



Are You Ready to be Baptized

Preparing to be Baptized

Introduction

Are You Ready to be Baptized is a two-part course for children ages 10 or older intended to guide them toward salvation and baptism. It is important for a parent, Sunday School teacher, or Baptism Counselor to work through this workbook with the child to answer any questions or explain the hard-to-understand concepts.

Please help the child make this a momentous decision to leave the ways of the world to follow Jesus. Save this workbook as a memento, that is, something that serves to remind the child of the significance of his or her act of obedience to God.

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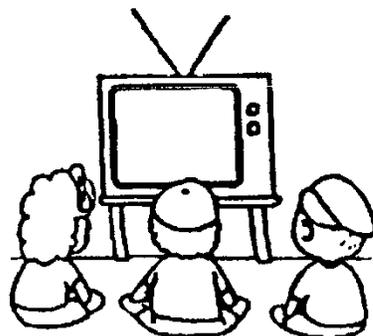
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Lesson 1: Salvation

"Lost and Found"

Would you like to have been around when the earth was formed so that you could have seen God do it? It must have been awesome to see something so big as our universe come out of nothing. Nothing...can you even imagine nothing? Even a dark empty closet has air in it!

Our earth is big, isn't it? At least it seems so until you think about all the stars shining at night. Each star is a sun, like our sun, with planets, such as our earth, rotating around it. And, to think our eyes can only see a portion of all the stars that are out there! It must be a very big God to be bigger than all of His creation!



God's gift to us, the Bible, tells us how our world began. We can find out some of the details by reading.

God's Creation



Who was here when the world was made?

Read the following verses to find out who was made the world and write their names in the box.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Colossians 1:15-16

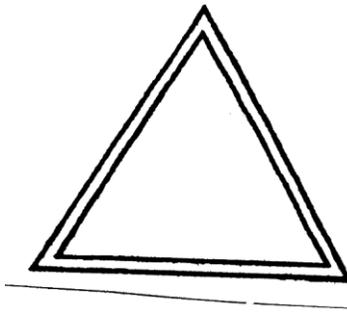
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him

Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Think of a triangle. It has three sides. Cover one side. It is not a triangle if a side is missing, yet with all sides, it is one triangle. God is like that. Three persons yet only one God. This is one of God's mysteries.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

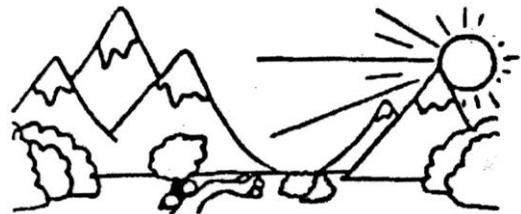


You can read the rest of the exciting creation story in Genesis 1 and 2.

How did God feel about all the things He had created?

Genesis 1:31

God saw all that He had made and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the Sixth day.



4. _____

Look up Genesis 1:26. Who were people like when they were created? In what ways were they like Him?

5. _____

God's Perfect Creation Was Ruined

In Genesis 2, compare what God told Adam and Eve about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with what the serpent told them about the tree in the following verses.

Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil."

(Summarize in your own words)

What God Said	What the Serpent Said

What would you have done if you had been Eve?

6. _____

Why?

7. _____

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



Did Adam and Eve obey or disobey God?

8. _____

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

What two things entered the world because of their disobedience?

9. a. _____

b. _____

How does Adam and Eve's sin affect us?

10. _____

Romans 3:23

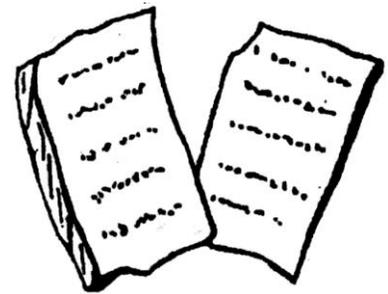
...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

According to Roman's 3:23, how many people have sinned?

11. _____

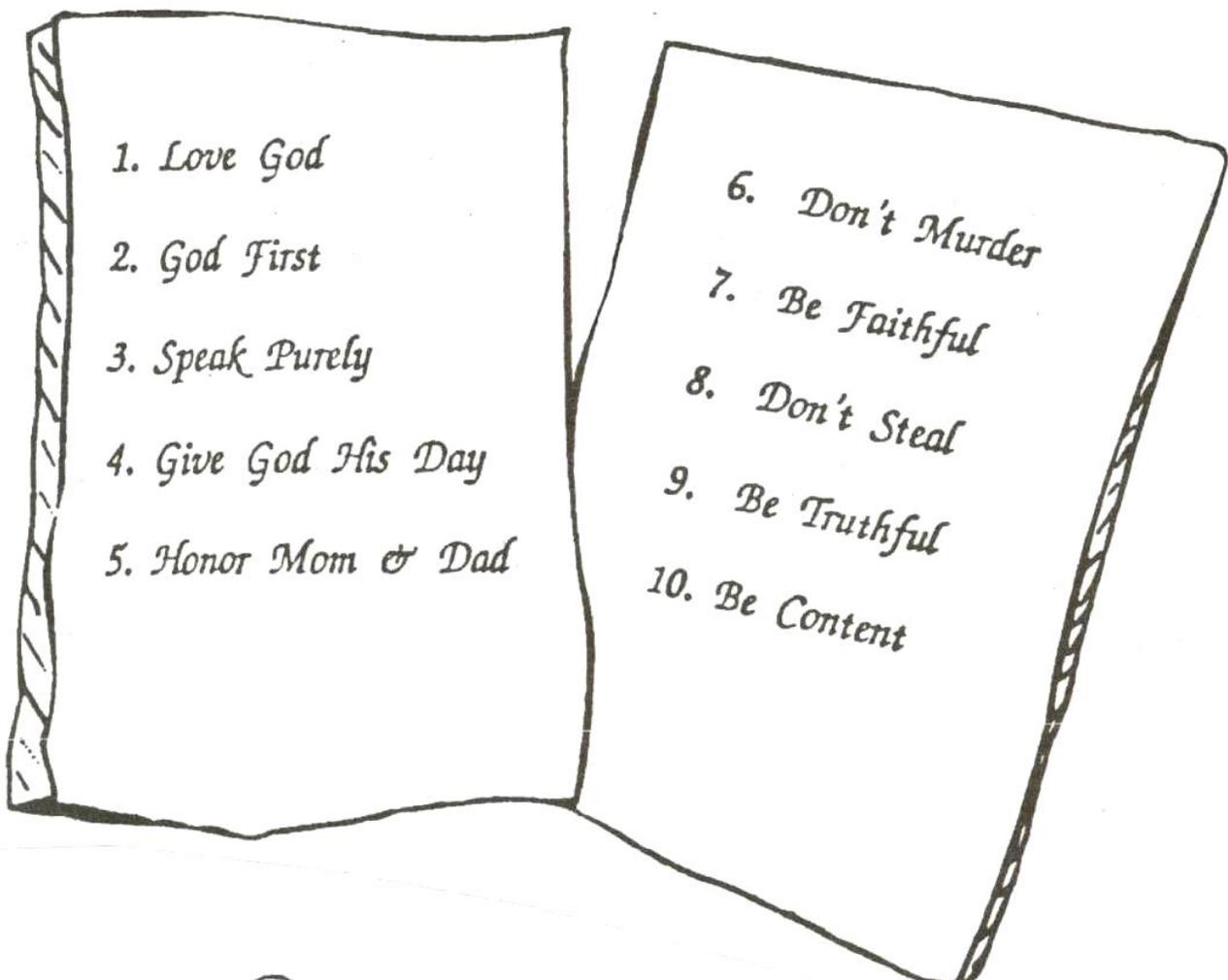
What is Sin?

God told Adam and Eve if they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would die. And they chose to disobey. That choice resulted in a **loss of fellowship with God** for all mankind. Later, He gave a list of laws He wanted people to obey. Underline and number the Ten Commandments in the passage below:



Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, ... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you! You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal; You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house... or anything that belongs to your neighbor."



Sin is not obeying God.

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What does James 2:10 tell you?

12. _____

How have you done?

13. _____

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is the result of sin in our lives according to Romans 6:23

14. _____

What kind of death is this verse talking about?

15. _____

God's Solution

Even though we have all sinned and should be separated from God forever, God still loves us and has provided a way for us to be forgiven.

Acts 13:38

Therefore my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.



Through whom do we have forgiveness according to Acts 13:38?

16. _____

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

What is Jesus according to John 14:6?

17. _____

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

What did Jesus do according to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4? (List three words)

18. _____

Christ paid the penalty for our sins. He met God's requirement in place of us.

Read the following verses and tell what a person needs to do to receive eternal life.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

What must we do to be saved?

19. _____

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness

What else must we do?

20. _____

To confess our sins means to tell God that you agree with Him about our sins.

Do you know that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness? _____

Do you believe that Jesus Christ was God the Son and took the penalty for your sins by dying on the cross? _____

Would you like to pray right now to thank Him for dying for you to pay for your sins? _____

If you don't know what words to use, you can say this prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me so much that you sent Jesus, your Son to die for me. I am sorry for all of the times I have not obeyed You. I am placing complete trust in what Jesus did on the cross to pay for my sins. I thank You that You forgive me and I will live forever with You because of what Jesus has done. Amen.



Did you know that when you ask Jesus to be your Savior He makes a promise to you?

Hebrews 13:5

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

What is that Promise?

21. _____

How long will Jesus be your Savior and Friend?

22. _____

Homework for Lesson 1

- Memorize the following verse:

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful
and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness*

- Read Acts 8:26-40



My son/daughter has said the memory verse and read the Bible reading for Lesson #1.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Lesson 2: Baptism

"Rub and Scrub"

"Wow, do you need a bath! You must be somewhere under all that dirt." Has anyone ever said something like that to you? After playing outside all day, we can get pretty dirty, can't we? A bath or shower can do wonders for the way we look. A little clean up and you may even look like a new person. But, no matter how long you soak, or rub, or scrub, it won't do anything about the mud on the inside.



Isaiah 64:6 describes what we look like on the inside before we are washed.

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind, our sins sweep us away.

Sounds pretty bad, doesn't it? In the last lesson we talked about the one and only way we can get cleaned up on the inside.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Are you clean on the inside? _____ Why? What did you say or do?

23. _____

The thought of our God forgiving all our sins is amazing, isn't it? How should you respond to a God who would care that much about you?

John 14:15

If you love Me, you will obey what I command.

What should you do according to John 14:15?

24. _____

One of Jesus' greatest commands is found in the following verse:

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What does He command us to do according to Matthew 28:19?

25. _____

Baptism

Baptism. That's an interesting word. If you look in a Greek dictionary, you might find a similar word, "Bapto," which means "to dip" or "to wash." But, we already said there is one, *and only one way* to be washed on the inside.



What did Jesus say is the way to be cleaned up on the inside:

26. _____

So, we are actually washed of our sin *before* baptism.

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Baptism does NOT save us. True or false? _____

Baptism is a Symbol

When your sports team wins the championship, you get a trophy. The trophy isn't the team or the game or even the winning moment, but it is a symbol of the great playing that happened all season.

Baptism is a symbol of two things.



1) Baptism is the symbol or picture of the **washing** that has taken place inside of us when we ask Christ into our lives to be our Savior.

2) It is also a symbol of Christ's **death and resurrection**.

Romans 6:3-5

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

Put an "X" in the box that compares baptism to Christ's death and resurrection.

Baptism	Christ's Death & Burial	Christ's Resurrection
Going under Water		
Coming out of Water		

Now let's look back at what we just talked about.

Can you list the two truths that baptism symbolizes?

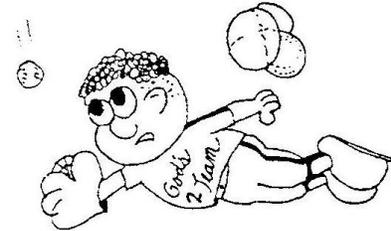
#1. _____

#2. _____

Why Should We Be Baptized?

Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Why should we be baptized?

27. _____

Why? Because God told us to!

What is another reason for baptism?

Matthew 10:32

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

28. _____

Who Should Be Baptized?

Which of God's children should be baptized? In Acts 2:41 the Apostle Peter was talking to a large group of people.

Acts 2:41

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



Some were baptized and some were not. Which were baptized?

29. _____

What was the message? (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

30. _____

What the Bible Says About Baptism

In Acts 8:12 we are told of more baptisms. In these verses what two things did the men and women do?

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

#1. _____

#2. _____

What **must you** do before you are baptized?

31. _____

It's fun to have a peek at how someone else came to Christ many years ago. Read Acts 8:26-40 for a detailed account of a baptism of an Ethiopian official.

How long did the Ethiopian official wait before he was baptized?

32. _____

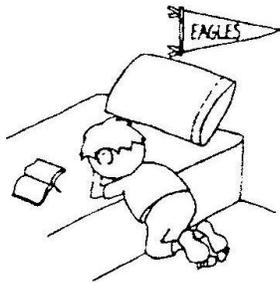
From Acts 8:38-39 describe how we are to be baptized.

33. _____

Are You Ready to be Baptized?

Would you like to be baptized? _____

Have You:



- Confessed your sins to God and asked Him to forgive you?
- Professed that Jesus is your Savior and your Lord?
- Declared you want to obey Him and follow Him?

If you could check these boxes, then describe how, when, where, and how old you were when you became Born Again?

34.

If baptism is your desire, fill out the following:

I, _____ would like to be baptized. I am sorry for my sin and I have accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. I want to obey His command and follow Him.

(Child's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Homework for Lesson 2

- Memorize the following verse

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



- Read 1 John 2:3-6 and Ephesians 3:20

My son/daughter has said the memory verse and read the Bible reading for this lesson.

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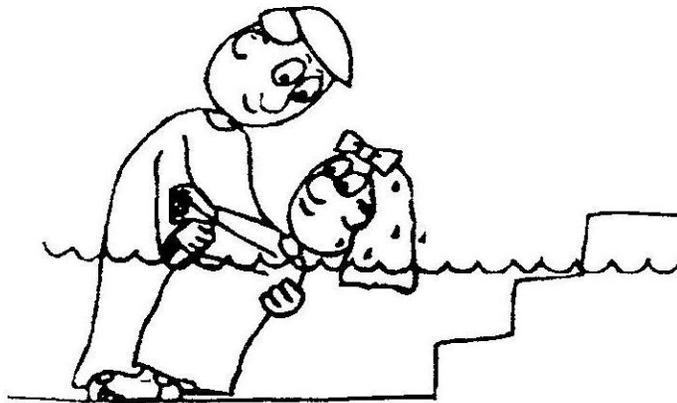
The Day of Your Baptism

On the day of your baptism:

1. Wear dark colored T-shirt and shorts.
2. Bring the following:
 - a. Bring this booklet with you to give to your Pastor or Baptism Counselor.
 - b. Bring a towel.
 - c. Bring a comb or brush.
 - d. Bring a plastic sack for your wet clothes.
 - e. Bring a complete change of dry clothes (including underwear)
3. **Remember:** You are obeying God and you have His total support. The congregation supports you and praises God for your decision, as well.
4. We will take your picture during the baptism so you have a visual remembrance of this special day

As you are baptized, the Pastor will ask you the following:

1. Your name and age.
2. When you accepted Jesus as your Savior.
3. Why you want to be baptized.



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