians?
- b) Can we help them be stronger Christians? (yes or no)
- c) Can we **encourage** them to remain true in their faith in God. (yes or no)

15. You have a **testimony**. Christians should include three things in their testimony:

- What I was before I became a Christian.
 - How I became a Christian.
 - What Jesus means to me.
 - How Jesus is my Friend.
- a) Can you write a short testimony that you can tell a friend?
 - b) Do you know some people who are not Christians? (yes or no)
 - c) Can you write the names of three of them?

They may be family members or friends. They may be neighbors or people at work.

- d) Will you pray for these people? (yes or no)
- e) Will you **witness** to them? Give your testimony to them? **Encourage** them? Be a friend to them? (yes or no)

You have studied that all Christians need to witness. But, you may be afraid to be a witness. Who will help you when you are afraid? Who will give you power to speak? The next study will answer these questions for you.

WORD LIST

- 1. baptism (*noun*): a special act or ceremony of using water for a new Christian; (Baptism shows the person believes in Jesus as Savior. In baptism the persons may choose to be put under water. Or they may choose to have water poured or sprinkled on them.)
- 2. baptize (*verb*): use water with new Christians in a special act or ceremony; (See baptism.)
- 3. bear fruit (*verb phrase*): help other people know about and receive Jesus as Savior; produce or make believers in Jesus.
- 4. encourage (*verb*): use words or acts to make someone feel better in spirit; give hope; help and guide someone.
- 5. fishers for people (*noun phrase*): Christians who witness for Jesus Christ; people who help others know about Jesus.
- 6. fish for people (*verb phrase*): witness for Jesus Christ; help others know about Jesus.
- 7. Messiah (*proper noun*): Jesus Christ; the one sent by God to earth to be the Savior.
- 8. synagogue (*noun*): a church or place of worship for the Jews.
- 9. testimony (*noun*): words that tell what Jesus means to a person; (Often, a person gives a testimony in church.)
- 10. testify (*verb*): tell what Jesus Christ has done for you; witness for Jesus as Savior.
- 11. witness (*noun*): a person who tells what Jesus has done for them.

Lesson 7

Christians Need to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Memory Verse:

“Be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18).

A Christian might say: “I want to do more for God. But, I’m weak. I need more power. Then, I could do more for God.” There is only one answer to this need. The Christian needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul said, “Be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

1. Jesus Christ taught his disciples. He told them about the Holy Spirit. John wrote some of what Jesus taught. Read John 7:38-39. Who did Jesus say a Christian receives?

The Holy Spirit comes into the life of a Christian.

2. Read John 14:26. Who will teach us?

The Holy Spirit is a **counselor**. A **counselor** is a person who listens to us. He is like a helper. He helps us with our problems. The Holy Spirit is the **Counselor** of God.

3. Read John 15:26. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. Does this mean that he cannot lie? (yes or no)
4. Who does he speak about?

Read John 3:3-5. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people. He works with us when we are **born again**. And, he works with us when we are born of water and the Spirit.

5. Read Act 1:8. What did the Holy Spirit give the disciples power to do?
6. Read Act 9:17. Saul [the Apostle Paul] received Jesus Christ as Savior. Then, who told Saul to “be filled with the Holy Spirit”?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1 and 3:3. The Christians in the church at Corinth had many problems. These problems kept them from being filled with the Holy Spirit. They were not kind to other people. They fought each other with words. They had wrong attitudes about each other. What did this show about them?
8. Read 1 Peter 1:2. The Holy Spirit works in Christians in a special way. The **Holy Spirit** takes away what keeps us from being pure or clean. Then we live to please God. Peter calls this special work the “**sanctifying** work of the Spirit.” How did Jesus Christ make this possible?
9. Read John 17:17.
 - a) What did Jesus Christ pray for His disciples?

Jesus prayed that God would **sanctify** them by the truth.

b) Did Jesus pray this prayer for you? If he did, write the prayer but put your name in it.

10. Read Act 15:8-9. The word **purified** means to be made clean from sin. God gave the **Holy Spirit** to the early Christians. What did the Holy Spirit **purify** their hearts by?
11. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. This is a prayer for all Christians. Paul prays that will **sanctify** all Christians through and through. This means that God will entirely **sanctify** or completely **sanctify** us. Who will make us pure in our hearts and lives?
12. Paul said, "So we should make ourselves pure—free from anything that makes body or soul unclean. We should try to become holy in the way we live." (2 Corinthians 7:1) Which sentence below does not go with this verse? (a, b, c, or d)
- a) We should stop doing things that harm our bodies.
 - b) We can never be **purified** in this life.
 - c) We must try to live like Jesus Christ. We must be as holy as we can be.
 - d) We should get rid of unclean acts, thoughts, and attitudes.
13. Read Romans 8:2. The law of the Spirit of life makes us free. What are we freed from?
14. Read 1 Corinthians 13:13. Christians need to show faith, hope and love. Which is the greatest of these three?
15. Read Romans 5:5. What does the love of God come to us by?
16. Read Romans 8:4. **Sanctified** Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, they do not want to walk after the **sinful** nature. Instead, what do they want to walk after?

Then, the **sinful** nature does not rule the way they live. Their hearts have been **purified**. The Holy Spirit gives them a new way to live. He gives them power to obey God.

The Holy Spirit works in Christians in several ways. He cleans their lives of sin. He cleans the heart of the **sinful** nature. He gives them power to live holy lives. He helps them to witness for God. But first, Christians must do something. They must ask the Holy Spirit to fill their lives. They must give themselves completely to God.

17. You and the Holy Spirit.
- a) Have you asked for the fullness of the **Holy Spirit**? (yes or no)
 - b) Has the **Holy Spirit** come to fill your life? (yes or no)
 - c) If no, are you thinking about this? (yes or no)
18. Would you like the **Holy Spirit** to fill your life? If so, here are four things you should do:
- Ask God to fill you with the **Holy Spirit**. (Luke 11:13)
 - Give your whole life to God. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - Tell God you need to be clean and pure inside. (Act 15:8-9)
 - Receive the **Holy Spirit** by an act of faith. Trust God to **sanctify** you. Trust him to do what he has promised. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

WORD LIST

1. born again (*adjective phrase*): describes a Christian or a believer; a person who is saved from sin,
2. counselor (*noun*): a person who listens to people and helps them with their problems; Counselor (*proper noun*): the Holy Spirit; the Spirit of God; (The Holy Spirit as our Counselor helps us with our problems. He is the special helper for all Christians.)
3. Holy Spirit; Spirit of God; the Spirit (*proper noun*): the third person of the triune God; the **Counselor**; the helper; (God is God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus Christ in the world. The Holy Spirit encourages and helps us to know God.)
4. purified (*verb*): made clean and pure from sin; having no sin in the heart; (Our hearts and lives are purified by the Holy Spirit.)
5. sanctify; sanctifying (*verb*): make clean and holy; set apart for a religious reason; separate from sin and give to God.
6. sinful nature (*noun phrase*): the inner part of a person that leads them to sin and not obey God.

Lesson 8

Christians Join the Family of God

Memory Verse

“You should not stay away from the **church** meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other” (Hebrews 10:25).

All Christians are part of the family of God. God is our Father in heaven. Christians are brothers and sisters in God’s family. The family is called the **Church**. Be sure to show your new family a lot of love.

1. The Bible talks about the people who follow Jesus Christ. Read Act 11:26. What are the people who believe in Jesus?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27. What is the **Church** called?

The parts of our bodies work together. The **Church** should work together as the body of Christ.

3. Read Ephesians 5:23. Who is the head of the **Church**?

The “head” means the Leader.

4. Read Ephesians 5:25. The **Church** was important to Jesus Christ. Why did Jesus Christ die on the cross?
5. Ephesians 5:24 says that the **Church submits** to Christ. **Submits** means obeys. To be a part of His **Church**, Who must I obey?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 4:17. Where did Paul teach about Christ?
7. The book of John has some truth about the **Church**. Read John 13:35. How will people know you are in the **Church**?
8. Read John 21:16. What must a pastor do for his sheep?

Sometimes, we call the pastor the shepherd of the sheep. This means the pastor is the leader of the **Church**.

9. Christians remember Jesus Christ in a special way. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. These verses are about the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is for all people who are Christians. They have believed in Jesus for salvation. Which of the following should we remember about the Lord’s Supper? (a, b, c, or d)
 - a) We remember the suffering and death of Jesus.
 - b) We remember that Jesus died for all our sins.
 - c) We remember that Jesus is coming to earth again.
 - d) We should remember all of these (all a, b and c need to be remembered).

10. Read Galatians 6:2. How can I help other people in my **church**?

11. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 4 and 7. Who gives special gifts to people? Then, all people in the Church can receive help.

12. Some churches are strong and loving. Some churches are not. Which if the following churches would you like to join? (a or b)

- a) The church at Jerusalem. (Act 4:32-33)
- b) The church at Laodicea. (Revelation 3:14-17)

13. Read Act 2:42. What did the early Christians spent time in learning from the apostles?

They also had **fellowship** with one another. They **broke** bread and together.

14. What does Hebrews 10:25 mean? What does this verse tell us to do?

We should not stay away from meeting together. We should encourage each other.

15. Do you think you should join a church? (yes or no) If yes, why?

16. You have trusted God for **salvation**. You are now in the family of God. You are **united** or joined to Jesus Christ. You are **united** to all other Christians in Jesus Christ. You should think about joining a church. This **fellowship** is important for Christians. Your church can help you grow in your new faith. Your pastor can help you grow too. Which of the following is true about you? (a, b, or c)

- a) I have joined a church.
- b) I have not joined a church yet.
- c) I am thinking about joining a church.

You have now finished these Bible studies. You will have good days in the future as you walk with God! Remember:

- Trust God and live for him.
- Read his Word and learn from him.
- Talk with him in prayer. It is your privilege.
- Serve God. Share yourself with him and others.
- Witness about what God in Jesus has done for you.
- Give your whole life to God. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to fill your life.
- Join a church and a **fellowship** of believers.

WORD LIST

1. broke bread (*verb phrase*): ate a meal; also means the Lord's Supper.
2. Church (*proper noun*): all believers in Jesus Christ; all Christians; all people who are saved from sin; all people who have trusted God for salvation.
3. church (*noun*): a building or place where Christians meet to worship; a fellowship of Christian believers.
4. fellowship (*noun*): people being friends and sharing with one another; the life in the Church that Christians share in Jesus Christ.
5. Lord's Supper (*proper noun phrase*): a special way that Christians remember the death of Jesus; (Christians share the Lord's Supper at certain times when they meet together. The Lord's Supper is also called Communion.)
6. pastor (*noun*): a leader of a church or **fellowship** of believers; (A pastor serves God in the church. He preaches the Word of God. He helps Christians grow in their faith.)
7. salvation (*noun*): the act of God by which he saves people from sin.
8. submits (*verb*): obeys; yields or gives in to the will of another person.
9. united (*verb*): joined; be together as one body in the Church.

Appendix

Answers to Questions

Here are suggested answers for the questions in the lessons. You will find other possible answers in parentheses. You may also think of other correct answers.

Lesson 1

1. yes
2. (a) Jesus (Christ); (b) you (me, anyone, all people, any man); (c) welcome him; (d) come in; (e) personal answer
3. yes
4. (a) Because of their sins; (b) yes; (c) personal answer
5. Christ (Jesus)
6. freely forgive
7. (a) wrong; (b) stop; (c) freely forgive (pardon)
8. c (I must believe in Jesus Christ to save me.)
9. (a) good works; (b) no
10. Father (God, God the Father)
11. yes
12. (a) yes; (b) yes; (c) heaven
13. yes or no – personal answer. If yes, for example: “I have repented of my sins. Jesus is my Savior. Jesus has saved me.” Other answers are possible.

Lesson 2

1. (a) yes; (b) yes; (c) Jesus (Christ); (d) yes; (e) yes
2. the devil (Satan)
3. tempted
4. no
5. fight the devil (stand against the devil, not obey the devil, obey God)
6. breaking God’s law (not doing right, not obeying God)
7. yes
8. (a) personal answer. For example,: “I must not sin (go on sinning, continue to sin); (b) no
9. a (God will help me to escape temptation.)
10. So we will not sin.
11. c (confess the sins to Jesus and repent)
12. yes
13. love
14. the sheep (Christians; believers)

Lesson 3

1. yes
2. yes
3. all answers are "yes"
4. (a) keep (obey); (b) yes; (c) hear (accept; believe; obey; do it); (d) yes; (e) obey (hold to, continue in); (f) yes; (g) obey God; (h) yes
5. love
6. (a) yes; (b) life
7. (a) sword; (b) Word (teaching)
8. (a) He quoted Scripture; (b) They tell us what God wants.
9. (a) It tells us God's commands; (b) to remember God's commands
10. all are personal answers
11. personal answer
12. personal answer. For example: to grow as a Christian, to know the will of God, to get help now (other answers are possible)

Lesson 4

1. morning (day)
2. always
3. give thanks
4. (a) sin (iniquity; evil); (b) no
5. (a) yes; (b) agree with what God wants (are according to God's will)
6. (a) prayer; (b) yes; (c) the Father; (d) remain (abide)
7. believe
8. personal answers
9. watch and pray
10. c (Tell him what we feel in our hearts.)
11. personal answers
12. personal answers

Lesson 5

1. (a) with all my heart, soul and mind (b) as myself (me)
2. both require obeying (carrying out, keeping; doing) God's commands
3. (a) die; (b) I receive eternal (true, new) life; honor
4. God's
5. anything; everything
6. (a) Steal no more; (b) Be a good worker, (d) Share with poor and needy people
7. love, kindness
8. unbelievers (those who do not believe in Jesus)
9. (a) the Holy Spirit; (b) I now belong to God.

10. brothers (sisters, others)
11. the world
12. Jesus paid (bought me at) a great price.
13. (a) God's kingdom; (b) his righteousness (what God wants)
14. eternal life (life forever)
15. personal answer

Lesson 6

1. all Jesus had done for him
2. (c) what you see and hear for yourself
3. (a) Peter; (b) Andrew
4. personal response
5. (a) fruit; (b) when we witness (testify)
6. all are personal answers
7. all people everywhere (others)
8. (a) when they believed; (b) personal answer; (c) personal answer
9. fishers for people
10. an answer (my testimony)
11. Paul
12. (a) Because Jesus is the way, truth and life; (b) Jesus is the one who guides us to the Father
13. e (we should tell all of these)
14. (a) personal answer; (b) yes; (c) yes
15. personal answer
16. personal responses

Lesson 7

1. the (Holy) Spirit
2. the (Holy) Spirit (Counselor, Helper, Comforter)
3. yes
4. Jesus Christ
5. witness (be witnesses)
6. Ananias
7. They were worldly (of the world; like people of the world)
8. by the blood (death) of Jesus
9. (a) to sanctify (dedicate) them; (b) personal answer
10. faith (their belief in Jesus)
11. God
12. b (We can never be purified in this life.)
13. (the law of) sin
14. love

15. the Holy Spirit
16. the Spirit (Holy Spirit)
17. personal answers
18. personal answers

Lesson 8

1. church (people); believers (disciples, followers); Christians
2. body (of Christ)
3. Christ (Jesus)
4. to be our Savior
5. Jesus (God)
6. churches
7. love (for one another)
8. care for (lead)
9. d (We should remember all three of these.)
10. help carry their burdens (with their troubles)
11. the (Holy) Spirit
12. a (The church at Jerusalem is the best choice.)
13. teaching (doctrine)
14. encourage each other to meet together
15. (personal responses – but some good answers might be: to worship God; to grow stronger when I meet with other believers; to be helped by other Christians; to learn more about God)
16. personal answers

