

What I Need: What God Has for Me

A Bible Study for Teens

(And for others who are brave enough to ask the tough questions...)

Part B: God as Savior (Son)

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FOREWORD:

Youth, in their characteristic economy, would rather not bother with things which they perceive as making no difference in their lives.

If our idea, as adults, is to be supportive of them in this difficult age (while taking every opportunity afforded to teach them) then we must be able to make God seem important enough for them to bother listening about Him.

God is, of course, important enough... the problem is often our delivery of that information.

By remembering the needs of Youth (*acceptance, self-awareness, growth to physical and mental maturity, separation from parents, new relations to peers, etc.*) we can present some of the mysteries of God in a way that is truthful and acceptable by asking questions and letting the Youth seek the answers from the source of all Truth. (*From God Himself and from His Word: The Bible.*)

Personal journals may be helpful in increasing self-awareness and personal growth, especially in this age group. God will be more important to them at this stage if they can see some clear connection between their lives (*and the associated pain, struggle, hardship and loneliness*) and God's provision for them. Thus the name of this study, ***"What I Need: What God has for Me."***

Essentially, we need to show them that "what they need" is "what God has". Sharing that one basic concept with them will encourage them to learn more about what God has to say. This will subsequently empower them with knowledge that can affect their lives everyday... forever.

God bless you!

-- Sharon Chatwell

TEACHER INSTRUCTION:

Use one of the following lessons at each gathering with the Youth.

Teacher will need: One copy of the lesson.

Each Student will need: A question and answer sheet, pencil or pen, and a Bible. Each student may have a personal folder with a journal in which to make observations.

NOTE: *It is best if each student has access to a Bible. Alternatively, make copies of the Bible verses, divide them among the students, and have them read aloud.*

Opening Shot:

The “Opening Shot” is a statement made by the teacher to the Youth at the beginning of the Bible Study time. It is a brave statement of faith, outlining the ideas that will be discussed in that lesson. It is “a shot across the bow”, intended to get their attention and to fly in the face of what culture may be telling them these days. *“Let ‘em have it!”*

Introduction to Bible Truths – (OPTIONAL):

These Bible verses support the statements in the Opening Shot. These may be read aloud, especially if the students have questions about statements made in the Opening Shot. **If time does not allow, this portion of the lesson may be omitted.**

Ask Me No Questions/ I’ll Tell You No Lies:

The question and answer sheet may then be handed out and the students allowed a period of time to reflect on the questions privately. They may wish to respond to the questions or write other questions on their paper. This may be done individually or in groups of 2-3. The Youth are encouraged to come up with their own answers (even if they seem simplistic at first.) Papers may be collected and/or kept in a personal folder.

We’ve Got Questions/ God’s Got Answers:

These Bible verses are meant to help answer the questions which were posed on the question and answer sheet. Ask the students to find and read the various Bible passages aloud. Discuss how the Bible’s answers may be different from their own.

Personal Journaling – (OPTIONAL):

This exercise allows students to make an entry in a personal journal after the lesson. It lets them reflect on what they have learned and write down their thoughts on the subject. This journal is kept private and given to the student to take home at the end of the year. The journal may be kept in a personal folder, in a separate section from their question and answer sheets. **If time does not allow, this exercise may be omitted.**

Parting Shot:

This portion is a summary of the truths learned in the lesson, and it tells how we may apply them to our lives. It is to be read by the teacher just before the closing of the time together in prayer.

B. God as Savior (Son)

1. Jesus Came in the Fullness of Time
2. Jesus Fulfills the Prophecies of the Christ
3. Jesus: The Son of God and The Son of Man
4. Satan tries to Destroy Jesus and His Journey
5. Jesus Dies on the Cross
6. Jesus is Raised from the Dead
7. Jesus brought God's message
8. Jesus is God (God come to earth)
9. Jesus Taught Us
10. Jesus Saves Us
11. After the Resurrection
12. Jesus is Coming Back

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A. **God as Creator (Father)**

1. God Created Everything (Seen and Unseen)
2. God: the Alpha and the Omega (the Beginning and the End)
3. Plans for Salvation before the Beginning of the World
4. Concepts of Sin and Righteousness
5. Old Covenant (Abraham) – Promises Made
6. Delivering His Nation (Moses) – Promises Kept
7. The Ten Commandments
8. Creating a New People (from the Wilderness to Canaan)
9. Our Awesome God (How do we worship God?)
10. The Question of Faith
11. Does God Hear Prayer?
12. Prophecy of a Savior

C. **God as Enabler (Holy Spirit)**

1. Comforter/ Pentecost
2. Work of the Holy Spirit
3. Fruits of the Spirit
4. Gifts of the Spirit
5. Characteristics of the Holy Spirit
6. Who are our teachers?
7. The Spirit is God indwelling us.
8. Sent by the Father/ Announced by Jesus
9. The Spirit testifies of Jesus as the Christ
10. The Spirit enables us to do all things through Christ Jesus
11. The Spirit leads us, comforts us, directs us, and convicts us of sin
12. The Spirit testifies to the truth about us to the Father.

Lesson #1 Jesus Came in the Fullness of Time

Opening Shot:

Not every moment is the right moment. We routinely have to wait for things. For example we all have to wait for things like birthdays and holidays. In addition, we must generally wait 9 months before babies are born. At just the right moment in Time, as foretold in the scriptures, Jesus Christ, the Savior and One and Only Son of God, was born in Bethlehem. And God sent His angels to deliver the birth announcement.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Isaiah 66:9 *Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God.*

Daniel 9:25-26 *"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.*

Read all of Luke 2:8-15 (especially these verses; 10-11) *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) I hate to wait. If God is all powerful, why does He have to wait for anything?
- 2.) Why Bethlehem? Why did Jesus have to be born there?
- 3.) Why did Jesus have to come anyway?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:*

Psalms 75:2 (Speaking of God) *You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge uprightly.*

Micah 5:2 *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

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.*

Romans 5:6 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.*

Parting Shot:

At just the right moment in time (the moment foretold in the scriptures) and at just the right place (as foretold in the scriptures) Jesus the One and Only Son of God was born in Bethlehem. Later (again at just the right time) when we were still powerless, Jesus, the Christ, died for the ungodly. He gave Himself as a ransom for all men. He came and did this so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life! Praise God!!

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Lesson #1 Jesus Came in the Fullness of Time

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Lesson # 2 Jesus Fulfills the Prophecies of the Christ

Opening Shot:

An amazing number of prophecies were given in the ancient scriptures about the Christ (the Messiah or Savior), also called “the Promised One”, or “the Anointed One”. God gave us all these prophecies (that foretell the future) because He wanted us to recognize his Son when He sent him. The question remains: “Did we?”

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

See attached sheet for several Old Testament references of prophecies regarding the birth and life of the Christ, and a complimentary list of New Testament references showing how Jesus fulfilled those prophecies. Look up some of the passages and read them. (Read also Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53 to see a long description of the Christ.)

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) I'm no Bible scholar, why should I care about all these old scripture references?
- 2.) Why does it matter if Jesus fulfilled some dusty old prophecies?
- 3.) Are there any the prophecies Jesus didn't fulfill yet?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Luke 7:18-23 *John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'"*

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Isaiah 61:1-2 (This is the Old Testament prophecy to which Jesus refers in Luke 7:22) *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor...*

Isaiah 52:8 *Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.*

Psalms 2:6 *"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."*

Matthew 6:10 *... your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Parting Shot:

The scripture references in the Old Testament, which are prophecies of the Christ, had to be fulfilled by the Christ. We need to know them, because if Jesus didn't fulfill them, then we need to wait for another. But, just like John the Baptist was convinced when he saw Jesus' work and compared it with the promises in the prophecies, we can know for certain that Jesus is the Christ! The prophecies in the Old Testament that remain unfulfilled regarding the Christ are about the Coming Kingdom. Jesus will fulfill them when He comes again and establishes His kingdom!

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A Partial List of the Prophecies of the Christ Already Fulfilled by Jesus
(Lesson #2 – Optional Handout for Students)

Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Micah 5:2 Born in Bethlehem	Luke 2:11 Born in Bethlehem (known as the City of David)
Isaiah 7:14 Born of a virgin	Matthew 1:18-21 Born of a virgin
Hosea 11:1 Out of Egypt I called my son	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-20 Escape to and return from Egypt
Jeremiah 31:15 He will be called a Nazarene	Matthew 2:21-23 Raised in Nazareth
Isaiah 9:1-2 Those living in darkness have seen a great light (refers to location near the Sea of Galilee)	Matthew 4:12-16 Jesus left Nazareth and went to live near the Sea of Galilee
Isaiah 53:4 "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."	Matthew 8:16-17 Jesus healed many people
Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor...	Luke 4:16-21 Jesus reads from Isaiah 61 in the synagogue and tells the people listening: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 7:21-22, Jesus uses the verses in Isaiah 61 to assure John the Baptist that Jesus is the Christ, because Jesus is doing the things listed in those verses.
Isaiah 6:9 He said, "Go and tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding...'"	Luke 8:9-10 Jesus spoke in Parables to the crowds
Psalms 69:9 "Zeal for your house will consume me."	John 2:13-17 Jesus Clears the Temple of the corrupt money changers
Zechariah 11:13 God valued at thirty pieces of silver Jeremiah 19:1-13; and 32:6-9 The silver buys Potter's Field	Matthew 27:3-10 Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, which he returns later and it is used to buy a Potter's Field
Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 22:14-18 "they have pierced my hands and my feet" Zechariah 12:10 They will look on me, the one they have pierced	Luke 23 Crucifixion of Jesus
Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.	Luke 23:34 They divided his clothes by casting lots
Psalm 34:20 Not one of his bones will be broken...	John 19:36 The guards did not break Jesus' legs at the crucifixion
Isaiah 53:9 Assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death...	Luke 23:32-33 Crucified between two criminals Luke 23:50-53 Buried in a rich man's tomb

Lesson #3 Jesus: The Son of God and The Son of Man

Opening Shot:

When Jesus was born it was the most extraordinary occurrence ever. Jesus, who is God, took the form of man and became fully man by being born as a baby. There are many names for Jesus in the Bible. When we speak of Jesus we usually refer to Him as the Son of God, while Jesus often referred to Himself as the Son of Man.

Introduction to Biblical Truths: (Optional)

Psalms 8:3-8 *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.*

Psalms 80:17 *Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.*

Matthew 16:13-18 *13When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.*

Matthew 26:63-64 *63But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

See: Matthew 4:3-6; Mark 3:11-12; Luke 1:35; John 1:34; John 1:49; John 11:27

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) What are some of the names, that you know, which refer to Jesus?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers: (A partial list of the biblical names of Jesus)

Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (See also Matthew 1:23)*

Revelation 22:16 *"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star"* **Revelation 22:13** *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

Parting Shot:

All the things written about Jesus in the Bible are true, including His names. He is both the Son of God and the Son of Man. The thing that makes Him unique in the Trinity is that He is the Son of Man. The thing that makes Him unique in humanity is that He is the Son of God.

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Lesson #3 Jesus: The Son of God and The Son of Man

1.) What are some of the names, which you know, that refer to Jesus?
List all the ones you can think of...

Lesson # 4 Satan Tries to Destroy Jesus and His Journey

Opening Shot:

Jesus came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. This was God's purpose for Him. Satan was opposed to that purpose and sought to destroy Jesus and prevent Him from accomplishing His purpose (or journey).

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Luke 19:9-10 *Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

John 5:17 *Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."*

John 5:36 *"I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me."*

John 5:24 *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) To seek and to save that which was lost? What was lost?
- 2.) Satan is sneaky, but in what ways did he try to destroy Jesus?
- 3.) Did Satan destroy Jesus on the cross?

We've Got Questions/God's Got Answers:

Acts 26:17b-18 *"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."*

Matthew 2:16 Herod orders the destruction of all male babies in Bethlehem.

John 8:59; John 10:31 The crowds tried to stone Jesus.

Matthew 4:3-11 Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness

Mark 4:15 Jesus says that Satan tries to steal the truth of the gospel from people

Luke 11:17-22 Jesus talks about how He does His miracles through the power of God.

Mark 8:31-33 Jesus rebukes Peter when he doesn't want Jesus to die

Luke 22:34 Satan enter Judas and then Judas goes to betray Jesus.

Colossians 2:9 *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*

Colossians 2:15 *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

Matthew 28:18 (After Jesus' Resurrection) *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

Parting Shot:

God loves us and has provided the means of our salvation for us, but not without great cost. Jesus came and suffered, and died once for all of us to save us because we were lost. Satan was opposed to this, and continues still to try and prevent us from accepting Jesus Christ (the risen Lord) and the salvation He has provided for us. How many ways will he try? How many ways are there?

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Lesson #4 Satan Tries to Destroy Jesus and His Journey

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Lesson #5 Jesus Dies on the Cross

Opening Shot:

Jesus came into the world to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world. When He chose to die on the cross, it was in obedience to God's will. God the Father was determined to forgive us even though we did not (could not) deserve His forgiveness. Jesus came to make that forgiveness possible for us. When He died for us, He destroyed Satan's hold over us forever.

Introduction to Biblical Truths: (Optional)

1 Peter 3: 18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*

Hebrews 2:14-15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- is and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

Luke 22:41-42 *He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) How can dying on a cross be God's will for anyone, especially Jesus, His Son?
- 2.) Did Satan beat Jesus by having Him crucified?
- 3.) How can God forgive us just because Jesus died for us?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Acts 2:22-24 *"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead... because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."*

Romans 5:6-9 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him?*

1 John 3:8b *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

Hebrews 9:22 *...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. [Read Hebrews 9:22-28]*

1 Corinthians 1:21-24 *...God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

Parting Shot:

God loves us and wanted to save us from destruction. Jesus came to provide the way for us, even though it would mean His death. Satan tried to destroy Jesus' resolve to do this, but he was not able to do so. In the end Satan's power over us was destroyed, while Jesus was raised to life! The Father's will was accomplished for us. Praise God!

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Lesson #5 Jesus Dies on the Cross

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2.) Did Satan beat Jesus by having Him crucified?

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Lesson #6 Jesus is Raised from the Dead.

Opening Shot:

Jesus, the Son of the Living God, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, died on a cross in obedience to God's will, so that we might receive forgiveness of our sins through His sacrifice. After His death, He was buried. But Jesus did not stay in the grave. On the third day, He was raised from the dead. After His resurrection He was later seen alive by many people. He will never die again. Because of His sacrifice, His death, and His resurrection, we may have eternal life.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Luke 24 tells of the resurrection of Jesus, of His appearances to the two on the road to Emmaus, and of His appearance later to His disciples in Jerusalem.

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) It was so long ago, what does the resurrection of Jesus mean to me?
- 2.) Did Jesus have to be raised from the dead? Wasn't it enough that He died on the cross for us?
- 3.) What does Jesus' resurrection mean to Satan and his plans?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Romans 6:3-5 *Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.*

1 Corinthians 15:16-23 *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive, 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.*

1 John 3:8 *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

Revelation 1:18 *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

Parting Shot:

The Bible tells us that God intended to send Jesus from the beginning to destroy Satan and his power over us by sin. When Jesus died on the cross He was the perfect sacrifice and died once for all of us. When He was resurrected by the power of God, He conquered death once for all of us. Now He is alive forever. By His grace we can share in His death and in His resurrection.

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Lesson #6 Jesus is Raised from the Dead

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2.) Did Jesus have to be raised from the dead? Wasn't it enough that He died on the cross for us?

3.) What does Jesus' resurrection mean to Satan and his plans?

Lesson #7 Jesus Brought God's Message

Opening Shot:

Jesus came to earth to be a living sacrifice for us. He also came to teach us. He brought God's message. When Jesus began His ministry He said the same thing that John the Baptist had been saying as he preached, "*Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*" Jesus taught us many things about the kingdom of Heaven and what it is like. He taught in parables to the crowds. Some understood and accepted Him, others didn't.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Matthew 4:12-17 *17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*

John 8:12 *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Were Jesus' words His own or from God the Father?
- 2.) What's a parable? And why did Jesus speak to the people in them?
- 3.) Why did some understand the message and others not understand?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

John 12:47-50 *"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."*

Matthew 13:10-13 *The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah... [See Isaiah 6:9-10]*

John 10:25-30 *Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'*

Parting Shot:

When Jesus came into the world, He came with God's message. He delivered that message. Those whose hearts were open to hearing His words accepted His message and those whose hearts were calloused, did not accept it. We are offered the same opportunity. We must humble ourselves to listen to His words and to accept them, for they are the words God told Him to say to us. They are to be our light in the darkness. They lead us to eternal life.

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2.) What's a parable? And why did Jesus speak to the people in them?

3.) Why did some understand the message and others not understand?

Lesson #8 Jesus is God (God come to earth)

Opening Shot:

The time was right. The need was evident. The decision was God's. The Word of God "became flesh and made his dwelling among us". Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth to be with men, to bring God's message, to teach us, and to be God's sacrifice for us and our sins. God the Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth.

Introduction to Biblical Truths: (Optional)

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:16-18 ^{From} *the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

Colossians 1:19-20 *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Why did God have come to Earth Himself?
- 2.) How can I know that Jesus was God on Earth?
- 3.) Why does it matter that Jesus was God on Earth?

We've Got Questions! God's Got Answers:

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

John 14:9-11 *Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves."*

John 10:10-11 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* **[For context: Read John 10: 7-19]**

Parting Shot:

Jesus was God come to Earth. He said that He and the Father are one and that all that have seen Him have seen the Father. He came to seek and save that which was lost. And He came so that we might have life and have it to the full. And finally He came to do His Father's work, and to deliver His Father's message, and to lay down His life for us. Praise be to God for all He has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ!

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Lesson #9 Jesus Taught Us

Opening Shot:

When Jesus came to earth, He taught us many things. He taught us how to love God. He taught us to obey God. He taught us that we must be born again. He taught us to love one another. Jesus taught us how to live our lives in relationship to God and Man.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Matthew 22:36-40 *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

John 3:3-8 ... Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?’ Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Matthew 5:43-48 *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

Ask Me No Questions/I’ll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) What kinds of things did Jesus try and teach us? Why did He bother?
- 2.) What makes Him such a great teacher?
- 3.) What is the best way to teach someone something?

We’ve Got Questions/God’s Got Answers:

John 13:12-17 *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”*

Parting Shot:

When Jesus came to earth, He came to save us, to deliver God’s message, and to teach us. We have so much to learn. Even when God explains things to us, sometimes we forget or we refuse to listen. Jesus teaches us with His words and with the example of His life. We have only to learn from Him.

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Lesson #10 Jesus Saves Us

Opening Shot:

Jesus came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus came to save us. We sin. We need the forgiveness of God for our sins. He came as the sacrifice to be offered to God for our sins. God forgives us through Jesus. We can each accept His forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Jesus cares about each of us personally. We can each accept Him, if we will only do so.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*”

Romans 3:20-28 *Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law, rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Did Jesus' death really count for me... even all these years later?
- 2.) If I am "lost", what do I have to do to be "saved"?
- 3.) What if my sins are too big to be forgiven?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

1 Peter 3: 18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*

Acts 16:30-34 *He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.*

Isaiah 1:18 *"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

Parting Shot:

Jesus has the power to forgive all sin. He died as the sacrifice for all sin. If we believe on His name, God, through His grace, forgives us. We do not earn this forgiveness. It is a gift. It is the greatest gift. And God will not hold back from giving it to us. His forgiveness washes us clean of all sin, He promises us in His word, *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..."*

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Lesson #11 After the Resurrection

Opening Shot:

After the Resurrection of Jesus, a lot of things happened. Jesus came and spoke to His disciples, so that they would know He had risen from the dead. During the next 40 days He appeared to many others. And then He ascended into heaven. The Holy Spirit (The Comforter) came and indwelt the disciples so that they were able to preach to others.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

John 20:19-23 *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

Luke 24:50-51 *When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Isn't Easter about bunnies and chocolate eggs? Why worry about the resurrection?
- 2.) If Jesus ascended into Heaven, what is He doing now'?
- 3.) Why did the Holy Spirit have to come?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

I Corinthians 15:16-17 *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

Hebrews 10:12-14 *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

John 14:2-3 *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

John 15:26-27 *"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*

Parting Shot:

Jesus died and rose again through the power of God, but that was not the end. He appeared to His disciples to prove He was alive and to encourage them. He sent the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to preach about Jesus in a mighty way. The facts that Jesus died, rose again, and ascended are meaningful to each of us. These facts prove who He is, provide hope for those who believe in His name, and enable them to tell others about Jesus.

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Lesson #12 Jesus is Coming Back

Opening Shot:

When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, at first He was seen by just a few people, but later He was seen by many people. After He had been seen for 40 days, He ascended into heaven. Two angels asked the disciples why they were standing there looking up into the sky. The angels said that Jesus would return just as they had seen Him be taken up. Jesus Himself said that He would return. Jesus wondered if when He returned He would find any with faith. It's a good question.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

[For completeness, read all of Acts 1:1-11] **Acts 1:1-2** *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*

Acts 1:9-11 *9After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

Luke 18:8 *...when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

Ask Me No Questions! I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Coming back? What do you mean coming back? When? Where? Why?
- 2.) If Jesus really is coming back, should I be worried about it?
- 3.) I don't want to miss this, should I go sit on top of a mountain and watch for Him?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Luke 12:35-40 *"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."*

Matthew 24:36 *"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

Parting Shot:

Jesus came at just the right time to fulfill the plan of redemption for men. He paid for all sin for all time. As we trust in Him, all that He did for us counts for us unto righteousness. We each have this option, to trust in Him or not to trust in Him. One day when the time is right, He will come back, just as He was taken up into heaven. We are to watch for His return and to be ready spiritually. What will Jesus find in our lives when He returns?

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