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1 - THE BIBLE

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we thank you for being with us here right now. As we begin this English Christian Experience Series we thank you for your leading in our lives. We thank you for being with us and caring so deeply about us. We believe you have called us to this meeting. So we trust that you will come and speak to us, and most of all, that you will be glorified in our lives. Come and teach us, change us, and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY A QUOTE NOW:

*Isn't it amazing that almost everyone has an opinion to offer about the Bible,
and yet so few have studied it?
- R.C. Sproul -*

4) LET'S PRONOUNCE THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE:

DIRECTIONS:

1) English words are pronounced in "syllables". Practice the words below.

THE OLD "TES - TA - MENT" - (39 books)

The "PEN - TA - TEUCH" - (5 books)

Gen - e - sis Ex - o - dus Le - vi - ti - cus
Num - bers Deu - ter - on - o - my

The HISTORICAL BOOKS - (12 books)

Josh - u - a Jud - ges Ruth 1 Sam - u - el
2 Sam - u - el 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chron - i - cles
2 Chron - i - cles Ez - ra Ne - he - mi - ah Es - ther

The "PO - E - TI - CAL" BOOKS - (5 books)

Job Psalms Pro - verbs Ec - cle - si - as - tes Song of Sol - o - mon

The "PRO - PHE - TI - CAL" BOOKS - (17 books)

I - sai - ah Jer - e - mi - ah La - men - ta - tions E - ze - ki - el
Dan - iel Ho - se - a Joel A - mos
O - ba - di - ah Jo - nah Mi - cah Na - hum
Ha - bak - kuk Zeph - an - i - ah Hag - gai Zech - a - ri - ah
Mal - a - chi

THE NEW TESTAMENT - (27 books)

The FOUR GOSPELS and The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Mat - thew Mark Luke John Acts

The "E - PIS - TLES" OF PAUL - (13 books)

Ro - mans 1 Cor - in - thi - ans 2 Cor - in - thi - ans
 Ga - la - tians E - phe - sians Phi - lip - pi - ans Co - los - sians
 1 Thes - sa - lon - i - ans 2 Thes - sa - lon - i - ans 1 Ti - mo - thy
 2 Ti - mo - thy Ti - tus Phi - le - mon

The JEWISH-CHRISTIAN EPISTLES - (9 books)

He - brews James 1 Pe - ter 2 Pe - ter
 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Re - ve - la - tion

5) LET'S PRACTICE PRONOUNCING BIBLICAL REFERENCES:

DIRECTIONS:

1) Break into groups of 2 & practice saying these bible verses to each other.

<u>Example:</u>	<u>How to pronounce:</u>
John 3:16	(John - 3 - 16) (John 3 verse 16) (John - Chapter 3 - Verse 16)
Galatians 3:16-19	(Galatians - Chapter 3 - Verses 16 to/through 19)
Luke 3:16, 19-23	(Luke - Chapter 3 - Verse 16 - and Verses 19 to 23)
1 Chronicles 12:3	(First Chronicles - Chapter 12 - Verse 3)
2 Corinthians 6:19	(Second Corinthians - Chapter 6 - Verse 19)

Verses to Practice (these are the 66 books of the Bible in order from left to right)

Genesis 50:20	Exodus 13:14	Leviticus 17:11	Numbers 16:3
Deuteronomy 6:4	Joshua 1:8	Judges 6:8	Ruth 1:16, 17
1 Samuel 16:7	2 Samuel 4:1	1 Kings 2:4	2 Kings 4:5
1 Chronicles 29:20	2 Chronicles 29:1	Ezra 8:9	Nehemiah 8:11
Esther 9:6	Job 9:10	Psalms 23:4	Proverbs 3:5, 6
Ecclesiastes 11:1	Song of Songs 5:16	Isaiah 53:6	Jeremiah 20:9, 11-14
Lamentations 3:6	Ezekiel 22:8	Daniel 7:25-27	Hosea 2:6, 8-10
Joel 1:6	Amos 9:9	Obadiah 1:3	Jonah 1:6
Micah 7:9	Nahum 2:7	Habakkuk 1:3	Zephaniah 4:6
Haggai 2:4	Zechariah 9:9	Malachi 4:6	
Matthew 5:6	Mark 4:10	Luke 1:10	John 17:4, 8-11
Acts 2:33	Romans 5:19	1 Corinthians 6:19	2 Corinthians 7:4
Galatians 5:16	Ephesians 3:32	Philippians 4:4, 6-7	Colossians 2:16
1 Thessalonians 5:23	2 Thessalonians 2:3	1 Timothy 4:16	2 Timothy 3:16
Titus 2:13	Philemon 1:6	Hebrews 4:12	James 5:16
1 Peter 1:4	2 Peter 2:6	1 John 4:16, 18-21	2 John 1:3
3 John 1:2	Jude 1:9	Revelation 22:13	

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

[TEACHER: At this point EACH WEEK, you may want to: a) break the students into groups for prayer, b) have someone sing a worship song, c) have someone share their testimony, d) have someone share a verse and what it means to them personally, or e) have someone share what God is doing in their life.]

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalms 119:105 (N.I.V.)*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank you for this time together. We appreciate you guiding us through prayer, worship, and the learning of your precious Word. Lord, will you continue to give us a love for your Word? In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

2 -THE BIBLE

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

*Dear Lord, we thank you for this time together. We know you are with us to guide us, lead us, and anoint us. Thank you for your love and commitment to our lives.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY A QUOTE NOW:

*There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible
than in any profane history.
- Sir Isaac Newton -*

4) NOW LET'S PRACTICE LOOKING UP BIBLE CHAPTERS.

You will do this by finding these "Golden Chapters" of the Bible. [8]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Go into groups of 3 and try to find the chapter of the Bible that I give you.

[Teacher: this can be done in groups of 3 as a "race" if you wish]

Chapter	Teaching	Chapter	Teaching
Acts 1	<i>Ascension</i>	1 Corinthians 13	<i>Love</i>
Hosea 14	<i>Backsliders</i>	Isaiah 53	<i>Messianic</i>
Matthew 5	<i>Beatitudes</i>	1 Corinthians 4	<i>Minister's</i>
John 6	<i>Bread of Life</i>	Psalms 72; Romans 10	<i>Missions</i>
Romans 14	<i>Brotherhood</i>	Hebrews 8	<i>New Covenant</i>
Nehemiah 4	<i>Builders</i>	Ecclesiastes 12	<i>Old Age</i>
Galatians 6	<i>Burden-bearers</i>	Psalms 139	<i>Omniscience</i>
Isaiah 55	<i>Call, Universal</i>	Revelation 2, 3	<i>Overcomers</i>
Isaiah 6	<i>Call, Workers</i>	Exodus 12	<i>Passover</i>
2 Corinthians 4	<i>Chastening</i>	Psalms 103	<i>Praise</i>
Psalms 23	<i>Comfort</i>	Daniel 6; Luke 11	<i>Prayer</i>
Psalms 51	<i>Confession</i>	Psalms 73	<i>Prosperity</i>
Philippians 3	<i>Consecration</i>	Psalms 121	<i>Providence</i>
Ruth 1	<i>Constancy</i>	Numbers 35	<i>Refuge</i>
Deuteronomy 28	<i>Contrast</i>	John 3	<i>Regeneration</i>
Psalms 32	<i>Converts</i>	Hebrews 4	<i>Rest</i>
Acts 12	<i>Deliverance</i>	1 Corinthians 15	<i>Resurrection</i>
John 1	<i>Divinity</i>	2 Chronicles 30; Luke 3	<i>Revival</i>
Romans 12	<i>Duty</i>	Psalms 91	<i>Safety</i>
Hebrews 11	<i>Faith</i>	Luke 10	<i>Service</i>
Genesis 7	<i>Flood</i>	John 10	<i>Shepherd</i>
1 Samuel 20	<i>Friendship</i>	Ephesians 6	<i>Soldier's</i>
John 15	<i>Fruit</i>	1 Corinthians 2	<i>Teacher's</i>
1 Corinthians 12	<i>Gifts</i>	Proverbs 23	<i>Temperance</i>
Judges 7	<i>Gideon's Band</i>	Malachi 3	<i>Tither's</i>
John 10	<i>Good Shepherd</i>	James 3	<i>Tongue</i>
John 14; Rev. 21, 22	<i>Heaven</i>	Matthew 17	<i>Transfiguration</i>
John 14, 15	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	Ephesians 4	<i>Unity</i>
John 13	<i>Humility</i>	Ecclesiastes 2	<i>Vanity</i>
Proverbs 1	<i>Instruction</i>	Ezekiel 33	<i>Watchman's</i>
John 17	<i>Intercession</i>	John 4	<i>Water of Life</i>
Isaiah 12	<i>Joy</i>	Proverbs 3	<i>Wisdom</i>
Leviticus 25	<i>Jubilee</i>	Proverbs 31	<i>Woman's</i>
Matthew 25	<i>Judgment</i>	Deuteronomy 6	<i>Word of God</i>
Exodus 20	<i>Law</i>	Psalms 84	<i>Worship</i>
Psalms 90	<i>Life, Frailty of</i>		

5) LET'S TAKE SOME TIME AND LEARN SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE: [8]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Break into groups of 3 or 4.
- 2) Choose a leader.
- 3) The leader will read the questions.
- 4) The others will try to “guess” the answers.

a) Did John Wycliffe or Martin Luther initiate the first translation of the English Bible? (John Wycliffe)	
b) John Purvey completed this first translation in what year? 1388 or 1412?	(1388)
c) How many books are in the Bible?	(66)
d) There are _____ books in the Old Testament.	(39)
e) There are _____ books in the New Testament.	(27)
f) Is the middle book of the O.T. “Proverbs” or “Psalms”?	(Proverbs)
g) Is the middle book of the N.T. “2 Thessalonians” or “Galatians”?	(Galatians)
h) Are there “1100,” “1189,” or “1200” chapters in the Bible?	(1189)
i) There are “929” chapters in the O.T. How many are in the N.T.?	(260)
k) True or false? Job chapter 29 is the middle chapter of the O.T.	(True)
l) True or false? Romans chapter 13 is the middle chapter of the N.T.	(True)
m) Which Psalm is the middle and shortest chapter of the whole Bible?	(Psalm 117)
n) Which Psalm is the longest chapter in the whole Bible?	(Psalm 119)
o) There are ‘23,214’ or ‘23,714’ verses in the O.T.?	(23,214)
p) There are ‘31,173’ verses in the whole Bible. How many are in the N.T.?	(7,959)
q) Is Psalm 118:8 or Psalm 118:10 the middle verse of the Bible?	(Psalm 118:8)
r) Does “Kings” or “Chronicles” contain the middle verse of the O.T.? (2 Chronicles 20:17)	
s) Does “Acts” or “Romans” contain the middle verse of the N.T.?	(Acts 17:17)
t) Is Esther 8:9 or Esther 8:11 the longest verse in the Bible?	(Esther 8:9)
u) Does “1 Chronicles” or “Job” contain the shortest verse of the O.T.? (1 Chronicles 1:25)	
v) What is the shortest verse of the N.T.?	(John 11:35 – Jesus wept)
w) Are there 807,360 or 807,361 words in the Bible? (807,361) (622,771/O.T. 184,590/ N.T.)	
x) How many times does the word “God” appear?4,379 or 4,380?	(4,379)
y) How many times does the word “Lord” appear?7,738 or 8,738?	(7,738)
z) True or False? Jesus Christ is the main focus of the Bible?	(true)

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A VERSE FROM THE BIBLE NOW:

*For the word of God is living and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow;
it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12 (N.I.V.)*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Father God, we are so thankful that we've had this time to spend together studying Christianity. Lord we know that you alone are the focus of our life and our study. We pray as we continue to study this course that you will open our eyes and our heart to the many truths you have for us. We also pray that you will empower us to share these truths with the many people who need to hear the wonderful message that Jesus Christ came to earth to die for them and give them new life. We love you Father. Be with us as we continue to be led by you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

3 - THE BIBLE

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

*Father God, we come to you through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Lord we thank you for the precious blood of Jesus. For Lord it is through your blood that we have forgiveness of sin. We pray Father that our lives will be pleasing to you. We pray that you will come and fill us with your Holy Spirit today so that we can learn more about you and how to share the Good News about your Son. We love you and ask you to enlighten us. To open our eyes and speak to our hearts.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

2) LET'S WORSHIP OUR LORD THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY A QUOTE NOW:

Not only has the Bible received more veneration and adoration than any other book, but it has also been the object of more persecution and opposition.
- Bancroft -

4) LET'S TAKE SOME TIME AND STUDY THE "BOOKS" OF THE BIBLE. We can take turns reading about them. [9]

THE OLD TESTAMENT – (39 books)

The PENTATEUCH – demonstrate the order of God's people throughout the ages (5 books)

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| 1) Genesis – is the book of origins – of the beginning of life and its ruin through sin. |
| 2) Exodus – is the book of redemption – the first need of a fallen race. |
| 3) Leviticus – is the book of worship and communion – the response to redemption. |
| 4) Numbers – the experiences of a redeemed people – from hostility to promised inheritance |
| 5) Deuteronomy – retrospection and prospective – instructions before the promised land. |

The HISTORICAL BOOKS – records the rise & fall of Israel's Commonwealth (12 books)

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| 6) Joshua – the consummation of the redemption of Israel out of Egypt. |
| 7) Judges – portrays the judges raised up to deliver Israel after Joshua. |
| 8) Ruth – represents a picture of the life of Israel during the first half of the book of Judges. |
| 9) 1 Samuel – represents the personal history of Samuel, the last of the Judges. |
| 10) 2 Samuel – marks the restoration of order through the enthroning of God's king, David. |
| 11) 1 Kings – records David's death to the reign of Jehoram (Judah) and Ahaziah (Samaria) |
| 12) 2 Kings – records the time from the end of Elijah's ministry to the captivity. |
| 13) 1 Chronicles – records the official genealogies from Adam until the death of King David. |
| 14) 2 Chronicles – records the reign of Solomon up to the captivity. |
| 15) Ezra – post-captivity book recording Cyrus' decree til the restored temple's dedication. |
| 16) Nehemiah – records the restoration of the walls and civil authority of Jerusalem. |
| 17) Esther – records God's providence over a nation that chose not to return from captivity. |

The POETICAL BOOKS – records God's people's earthly experiences (5 books)

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| 18) Job – sheds remarkable light on the patriarchal age both culturally and philosophically. |
| 19) Psalms – the inspired praise and prayer book of Israel. |
| 20) Proverbs – divine wisdom applied to the earthly conditions of God's people. |
| 21) Ecclesiastes – records mans reasoning about life “under the sun”. |
| 22) Song of Solomon – records the expression of Jehovah's heart towards Israel. |

The PROPHETICAL BOOKS – records God's words to the conscience of Israel (17 books)

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| 23) <u>I</u> saiah – prophecies looking towards and beyond the captivities. |
| 24) Jeremiah – records the prophet's ministry before and during the initial exile of Judah. |
| 25) Lamentations – Jeremiah records the love and sorrow of God to His chastised people. |
| 26) Ezekiel – records Ezekiel's ministry in captivity to the “whole house of Israel”. |
| 27) Daniel – records the prophecies that unlock the book of Revelation. |
| 28) Hosea – records Jehovah's adulterous but eventually purified and restored wife. |
| 29) Joel – records the future judgment on the Gentiles and blessing for Israel. |
| 30) Amos – the prophet's predictions to an adulterous nation and future Davidic glory. |
| 31) Obadiah – records prophecies of the future of Edom. |
| 32) Jonah – this book records the prophet's disobedience & obedience in doing God's will. |

33) Micah – records the prophet’s words to chiefly Samaria.
34) Nahum – records Nahum’s prophecies of the destruction of Nineveh.
35) Habakkuk – was written the eve of the captivity to speak of God’s holiness.
36) Zephaniah – records the prophecies during a time of revival before the captivity.
37) Haggai – records the post-captivity prophecies to the remnant rebuilding the temple.
38) Zechariah – records the prophet’s words after the 70 year captivity.
39) Malachi – is the last book after the captivity and before the Christ.

THE NEW TESTAMENT – (27 books)

The FOUR GOSPELS – record the life, death, and ascension of Christ.

1) Matthew – written by a Jew it is the gospel to Israel and the whole world.
2) Mark – it is the gospel of Jehovah’s “Servant the Branch”. We see Christ’s servanthood.
3) Luke – this is the gospel of the human-divine One.
4) John – this is the gospel of the divine-human One.

The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES –

5) Acts – this is Luke’s continuation of his accounting of Christianity.
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The EPISTLES OF PAUL – words to the Church (13 books)

6) Romans – sets forth the redemptive truth of the Bible.
7) 1 Corinthians – is written in regard to Christian conduct.
8) 2 Corinthians – sets forth Paul’s heart for the church and the factions against it.
9) Galatians – the vindication of the Gospel of the grace of God.
10) Ephesians – sets forth the highest truths about the spiritual church and its position.
11) Philippians – sets forth the theme of Christian experience.
12) Colossians – was a warning epistle to the church then and now.
13) 1 Thessalonians – an encouragement epistle especially regarding Christ’s 2 nd Coming.
14) 2 Thessalonians – an epistle regarding our “gathering together with him”.
15) 1 Timothy – an epistle setting forth guidelines for church order.
16) 2 Timothy – written before his martyrdom it sets forth Paul’s life with a apostate church
17) Titus – concerns itself with the divine order of the church.
18) Philemon – teaches practical righteousness, brotherhood, courtesy and Christian love.

The JEWISH-CHRISTIAN EPISTLES – words to Jews and Christians (9 books)

19) Hebrews – a contrast between things of Judaism and the better things of Christianity.
20) James – “religion” as the expression and proof of faith.
21) 1 Peter – deals with the Christian faith, atonement, and victory over suffering.
22) 2 Peter – deals with the great Christian virtues and warnings against apostacy.
23) 1 John – shares John’s heart about the nearness of believers as born-ones of the Father
24) 2 John – shares the essentials of the believer’s personal walk.
25) 3 John – relates the personal responsibilities of a believer during apostacy.
26) Jude – with apostacy already set in, Jude writes to “contend for the faith”.
27) Revelation – a prophecy as to the coming kingdom.

5) NOW LET'S PRACTICE SHARING OUR BELIEF ABOUT THE BIBLE'S CREDIBILITY: [1,3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below are reasons why the Bible is “credible”.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about the Bible’s credibility.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, now use # 6 for the next person.

Questions to ask each other:

<p>Why do you Christians put so much emphasis on the Bible? Give a reason why you think the Bible can be trusted? Do you really believe that the Bible is God’s Word?</p>
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<p>1) I believe that God speaks to us because people and animals are able to communicate. If animals and people can communicate, why not God with mankind?</p>

<p>2) I believe in the Bible’s credibility because I see healing in the plant and animal world. We have healing of limbs, cures of diseases, etc. This shows that God cares about the world He has made.</p>

<p>3) The Bible has shown a fabulous ability to survive. Most books never survive over 25 years, fewer over a century, and a very small amount last over 1,000 years. This shows the Bible’s uniqueness. When you look at the conditions and persecutions that the Bible has gone through, its longevity is amazing.</p>

<p>4) It is an amazing book in that it is still read by millions of believers around the world and has been translated into hundreds of languages</p>
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<p>5) The Bible contains the revelation and embodiment of God. It shows how we got here, shows man’s fall, God’s sovereign rule, God’s plan for salvation, and sets forth the future of mankind.</p>

<p>6) The Bible is a unified book. Even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years, it is one book. It’s doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, and program for the ages are all unified.</p>

<p>7) No man could have set forth to write such a harmonious book. If they could have written such a book, then we would have another Bible. Only God could have written such a unified book.</p>
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<p>8) I believe no other book has benefited mankind more with its answer to sin and the hope and promises it provides. I find great comfort and reassurance every time I read it.</p>
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<p>9) The Bible contains fulfilled prophecy. Again and again, God’s predictions of the future events show it’s a divine book. No other book or books combined, show fulfilled prophecy like the Bible. These prophecies concerned Israel, Gentile nations, individuals, and of course, Christ.</p>

<p>10) In the O.T. the Bible conveys the message of God’s words using phrases such as “The Lord said,” “Thus says the Lord,” “Now the Lord said to “, etc. These kinds of phrases are used over 3,800 times in the Old Testament showing God actually speaking to these people.</p>
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6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLICAL VERSE NOW:

*All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,
so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16, 17 (N.I.V.)*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord you truly are wonderful. We thank you for your love and revelation. For Lord what do we have that we have not received from you. For in you is light, the light of the world. Continue to speak to us. Continue to enlighten us. We need your light for in your light we see the light.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

4 - THE BIBLE

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father we thank you for today. We thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. We also thank you for sending your precious Holy Spirit to live in us and empower us so that you will be glorified through our lives. As we continue to study about the Bible, Lord please enlighten us to your divine Word. We thank you that you speak to us through your Bible and we look forward to learning more about you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY A QUOTE NOW:

*If there is anything in my thought or style to commend,
the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me
early love for the Scriptures.
- Daniel Webster -*

4) LET'S TAKE SOME TIME AND LEARN SOME MORE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE BIBLE: [1,3,4,6,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Break into groups of 3 or 4.
- 2) Choose a leader.
- 3) The leader will read the questions.
- 4) The others will try to “guess” the answers.

1) The Bible is not a systematic treatise on Theology, or Morals, or History, or Science, or any other topic. It is a REVELATION of God, of the Fall of Man, the Way of Salvation, and of God’s “Plan and Purpose in the Ages.” True or False?	(True)
2) Who is the author of the Bible?	(The Holy Spirit)
3) The word “Bible” is derived from the Greek word “biblos” meaning “a book”. True or False?	(True)
4) Name three titles for the Bible?	(The Scriptures, The Writings, The Word of God)
5) The cardinal theme of the Bible is _____ who becomes the key to understanding it.	(Christ)
6) The Old Testament was originally written in Greek. True or False?	(False – Hebrew with parts of Daniel and Ezra written in Aramaic)
7) The New Testament was originally written in Greek. True or False?	(True)
8) Next to the gift of Christ and the Holy Spirit, what is the third greatest gift?	(Bible)
9) Is the Bible the oldest book in existence?	(Yes)
10) True or false? The first writer of the Bible died 1450 years before the last writer was born.	(True)
11) True or false? The Bible does not contain the Word of God; the Bible is the Word of God.	(True)
12) Many people admire the Bible as a wonderful Book but refuse to submit to its authority. True or false?	(True)
13) What is the final authority, the Church or the Bible?	(Bible)
14) Should we worship the Bible?	(No, read it, believe it, and obey it)
15) Does science disagree with the Bible	(No, only “theories” disagree)

5) NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE.

(This can be done in a large class setting or in small groups)

1) What would you tell someone if they asked you why you read the Bible?

2) What do you love most about God's Word?

3) Share about a time when God spoke to you mightily during a difficult time.

4) Share generally about the Bible. For example, how much you read it, when you started reading it, what it means to you, how you started reading the Bible, etc.

6) LET'S MEMORIZE SOME BIBLE VERSES NOW:

*Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture
came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man,
but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
2 Peter 1:20,21 (N.I.V.)*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord God, we will praise you for eternity. We thank you for your precious Bible. We pray that you will divinely plant in us a love for your Word. We thank you for talking to us personally when we read your Word. You are such a comfort, inspiration, and joy to experience everyday as we look to you through your Word. Lord, will you continue to help us to look to you to teach us everyday? We want to know you more, love you more, and discover your will for our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

5 - GOD'S EXISTENCE

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you and we want to thank you for who you are. You are so special, so trustworthy, and so holy. We thank you for your blessed peace that keeps and guides our hearts. We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who is right now interceding for us at your right hand. We thank you for your Spirit that is guiding us as we come here today. Be with us during this time. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

Atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark.

- C.S. Lewis -

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand.

- Mark Twain -

*A man without God is not like a cake without raisins;
he is like a cake without the flour and milk;
he lacks the essential ingredients...*

- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen -

4) LET'S TALK ABOUT "GOD" AND HIS EXISTENCE. [1,3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below are thoughts about God's existence.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about God.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

A question to ask each other:

Give a reason why you think there is a God?

1) Just because a person doesn't see something doesn't prove that it doesn't exist. For example, I don't see or feel some of my internal organs, but I know they exist.
2) God is Spirit and a spirit can't be comprehended by human senses. It is another "realm" of existence.
3) The Bible doesn't set out to prove God's existence. It starts out with Genesis 1:1 saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." I believe the Bible is credible and the Bible states God's existence.
4) No writer in the Bible sets out to prove God's existence. To the many writers of the Bible it is a fact that God exists.
5) One of the greatest proofs of God's existence is the fact that millions upon millions testify to a daily fellowship with God through prayer.
6) I know that God exists because I talked to Him in prayer today and He spoke to me. I also sense Him talking to me when I read my Bible. I also sense His presence in my heart and my life on a daily basis.
7) When I look at the heavens, I believe that there is a God that has created all this. No other theory has been able to explain the wonders of God's creation. It is so immense.
8) When I think of the order that God has setup for the world we live in, I am amazed. The thought that went behind the creation of even the smallest amoeba is absolutely mind-boggling.
9) The fact that we have a conscience testifies to God's existence. People have a still small voice and when they stop and listen to it, they must acknowledge God's existence.
10) Everything has a cause. The world is here, therefore something must have caused it to appear. The cause is God.
11) The design of the world is not an accident. It had to have a designer.
12) If man has an intellect and moral character, it proves that man's creator has intellect and moral character also.
13) All life must come from life. Physical life must have come from an eternal life. Psalm 36:9 says that, "For with Thee is the fountain (source) of life."
14) Atheism only adds to the problems of our existence, purpose in life, etc. It only creates more doubt, despair, and confusion. The existence of God unlocks the answers of the universe, our existence, and life itself.
15) Every sincere seeker after God has found Him. A sincere seeker will open up his "heart" and even challenge God as to His existence. God has always met a sincere seeker.

5) LET'S WRITE A PARAGRAPH ABOUT WHY YOU BELIEVE GOD EXISTS. (You can share this with a friend for practice)

6) LET'S ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT "CHRISTIANITY".

DIRECTIONS:

1) Divide up into groups of 3. Take some time to ask each other the following questions.

1) What do you enjoy most about your Christianity?
2) What is your biggest struggle as a Christian?
3) Which person in the Bible (besides Jesus) do you admire the most and why?
4) How long have you been a Christian?
5) What is the biggest reason that you believe that God exists?

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Psalms 19:1

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord God, thank you for revealing yourself to us through your creation and through your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, the heavens declare your glory. Lord, everyday we experience you and realize that you are God. Lord, you are awesome in your wonders. Thank you Lord of all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

6 - OUR NEED FOR GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father we thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. We thank you for the shed blood of your Son, Jesus Christ on the cross. Lord if it had not been for Jesus shedding his blood on the cross for us we would have no forgiveness of sins. Lord, you are so special, so gracious, so loving, and so giving. Come and speak to us today. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*“....not a striving to have faith,
but a looking off to the faithful One seems all that we need.”
- Hudson Taylor came into victory through this sentence -*

*The labor of self-love is a heavy one indeed.
Think whether much of your sorrow has not arisen
from someone speaking slightly of you.
As long as you set yourself up as a little god to which you must be loyal,
how can you hope to find inward peace?
- A. W. Tozer -*

4) LET'S LOOK AT OUR NEED FOR GOD: [7]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Let's read "out loud" the following verses in the Psalms.
As we do this, write down words below that show the Psalmist's need for God.

- Psalms 6:2-4 _____
- Psalms 6:6-7 _____
- Psalms 18:6 _____
- Psalms 18:27 _____
- Psalms 25:18 _____
- Psalms 28:2 _____
- Psalms 30:10 _____
- Psalms 40:17 _____
- Psalms 69:1-3 _____
- Psalms 69:33 _____
- Psalms 72:12-13 _____
- Psalms 88:1-2 _____

2) Now, let's break up into groups of 3 and talk about our own need for God.

a) When did you first realize that you needed God?

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord God, thank you for showing us how much we need you. Lord we needed you in our mother's womb and you were there forming us. We needed you to draw our first breath and you gave it to us. Lord, we needed you for salvation and you provided that at the cross of Calvary. We bless you, we praise you, we worship you. Precious Lord, we need you every moment of every day. Continue to show us our need for you so that we can draw closer to you and experience the abundant life that you have for us. Thank you that you answer prayer. We love you Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

7 - NAMES FOR GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. We worship you as Lord of all, and as King of kings and Lord of lords. Come and encourage us this hour. Fill us with your presence and your power. We love you so much. We thank you in advance for what you are going to do today. Teach us more and more about yourself. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself.
- Leo Tolstoy –*

*There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below.
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon –*

*God is great, and therefore He will be sought;
God is good, and therefore He will be found.
- Anonymous -*

4) LET'S LEARN SOME "NAMES FOR GOD". His names teach about His characteristics & how to pray and praise him. [7]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Study the names for God below. You can do this in groups or as a class.

1. Elohim	Gen.2:4	The One Who is Mighty	The Lord Who Creates
2. Jehovah	Gen.3:14	Self-existent One	One Who Causes To Be
3. El Elyon	Gen.14:22	The One Who is Supreme	The Lord Who Owns
4. Adonai	Gen. 15:2	The One Who is Ruling	The Lord our Master
5. El-Shaddai	Gen.17:1	The Almighty God	
6. El Olam	Gen.21:33	The One Who is Mysterious	The Lord Who Reveals
7. *Jireh	Gen.22:14	The One Who Redeems	The Lord Who Provides
8. *Rapha	Ex.15:26	The One Who Heals	The Lord Who Heals
9. *Nissi	Ex.17:15	The One Who Fights for me	The Lord our Banner
10. Yekaddia	Ex.31:13	The One Who's Sanctification	The Lord Who Sanctified
11. *Shalom	Judge 6:24	The One Who Gives Peace	The Lord our Banner
12. Sabaoth	1 Sam.1:3	The One Who is Possessing	The Lord of Hosts
13. Elyon	Psa.7:17	The One Who is Blessing	The Lord Who Blesses
14. *Raah	Psa.23:1	The One Who is Caring	The Lord our Shepherd
15. *Tsidkenu	Jer.23:6	The One Who is Justifying	The Lord Our Righteousness
16. *Shammah	Eze.48:35	The One Who is Present	The Lord at Hand

(* denotes "Jehovah". Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah-Shalom, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, Jehovah-Shammah, Jehovah-Raah)

2) Now let's praise God using the Names for God. (You can also use these names in prayer)

1) Elohim you are Mighty. You are the Lord who creates.
2) Jehovah you are the Self-existent one. You are the one who causes to be.
3) El Elyon you are the one who is supreme. You are the Lord who owns.
4) Adonai you are the one who is ruling. You are the Lord our master.
5) El-Shaddai you are the Almighty God. How I love you for your power.
6) El Olam you are the Lord who reveals.
7) Jehovah-Jireh you are the one who redeems. You are my Lord who provides.
8) Jehovah-Rapha you are the one who heals. You are the Lord who heals.
9) Jehovah-Nissi you are the one who fights for me. You are my banner.
10) Yekaddia you are my sanctification. Thank you for your sanctifying work in my life
11) Jehovah-Shalom you give me peace. You are my banner.
12) Sabaoth you are all possessing. You are the Lord of the heavenly hosts.
13) Elyon you are my blessing. Thank you for your blessings in my life.
14) Jehovah-Raah you care for me. You are my shepherd
15) Jehovah-Tsidkenu you are my justification and my righteousness.
16) Jehovah-Shammah you are present in my life. You are always with me.

5) LET'S STUDY SOME DEFINITIONS OF GOD. [3,4]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Take a look at the definitions of God below. Don't worry about the meanings of them. This is more to get an idea of how to write a definition of God.

Definitions of God

"God is spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth" (answer to question #4 – Westminster Shorter Catechism)

"God is the one, simple, absolute, purely spiritual, personal Being of infinite perfections, wholly immanent in all the world, yet essentially transcendent in relation to all things" (Hoeksema)

"God is one, absolute, unchangeable and infinite in His knowledge and wisdom, His goodness and love, His grace and mercy, His righteousness and holiness." (Berkhof)

"God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support, and end" (Strong)

2) Now, write your own definition for God. Use your personal experience.

God is:

or

God is my:

6) THE BIBLE SAYS TO BE READY "IN SEASON AND OUT" TO PREACH THE WORD. WE HAVE SOME TIME LEFT NOW, SO WHO WOULD LIKE TO STAND UP AND PREACH TO US?

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*So Abraham called the place 'The LORD Will Provide'.
And to this day it is said,
"On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."
Genesis 22:14*

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord God, you are Jehovah. You are our provider, our righteousness, our banner, our peace, our shepherd, our healer, our sanctification, and our all in all. We love you. Continue to reveal yourself to us personally. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

8 - ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. Lord, help us put aside all our cares and concerns this hour and focus on you. We are here today to learn more about you and your attributes. Lord, we don't study just to learn but to know you more. You are so wonderful. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*A little faith will bring your soul to heaven,
but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.
- Dwight L. Moody -*

*As sure as God puts His children in the furnace of affliction,
He will be with them in it.
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon -*

*He became what we are that He might make us what He is.
- Athanasius - (speaking of Jesus of Nazareth)*

4) LET'S STUDY GOD'S "NATURAL ATTRIBUTES." For God to be God, he must have certain qualities or characteristics. [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Take a few minutes and read about God's natural or non-moral attributes.

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| 1) <u>God is eternal.</u> This means that God has no beginning or ending. All idols are created or came from somewhere. But God has no beginning or ending. He has always been and always will be. (<i>Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17</i>) |
| 2) <u>God is unchangeable (immutable).</u> It is impossible for God to change. He can not change for the better or worse because He is absolutely perfect. Everything about God stays the same. His characteristics, attributes, plans, and purposes never change. (<i>James 1:17; 1 Sam.15:29; Mal. 3:6; Psalm 102:26; Heb. 1:12; Rom.s 4:20; Psa. 33:11; Isa. 46:10; 1 Kings 8:56; 2 Cor.1:20; Psa. 103:17; Gen.18:25; Isa. 28:17</i>) |
| 3) <u>God is present everywhere at once (omnipresent).</u> He is not limited to His creation though. He is beyond His creation of the universe. God the ever-present one is always available to help us. (<i>Deut.4:17; Psalm 46:1; Psalm 145:18; Matt.28:20; Psalm 139:7-9; Jeremiah 23:23; Ephesians 1:23</i>) |

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| <p>4) God is infinite in knowledge (omniscient). God knows everything from the past, present, and future. Nothing is hidden from God. We see His knowledge in the creation of man and the universe. (<i>1 Chr.28:9; 2 Chr.16:9; Psalm 94:11; Daniel 2:20; Job 42:2; Isaiah 40:28; Psalm 147:5; Hebrews 4:13; Matt.10:30; 1 Cor.2:11; Romans 8:27; Psalm 147:4; Prov.5:21; Matt.6:8,32; Exodus 3:7</i>)</p> |
| <p>5) God is all-powerful (omnipotent). He is able to do whatever He wills. He does only those things in harmony with his perfect being and his perfection nature. (<i>Gen.17:1; Rev.4:8; Job 42:2; Jer.32:17, 27; Rev.19:6; Psalm 33:9</i>)</p> |

2) Now go into groups of 3 and talk about what each one means to you personally.

a) What does the fact that God is eternal mean to you?

b) What does God’s unchanging nature mean to you?

c) What does the fact that God is present everywhere mean to you?

d) What does the fact that God is all-knowledgeable mean to you?

e) What does it mean to you that God is all-powerful?

5) LET’S STUDY GOD’S “MORAL ATTRIBUTES.” [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about God’s moral attributes.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about God’s moral attributes.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

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| <p>1) <u>Holy.</u> God is separate, set-apart from all His creatures & from all moral evil and sin.</p> |
| <p>2) <u>Righteous.</u> Only God is righteous. Only he can do no wrong.</p> |

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord God, you are Jehovah. You are our provider, our righteousness, our banner, our peace, our shepherd, our healer, our sanctification, and our all in all. Thank You for revealing Yourself to us through Your precious Son. We love you. Continue to reveal yourself to us personally. Then we will be able to love You more, serve You more, and worship You more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

9 - CHRIST'S DEITY (JESUS IS GOD)

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. Jesus, during this time, we are going to study about you. About the fact that you are God. Lord, what a wonderful joy that we know this truth. That you have revealed this to us by your precious Holy Spirit. Speak to us this hour now Lord. We want to understand more and more about you through the revelation of your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*I have a thousand questions to ask God;
but when I met Him they all fled and didn't seem to matter.
- Christopher Morley -*

*Christianity is not a theory or speculation,
but a life;
not a philosophy of life,
but a living presence.
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge -*

*The reason people are down on the Bible
is that they are not up on the Bible.
- William Ward Ayer -*

4) LET'S PROVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. This is the basis of Christianity. Jesus not only claimed to be God but proved it by His prophecies, death, resurrection, miracles, etc. [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about Christ's deity.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about Christ's deity.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

1) Jesus was referred to as Lord in the prophecy of Psalm 110:1, "The Lord (Father God) says to my Lord (the Savior): 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" This prophecy was that the Messiah and Savior would be the Divine Lord himself. Jesus referred to this in Matt.22:41-46; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 20:39-44. Peter in Acts 2:34.
2) In the Virgin Birth, God would be coming to live with men (Isa.7:14 fulfilled Matt.1:23)
3) Jesus, the Messiah, was given divine names in prophecy. In (Isa.9:7) God is Wonderful, Counselor (see Psalm 16:7), The Mighty God (God himself), The everlasting Father (see John 10:30 – "I and the Father are one.") Also we realize that God always existed yet, "For to us a child is born" – a "man" was born. "to us a son is given" – Jesus as God was "given".
4) Jesus, the promised Christ was to be "from everlasting". "But thou Bethlehem...out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from old, from everlasting." Jesus is the "eternal God" - everlasting past.
5) Jesus claimed to be "I AM". Devout Jews would not even pronounce the word Jehovah and Jesus claiming to be the "I AM" (in John 8:58) of Exodus 3:14 and 6:2,3 was blasphemy as far as they were concerned. They immediately set out to stone Jesus. He was the great "I Am" in the flesh.
6) Only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). Yet Jesus forgave sins (Mark 2:5). So he was either blaspheming or He was God. It's an amazing thing that God can forgive sins.
7) For someone to put their name beside or with God's was blasphemy. God's name was so holy to a Jew that nobody could be associated with God's name. Yet Jesus claimed equality with the Father and Holy Spirit through the Baptismal formula of Matt.28:19 and also in the benediction of 2 Cor.13:14.
8) In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." He promises to be anywhere, everywhere at the same time. He claimed omnipresence.
9) Jesus was all-knowledgeable (omniscient). He prophesied about his death, resurrection, and ascension. He told the apostles about the "upper room", about the donkey "colt" and they found everything just as He had told them. Many times Jesus showed He was omniscient.
10) Jesus was all-powerful by His statement in Matt.28:18, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." He showed his power by calming storms, by curing diseases, by creating fishes and loaves, and by his conquering death.

11) Jesus Christ had the power to create. He created and is maintaining the world (John 1:1-3; Heb.1:3). He created fishes and loaves for the 5,000, turned water into wine, etc.
12) Jesus Christ showed power over storms by calming them, over gravity by walking on water, and over death by conquering it.
13) Jesus Christ received worship from men. Only God was to be worshiped (Luke 4:8), yet He readily accepted it (John 9:38)
14) In John 20:28, Thomas called Jesus, “my Lord and my God.” Jesus readily accepted this statement and never rebuked him.
15) God was manifest in the flesh (1 Tim.3:16). He was therefore able to have flesh and bones and at the same time be God who is Spirit.
16) Jesus had a beginning as a “man” coming to earth for the Virgin Birth. But as God, He had no beginning.
17) Jesus’ Resurrection shows His deity. If He had been a fake, God the Father would have left Him in the grave for judgment. But God raised Him from the dead (Rom.6:4), and he was in Romans 1:4, “...declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” The Father God, by raising Jesus from the dead, showed the world that Jesus was the Son of God.
18) Jesus possessed the attributes of God: Eternal (Micah 5:2; John 8:58; Col.1:17; Rev.1:8). Unchangeable (Heb.13:8). Omnipotent (Luke 8:24; Matt.28:18); Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; John 1:48; John 3:13; Matt.28:20); Omniscient (Mark 11:2-6; John 2:24,25; Luke 5:22; Matt.24:3-31); Holy (Mark 1:24); Sinless (1 Peter 2:22; John 19:4); Just (John 2:14-17; Acts 17:31); Loving (John 15:13; John 11:36); Merciful (Titus 3:5); Faithful (2 Tim.2:13).
19) Jesus was not a created being. He was “incarnated” or became man. “Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made.” John 1:3.
20) In Hebrews 1:8, the Father calls Jesus, God. They are the same.
21) The Father is sometimes put above Jesus for administrative purposes only but not “essence.” Jesus functioned on earth as God and as man. The Father was still in heaven as the executive administrator.
22) We are a “son of God”. But Jesus is the “only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16). The main word here is the word “THE”. He is “THE Son of God.”
23) When Jesus said he was the Son of God, the Jews took that to mean “deity” and tried to kill him. The Jews had no doubt what the Son of God meant. To a Jew, sonship was equality.
24) Jesus as man died on the cross but God who is immortal did not die. It was his physical body that died on the cross. The spirit does not die but returns to God.
25) Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost as far as His humanity but His deity always existed.
26) Jesus co-exists with the Father. They are “one”. They are one in nature (eternal Spirit), but they have different offices and responsibilities. They are both indivisibly linked together (Matt.11:27; Luke 10:22; John 12:45)
27) The Father was the Jehovah of the O.T. (Psalm 23:1) and Jesus in the N.T. (John 10:11; Heb.13:20; 1 Pet.2:25; Rev.7:17)
28) In John 5:18, Jesus called God his Father. Again to a Jew they saw this as making himself equal with God and tried to stone him.

29) In John 14:9, “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father....”
30) In John 10:33 the Jews again tried to stone Jesus because they believed He was only a man claiming to be God.
31) Jesus emptied himself (Phil. 2:5-8) of His glory for our sakes to come to earth and die for us.
32) We saw Jesus Christ’s glory at the Transfiguration.
33) In Col.2:9 we see that “For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”
34) In Jude 25, Jesus is addressed as, “To the only wise God our Savior.”
35) In Col.1:15, “Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God...”
36) Jesus was equal with the Father (Phil.2:5,6)
37) Jesus had glory before He came to earth as a man (John 17:5; see Isaiah 48:11)
38) In John 1:1, we see that Jesus (the Word) was God. How come all the different versions claim this and only the Jehovah Witnesses’ Bible says “The Word was a god”. Are all those Greek scholars wrong?
39) In 1 John 5:20, Jesus is called the “true God and eternal life.”
40) In Titus 2:13, “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

5) FURTHER STUDY: [Torrey’s Topical Textbook – Christ is God] [10]

Jehovah (Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:3); As Jehovah of glory (Psalms 24:7,10; 1 Cor.2:8; James 2:1); As Jehovah, our Righteousness (Jer.23:5,6; 1 Cor.1:30); As Jehovah, above all (Psalms 97:9; John 3:31); As Jehovah, the First and Last (Isa.44:6; Rev.1:17; Isa.48:12-16; Rev.22:13); As Jehovah, Fellow and Equal (Zech.13:7; Phil.2:6); As Jehovah of Hosts (Isa.6:1-3; John 12:41; Isa.8:13,14; 1 Pet.2:8); As Jehovah, the Shepherd (Isa.40:11; Heb.13:20); As Jehovah, for whose glory all things were created (Pro.16:4; Col.1:16); As Jehovah, the Messenger of the covenant (Mal.3:1; Mark 1:2; Luke 2:27); Invoked as Jehovah (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; 1 Cor.1:2); As the Eternal God and Creator (Psalms 102:24-27; Heb.1:8, 10-12); As Mighty God (Isa.9:6); As the Great God and Saviour (Hos.1:7; Titus 2:13); As God over all (Psa.45:6,7; Romans 9:5); As the true God (Jer.10:10; 1 John 5:20); As God the Word (John 1:1); As God, the judge (Ecc.12:14; 1 Cor.4:5; 2 Cor.5:10; 2 Tim.4:1); Immanuel (Isa.7:14; Matt.1:23); As King of kings and Lord of lords (Deut.10:17; Rev.1:5; 17:14); As the Holy One (1 Sam.2:2; Acts 3:14); As the Lord from heaven (1 Cor.15:47); As Lord of the Sabbath (Gen.2:3; Matt.12:8); As Lord of all (Acts 10:36; Romans 10:11-13); As Son of God (Matt.26:63-67); As the Only-begotten Son of the Father (John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9); His blood is called the blood of God (Acts 20:28); As one with the Father (John 10:30,38; 12:45; 14:7-10; 17:10); As sending the Spirit, equally with the Father (John 14:16; 15:26); As entitled to equal honour with the Father (John 5:23); As Owner of all things, equally with the Father (John 16:15); As unrestricted by the law of the sabbath, equally with the Father (John 5:17); As the Source of grace, equally with the Father (1 Thess.3:11; 2 Thess.2:26,17); As unsearchable, equally with the Father (Pro.30:4; Matt.11:27); As Creator of all things (Isaiah 40:28; John 1:3; Col.1:16; Heb.1:2); As Supporter and Preserver of all things (Neh.9:6; Col.1:17; Heb.1:3); As possessed of the fulness of the God head (Col.2:9; Heb.1:3); As raising the dead (John 5:21; 6:40, 54); As raising himself from the dead (John 2:19,21; 10:18); As Eternal (Isa.9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1; Col.1:17; Heb.1:8-10; Rev.1:8); As Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; 28:20; John 3:13); As Omnipotent (Psa.45:3; Phil.3:21; Rev.1:8); As Omniscient (John 16:30; 21:17); As discerning the thoughts of the heart (1 Kings 16:30; 1 Kings 8:39; Luke 5:22; Eze.11:5; John 2:24,25; Rev.2:23); As unchangeable (Mal.3:6; Heb.1:12; 13:8); As having power to forgive sins (Col.3:13; Mark 2:7,10); As Giver of pastors to the Church (Jer.3:15; Eph.4:11-13); As Husband of the Church (Isa.54:5; Eph.5:25-32; Isa.62:5; Rev.21:2,9); As the object of divine worship (Acts 7:59; 2 Cor.12:8,9; Heb.1:6; Rev.5:12); As the object of faith (Psa.2:12; 1 Pet.2:6; Jer.17:5,7; John 14:1); As God, he redeems and purifies the Church to himself (Rev.5:9; Titus 2:14); As God, he presents the Church to himself (Eph.5:27; Jude 1:24,25); Saints live to him as God (Romans 6:11; Galatians 2:19; 2 Cor.5:15); Acknowledged by his Apostles (John 2:28); Acknowledged by the Old Testament saints (Gen.17:1; 48:15, 16; 32:24-30; Hos.12:3-5; Judges 6:22-24; 13:21,22; Job 19:25-27).

6) EXPLAIN WHY YOU BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD:

7) A FEW THOUGHTS:

If one was to think of Jesus as not being God what would be the consequences? These are very apparent as we study every religion, cult, or system outside Christianity. You have some kind of formula in which to try to get to God. This formula is called "works". The question is, "How much works is enough." Reincarnationists believe it cannot be done in this lifetime as well as Mormons and many other cults. Yet, if Christ was not God, we have no redemption and no "assurance of salvation." Only God could redeem man. A lower form of being cannot make redemption for itself to a higher form. Yet, it is almost too easy. We accept what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe and enter into His life. The eternal life of Christ. Why does it seem too easy to people outside Christianity? Because of man's pride. Christ's death on the cross takes away from us every means we have within ourselves of obtaining salvation. Human pride says that, "I must do something." Christianity says, "I can't do anything. It is impossible to get to God. God came to us."

So, the religious systems outside Christianity formulate many cleverly devised schemes to get to God. Wonderfully devised schemes. But the root of it all is "man's pride". When they stand before Jesus at the judgment, will what they have done be enough? No. "All our righteousness is as filthy rags" (Isa.64:6). When we as Christians stand before Jesus at the judgment, we will have looked back to the cross and the only thing to say to Jesus then will be, "Thank you Lord Jesus, God of all, that you died for me. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you." No "pride" just "thank you."

"It is finished"

8) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*This is what the Lord says –
Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty;
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.
Isaiah 44:6*

9) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Lord Jesus we love you. Thank you for your perfect plan of redemption. We thank you for your Word that has revealed truth to us. We praise you for your Word that speaks to our hearts and has revealed truth to us in our inmost being. We don't follow cleverly devised schemes Lord but we follow you. You Lord Jesus are God that was manifested in the flesh. Immanuel, God with us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

10 - CHRIST'S HUMANITY

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, thank you for this time together to learn about you, to know you better, and to be encouraged in our Christian walk. We ask that you would help us lay all our burdens on you and that you would open the eyes of our hearts to know you better. We need you Lord Jesus. Everyday we need you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*Anyone can devise a plan by which good people go to heaven.
Only God can devise a plan whereby sinners,
which are His enemies,
can go to heaven.
- Lewis Sperry Chafer -*

*Men ought to seek with their whole hearts to be filled with the Spirit of God.
Without being filled with the Spirit, it is utterly impossible
that an individual Christian or a church can ever live or work as God desires
- Andrew Murray -*

*I believe that it is impossible for any Christian
to be effective either in his life or in his service
unless he is filled with the Holy Spirit,
Who is God's only provision of power.
- Henrietta C. Mear -*

4) LET'S STUDY ABOUT JESUS BEING "TRUE MAN". [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about Jesus' humanity.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about Jesus' humanity.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

1) Jesus was true man in every sense of the word except that he was without sin. 1 Tim.2:5 says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the <u>man</u> Christ Jesus." In order to mediate between God and man, he had to be both God and man.
2) In 1 Cor.15:21 we see that the first Adam brought death, while the second Adam, Christ, brought life.
3) He was given <u>the human</u> name Jesus which means, "Savior" and "The Lord Saves."
4) He was given the title the "Son of Man" which showed his humanity.
5) To be human, Jesus had to have a human parent. Mary was that human parent. (Luke 2:7; Galatians 4:4)
6) Jesus came from the human line of Judah.
7) Jesus came from the line of David.
8) Jesus became "flesh" (John 1:14). He had a human nature.
9) Jesus suffered, learned obedience, increased in wisdom, asked questions, grew physically, was tempted, worked as a carpenter, sweated, was tired, suffered, hungered, thirsted, cried, became weary, slept, loved, was moved with compassion, got angry, was grieved, groaned, and prayed.
10) Jesus had a spirit, soul, and body. His spirit returned to His Father at death, His soul was sorrowful in the garden of Gethsemane, and His body was buried in the grave.
11) At the age of 33, Jesus physically died. He was completely man.
12) Jesus still possesses a body which qualifies him to be our mediator (Luke 24:39; John 20:27; Acts 7:55,56)

5) LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRIST'S HUMANITY. In Hebrews 4:15, it says that Jesus was tempted in all points just as we are. Let's talk about what Christ's humanity means to us on a day to day basis.

DIRECTIONS:

1) Answer the following questions in groups of 3.

a) Why do you think that Jesus can relate to your struggles?

b) What part of Jesus' humanity do you admire the most? Give an example(s).

c) What is the hardest part of being human for you personally?

d) Do you think Jesus had any regrets about becoming man? Do you think he had joys?

6) LET'S STUDY SOME COMMON CHRISTIAN WORDS. Then give the definition & have your group members try to guess the word.

Amen	"Yes, this is true" "Let it be so"	Lord	"Master"
Christ	"Anointed" "Chosen One" "Messiah"	Manna	"What is it?"
Gospel	"Good News"	Maranatha	"Come, O Lord"
Hallelujah	"Praise the Lord"	Psalm	"Song"
Hosanna	"Save" "Save us, we pray"	Satan	"Enemy"
Immanuel	"God with us"	Tabernacle / Tent of Meeting	"Dwelling Place"
Israel	"He struggles with God"	Tithe	"A tenth"
Jesus	"Savior" "The Lord Saves"	Worship	"To Bow Down"

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE PASSAGE NOW:

Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6-8

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH A PRAYER:

Father, thank you for the time we have had here today. We praise you for your love and your plan of salvation. Jesus, you became man. You understand us because you became like us. What a wonderful God you are. We love you, we praise you, we worship and adore you. Thank you sweet, sweet, Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

11 - Names for Christ

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. We worship you as Lord of all, and as King of kings and Lord of lords. Come and encourage us today. Fill us with your presence and your power. We love you so much. We thank you in advance for what you are going to do. Teach us more and more about yourself. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead.
It is going on all the time. We are in it now.
- Charlotte Perkins Gilman -*

*If we seek God for our own good and profit, we are not seeking God.
- Johannes Eckhart -*

*If Jesus Christ were to come today people would not even crucify him.
They would ask him to dinner, hear what he has to say, and make fun of it.
- Thomas Carlyle -*

4) LET'S STUDY SOME "NAMES FOR CHRIST". These names will help you worship Him, pray to Him, and to know Him better.

1. An Advocate (1 John 2:1)
3. The All, and in All (Col.3:11)
5. The Altogether Lovely (Songs 5:16)
7. The Author of Eternal Salvation (Hebrews 5:9)
9. The Beginning and Ending (Revelation 1:8)
11. The Bread of Life (John 6:35)
13. Christ (Matthew 1:16)
15. The Christ of God (Luke 9:20)
17. Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7)
19. Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)
21. The Door of the Sheep (John 10:7)
23. The Eternal God (Deut. 33:27)
25. Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)
27. The First Begotten (Hebrews 1:6)
29. The Word of Life (1 John 1:1)
31. God Blessed Forever (Romans 9:5)
33. God With Us (Matthew 1:23)
35. The Great God (Titus 2:13)
37. Our Guide Even Unto Death (Psalms 48:14)
39. Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)
41. Thine Holy One (Acts 2:27)
43. The Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)
45. Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
47. Jesus Christ Our Lord (Romans 7:25)
49. The Just One (Acts 7:52)
51. King of Kings (Revelation 19:16)
53. The King of Righteousness (Hebrews 7:2)
55. The Lamb of God (John 1:29)
57. The Lamb that was Slain (Rev. 5:12)
59. The Last (Isaiah 44:6)
61. The Light (John 1:7)
63. The Light of the World (John 8:12)
65. The Lord and Saviour (2 Peter 1:11)
67. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets (Rev. 22:6)
69. Lord Jesus (Romans 10:9)
71. The Lord of Glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)
73. The Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)
75. Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25)
77. The Omega (Revelation 22:13)
79. The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)
81. A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word (Luke 24:19)
83. My Redeemer (Job 19:25)
85. The Salvation of God (Luke 3:6)
87. The Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16)
89. The Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)
91. The Shepherd of Israel (Psalms 80:1)
93. The Son of David (Matthew 1:1)
95. The Son of Man (John 1:51)
97. The Tabernacle of God (Revelation 21:3)
99. The True Light (John 1:9)
101. The True Witness (Proverbs 14:25)
103. undefiled (Hebrews 7:26)
105. The Way (John 14:6)
107. The Word (John 1:1)
2. Alive for Evermore (Rev.1:18)
4. The Alpha and Omega (Rev.1:8)
6. The Amen (Revelation 3:14)
8. The Author of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
10. The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)
12. The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)
14. Christ Come in the Flesh (1 John 4:2)
16. Christ Jesus The Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5)
18. Christ Risen from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15:20)
20. The Creator (Romans 1:25)
22. Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)
24. The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2)
26. The Faithful and True Witness (Revelation 3:14)
28. The First Begotten of the Dead (Revelation 1:5)
30. God (Rev. 21:7)
32. God manifest in the Flesh (1 Timothy 3:16)
34. The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
36. That Great Shepherd of the Sheep (Hebrews 13:20)
38. The Head of the Body, the Church (Colossians 1:18)
40. My Helper (Hebrews 13:6)
42. Our Hope (1 Timothy 1:1)
44. The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15)
46. Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8)
48. Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31)
50. The King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17)
52. The King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2)
54. The Lamb (Rev. 17:14)
56. The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World (Rev.13:8)
58. The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne (Rev. 7:17)
60. The Life (John 14:6)
62. The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God (2 Cor. 4:6)
64. The Lord (John 13:13)
66. Lord God Almighty (Revelation 16:7)
68. Lord God of Truth (Psalms 31:5)
70. Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1)
72. Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15)
74. Messiah (Daniel 9:26)
76. A Name Above Every Name (Philippians 2:9)
78. His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16)
80. The Prophet (John 7:40)
82. The Propitiation for Our Sins (1 John 2:2)
84. The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
86. Saviour (Titus 2:13)
88. The Seed of David (Romans 1:3)(2 Timothy 2:8)
90. My Shepherd (Psalms 23:1)(Isaiah 40:11)
92. The Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)
94. The Son of God (John 1:49)
96. That Spiritual Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)
98. The True Bread from Heaven (John 6:32)
100. The True Vine (John 15:1)
102. The Truth (John 14:6)
104. The Upholder of All things (Hebrews 1:3)
106. The Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)
108. The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)

Over "500" Names for Christ

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The Carpenter; The Carpenter's Son; The Chief Cornerstone; The Chief Shepherd; The Chiefest Among Ten Thousand; A Child Born; Child of the Holy Ghost; The Child Jesus; The Chosen of God; Chosen out of the People; Christ; The Christ; Christ Come in the Flesh; Christ Crucified; The Christ of God; Christ Jesus; Christ Jesus The Lord; Christ a King; Christ the Lord; Christ our Passover; Christ Risen from the Dead; A Cleft of the Rock; A Cluster of Camphire.; The Comforter; A Commander of the Peoples; Conceived of the Holy Ghost; The Consolation of Israel; The Corn of Wheat; Counselor; The Covenant of the People; The Covert from the Tempest; The Covert of Thy Wings; The Creator; The Creator of the Ends of the Earth; A Crown of Glory; My Darling; The Day; The Daysman; The Day Spring from on High; The Daystar to Arise; His Dear Son; My Defense; My Deliverer; The Desire of all Nations; Despised by the People; A Diadem of Beauty; The Door of the Sheep; Dwelling Place; Mine Elect; Emmanuel; The End of the Law; The Ensign of the People; Equal with God; The Eternal God; That Eternal Life; The Everlasting Father; An Everlasting Light; An Everlasting Name; Thy Exceeding Great Reward; His Excellency; The Excellency of Our God; Excellent; The Express Image of His Person; The Face of the Lord; The Fairer than the Children of Men; Faithful; Faithful and True; The Faithful and True Witness; A Faithful Creator; A Faithful High Priest; A Faithful Priest; The Faithful Witness; A Faithful Witness Between Us; A Faithful Witness in Heaven; The Finisher of the Faith; The First Begotten; The First Begotten of the Dead; The First Born; The Firstborn Among Many Brethren; The Firstborn From the Dead; The Firstborn of Every Creature; Her Firstborn Son; The First Fruit; The Firstfruits of Them That Slept; Foreordained before the Foundation of the World; The Forerunner; Fortress; The Foundation Which is Laid; The Fountain of Life; The Fountain of Living Waters; The Friend of Publicans and Sinners; A Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother; The Fruit of the Earth; The Fruit of Thy Womb; The Gift of God; A Glorious High Throne from the Beginning; A Glorious name; Glory; My Glory; The Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father; The Glory of God; The Glory of His Father; God; God Who Avengeth Me; God Blessed Forever; God Who Forgavest Them; Our God For Ever and Ever; The God of Glory; The God of My Life; God in the Midst of Her; God manifest in the Flesh; God of My Righteousness; God of My Salvation; God of My Strength; God With Us; A Good Man; Good Master; The Good Shepherd; The Governor Among Nations; Great; The Great God; A Great High Priest; A Great Light; A Great prophet; That Great Shepherd of the Sheep; Greater; A Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle; Greater Than Our Father Abraham; Greater Than Our Father Jacob; Greater Than Jonah; Greater Than Solomon; Greater Than the Temple; Guest; Our Guide Even Unto Death; The Guiltless; The Habitation of Justice; Harmless; The Head of all Principality and Power; The Head of Every Man; The Head of the Body, the Church; The Head of the Corner; The Heir; Heir of All Things; My Helper; The Helper of the Fatherless; The Hidden Manna; My Hiding Place; A Hiding Place from the Wind; The High and Lofty One Who Inhabiteth Eternity; An High Priest; An High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek; An High Priest Forever; My High Tower; The Highest Himself; Holy; The Holy Child Jesus; Thine Holy One; The Holy One and Just; The Holy One Of Israel; That Holy Thing Which Shall be Born of Thee; Holy to the Lord; Our Hope; The Hope of Glory; The Hope of His People; The Hope of Israel; The Hope of Their Fathers; The Horn of David; The Horn of the House of Israel; An Horn of Salvation; An House of Defense; Her Husband; I Am; The Image of the Invisible God; Immanuel; Innocent Blood; The Jasper Stone; Jesus; Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ Our Lord; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Jesus of Galilee; Jesus of Nazareth; Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews; A Jew; Joseph's Son; The Judge of All the Earth; The Judge of the Quick and the Dead; The Just One; This Just Person; Thy Keeper; The Kindness and Love of God; The King Eternal; The King Immortal; The King in His Beauty; The King Forever and Ever; The King Invisible; The King of All the Earth; The King of Glory; The King of Heaven; The King of Israel; King of Kings; The King of Peace; The King of Righteousness; King of Saints; The King of Salem; King of the Jews; The King Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord; The Kinsman; The Lamb; The Lamb of God; The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World; The Lamb that was Slain; The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne; The Last; The Last Adam; The Lawgiver; A Leader; The Life; The Lifter-Up of Mine Head; The Light; The Light of Men; The Light of the City; The Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ; The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God; The Light of the Morning; The Light of the World; A Light to Lighten the Gentiles; A Light to the Gentiles; The Lily among Thorns; The Lily of the Valleys; The Lion of the Tribe of Judah; The Living Bread; The Living God; Lord; Lord also of the Sabbath;. My Lord and My God; The Lord and Saviour; Lord Both of the Dead and the Living;

The Lord from Heaven; Lord God Almighty; The Lord God of the Holy Prophets; Lord God of Truth; Lord God Omnipotent; The Lord God Who Judgeth Her; The Lord, Holy and True; Lord Jesus; Lord Jesus Christ; The Lord of Glory; The Lord of the Harvest; Lord of Lords; Lord of Peace; The Lord of the Vineyard; The Lord of the Whole Earth; The Lord's Christ; The Lord's Doing; Lowly in Heart; Magnified; Our Maker; The Man; A Man Approved of God; A Man Child; The Man Christ Jesus; The Man Whose Name is the Branch; The Man of Sorrows; The Man Whom He Hath Ordained; Manna; Marvelous in Our Eyes; Your Master; The Mediator; The Mediator of a Better Covenant; The Mediator of the New Covenant; The Mediator of the New Testament; Meek; Melchizedek; A Merciful and Faithful High Priest; His Mercy and His Truth; The Messenger of the Covenant; Messiah; Messiah the Prince; Mighty; The Mighty God; The Mighty One of Jacob; A Minister of the Circumcision; The Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary; A More Excellent Name; The Morning Star; The Mouth of God; The Mystery of God; A Nail Fastened in a Sure Place; A Name Above Every Name; A Nazarene; An Offering and a Sacrifice to God; The Offspring of David; Ointment Poured Forth; The Omega; His Only Begotten Son; The Only Begotten of the Father; Only Potentate; The Only Wise God; An Owl of the Desert; Our Passover; A Pavilion; Our Peace; A Pelican of the Wilderness; A Perfect Man; The Person of Christ; Physician; A Place of Refuge; A Plant of Renown; A Polished Staff; Poor; My Portion; The Portion of Jacob; The Portion of Mine Inheritance; The Potter; The Power of God; Precious; Precious Corner Stone; Preeminence; A Price; The Price of His Redemption; A Priest Forever; The Priest of the Most High God; A Prince and Saviour; The Prince of Life; The Prince of Peace; Prince of Princes; The Prince of the Kings of the Earth; The Prophet; A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word; The Prophet of Nazareth; A Prophet Without Honour; One of the Prophets; The Propitiation for Our Sins; Pure; A Purifier of Silver; Of Quick Understanding; A Quickening Spirit; Rabbi; Rabboni; Rain Upon the Mown Grass; A Ransom for All; A Ransom for Many; My Redeemer; Redemption; The Redemption of Their Soul; A Refiner's Fire; Our Refuge; A Refuge in Times of Trouble; A Refuge for the Oppressed; A Refuge from the Storm; Our Report; A Reproach of Men; Their Resting Place; The Resurrection and the Life; Reverend; A Reward for the Righteous; Rich; The Riches of His Glory; Right; The Righteous; A Righteous Branch; My Righteous Servant; The Righteous Judge; A Righteous man; Righteousness; The Righteousness of God; A River of Water in a Dry Place; The Rock; The Rock that is Higher than I; The Rock of Israel; A Rock of Offence; The Rock of My Refuge; The Rock of His Salvation; The Rock of Our Salvation; The Rock of Thy Strength; The Rod; A Rod out of the Stem of Jesse; The Root of David; A Root of Jesse; A Root out of Dry Ground; The Root and Offspring of David; The Rose of Sharon; A Ruler; The Sacrifice for Sins; A Sacrifice to God; My Salvation; The Salvation of God; The Salvation of Israel; A Samaritan; The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever; A Sanctuary; A Sardine Stone; The Saving Strength of His Anointed; Saviour; The Saviour of All Men; The Saviour of the Body; The Saviour of the World; The Scapegoat; The Scepter of Israel; The Scepter of Thy Kingdom; Secret; The Secret of Thy Presence; The Seed of Abraham; The Seed of David; The Seed of the Woman; The Sent One; Separate from His Brethren; Separate from Sinners; The Serpent in the Wilderness; My Servant; A Servant of Rulers; My Servant the Branch; A Shadow from the Heat; The Shadow of the Almighty; The Shadow of a Great Rock; A Shelter; My Shepherd; The Shepherd of Israel; Our Shield; Shiloh; A Sign of the Lord; Siloam; Sin; A Snare to the Inhabitants of Jerusalem; The Son; His Son from Heaven; A Son Given; The Son of Abraham; The Son of David; The Son of God; The Son of Joseph; The Son of Man; The Son of Mary; The Son of the Blessed; The Son of the Father; The Son of the Free Woman; The Son of the Highest; The Son of the Living God; The Son of the Most High God; A Son over His own House; The Son who is Consecrated for Evermore; My Song; A Sower; A Sparrow alone upon the Housetop; That Spiritual Rock; A Star out of Jacob; My Stay; A Stone Cut out of the Mountain; A Stone Cut without Hands; The Stone of Israel; A Stone of Stumbling; The Stone which the Builders Refused; The Stone which the Builders Rejected; The Stone which was Set at Nought; A Stranger; My Strength; The Strength of Israel; The Strength of My Life; A Strength to the Needy in Distress; A Strength to the Poor; A Strong Consolation; A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble; A Strong Tower; A Strong Tower from the Enemy; A Stumbling Block; The Sun of Righteousness; A Sure Foundation; The Sure Mercies of David; A Surety of a Better Testament; A Sweet Smelling Savour; A Tabernacle for a Shadow; The Tabernacle of God; A Teacher Come from God; The Temple; A Tender Plant; The Tender Mercy of God; The Testimony of God; This Treasure; A Tried Stone; The True Bread from Heaven; The True Light; The True Vine; The True Witness; The Truth; Undeified; Understanding; The Unknown God; The Unspeakable Gift; The Upholder of All things; Upright; The Veil; The Very God of Peace; Very Great; A Very Present Help in Trouble; The Victory; The Vine; The Voice; A Wall of Fire; The Wave Offering; The Way; The Weakness of God; A Wedding Garment; The Well of Living Waters; The Well of Salvation; Wisdom; The Wisdom of God; A Wise Master Builder; My Witness; A Witness of God; A Witness to the People; Wonderful; The Word; The Word of God; The Word of Life; Worthy; That Worthy Name; Worthy to be Praised; The Yokefellow; The young Child; The Zeal of the Lord of Hosts; The Zeal of thine House

5) NOW, LET'S WORSHIP JESUS. Read these names of Christ together and worship from the heart. Than go back to # 4 and continue to worship. Jesus is worthy to be worshipped, praised, and adored.

- You are our Advocate. Thank you for interceding to the Father for us.
- You are Alive for Evermore. You are alive and you give life. We praise your holy name.
- You are The All, and in All. You are in everything. You are glorious.
- You are The Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end. We bless you and praise you.
- You are The Altogether Lovely. Everything about you is lovely.
- You are The Amen. Whatever you speak comes into being. Oh, blessed Amen, we love you so.
- You are The Author of Eternal Salvation. You've always known your plan of salvation for us.
- Jesus you are The Author of our Faith. You've initiated our faith and we bless you and thank you.
- Sweet Jesus you are The Beginning and Ending. What a comfort this is to us.
- Lord, God, you are The Blessed Hope. We eagerly wait for your second coming and our new bodies.
- Precious Jesus you are The Bread of Life. In you is life and you breath life into us.
- Lord God Almighty you are The Bright and Morning Star. You light up our lives.
- You are the long awaited Christ. The Messiah. The Savior of the world.
- Jesus, you are the Christ Come in the Flesh. Thank you for taking on our humanity.
- You are The Christ of God. What a precious gift you are sweet Savior.
- You are Christ Jesus The Lord. Master we worship you and want to obey you.
- You are Christ our Passover. Thank you for passing over us and not giving us what we deserve.
- Jesus you are the Christ Risen from the Dead. You conquered death and so we have eternal life.
- Sweet Lord you are Counselor. You guide us, lead us, and protect us. Thank you sweet Lord.
- Lord you are The Creator. You spoke and it came into being. You are the Word of Life.
- Jesus you are The Door of the Sheep. Through you we can enter in and find rest.
- Lord God you are Emmanuel. Thank you for leaving your throne and coming to be with us.
- Lord God you are The Eternal God. From everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.
- Sweet Savior you are The Eternal Life. In you is life and life more abundant.
- Savior you are Faithful and True. What a friend we have in Jesus. You are a true friend.
- Lord you are The Faithful and True Witness. You are the true prophet and you know our future.
- Lord, you are The First Begotten. You are the preeminent one.
- Lord Jesus you're The First Begotten of the Dead. For you took all death and conquered it.
- Mighty Savior you are The Word of Life. Your words speak life into us daily and for eternity.
- Jesus you are God. You are the self-sustaining one who gives life to all. You are the source of all life.

(WE LOVE YOU. WE BLESS YOU. WE PRAISE YOU. WE WORSHIP YOU. WE ADORE YOU. WE BOW DOWN AND PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME. YOU ARE WONDERFUL GOD. YOU ARE SAVIOR OF THE ALL. YOU ARE LORD OF GLORY. KING OF KINGS. LORD OF LORDS. ALMIGHTY GOD. PRECIOUS SAVIOR. WE WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER. YOU ARE WORTHY TO BE ADORED. YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL BEYOND DESCRIPTION.)

6) WHY DO YOU WORSHIP JESUS? (Share this with someone)

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Psalm 103:1*

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, you are wonderful. What a blessing it has been to get to know you more. You continue to reveal yourself to those who seek you. You are so precious. We love you, we worship you, we will praise your name forever. Precious Jesus, continue to fill us with your Spirit so that we can worship you. We don't know how to worship you but your Spirit helps us worship in Spirit and in Truth. Come, fill us with your love and your power. Set your anointing power on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

12 - MIDTERM TEST

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord, as we begin this test, we thank you for the wonderful opportunities You have given us in our lives. We pray that You will speak to us as we go through this test. Lord, help us to draw from Your wisdom, guidance, and truth. Lord, thank you for the chance to find out how much we know. Show us the areas we are weak in so that You can help us. Encourage us by showing us the areas we are strong and gifted in. We thank you again, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP GOD THROUGH SONG NOW:

3) NOW LET'S TAKE OUR EXAM. God bless you as you take this exam. May God be with you, guide you, and enlighten you.

4) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, we come to You in the name of Jesus. We thank you for today. Lord, we just again, recommit our lives to You. Thank you Lord for what You have been teaching us about Yourself. We love You for Your revelation, enlightenment, and revealed truth. Lord, continue to guide us as we prepare for the second half of this course. Thank you for your goodness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

13 - THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DEITY

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus. Father, teach us about your wonderful Holy Spirit. Help us understand more about your sweet Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, how we love you and want to learn more about you. Come and fill us, teach us, counsel us, and change us by your presence. We love you Holy Spirit. We look forward to learning more and more about you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

Read the biographies of God's men and you will discover that each one sought and obtained the indument of power from on high.

*One sermon preached in the anointing
is worth one thousand in the energy of the flesh.*

- Oswald J. Smith -

*Christians are as guilty for not being filled with the Holy Spirit
as sinners are for not repenting.*

*They are even more so, for as they have more light,
they are so much the more guilty.*

- Charles Finney -

*The Spirit-filled life, that life that permits His fullness in a sustained overflow,
is the only life that can please God.*

- Norman B. Harrison -

Above all – always respond to every impulse to pray.

5) WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT - GOD? [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about the Holy Spirit's deity. The Holy Spirit is God.
- 2) Study the reasons below for the Holy Spirit's deity.
- 3) Then answer the questions in groups of 3.

a) The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes of God. He is eternal (Heb.9:14); omnipresent (Psa.139:7-10); omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Gen.1:2; Job 26:13); omniscient (1 Cor.2:10,11; John 14:26; John 16:12,13); holy for in the words "Holy Spirit" the word "holy" describes His character (Luke 11:13); truth (1 John 5:6); good (Neh.9:20); and communes with us (2 Cor.13:14).
b) The Holy Spirit creates (Job 33:4; Psa.104:30); justifies (1 Cor.6:11); seals us for the day of redemption (Eph.1:13); gives life (John 6:63); is the author of the new birth (John 3:5,6); prophecies (2 Peter 1:21); convicts (John 16:8-11); and speaks (Isa.6:8-10; Acts 5:3-5).
c) Is associated with the Father and the Son. (Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.13:14; John 14:16). A Jew would never associate someone with God unless He was God.

a) Why do you believe that the Holy Spirit is God?

b) What attribute of the Holy Spirit's do you appreciate the most?

c) Since the Holy Spirit is God, should we worship Him, pray to Him, and fellowship with Him? Do you think the Holy Spirit is God? Do you fellowship with the Holy Spirit as God?

6) FURTHER STUDY. "TORREY'S TOPICAL TEXTBOOK" [10]

The Holy Spirit is God

As Jehovah (Exodus 17:7; Hebrews 3:7-9; Numbers 12:6; 2 Peter 1:21); As Jehovah of hosts (Isa.6:3,8-10; Acts 28:25); As Jehovah, Most High (Psa.78:17,21; Acts 7:51); Being invoked as Jehovah (Luke 2:26-29; Acts 4:23-25; 1:16,20; 2 Thess.3:5); As called God (Acts 5:3,4); As joined with the Father and the Son in the baptismal formula (Matt.28:19); As eternal (Hebrews 9:14); As omnipresent (Psalms 139:7-13); As omniscient (1 Cor.2:10); As omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Romans 15:19); As the Spirit of glory and of God (1 Pet.4:14); As Creator (Gen.1:26,27; Job 33:4); As equal to, and one with the Father (Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.13:14); As Sovereign Disposer of all things (Dan.4:35; 1 Cor.12:6,11); As Author of the new birth (John 3:5,6; 1 John 5:4); As raising Christ from the dead (Acts 2:24; 1 Pet.3:18; Heb.13:20; Rom.1:4); As inspiring Scripture (2 Tim.3:16; 2 Pet.1:21); As the source of wisdom (1Cor.12:8; Isa.11:2; John 16:13; 14:26); As the source of miraculous power (Matt.12:28; Luke 11:20; Acts 19:11, Rom.15:19); As appointing and sending ministers (Acts 13:2,4; 9:38; 20:28); As directing where the gospel should be preached (Acts 16:6,7,10); As dwelling in saints (John 14:17; 1 Cor.14:25; 3:16; 6:19); As Comforter of the Church (Acts 9:31; 2 Cor.1:3); As sanctifying the Church (Eze.37:28; Rom.15:16); As the Witness (Heb.10:15; 1 John 5:9); As convincing of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8-11)

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.
He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears,
and he will tell you what is yet to come.
John 16:13*

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, your ways are higher. Thank you for your precious word that reveals truth to us. Holy Spirit, we love you, adore you and worship you. Continue to lead us into all truth. You are so precious, Mighty counselor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

14 - NAMES FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. Holy Spirit, please show us how to worship you, pray to you, and know you better. We need your power and your love. We want to know you,

love you, and be filled with you on a daily basis. Thank you for coming to dwell in us and making us a temple for you to live in. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*To abide in Christ is, on the one hand,
to have no known sin unjudged and unconfessed,
no interest into which He is not brought, no life which He cannot share.
On the other hand, the abiding one takes all burdens to Him,
and draws all wisdom, life and strength from Him.
- C.I. Scofield -*

*Many of God's children long for a better life,
but do not realize the need of giving God time day by day in their inner chamber
through His Spirit to renew and sanctify their lives.
Meditate on this thought:
The feeble state of my spiritual life is mainly due to the lack of time day by day
in fellowship with God.
- Andrew Murray -*

*Do you not begin to realize that time is needed
- much time in fellowship with the Father and the Son,
if you would experience the power of God within you?
- Andrew Murray -*

4) FURTHER STUDY ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT. This is a study for you to do at home on the Holy Spirit. [3,4,7]

The Emblems of the Holy Spirit

a) Voice:	<i>(Isaiah 6:8; Isaiah 30:21; Matt.10:20; Hebrews 3:7-11; John 16:7-11)</i>
b) A Seal:	<i>(Rev.7:2; Eph.4:30; John 6:27; 2 Cor.1:22; Eph.1:13,14)</i>
c) A Dove:	<i>(Matt.3:16; Matt.30:16; Galatians 5:22)</i>
d) Rain & Dew:	<i>(Psalm 72:6; Mark 4:26-29; Psa.68:9; Psa.133:3; Ezek.34:26,27)</i>
e) Oil:	<i>(Psa.45:7; Ex.29:7; Luke 4:18, 10:34; Isa.61:3; Heb.1:9; Matt.25)</i>
f) Wind:	<i>(John 3:8; 1 Kings 19:11; Acts 2:2; Ezek.37:9,10,14; John 3:8; 1 Cor.12:11)</i>
g) Fire:	<i>(Matt.3:11; John 5:35; Isa.4:4; Mal.3:2,3; 1 Cor.2:10)</i>
h) Water:	<i>(John 3:5; 7:38,39; 4:14; Psa.1:3; 46:4; Isa.41:17,18; 55:1; Rev.22:17; Eph.5:26)</i>

5) NOW, LET'S LOOK AT SOME NAMES FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT. Then let's worship the Holy Spirit for He deserves all glory, honor, and worship as God. [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The different letters are ways to worship the Holy Spirit using different names.
- 2) Let's take some time to worship the Holy Spirit using different names for Him.

a) You are the wonderful Holy Spirit. How we love you and adore you. (Luke 11:13)
b) You are the Spirit. You give life and sustain life. I love you sweet Spirit. (John 3:6)
c) You are called the Oil of Gladness. Fill us with your Oil of Gladness. (Hebrews 1:9)
d) You are the Comforter. We love you for your comfort and love. (John 14:26; 15:26)
e) You are The Eternal Spirit. From all eternity, you are God, Almighty. (Heb.9:14)
f) You are the Spirit of Glory. You are glorious, sweet God, Almighty. (1 Pet.4:14)
g) Sweet Spirit, you are the Spirit of the Lord. How I love you. (Isaiah 11:2)
h) You are the Spirit of Jehovah. You are the self-sustaining one. (Isaiah 61:1)
i) You are the Spirit of the living God. You are alive and you give life. (2 Cor.3:3)
j) You are the Spirit of Christ. You conceived Jesus your power. (Romans 8:9)
k) You are the Spirit of His Son. You are so closely joined to the Son. (Gal.4:6)
l) You are the Spirit of Jesus. Wonderful Holy Spirit. (Phil.1:19; Acts 16:7)
m) You are the Spirit of Burning. You purge that which is not of You. (Isaiah 4:4)
n) You are the Spirit of Holiness. You are divinely holy and pure. (Romans 1:4)
o) You are the Holy Spirit of Promise. We are sealed by You for eternity. (Eph.1:13)
p) You are the Spirit of Truth. You lead us into all truth. (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)
q) You are the Spirit of life. You create life, give life, and sustain life. (Romans 8:2)
r) You are the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. (Isaiah 11:2)
s) You are the Spirit of counsel and might. Mighty counselor. (Isaiah 11:2)
t) You are the Spirit of Knowledge. In You is all knowledge. (Isaiah 11:2)
u) You are the Spirit of grace. You are so gracious and loving to me. (Heb.10:29)

Holy Spirit, you are a gentle dove. You are a wind that blows life into our lives. You are a spring of water that continually cleanses us. You are a cleansing fountain and the river of life. Your fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. You are gracious, so very gracious. You are holy and You burn up that which is not of You. You are Truth and You are the fountain of Truth. All knowledge, counsel, wisdom and understanding come from You. You are life and the sustainer of life. You are my Comforter, Consoler, my guiding light, and my sweet, gentle, loving, caring, giving, sustainer. I love You, Holy Spirit. I worship You. I adore You.

6) NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT MEANS TO YOU "EXPERIENTIALLY." Go into groups of 3.

a) Do you remember when you got filled with the Holy Spirit? Tell about it.

b) What do you love most about the Holy Spirit?

c) Do you believe everyone can be filled with the Holy Spirit?

d) Why should we be filled with the Holy Spirit?

e) How can we continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*..... how much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.
Luke 11:13*

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, what a joy it has been to learn about Your precious Holy Spirit. We love You Holy Spirit. It is so wonderful to know you and be able to worship and adore You. Please teach us how to talk to You. Come and fill us with Yourself from the top of our head to the bottom of our feet. Give us a double portion of all that You are. We need Your power, love, and presence We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

15 - THE ESSENCE OF GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. We thank you for being the source of all life. Come and teach us more about You today. Teach us Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*Beginning the day with a devotional Bible and prayer
equips a man for the day's fight with self and sin and Satan.*
- John R. Stott -

*If Darwin's theory of evolution was correct,
cats would be able to operate a can opener by now.*
- Larry Wright -

Only a Christ could have conceived a Christ.
- Joseph Parker -

4) LET'S CONTINUE TO STUDY ABOUT GOD. [3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about the “essence” or “substance” of God.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about the “essence” or “substance” of God.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

1) The term “essence” or “substance” is what is beneath all outward manifestations of God. It is the “reality” itself of God. Usually God’s attributes are manifestations of His essence.
2) God is a substance. He is “spiritual” substance and not material substance. Jesus said, “God is spirit” in John 4:24. So God’s nature is spiritual.
3) God is “immaterial” and “incorporeal”. Man’s spirit is “finite”. God’s spirit is “infinite”. The Second Commandment forbids the making of any graven image or likeness of anything (Ex.20:4) as well as the numerous commands against idolatry (Deut.16:22; Lev.26:1). [The expressions showing God to have bodily hands, feet, eyes, ears, etc. are symbolic to show that God is real and has an interest in us.]
4) God is invisible. Men at times saw the “reflection” of God’s glory, but they did not see His “essence.” Sometimes “spirit” can be manifested in visible form. A “Theophany” is a manifestation of God in visible form (Gen.32:30; Gen.16:7-14; 18:13-33; 22:11-18; Exod.3:2-5; Judges 6:11-23; 1 Kings 19:5-7; 2 Kings 19:35).
5) God is alive. He is the “living” God (Joshua 3:10; 1 Sam.17:26; Psalm 84:2; Matt.16:16; 1 Tim.3:15; Rev.7:2). Because God is alive, He feels, has power, and activity. He is the source and support of all plant, animal, human, spiritual, and eternal life. God sees, hears, and lives. Idols are not alive.
6) God is a person. If the human spirit is personal, why not God who is spirit. God is a higher order of spirit than man and is personal. He has intellect (mind), sensibility (emotions), and volition (will). God speaks, sees, hears, grieves, repents, gets angry, is jealous, compassionate. He is the creator, sustainer, ruler, and upholder of all things.
7) The essence of God can be, and is, at once three persons and one personal being.
h) God is self-existence. He does not depend on anything outside of Himself for life as man does.
8) God is immense. He is infinite in regards to space. He is beyond space and He does not depend on space but space is dependent on Him.
9) God is eternal. He is infinite in regards to time. He never had a beginning or an ending. He is beyond time because He created time. Time was started in our solar system when the sun was created. God created the sun and therefore He is above time. He was before time, before the sun, and before all things. God is “above time.” That is why God knows the future. He is above time. God is amazing.

5) LET’S KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE “ESSENCE” OF GOD.

DIRECTIONS:

1) Break up into groups of 3 and discuss the following questions.

a) “God is love”. The essence of God is love. Therefore, “love” comes forth from God naturally. As a Christian, how can you love others?

b) What does the fact that “God is alive” mean to you personally?

c) If God is self-existent and doesn’t need anyone or anything, why did He create you?

d) In Jesus, we saw God manifested in the flesh. He functioned as a man and as God. Jesus was in essence, God. What amazes you most about Jesus?

6) NOW “WRITE A PRAYER” EXPRESSING YOUR HEART.

7) LET’S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

The secret things belong to the Lord our God,
but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever,
that we may follow all the words of the law.
Deuteronomy 29:29

8) LET’S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, You are Jehovah. You are the creator, sustainer, ruler, and upholder of all things. You are the essence of all life. You are spirit; living, loving, and giving spirit. You spoke and all life came into being. And You, most Holy One have revealed Yourself to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We will praise You for all eternity. Thank You so very much for salvation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

16 - THE TRINITY

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to You in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. We thank You for this wonderful opportunity to learn about Your precious trinity. Lord, only You can teach Spiritual truth. So come and reveal Yourself to us and strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*He who would try to understand the Trinity fully will lose his mind.
But he who would deny the Trinity will lose his soul.
- Lindsell and Woodbridge -*

*Our lives are a manifestation of what we think about God.
- Anonymous -*

*I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.
I believe in love even when I am not feeling it.
I believe in God even when He is silent.
- Anonymous Jewish holocaust victim -*

4) LET'S CONSIDER THE NUMBER "THREE": [6,3,4,7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about the number "3" and the trinity.
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about the number "3" and the trinity.
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had # 5 the first time, use # 6 for the next person.

1) The number "3" is considered the "Divine Number" in Scriptures because it is mentioned often as dealing with Holy Things. It speaks of the Trinity of God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

2) Man is a three part being – spirit, soul, and body. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (body), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit); and man became a living soul (soul)" (Genesis 2:7). We are made in the image of God.

3) "May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it." (1 Thess.5:23) Here, we see spirit, soul, & body.

4) The Three Great Feasts; the Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (Leviticus Ch. 23).
5) The threefold character of the Baptismal Formula “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”(Matt.28:19)
6) The Apostolic Benediction: “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor.13:14)
7) In Matt.3:13-17, we see God the Father speaking from heaven, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Son, Jesus Christ, was being baptized. God the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on the Savior.
8) In the creation of man in Genesis 1:26, we see plural terms being used. “And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness; and let them have dominion.”
9) The Three Temptations of Christ (Matt.4; Luke 4)
10) Christ’s Three Prayers in Gethsemane (Matt.26:36-46; Mark 13:32-42; Luke 22:39-46)
11) Peter’s “3” Denials (Matt.26:69-75; Mk. 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)
12) Christ’s Restoration of Peter with Three Questions and 3 Charges. (John 21:15-18)
13) The “Restoration of Israel” on the “third” day. (Hosea 6:1,2)
14) Jonah’s three days inside the belly of the whale. (Jonah 1:17, Matt.12:38-40)
15) Jesus is spoken of as ‘He which <u>“is”</u> and <u>“was”</u> and <u>“is to come”</u> ’. (Rev.1:8; 4:8)
16) We see Christ’s threefold ministry as the Faithful Witness (Prophet), First Begotten from the Dead (Priest), and the “Prince of the Kings of the Earth” (King). He is “Prophet”, “Priest”, and “King”. As Prophet, He is God’s Word. As Priest, He is God’s Lamb. As King, He is God’s Lion. (Rev.1:5)
17) In Rev. 16:13 we see <u>the dragon, false prophet, and beast</u> – manifested during the tribulation. In Rev.20:10 see the dragon, false prophet, and beast before Christ’s 1,000 year earthly reign. “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” (2 Cor.11:14). If Satan believes in the Trinity and counterfeits it, why shouldn’t we believe?
18) The four “Living Creatures” chant “Holy, Holy, Holy”. He is three times “Holy”. (Rev.4:8) and they give Him “Glory”, “Honor”, and “Thanks”. (Rev.4:9)
19) His Works are the Works of God. Jesus we made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18) “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but <u>made alive by the Spirit.</u> ”
20) “For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of <u>righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit</u> ” (Romans 15:17)
21) (Acts 17:28) “For in Him we <u>live, and move, and have our being</u> ”.
22) “For <u>from Him and through Him and to Him</u> are all things.” (Romans 11:36)
23) “His <u>good, pleasing, and perfect will</u> ” is seen in Romans 12:3.
24) In Acts 17:32-34, we see that people respond to the Gospel in 3 different ways. “Sneer”, “want to hear some more”, or “believe”. “When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them (1) <u>sneered</u> but others said, ‘We want to (2) <u>hear you again</u> on this subject.’ At that, Paul left the Council. A few men became followers of Paul and (3) <u>believed.</u> ”
25) <u>The number Three is also prominent in nature.</u>
The primary colors of solar light are Blue, Yellow, and Red. The Sun manifests Light, Heat, and Chemical Rays. Nature has Three Kingdoms: Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral. Matter exists in three forms: Gas, Liquid, and Solid. The great forces of nature are Gravity, Light, and Electricity.

5) LET'S LOOK A LITTLE FURTHER AT THE TRINITY: [3,4]

1) Many have come against the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. In these last days before Jesus returns we need to know what we really believe. The essence can be, and is, at once, three persons and one personal being. Three persons but one essence. Three eternal distinctions in the one divine essence. The Tri-personality of God. The triune God.
2) The Athanasian Creed says, “We worship one God in the Trinity, and the Trinity in unity; we distinguish among the persons, but we do not divide the substance The entire three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other so that one can worship complete unity in Trinity and Trinity in unity”.
3) If there were no trinity, there could be no incarnation for God is Holy and had to become man. There could be no objective redemption for the Father was in Heaven while the Son was on the cross; therefore no salvation for there would be no one capable of acting as Mediator between God and man (1 Tim.2:5,6).
4) The doctrine of the trinity is not a truth of natural theology, but of revelation.
5) The Trinity is indeed the threefold persons of God and yet God in ESSENCE one.
6) What a beautiful thing it is to right now to have our Father reigning in Heaven, Jesus our Risen Savior seated at His right hand praying for us right now as our High Priest, and the Wonderful Counselor, indwelling us, empowering us, loving us, and changing us.
7) We don't have to understand it in my mind but accept it by faith that my God has everything covered. He is able to save us to the uttermost.

6) LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY. Here are some illustrations of the Trinity. [7]

a) In a business, the company may be called “Jones and Company”. John Jones, Jim Jones, and Peter Jones may be the heads of three different departments in the company. The three work together in unison, yet it is one company. Three persons working together in unison, yet one company.
b) Light has three different rays. It has red heat rays (invisible like the Father), yellow light rays (that are seen giving us a picture of the Son), and blue chemical rays (seen by their effects giving us a picture of the Holy Spirit).
c) Water comes in three forms. Liquid, ice, and steam. Yet it is still only water.
d) A Shamrock is a three-leaved plant. It is one leaf but three distinct sections.
e) John Clarke. John is a husband, father, and teacher. He is one person but functions in three different roles at the same time.

7) LET'S LOOK AT THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. In the Holy Spirit we see God Almighty in that the same attributes attributed to the Father and Jesus are spoken about the Holy Spirit. His attributes affirm personality and deity. [7]

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>God the Father</u>	<u>God the Son</u>	<u>God the Holy Spirit</u>
1) Omnipresent	Jeremiah 23:24	Matthew 18:20	Psalms 139:7
2) Omniscient	Jeremiah 17:10	Revelation 2:23	1 Corinthians 2:11
3) Omnipotent	1 Peter 1:5	2 Corinthians 12:9	Romans 15:19
4) Eternal	Psalms 90:2	Revelation 1:8,17	Hebrews 9:14
5) Holy	Revelation 15:4	Acts 3:14	Luke 1:15
6) Truth	John 7:28	Revelation 3:7	1 John 5:6
7) Benevolent	Romans 2:4	Ephesians 5:25	Nehemiah 9:20
8) Communion	1 John 1:3	1 John 1:3	2 Corinthians 13:14

8) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*The Spirit of God has made me;
The breath of the Almighty gives me life.
Job 33:4*

9) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, thank you for Your perfect plan. If there were no trinity, there could be no incarnation for You are holy and had to become man. Because of the trinity, the Father could be in heaven, while the Son was on the cross. Your plan for us is beyond our understanding. Thank you that You reveal the trinity to us as we come to You as little children. You are so special. We love You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

17 - THE UNITY OF GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus and only through the precious blood of Jesus Christ your Son. Thank You for the wonderful opportunity that we have everyday to learn more about You so that we can love You more. Holy Spirit, come and fill us right now. We need You and want more of You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*What the Church needs today is not more or better machinery,
not new organizations or more and novel methods,
but men whom the Holy Ghost can use
– men of prayer, men mighty in prayer.
- E.M. Bounds -*

*The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men.
– He does not come on machinery, but on men.
– He does not anoint plans, but men
– men of prayer.
- E.M. Bounds –*

*When you close your eyes to the devil,
make sure that it is not a wink.
- John C. Kulp -*

4) LET'S READ ABOUT THE UNITY OF GOD: [3,4,7]

1) When Christians talk about the unity of God they are talking about the fact that there is only “one” God. His divine nature is undivided and indivisible.
2) This truth that there is one God is throughout the Old Testament (Deut.4:23,24, 35,39; Deut.6:4; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 44:6; 45:5,21; etc.)
3) This truth that there is one God is throughout the New Testament (Mark 12:29-32; John 10:30; John 17:3; 1 Cor.8:4-6; 1 Tim.2:5; etc.)
4) It would be impossible for there to be more than one God. He is an “uncaused being”. How can there be more than one perfect and infinite being? Who would be the creator?
5) God’s being is simple. He is “one”. He is a unity of one. God’s unity has personal distinctions in the divine nature, but at the same time the divine nature is numerically and eternally one. In the trinity there are three persons but one essence.
6) God is a balanced being. God is holy and God is love. At the same time, God is just and righteous. Christ’s death at Calvary was a display of God’s mercy and love to the guilty sinner and God’s justice and righteousness toward sin.

5) THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART.

DIRECTIONS:

1) Take some time to study the following scriptures about the unity of God. God is one.

a) The First Commandment in Exodus 20:2 says, “You shall have no other gods before me.” Why does God say this? What does God want from us as His children?

b) The Second Commandment (Ex.20:4,5) says, “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven 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.....” (also Deut.4:23,24) Does God want us to worship anything besides Him? Should we set up “shrines” in our homes?

c) Deuteronomy 6:4 says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” How can there be a trinity and yet God says there is one God?

d) Isaiah 44:6 says, “This is what the Lord says – Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty; I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.” Isaiah 45:21 says, “..... And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.” Discuss this.

e) In John 10:30, Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.” Then in verse 33 the Jews explain why they are trying to stone Jesus, “for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” Take some time to discuss this.

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
Deuteronomy 6:4*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, You are one. It is amazing Lord how You have revealed this truth to us by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, You have not entrusted man to reveal Your words to us but they were moved by Your Holy Spirit to reveal these truths. Lord, thank you for Your Holy Spirit that leads us into all truth. You are The Truth and we worship You as Almighty God, God of all. We love You for revealing infinite truth to finite beings as us. We will praise Your name forever and ever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

18 - SALVATION (BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD)

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, this hour we are going to hear about your wonderful message of Salvation. Lord, if You had not sent Your Son to die for us on the cross, we would still be dead in our transgressions and sins. Thank you Lord, for Your commitment, love, and patience with us. We will praise Your name forever. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*An age is called Dark, not because the light fails to shine,
but because people refuse to see it.
- James A. Michener -*

*I believe that there are too many accommodating preachers... Jesus Christ did not say
"Go into the world and tell the world that it is quite right."
The Gospel is something completely different.
In fact, it is directly opposed to the world.
- C.S. Lewis -*

Make sure the thing you're living for is worth dying for.
- Charles Mayes –

4) LET'S LOOK AT SOME DIFFERENT SCENARIOS AND SEE IF THESE PEOPLE ARE SAVED OR NOT?

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Break up into groups of 3. Have the leader read the different scenarios.
- 2) Then, decide whether or not these people are “SAVED” or not.

a) Johnny is 30 years old. He was born in a Christian family. He enjoys going to church, fellowshiping with other Christians, and he regularly attends a Bible study. Is Johnny saved?
b) Mary is 42 years old. When she was 30, she went to a church meeting. At the meeting, she felt sorry for her sins. She cried, went home, and decided to go to church every week. Is Mary saved?
c) Lucy is 80 years old. She attends church every Sunday and twice on weekdays. She enjoys the messages, loves the people, and sings all the hymns. Is Lucy saved?
d) Paula is 16 years old. Paula was born in a Christian home. She was baptized when she was 6 months old. She attended a Christian school, took her 1 st communion at age 6, was confirmed at age 11, and she now sings in the school choir. Is Paula saved?
e) Peter is 45 years old. One day when he was 34 years old, he read a book about Jesus Christ dying for his sins. He was touched very deeply by it. After that, he began to attend church on a regular basis. Is Peter saved?
f) Frank is 70 years old. Frank grew up in a Christian home. His mother went to church, prayed to God, and used to pray with him and sing hymns to him before he went to bed. Every Sunday, Frank goes to church, serves as an usher, and takes communion. People really love Frank and often tell him what a wonderful person he is. Frank is even a member of the Christian school's executive counsel. Is Frank saved?
g) Sally is 45 years old. Her father is a retired pastor. She grew up in the church and married a pastor at age 25. She enjoys singing hymns, teaching Sunday school, and cooking in the church kitchen. Everybody really respects Sally. Is Sally saved?

[None of these people are saved unless they by an act of their will, have received Jesus Christ into their hearts as their personal Savior trusting in Christ's shed blood for them on the cross of Calvary. It is not whether you go to church, whether you are baptized, whether you are in the choir, whether you are a good person, whether you were born in a Christian home, etc. To put your faith in something that you do will never get you born again. We can only be saved by putting our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross and asking Jesus Christ to come into our heart and rule as our Lord and Savior. Then we must turn our will and lives over to God and allow God to be our Lord. That is salvation. It is putting our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary, not in what we have done]

5) WHY SHOULD I TRUST CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR?

Here are just 12 of many reasons to trust Jesus. [7]

1) Jesus is God. His teachings are divine truth on which I can confidently build my life on. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
2) Jesus died for my sins on the cross of Calvary. His shed blood on the cross was the atonement that I needed to bring me to God. "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin."
3) Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today. He is alive and able to talk to me on a personal basis everyday. Jesus Christ has power over death. I need that.
4) Jesus Christ has divine power. He is more than a good man. He has divine power to give to me on a day-by-day basis for my life.
5) Jesus was sinless. He was not able to sin because He was God. This makes Him able to save me completely. Jesus cannot and will not ever sin. His salvation for me is perfect. For Jesus to come into my heart and live in me, gives me the power I need over sin, the world, and the devil.
6) Jesus created all things. He is bigger, mightier, and more powerful than anything. I need the best and Jesus is the best. He is God Almighty. (No other religious leader has ever pretended or said to be God).
7) Jesus was and is perfect. I can never be perfect no matter how hard I try. I need Jesus' perfection in my life or I will spend the rest of my life trying to be better. How much is enough? Only perfection is enough. I need Christ's perfection, not mine.
8) Jesus knows what it is like to be human. Jesus suffered loss, pain, affliction, rejection, heartache, etc. No body else can relate to me better than Jesus. He is able to comfort me, help me, give me rest, give me hope, and give me life.
9) Jesus loves me. He wants nothing but the best for me. He is "for" me. He will never leave me or forsake me. He promises to be with me always. His love is unchanging, perfect, complete, and ever present.
10) Jesus lived His life for His Father. He knew the Father and loved Him. If Jesus could completely trust in His Father, even enough to go to the cross, why can't I?
11) Jesus received a new spiritual body that will never die. I am promised a spiritual body when I die.
12) Jesus changes lives. Millions upon millions of people testify to the life changing power, joy, love, peace, and salvation Jesus Christ provides.

6) HOW CAN I BE SAVED? [2]

"YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD" (JOHN 1:12)

BELIEVE + RECEIVE = BECOME

BELIEVE that God loves you and promises you eternal life in Jesus

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, what whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 1:4; 2:11; 3:14-15; 3:18; 5:24; 6:40; 6:47; 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11)

BELIEVE that you are separated from God and a sinner

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:10; 6:23) We sin because of our "sinful nature" that was imparted to us by Adam. We need a new nature – the divine nature of Jesus imparted to us by the New Birth (John 3:3-6)

BELIEVE that God provided a way for you to have forgiveness of sins

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:3-7). God's grace is Christ dying for our sins on the cross. Every religion says "DO". Go to church, pray, do a pilgrimage, do penance, etc. Christianity says, "DONE". Jesus did it all for us on the cross of Calvary.

RECEIVE his forgiveness, love, and acceptance.

Romans 8:9-10, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (John 1:12; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:4; Revelation 3:20).

RECEIVE Christ by praying this following prayer from the heart:

"Lord Jesus, thank you for shedding your blood on the cross for me. Thank you for dying for me and rising from the dead so that I might have eternal life in you. I confess that I am a sinner and that salvation is found in no one else but you. I thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I now ask you to come into my heart and reign in my heart and life as my Savior, Lord, and King. I give you my life. Now Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can have power over the world, sin, and the devil. Thank you that I am a child of God and that I will spend eternity with you. I love you Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

BECOME a "child of God" by the new birth.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." Have you received Christ into your heart? Did he say he would come in if you received him? Is Christ a liar? Do you feel saved (salvation is not a feeling but believing)? Christianity is walking by faith. You "are" a child of God by faith. As you walk with Christ, begin to "thank" him for saving you. The feelings will follow as you put your trust in him. God bless you. **JESUS HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU AT THE CROSS. YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

7) SUGGESTIONS ON GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN: [1]

a) Read your Bible daily. God talks to us through His Word. (Psalm 105:11)
b) Pray to God daily. Find a time that is most suitable to you. Daniel prayed three times a day. You can do this by praying before every meal. Don't be too hard on yourself. Start out slowly, and develop a relationship with God. Begin to ask God to speak to you through His word. Ask God to "keep" you as He's promised. Ask God to continue to help you become more and more like Jesus.
c) Try to memorize scripture. When God speaks to you through His Word, take some time to memorize the passage. Some people like to put the verses on cards that they go back and look at again and again.
d) Find a godly man (if you are a male) or woman (if you are a woman) to pray with, share your life with, and to guide you in your Christian walk. This is called discipleship. People who get "discipled" end up discipling others.
e) Find a good Christian church that preaches the Bible, is interested in your Christian growth, and provides Bible studies, prayer groups, and support. An amazing thing about Christianity is that when we are born again, we don't "have" to go to church, we "want" to. [Remember that Christians are not perfect. A lot of people get hurt by putting their trust in people. Put your trust in God and pray that God will bring good Christians into your life.]
f) Don't be in a hurry to go into ministry. Listen to God's voice. Allow time to grow. Be wise. Many people get "too" involved without taking the time to grow and mature in Christ. Get involved in ministry as God leads you.
g) Fellowship with mature Christians. If you hang around Jesus, you will become like Jesus. We become "who" we hang around with.
h) Ask your pastor when you can be baptized. Baptism is an "outward" sign of an "inward" change. It is "identifying" with Jesus publicly to show others we have made a commitment to Jesus Christ. Also ask your pastor about "communion."

8) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*"YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM,
TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD"
- JOHN 1:12 -*

9) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father God, thank you for salvation. That through the blood of Jesus Christ, Your Son, I have eternal life. Lord, hold onto me everyday. I need You. I can't fathom that Almighty God would come to earth and die for me. Thank you Lord. I love You. Your plan for mankind is amazing. Amazing Grace. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

19 - GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father God, we come to You through the blood of Jesus Christ Your Son. We thank you for Your grace, love, and mercy in our lives. You are so good. Come and fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we learn more and more about You. Speak to us through Your Word, Your Holy Spirit, and through each other. In Jesus' name I pray.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*The fear of God kills all other fears.
- Hugh Black -*

*A heathen philosopher once asked a Christian, "Where is God?"
The Christian answered, "Where is He not?"
- Aaron Arrowsmith -*

*We are all dangerous folk without God's controlling hand.
- William Ward Ayer -*

4) SANCTIFICATION - BECOMING LIKE JESUS CHRIST. [7]

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) The numbers below talk about "sanctification".
- 2) The teacher will give you each a number of an answer below.
- 3) You will use your answer to talk to people about "sanctification".
- 4) After you have finished talking to one person, talk to someone different. Make sure you go to the next number. For example if you had a) the first time, use b) for the next person.

1) Sanctification is the same as holiness. It is separation <u>from</u> the world, sin, and the devil and separation <u>unto</u> God.
2) Hebrews 12:14 calls us to, "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." We are called to be holy, cleansed, and set apart.
3) Jesus sanctified himself so we should be sanctified, "For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified." (John 17:19). We should be sanctified so that others will be by what they see in our lifestyle.
4) In 1 Peter 3:15 we are commanded, "But in your hearts set apart Jesus Christ as Lord." Jesus should fill our hearts.

5) 2 Timothy 2:21 says, “If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” We are to be sanctified so that we can be used for God’s glory.
6) In the Old Testament, the tabernacle, men, buildings, temples, priests, the nation, the firstborn the tabernacle’s contents, etc. were sanctified or cleansed (2 Chronicles 29; Numbers 8:17; Exodus 40:9-11; Lev.27:14-16). These were done to give us a picture that we too should be set apart and made holy.
7) We can be sanctified by spending time in the Word of God, renewing our mind, and putting our faith in the sanctifying work of Christ’s blood. We need to agree with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit when they convict of us of sin. Then we should confess the sin and repent (walk in a new way). We need to allow God to use the “all things” of Romans 8:28 to conform us to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). God allows struggles, difficulties, persecutions, etc. into our lives so that we will become more and more like Jesus Christ.
8) Jesus is our Sanctification. We were sanctified when we were born again “positionally”. We know that we “are” sanctified. Jesus is also our Sanctifier. He continually and experientially sanctifies us everyday. He brings

5) LET’S TALK ABOUT OUR SANCTIFICATION.

a) Why is it important to God that we are holy?

b) Jesus has imparted his holiness to us when we were born again. We need only walk by faith in his holiness. What does Christ’s imparted holiness mean to you (1 Cor.1:30,31) ?

c) Give some examples of how you can practically “walk in holiness” in your life?

d) Share some of your struggles as you try to become more and more like Jesus Christ?

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul, and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.
1 Thess.5:23,24*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Thank you Jesus that You are our sanctification and our sanctifier. Lord continue to cleanse us by Your Word, Spirit, and by the things that You allow in our lives. We want to be more and more like You Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

20 - SALVATION (OUR FUTURE GLORY)

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord, we bless You and praise Your name. You are the most Holy God. How we love You, need You, and thank You. Come this hour and give us divine revelation to who You are. You are the Holy One of Israel, the Creator of all things, and the Lord of life. We thank you that we can come boldly into Your presence through the blood of Jesus Christ. So speak to us Lord through Your Word, as we worship You, and as we share about You. We will love You for all eternity. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*As the flower is before the fruit, so is faith before good works.
- Richard Whatley -*

*Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility.
- Jonathan Edwards -*

*“Day by day the manna fell;
Oh, to learn this lesson well!”
- unknown -*

4) LET'S LOOK AT THE BELIEVER'S FUTURE GLORY. It is a wonderful thing that we have to look forward to because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. [3,4,7]

The Believer's Future Glory

a) Our death will just be a falling asleep in Christ (John 11:11; 1 Thess.4:14)
b) We will awake in the Lord's presence (Phil.1:23)
c) We will be with Christ (John 14:3; Acts 26:18; Psalm 17:5)
d) We will behold the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus" (2 Cor.4:6; John 17:24; Matt.17:2). What a glorious face that will be!!!!
e) We shall see His face (Rev.22:4) and be glorified with Christ (Romans 8:17,18)
f) We will reign with Christ (2 Tim.2:12).
g) We will inherit all things (Rev.21:7). We will shine with Him (Col.3:4)
h) We will receive "rewards" and "crowns" for our works done here on earth.
i) Our body will be raised imperishable; raised in glory, raised in power, and raised a spiritual body (1 Cor.15:42-44) just like Jesus' body. He is the Way.
j) We will not all sleep (those who are raptured will not sleep but be caught up in the air to be with him – 1 Thess. 4:16-17; John 11:24,25; 1 Cor.15:51). Elijah and Enoch did not die but were caught out – a type of the rapture. Some of us here right now may never die.
k) We will all be changed (1 Cor.15:51)
l) No more pain, tears, crying, death, or mourning (Rev.21:6)
m) We will drink without cost from the spring of the water of life (Rev.21:6)
n) God will be our God and we will be His son (Rev.21:7)
o) There will be a beautiful city, streets of gold, God will be its light, there will be no more darkness and no sin; only the love of God.
WE WILL BE WITH "JESUS"
THE CREATOR IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE CREATION.

5) LET'S BREAK INTO GROUPS OF "3" AND "FREE TALK".

1) What is the most amazing thing that God has done for you in your life?
2) What do you admire most about Jesus when he walked on the earth?
3) What was the most difficult thing that Jesus went through?
4) Do you look forward to Christ's return and all He has for you? Why?
5) What is your biggest fear to totally committing your life to God?

6) FOR FURTHER STUDY: [5,6]

The N.T. speaks of 5 judgments.

1) <u>Believer's Judgment as to Sin took place at Calvary.</u> Those who receive Christ's forgiveness have been judged as to the principle of Sin. Salvation is secured (Rom.10:4; Rom.8:1,2; John 5:24). Our sins should be constantly confessed (1 John 2:1; 1 John 1:9).
2) <u>Believer's Judgment as to Works will take place at the Rapture in the Air at the Judgment Seat of Christ.</u> This is for our works only and not salvation (2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.4:5; 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor.9:24-27). We will receive "rewards" or suffer "loss". Here our crowns will be rewarded for the N.T. speaks of 5 crowns:
a) The Crown of Life or Martyr's Crown (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
b) The Crown of Glory or Elder's/Pastor's Crown (1 Peter 5:2-4)
c) The Crown of Rejoicing or The Soul Winner's Crown (1 Thess. 2:19,20; Phil. 4:1)
d) The Crown of Righteousness or The Crown of Those Who Love His Appearing (1 Timothy 4:8)
e) The Crown Incorruptible or the Victor's Crown (1 Cor. 9:25-27)
3) <u>The Jews during the Great Tribulation on the earth.</u> This is after the Rapture. The Jews will be judged during this time for their rejection of Christ (1 Sam.8:7; Luke 23:18; Acts 7:51,54-60; Eze.20:34-38; Jer.30:4-7). Many Jews will be saved out of the tribulation (Matt.24:21-31; Zech.14:1-11; Zech.12:10; Isaiah 66:8).
4) <u>The Nations at the Revelation of Christ on earth for their treatment of the Jews.</u> This is before the 1,000 Millennial reign of Christ. (Joel 3:1,2; Matt.25:31-46).
5) <u>The Wicked Dead at the Great White Throne during the Renovation of the Earth by Fire.</u> This is after the 1,000 year Millennial reign of Christ. (See Rev.20:11-15; 2 Pet.3:7)

7) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*And when Christ,
who is your real life,
comes back again,
then you will shine with him
and share in all his glories.
Colossians 3:4*

8) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, Your plan for salvation is unfathomable. We deserve hell and you've given us more than we can imagine. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Help me to continue to appreciate all that I have. You are so gracious, so giving, so loving, and so generous. It is such a privilege to call You my God. I will praise You and love You for all eternity. Thank You, Holy One. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

21 - SALVATION (ASSURANCE)

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord, we come to You today in humility and in awe. We are amazed at how You could love us. Yet You have bestowed on us riches and glories that we cannot imagine. Thank You for this chance to get to know You better. To understand You, to love You, and to praise You. Come and fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to receive Your fullness in new and real ways. We need You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*And I smiled to think
God's greatness flowed around our incompleteness,
Round our restlessness His rest.
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning -*

*I don't know who my grandfather was;
I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.
- Abraham Lincoln -*

*Ay, call it holy ground, The soil where first they trod:
They have left unstained what there they found, -- Freedom to worship God.
- Felicia D. Hemas, Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers -*

4) LET'S SEE HOW TO BE ASSURED OF OUR SALVATION. THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES "ASSURANCE". [3,4,7]

1) In order to be free to share your faith, you must be confident that you are saved.
2) It is not right to just "think," "hope," or "pretend" that you are saved. You can know you are saved by faith in what God has said in His Holy Word the Bible.
3) You are either "saved" or "not saved". You are either "in Christ" or "out of Christ". You are either going to heaven or going to hell. God does not see us as Protestants or Catholics, church goers, church leaders, teachers, etc. He sees us as either "saved" or "not saved".
4) Many people say, "I don't feel saved". Salvation is not a feeling. It is faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and his resurrection. You may not feel like you are a father or mother but you are still a father or mother.
5) Salvation is a gift (Eph.2:8) that we can receive, possess, and be confident of. When someone gives you a gift at Christmas, you don't wonder if you have it or not. You simply say, "Thank you." It is the same with salvation. Say, "Thank you" Jesus.
6) Many people believe they have to work to be saved. How much work is enough? If a person would continually have to work to be saved they would never be able to find the rest that Jesus promises (Matt.11:28, 29). We do not work "to" the cross but "from" the cross.
7) Assurance of salvation is to have the confidence that we are saved. It's to know that if you were to die right now, you would go to heaven and spend eternity with Jesus.
8) Jesus Christ is eternal life (1 John 1:2; 1 John 5:11,12; 1 John 5:20). When we were saved we entered into Christ's eternal life. There is only one life that is going to live for eternity. That is the life of Christ. In order to experience His life, we have to be "in Christ". Jesus took our life into Himself on the cross ("For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" Col. 3:3 – see Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-10). This became real in our lives when we received Christ into our hearts and put our faith in His finished work on the cross.
9) It is important not to put our faith in our feelings. Our feelings are part of our soul (mind, will, and emotions). Satan has access to our feelings. Our feelings can be up and down. But "we walk by faith".
10) We base our assurance on three things. 1) The witness of the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:16; Galatians 4:6); 2) The Word of God (1 John 5:10; 1 John 5:13; John 5:24; Acts 13:39; Luke 7:48; Romans 10:13); and the changed life (1 John 3:14; 2 Cor.5:17).
11) <u>From now on</u> trust the Word of God for your salvation. The Word of God never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Stay spiritually alert, come out of the world, put away all sin (1 John 1:9); walk in the Spirit (Gal.5:16; Luke 11:13); don't become "religious" but soft hearted towards Jesus; and love fellowshiping with the saints.

5) LET'S LEARN TO "ASSURE" PEOPLE OF SALVATION.

These are different ways to minister God's Word. [1]

DIRECTIONS:

1) Go into groups of 2. One person will minister the Word of God. The other person will "pretend" that they lack "assurance of salvation." Take turns "assuring" each other.

Go to John 1:12 in your Bible. Have "B" read the verse first.

A: Did you receive Christ as your personal Savior?

B: Yes, I did.

A: Did you believe in His name?

B: Yes, I did.

A: Then Jesus has given you the right to "become" a child of God.

B: Yes, He has.

Go to John 5:24 in your Bible. Have "B" read the verse first.

A: Is Jesus the Truth? Is Jesus telling the truth?

B: Yes, He is.

A: Have you heard God's Word about salvation through Jesus Christ?

B: Yes, I have.

A: Do you believe on the One who sent Jesus?

B: Yes, I do.

A: Then what do you have?

B: I have eternal life.

A: Is that "now" or "in the future"?

B: It is "now".

A: Will God condemn you?

B: No, he won't.

A: What has happened?

B: I have passed over from death to life.

A: Is that "now" or "in the future"?

B: That is now.

b) Now, with your partner, write a similar conversation using one of the verses below.

Acts 13:38,39; Romans 10:13; John 10:28,29; Ephesians 2:8,9;

1 John 5:13; John 6:47; John 20:31

6) LET'S LEARN THE "TWO WORDS" THAT WE NEED TO USE TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WONDERFUL MESSAGE. When someone gives you a gift at your birthday party, what do you say? You say, "Thank you". That is all it takes if you have believed on Jesus Christ. Start saying "thank you". When the devil comes to try to steal the "joy of your salvation", simply put your trust in God's Word and begin to say something like this:

Jesus, thank you for saving me. I will praise you, forever.

Jesus, thank you for eternal life. I love you Jesus.

Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Jesus, you are Lord.

Jesus, thank you for forgiving my sins. I worship you.

Jesus, thank you for your Good News. I adore you.

You are Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Hallelujah!!!!

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9,10

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*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.
John 5:24*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father God, Your plan of salvation is too wonderful to believe. Your Son Jesus has done it all for us. We could never get to heaven but the death and resurrection is enough for my sin and the sin of the world. Thank you that I now have "assurance of salvation". Now, I feel empowered to go and share Your Good News with the lost. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Thank you Lord. Jesus, You are Lord. You are Lord. You are Lord. You are life. You are Eternal Life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

22 - SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father we come to You again through the blood of Your Son. We worship You as Almighty God and we thank you for Your wonderful plan of salvation. Today, teach us who we are. Lord, we want to get a deeper understanding of who we are. So come learn and speak to Your children's hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S STUDY SOME QUOTES NOW:

*The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.
- Admiral Hyman Rickover -*

*A candle loses none of its light by lighting another candle.
- Unknown -*

*Two men please God: who serves Him with all his heart because he knows Him;
who seeks Him with all his heart because he knows Him not.
- Nikita Ivanovich Panin -*

*Wise men can learn as much from a fool as a philosopher.
- C.H.Spurgeon -*

*It is not so much great talents that God blesses, as great likeness to Christ.
- M'Cheyne -*

*God's work done God's way will not lack God's support
- Hudson Taylor -*

4) DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE? Let's take some time and discover who you are as a Christian. This is called "OUR IDENTITY".

DIRECTIONS

1) Read the following descriptions. (Cover the answers)

Do these people "know who they are" as a Christian?

a) My name is John. I am a carpenter.	(No, he doesn't. This is his job)
b) My name's Sally. I'm a housewife.	(No, she doesn't. This is what she does)
c) I'm Peter. I'm my father's son.	(No, he doesn't. This is his "human" identity)
d) I'm Mary. I'm a generous person.	(No, she doesn't. This is one of her characteristics)
e) I'm Sam Park. I'm Canadian.	(No, he doesn't. This is his name & where he was born)
f) I'm Karen. I'm a humble sinner. (No, she doesn't. She was a sinner before she became a Christian)	
g) I'm Paul. I'm a saint. Sometimes I sin but I'm a saint. (Yes, he does. He knows who he is)	
h) I'm Samuel. I'm a child of God.	(Yes, he does. He's identifying with his life as a new creation in Christ)
i) I'm George. I'm a child of God, a saint, destined for my home in heaven. Why you ask? Because Jesus Christ died on the cross for me.	(Yes, he does. He knows who he is)

A LIFE CHANGING TRUTH

Most people identify themselves with their families, their jobs, their social clubs, their accomplishments, etc. If you think about it, our father's and mother's gave us death. They gave us a dead spirit (dead to God and alive to sin), a soul that was bound for hell, and a body that was dying the minute it was born. This is our "human" or "natural" inheritance. Also, many times people look at what they do or the things they've accomplished in life. This is not "who we are." They're not a solid foundation to build a life on.

When we become a Christian, Jesus not only enters into our life but just as importantly -we enter into His life (the life of God - the eternal life). His life - always has been - is now - and will always be. His life is eternal - eternal past, eternal present, and eternal future. So as Christians we "IDENTIFY" with His life - the life of God - the Eternal One's life. This is who we are.

Many people think humility is thinking of themselves as lowly & not very worthy. Actually, this is "not" humility. True humility is accepting the truth as fact and believing the truth about ourselves. God by His grace, love, and mercy has given us so many things. The list below is "WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST." It is now the life, gifts, and existence of God that we identify with as Christians.

But aren't we supposed to be humble as Christians? Yes, true humility says, "I am all this because of what Jesus Christ has done for me on the cross." (It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is our holiness, righteousness, and redemption. Therefore, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord - 1 Cor.1:30,31) We can sin two ways here. We can sin by not accepting the truth about ourselves and thereby hurt God. Or we can sin by becoming "puffed up" with spiritual pride thinking we are better than others. Remember, it is because of him....his death on the cross....his wonderful grace to us who deserved nothing but hell, separation from God for eternity, and death. Thank you Lord Jesus.

Let's take some time now and read "outloud" who we are in Christ. The term "in Christ" ("in love," "in whom," "in him," etc.) is mentioned over 100 times in the New Testament. We have passed over from death (the wages of sin is death) to life (but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus). We were in Adam - identified with our earthly parentage - and now we are in Christ - identified with our spiritual parentage - God. Hallelujah!!!!

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ” [11]

- * My name is recorded in heaven. (Luke 10:20)
 - * I have life in Christ. (John 1:4)
- * I shall not perish but have eternal life by believing in Christ. (John 3:14-16)
 - * I shall not be condemned. (John 3:18)
- * I believe in Christ, have eternal life and will be raised up on the last day. (John 6:40)
 - * I have everlasting life. (John 6:47)
 - * I have abundant life (John 10:10)
 - * I have eternal life (John 10:28)
 - * I am a son of the light. (John 12:36)
- * I have an untroubled heart because I trust in God. (John 14:1)
 - * I have a mansion of Glory waiting (John 14:2)
 - * I am indwelt by Christ (John 14:23)
- * As I remain in Christ, I will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)
 - * I am a friend of God (John 15:15)
- * I am in Jesus' prayers and a gift to Jesus from God (John 17:9, 12, 14)
 - * I am saved by Christ (Acts 4:12)
- * By believing in Christ I receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)
 - * In Christ, I live and move and have my being. I am His offspring. (Acts 17:28)
- * My hope in God has given me the promised resurrection of my body. (Acts 24:15)
 - * I believe what God has told me will happen (Acts 27:25)
- * I have righteousness from God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom 3:22)
 - * I am justified through faith in Jesus (Rom 3:26)
 - * I am credited righteousness because I believe in Jesus. (Rom 4:24)
 - * I have received reconciliation through Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:11)
 - * I am dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)
- * I have received the gift of God; eternal life in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:23)
 - * I have no condemnation in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:1)
 - * I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:16)
 - * I am an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom.8:17)
- *nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:39)
 - * I speak the truth with my conscience confirming it in the Holy Spirit (Rom 9:1)
 - * I will never be put to shame because I trust in Jesus (Rom 9:33;10:11)
- * I am part of the Body of Christ belonging to the other members of His body. (Rom 12:5)
- * I'm filled with joy & peace. I overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power (Rom 15:13)
 - * I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. (Rom 15:17)
 - * I have fellow workers in Christ (Rom 16:3)
 - * I am tested and approved in Christ. (Rom 16:10)
- * I am sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy (1 Cor 1:2)
 - * I have been given grace in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 1:4)
- * I have been enriched in every way in Christ – in my speaking and knowledge (1 Cor 1:5)
 - * Because of God I am in Christ Jesus (1 Cor 1:30)
 - * Christ has become for me wisdom from God
 - my righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Cor.1:30)
 - * I am wise in Christ! (1 Cor 4:10)
 - * I have ten thousand guardians in Christ, (1 Cor 4:15)
 - * I am made alive in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 15:22)
- * I am washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.6:11)
 - * My body is the Holy Spirit's abode (1 Cor.6:19)
 - * I have spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:11)

- * I do everything in love. (1 Cor 16:14)
- * Christ's promises are always "Yes" in Christ. (2 Cor 1:19,20)
- * God makes me stand firm in Christ. (2 Cor 1:21)
- * God has anointed me, set his seal of ownership on me. (2 Cor.1:21)
- * God has put his Spirit in my heart as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Cor.1:21)
- * God, always leads me in triumphal procession in Christ (2 Cor 2:14)
- * Through me, God spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Cor.2:14)
 - * In Christ I speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. (2 Cor 2:17)
 - * In Christ, I am a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)
 - * God has reconciled me to himself in Christ, (2 Cor 5:19)
 - * He has committed to me the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor.5:19)
 - * God made him who had no sin to be sin for me, (2 Cor 5:21)
 - * In God I have become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor.5:21)
 - * Everything I do is for other's strengthening. (2 Cor.12:19)
 - * By God's power I will live with him to serve others. (2 Cor 13:4)
 - * I have freedom in Christ Jesus and will not become a slave again to sin. (Gal 2:4)
 - * I have put my faith in Christ Jesus that I may be justified by faith in Christ (Gal 2:16)
 - * What Christ has promised me has been given me through faith in Jesus (Gal 3:22)
 - * I am a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:26)
 - * I am one with fellow believers in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28)
 - * I am adopted as a son into God's family (Gal.4:5)
 - * I am one of the faithful in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:1)
 - * I have been blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)
 - * I was chosen in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless (Eph 1:4)
 - * God predestined me to be adopted as his son through Jesus Christ (Eph 1:5)
 - * In Christ I have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7-8)
 - * God's grace has been lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding (Eph.1:7-8)
 - * God's made known to me the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure (Eph 1:9)
 - * I have been chosen and predestined in Christ (Eph 1:11)
 - * I have been included in Christ. (Eph 1:13)
 - * I have been marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (Eph.1:13)
 - * God raised me up with Christ and seated me with him in the heavenly realms (Eph 2:6)
 - * God will show me the incomparable riches of his grace (Eph.2:7)
 - * I am God's workmanship. (Eph.2:10)
 - * I'm created in Christ Jesus to do good works prepared in advance for me (Eph.2:10)
 - * In Christ Jesus I have been brought near through the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)
 - * I have access to God through Jesus (Eph.2:18)
 - * In Christ I am being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives (Eph 2:22)
 - * As a Gentile, I am now an heir together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Eph 3:6)
 - * I am part of God's eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus (Eph 3:11)
 - * In Christ I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph 3:12)
- * Christ dwells in my heart through faith. I'm being rooted and established in love (Eph 3:17)
 - * I am to be humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph 4:2)
 - * In all things I will grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:15)
 - * From Christ, I am joined and held together by every supporting ligament, (Eph 4:16)
 - * I have been taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. (Eph 4:21)
 - * I've been forgiven in Christ. I should be kind and compassionate. (Eph 4:32)
- * I should pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers/requests (Eph 6:18)
 - * I should be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph.6:18)
 - * I am a servant and saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 1:1)

- * My joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of other Christians. (Phil 1:26)
 - * I worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:3)
 - * I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3)
 - * I want to be found in him, having God's righteousness by faith (Phil 3:9)
 - * I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)
 - * I have heavenly citizenship in Christ (Phil.3:20)
 - * My name is recorded in heaven (Phil 4:3)
 - * The peace of God will guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:7)
 - * I am strengthened for all tasks to which God calls me (Phil.4:13)
- * I have all my needs met according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19)
 - * I am a saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:21)
- * I am holy and faithful in Christ. God's given me grace and peace (Col 1:2)
- * Others have heard of my faith in Christ Jesus and my love for all the saints (Col 1:4)
 - * Others have been told of my love in the Spirit. (Col 1:8)
 - * I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God's Son (Col.1:13)
 - * In Christ, I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:14)
 - * Christ is before all things, and in him I am held together. (Col 1:17)
 - * All God's fullness dwells in me. I am complete in him. (Col 1:19)
 - * I proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that I may present everyone perfect in Christ. (Col 1:28)
 - * My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, (Col 2:2)
 - * I have all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ. (Col 2:3)
 - * I am orderly and firm in my faith in Christ (Col 2:5)
 - * Just as I received Christ Jesus as Lord, I will continue to live in him (Col 2:6)
 - * I will be rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col 2:7)
 - * I have been given fullness in Christ, the head over every power and authority (Col 2:10)
 - * I was circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, done by Christ (Col 2:11)
 - * I am forgiven and my sin debt is paid (Col 2:13,14)
 - * The reality is found in Christ and I am in Christ. (Col 2:17)
 - * I died, and my life is now hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:3)
- * The Lord's message has rang out from me - my faith in God's known everywhere. (1Thes 1:8)
 - * I believe that Jesus died and rose again and so I believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1Thes 4:14)
- * I will give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for me in Christ (1Thes 5:18)
 - * The name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in me (2 Thes. 1:12)
 - * The grace of our Lord has been poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 1:14)
 - * I have served well and will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in my faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 3:13)
- * I won't let anyone look down on me because I'm young. I will set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Tim 4:12)
 - * God, who richly provides for me everything for my enjoyment. (1 Tim 6:17)
 - * I have the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, (2 Tim 1:1)
- * God has saved me and called me to a holy life because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given me in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, (2 Tim 1:9)
 - * I will be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 2:1)

- * Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2 Tim 2:10)
 - * I want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus and I will be persecuted (2 Tim 3:12)
- * The Scriptures are able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ (2 Tim 3:15)
 - * I will be active in sharing my faith, so that I'll have a full understanding of every good thing I have in Christ. (Phile 1:6)
 - * People refresh my heart in Christ. (Phile 1:20)
 - * I will receive the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)
- * I have trusted in God and will be careful to devote myself to doing what is good. (Titus 3:8)
 - * Like Jesus, "I will put my trust in him." (Heb 2:13)
- * I will come to share in Christ if I hold firmly till the end the confidence I first had (Heb 3:14)
 - * I will leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity (Heb 6:1)
 - * Though I have not seen him, I love him; and even though I do not see him now, I believe in him and I'm filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, (1 Pet 1:8)
 - * I am a child of God, and I belong to him (1 Pet.1:9)
 - * I am redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Pet.1:18,19)
 - * Through him I believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so my faith and hope are in God. (1 Pet 1:21)
 - * I have been born again of incorruptible seed (1 Pet.1:23)
 - * I trust in God and will never be put to shame. (1 Pet 2:6)
 - * I am a priest of God (1 Pet.2:5,9)
 - * Those who speak maliciously against my good behavior in Christ will be ashamed of their slander. (1 Pet 3:16)
- * The God of all grace, will himself restore me, make me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Pet 5:10)
 - * I have fellowship with the Trinity (1 Jn.1:3)
 - * I am in Christ and have no darkness in me. (1 Jn 1:5)
 - * But when I walk in the light, as he is in the light, I have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies me from all sin. (1 Jn 1:7)
 - * Christ is my advocate (1 Jn. 2:1)
 - * Because I claim to live in him, I must walk as Jesus did. (1 Jn 2:6)
- * I love my brother & live in the light, and there's nothing to make me stumble (1 Jn 2:10)
 - * I don't love the world and I have the Father's love in me. (1 Jn 2:15)
 - * The anointing I received from God remains in me (1 Jn 2:27)
 - * I will continue in him, so that when he appears I may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. (1 Jn 2:28)
 - * I am a child of God (1 Jn.3:1)
 - * He appeared so that he might take away my sins. And in him is no sin. (1 Jn 3:5)
- * I am born of God and I will discontinue to sin, because God's seed remains in me (1 Jn 3:9)
- * I know that I live in him and he in me, because he has given me of his Spirit. (1 Jn 4:13)
- * I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, so God lives in me and I in God. (1 Jn 4:15)
 - * I don't fear because I am made perfect in love. (1 Jn 4:18)
 - * I possess eternal life (1 Jn.5:13)
- * I know him who is true. And I am in him who is true-- even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 Jn 5:20)

5) WRITE A PRAYER THANKING GOD FOR BRINGING YOU INTO HIS FAMILY. You are now a child of God, a saint, and born of the Spirit of God. Then ask God to give you the power to humbly walk in the truth of "who you are."

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus,
who has become for us wisdom from God
- that is our holiness, righteousness, and redemption.
Therefore, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30,31 -*

7) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Father, we will praise You for all eternity. You have set us free by the power of Your Son's blood. And You've brought us into Your kingdom, You've anointed us, set Your seal of ownership upon us, made us Your children, and given us eternal life – the life of Your Son. We don't know what to do but bow down and worship You for all eternity. We love You dear Father God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

23 - PICKING UP OUR CROSS

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER.

Lord, we want to enjoy YOU today. Lord, we've come here to continue to learn to make You the center of our lives. It is such a blessing to know that we will spend eternity in Your presence. Lord, in the presence of Your love, peace, joy, and beauty. Lord, we want to experience more of You as we learn about how to "pick up our cross". Only You can teach us this and give us the power to live everyday for You. We love You Lord and we look forward to all You have for us today and for eternity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

3) LET'S LOOK AT SOME FAMOUS QUOTES NOW:

*He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.
- Sunshine Magazine -*

*He who fears God need fear nothing else,
and he who fears not God needs to fear everything else.
- Anonymous -*

*He who has no vision of eternity has no hold on time.
- Thomas Carlyle -*

4) LET'S TALK ABOUT "PICKING UP OUR CROSS".

a) "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". (Luke 9:23) What does it mean to "deny yourself" and "take up your cross daily" and "follow Jesus"?

b) "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." (Luke 9:24) What does it mean to "lose your life"?

c) "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his soul." (Luke 9:25) Why should we "come out of the world"? What are the "eternal" benefits?

d) “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26)
Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus and His words? How can a person learn not to be?

e) Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ? There are many “lukewarm” Christians in this world. But God wants to take a “few good men and women” and change the world. Write a prayer right now about committing yourself to Christ. Then read it to your group.
(You may want to go back to this prayer in the future or write it in your Bible)

5) DISCUSS WHAT THIS COURSE HAS MEANT TO YOU:

6) LET'S MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE NOW:

*If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself
and take up his cross daily
and follow me.
- Luke 9:23 -*

7) LET'S FINISH WITH A PRAYER.

Father God, we thank You for what You've done for us. Lord it is an honor to follow Jesus. Give us the power not to be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Teach us to understand that nothing else but You really matters. You are the source of all life. Lord, come and fill us with Your power, tenacity, strength, and commitment. We love You for all You are. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

24 - FINAL TEST

1) LET'S BEGIN THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord, as we begin this test, we thank you for the wonderful opportunities You have given us in our lives. We pray that You will speak to us as we go through this test. Lord, help us to draw from Your wisdom, guidance, and truth. Lord, thank you for the chance to find out how much we know. Show us the areas we are weak in so that You can help us. Encourage us by showing us the areas we are strong and gifted in. We thank you again, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2) LET'S WORSHIP GOD THROUGH SONG NOW:

3) NOW LET'S TAKE OUR EXAM. May God be with you.

4) LET'S CLOSE THIS TIME WITH PRAYER:

Lord God, we come to You in the name of Jesus. We thank you for today. Lord, again we recommit our lives to You. Thank you Lord for what You have taught us about Yourself. We love You for Your revelation, enlightenment, and revealed truth. Lord, continue to guide us as we trust and grow in You. Thank you for your goodness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Personal Evaluation

Rate yourself in the following areas. Use the scale of 1 to 10 (1 being the lowest and 10 the highest). Then make a small note of how you could improve. It's recommended that every six months you go back over this page and read your comments. God bless you and enjoy growing in Christ.

<u>AREA OF GROWTH</u>	<u>EVALUATION (DATE)</u>	<u>PERSONAL COMMENTS</u>
FAITH IN JESUS:		
PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY:		
DESIRE TO WITNESS:		
PRAYER LIFE:		
BIBLE READING:		
MEMORIZATION/ MEDITATION:		
OPENNESS TO PERSONAL CHANGE:		
WILLINGNESS TO ASK QUESTIONS:		
WILLINGNESS TO BE TAUGHT/DISCIPLINED:		
NOTES:		

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK (FOR THE TEACHER):

The following are a few thoughts on how to teach this book. This book can be used for one on one discipleship, bible studies, and larger group settings. Nobody can tell someone how to teach. Please be aware of how “YOU” teach as an individual. My goal was to give lots of material as well as to provide a teaching tool that would take little preparation and be used by “lay people” to further the kingdom. Each lesson is 1 ½ to 2 hours in duration depending on how God is leading the group. The following are only a few of the many suggestions that you can use to teach this material with:

- I like to start out with a prayer (#1). Many of the lessons have a written prayer. This helps the students become more confident in praying publicly. I usually read them together or have the students take turns.
- After prayer, I like to worship (#2). The goal is to soften hearts. I rarely teach here, but allow the students to worship. The harder parts of the songs, I will go over twice. Sometimes I appoint a gifted or upcoming worship leader to lead this time.
- After worship, I have the students read the “quotes” (#3). Sometimes, this initiates conversation. I don’t spend too much time on this area but you’ll find what works for you.
- After “the quotes”, we do the 3 varying lessons (#4, #5, #6). These are interactive and help the students to begin to experience Biblical Christianity as well as grow in Christ.
- After the “three lessons” there is a “Scripture Memory Verse” (#7). This is something that I encourage the students to look at. I also tell them it takes going over an area of scripture 100x in order for you to have the scripture in your heart for a lifetime. [TEACHER: At this point EACH WEEK, you may want to: a) break the students into groups for prayer, b) have someone sing a worship song, c) have someone share their testimony, d) have someone share a verse and what it means to them personally, or e) have someone share what God is doing in their life.]
- Finally, we close with a prayer (#8). This again, helps the students become more comfortable in praying in public. You may wish to put the students in groups for “group” prayer if you wish.

Suggestions for Review

- a) Go over some of the key questions you have covered. (or break up into groups)
- b) Go into study groups. Have each student ask a question they think will be asked.
- c) Have the students prepare test questions before the test to give each other.

Midterm and Final Test Suggestions

(Note: Tests can easily be adapted to Social/Group Outings)

- a) Have the students come to your office for a verbal test. They can:
 - i) share their testimony
 - ii) answer questions (prepared for, unprepared for, or both)
 - iii) share about their love for Jesus
 - iv) answer questions you have given them in advance or without notice.
- b) Have the students present a Biblical play they have prepared.
- c) Have the students do a written test.

It can be multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blanks, or writing paragraphs.
d) Have the students keep a journal through the semester. You can mark this.

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