



## LESSONS 27-39

GOD'S CURE FOR SIN

# THE Answer

[www.apostolicfaith.org](http://www.apostolicfaith.org)

A Bible study resource for use at home and church.

**The Answer** is a Bible study course for fourth grade through junior-high level. Bible references are taken from the King James version of the Bible. A Teacher's Guide accompanies this series and is available online, on our app, and in print.

# CONTENTS



## GOD'S CURE FOR SIN

**I**t has been the aim of Satan since the beginning of time to bring all humanity into his ranks. Ever since the downfall of man in the Garden of Eden, the fight of right against wrong has been raging in this world. But God has made ample provision for the salvation of man's immortal soul.

*It is this provision that will be* taken up in this study of "God's Cure for Sin." In Genesis 3:15 we see the first beam of light for lost humanity pointing toward Christ, the Redeemer of man. A key lesson in this quarter deals with God offering His own Son as a substitute for mankind, thereby providing a remedy for sin.

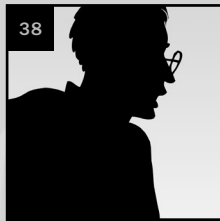
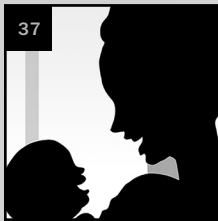
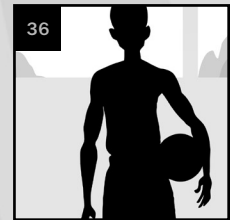
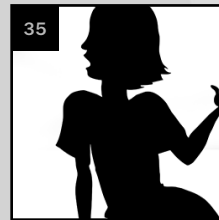
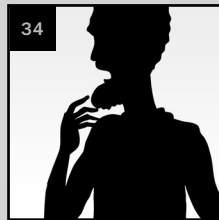
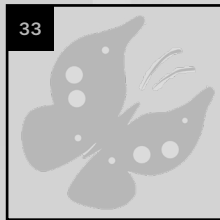
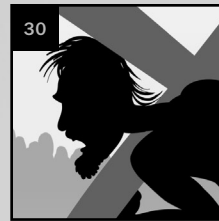
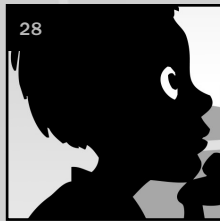
*Woven into this quarter are lessons* covering the events leading up to Easter. We will explore the message and hope of the Resurrection as the foundation of the Gospel, and will learn how one can be enabled to walk in newness of life.

*May God bless you as you explore* His plan for man's redemption.

27. On Purpose?	4
28. A Need for Protection	7
29. The Lord's Supper	10
30. To Bear His Cross	13
31. A Promise Kept	16
32. Repent and be Saved	19
33. Brand New	22
34. Postmark: Jericho	25
35. Something to Share	28
36. Then What?	31
37. Someone Special	34
38. Will I Be Called?	37
39. Quarter Review	40

# THE Answer

## UNIT 3



(USPS 591-390)

Postmaster: Send address change to

**APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH**

5414 SE Duke Street

Portland, Oregon 97206

United States

# THE Answer

is an official publication of the Apostolic Faith Church, and is published quarterly. Periodicals postage paid at Portland, Oregon.

# ON PURPOSE?

LESSON 27 → Genesis 22:1-14; Isaiah 53:4-8; Hebrews 2:9-10

**“O**h, no!” It was only five minutes until the school bus would pull up, and the bowl of cold cereal had just landed in Andy’s lap! “Now what? I’d better change my clothes really fast.”

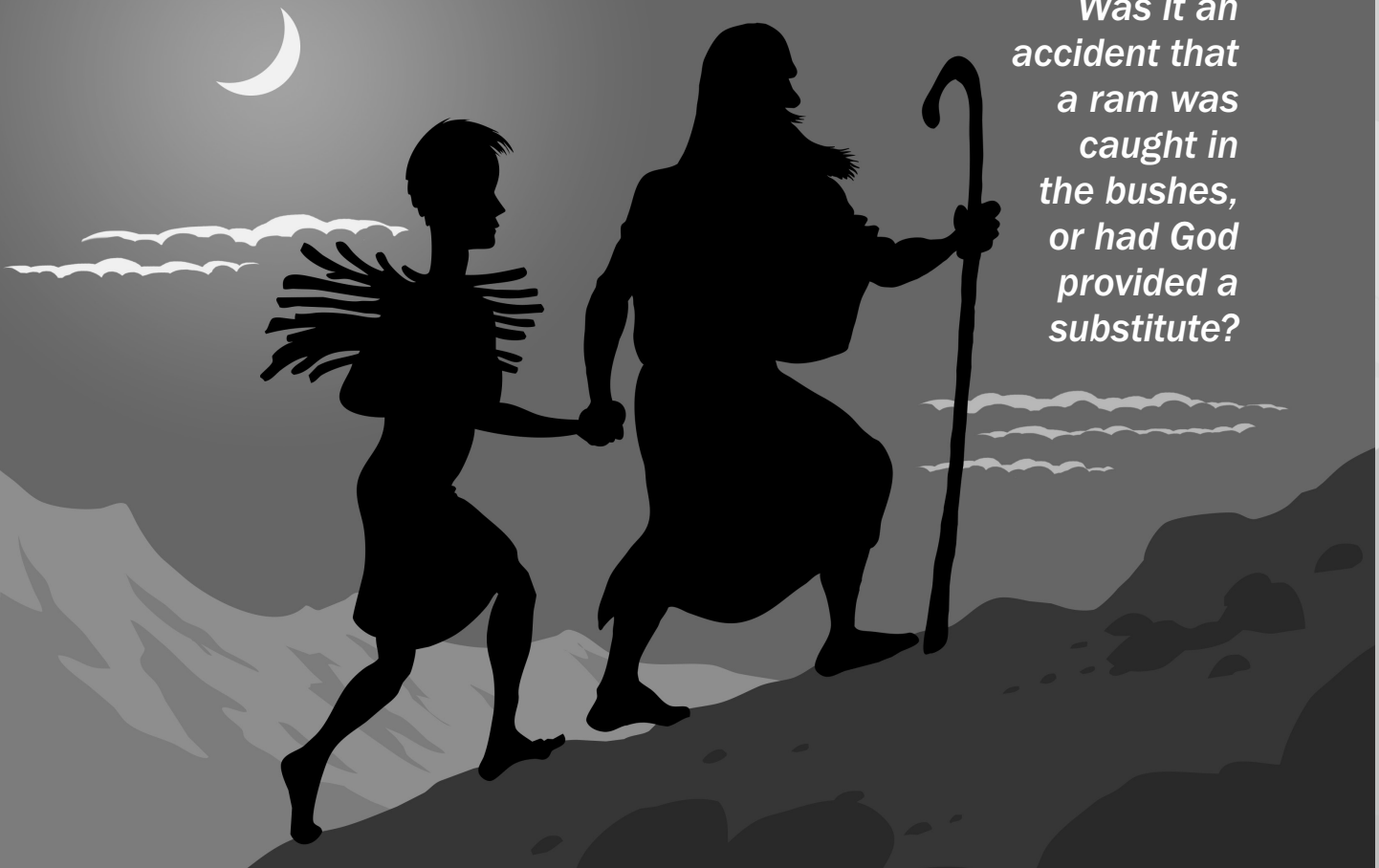
*After scraping the cornflakes off his pants and into the garbage, Andy dashed up the stairs two at a time. He grabbed another pair of jeans out of the drawer and tossed the dirty ones into a hamper.*

*The extra minutes meant Andy had to run all the way to school, but he made it on time. After shoving his jacket into the locker, he slammed the door shut and hurried to his classroom. He looked toward the teacher’s desk as he opened the door. Would Mr. Carter be upset that he was rushing in just as the bell rang? But Mr. Carter wasn’t there. A tall man with glasses looked up from the teacher’s desk instead. A substitute!*

*Andy probably never stopped to consider it, but already that morning he had witnessed two examples of the word “substitute.” He had substituted a clean pair of jeans for his dirty ones, and he had seen one person take the place of another as a substitute teacher.*

*The Bible tells us about a man, Abraham, who learned about substitution. Abraham was trying to live his life in a way that pleased God. God appreciated the way Abraham was serving*

*Was it an accident that a ram was caught in the bushes, or had God provided a substitute?*





## JESUS TOOK MY PLACE.

*My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering. — Genesis 22:8*

Him, and promised to make him a great nation, and bless him for generations to come by giving him a son, even though he and his wife were very old (Genesis 17:19). They named their son Isaac. He was a good boy and meant much to his parents in their old age.

*One day, a startling thing happened.* God told Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice! Imagine the thoughts that ran through Abraham's mind. Hadn't God promised that this boy would be the beginning of a great nation? What was going on?

*Many things could have happened* at this point, but the Bible tells us that the very next morning Abraham was on his way to the mountain God had appointed. He hadn't drawn anyone's attention to what he was going to do, asked for anyone's sympathy, or spent time begging God to change His mind. Instead, he set out to follow God's instructions, not knowing what would happen.

*Abraham took with him two* servants, a donkey, wood, fire, rope, a knife, and his son. On the third day of his journey, Abraham spotted the right mountain. He told his servants to wait with the donkey. He and Isaac would go ahead to worship, and return later. Abraham believed that even if Isaac did die, God would

bring him back to life (Hebrews 11:17-19). He was confident that God's promise to him regarding Isaac would not fail.

*Isaac had been taught about* sacrifices, and must have helped his father before. As they climbed the mountain, he became curious. He asked, "My father . . . Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" He knew they had always brought an animal along. Abraham told him God would provide the lamb. Isaac respected his father's trust in God and didn't press him for details.

*After the altar had been built* and the wood laid in place, Abraham explained everything to his son in a way that made Isaac willing to be tied up with the rope and laid on the altar. Isaac understood the importance of obeying God. Until now, Abraham had been in this by himself, but at this moment he and Isaac were in it together—both waiting on God. Abraham raised his knife and suddenly an angel called out, "Abraham, Abraham!" He was quick to answer, "Here am I." The angel told him not to harm his son. What relief must have flooded over them!

*What was this incident all* about? God had been testing Abraham to see if all the promises he had made with his mouth were really in his heart. By Abraham's willingness to

give up what meant the most to him, God could see that He was still first in Abraham's life.

*Just then Abraham noticed a* ram caught by his horns in some bushes nearby. He took the ram and offered it on the altar in place of his son. Was it by chance that the ram turned up just when Abraham needed it? No, God had provided the offering as a substitute for Isaac.

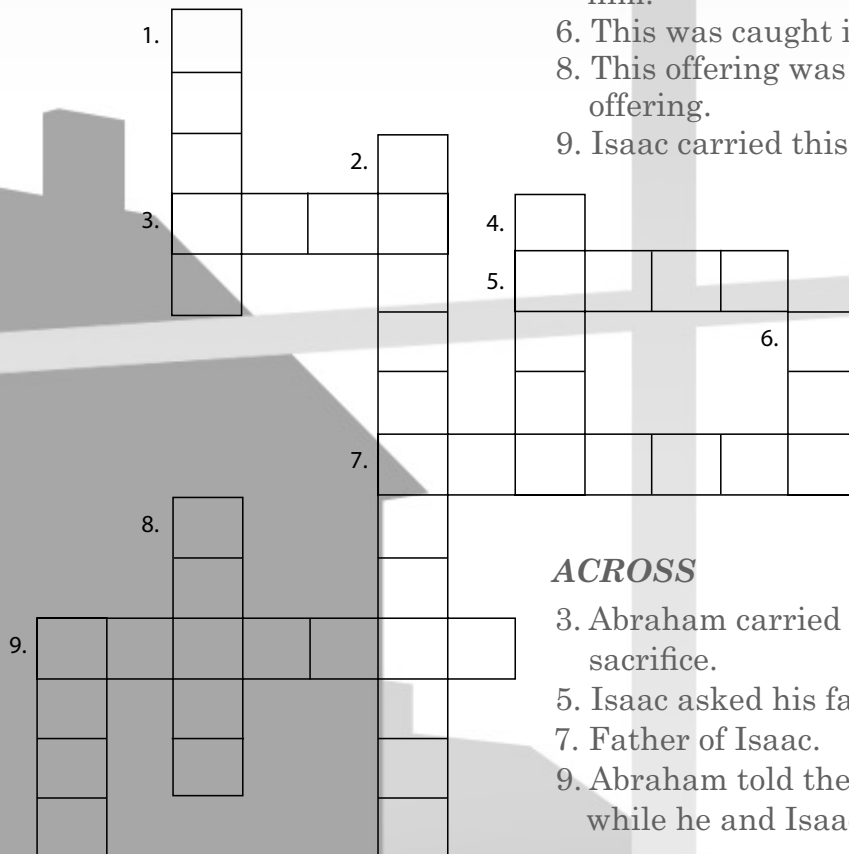
*Years later, God's Son would be* willing to die on a cross for the sins of all the people in the world. Every man born into this world since the time of Adam is born with sin in his heart. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, so every one of us should have to die to pay the penalty for our sins. But Jesus was willing to be our Substitute. He was willing to die for us.

*Abraham loved his son very* dearly, and it must have been a hard thing for him to be willing to sacrifice Isaac. Surely, it must have been hard for God to sacrifice His only Son, Jesus, to pay for the sins of mankind. But He did that for us because He loves us.

*Jesus became our Substitute* and took our sins that we might be saved. We can accept His gift to us by asking Him to forgive us for our sins, and purposing, with His help, to live our lives for Him.

# **GOD WILL PROVIDE**

Because of the parallel between Isaac and Jesus, God's Son, this story holds an even deeper meaning than that of Abraham's faith and obedience to God. Read the text in Genesis 22:1-14 and fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle. It will help you remember the story.



## **DOWN**

1. Isaac's father was going to use this to slay him.
2. The name Abraham gave to the place where Isaac was laid on the altar. It means, "The Lord will provide."
4. Isaac's father laid him on this to sacrifice him.
6. This was caught in the thicket by its horns.
8. This offering was to be a \_\_\_\_\_ offering.
9. Isaac carried this to the place of the sacrifice.

## **ACROSS**

3. Abraham carried this to the place of the sacrifice.
5. Isaac asked his father where this was.
7. Father of Isaac.
9. Abraham told the two young men to wait while he and Isaac went to do what?

# A NEED FOR PROTECTION

LESSON 28 → Exodus 12:1-14



*John had  
no thought  
of safety as  
he prepared  
for his first  
hunting trip.*



## MY PROTECTION IS JESUS.

*When I see the blood, I will pass over you. — Exodus 12:13*

**J**ohn stared out the classroom window. He was trying to put his thoughts together so he could start his paper on safety. The teacher had told the students they could choose any form of safety to write about. There were many to choose from: traffic safety, water safety, home safety, . . . the list went on and on. Finally John chose hunting safety. He remembered how excited he had been as he prepared for his first hunting trip last fall.

*On the night before he and his dad were to leave, he had packed all the clothes and other gear he thought he would need: extra pants, gloves, cap, sleeping bag, and boots. When he had announced he was ready to go, his dad had taken a few moments to go over the contents of John's pack. After a moment, his dad had looked up with a puzzled frown and said, "John, why didn't you pack that red jacket your mother bought for you to take?"*

*John had fished in his pack and said, "I packed my old brown one instead. See, here it is. I figured if I wore the red one, the deer would see me. I want to be able to sneak up on them!"*

*His dad had smiled, but he removed the brown jacket from John's pack. He said, "I can understand your wanting to sneak up on the deer, John,*

*but don't worry about their spotting your red jacket. Deer don't recognize color, but a hunter will."*

*John remembered that his dad had gone to the hall closet and come back carrying the red jacket. "Here it is," he said. "Put it in your pack. I'll be wearing mine, too, when we go into the woods tomorrow. It is important. That red jacket could save your life!"*

*Many years ago the Children of Israel, while being held captive in Egypt, needed protection just as John had needed his red jacket. But it wasn't hunters the Children of Israel needed protection from; it was God's judgment on the Egyptians. God spoke to Moses and told him that His final judgment on Egypt would be the death of the firstborn in every home.*

*In order for the Children of Israel to be protected, they would have to follow God's command. Moses told each family that God had commanded them to choose from their flocks a lamb that was without blemish. They were to kill the lamb and sprinkle its blood on the top and the sides of the door frame of their home. Just as John's jacket was a sign to the hunters not to shoot, the blood of the lamb on the doorposts would be a sign that the lamb had died and that all of God's com-*

*mandments had been kept in that home.*

*The fact that the Israelites had faith in God, and had killed the lambs, did not save them from death. Only by following instructions and applying the blood to the doorposts were they saved. Today it takes the Blood of Jesus to save us from eternal death. When Jesus died on the Cross and rose again, He completed God's perfect plan of salvation. As the truly unblemished Lamb, He shed His Blood that we might be saved.*

*We must be sure to have the Blood of Jesus applied to our hearts. We do this by praying to Jesus and telling Him how sorry we are for our sins, and that we never want to sin again. He will then forgive us and we will be saved from eternal death.*

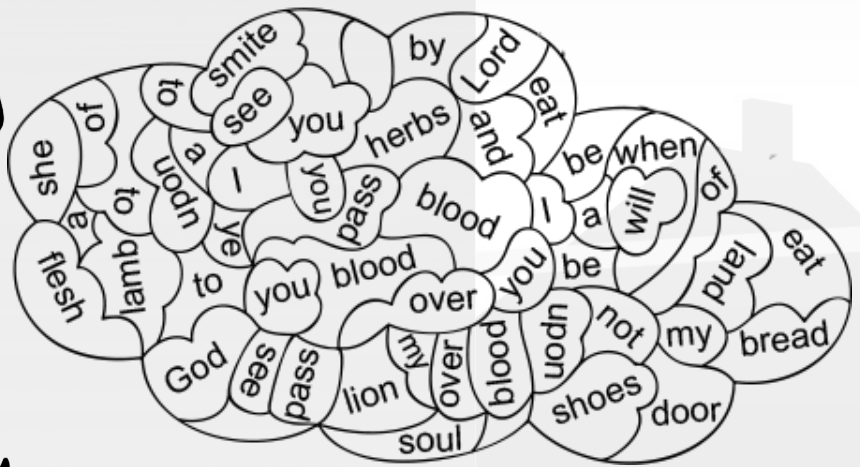
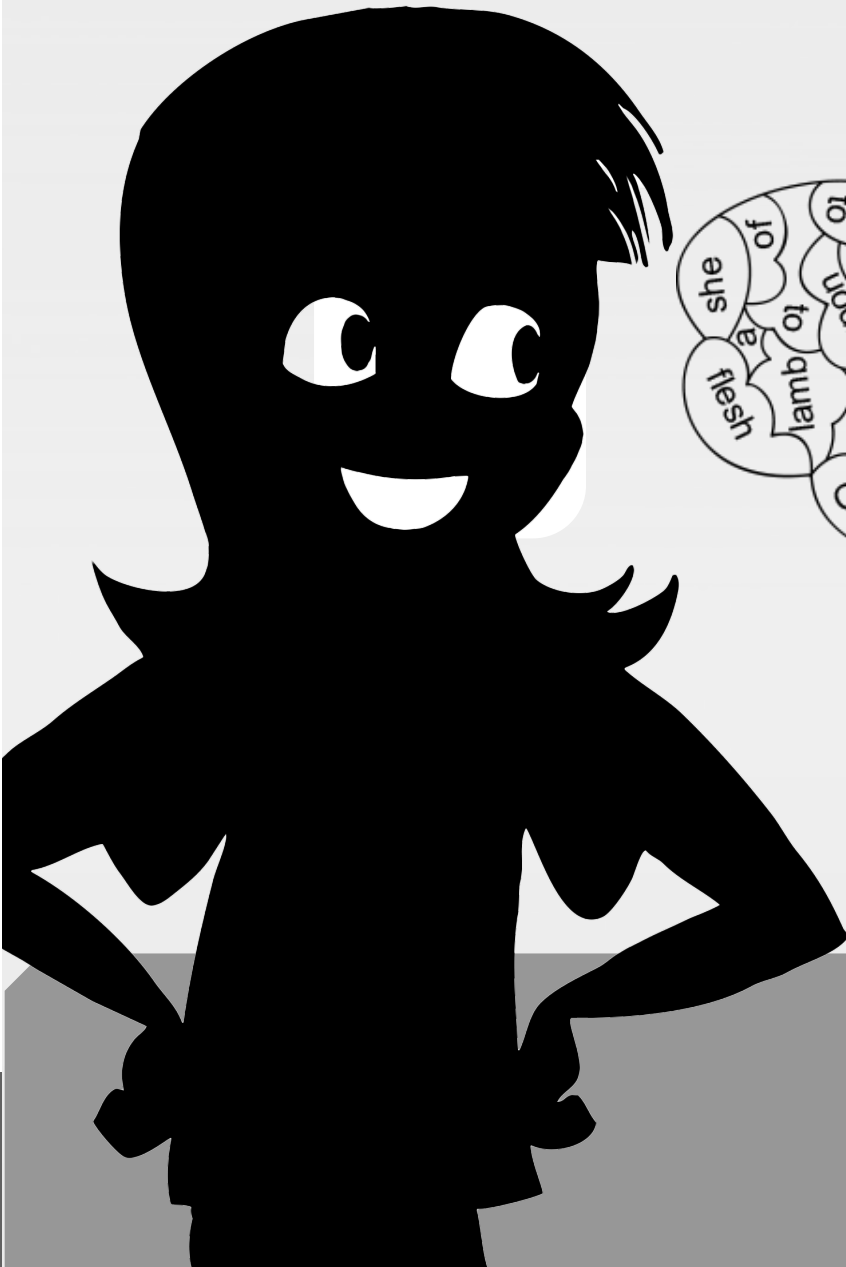
*The night finally came when God's warning to the people in Egypt came to pass. At that midnight hour, the Lord went through Egypt, and in every house where the blood was not applied, the oldest child died.*

*Just as the blood of the lamb protected the Children of Israel from physical death, so the Blood of Jesus protects us from spiritual death if we ask Him into our hearts.*

## PROMISE OF PROTECTION

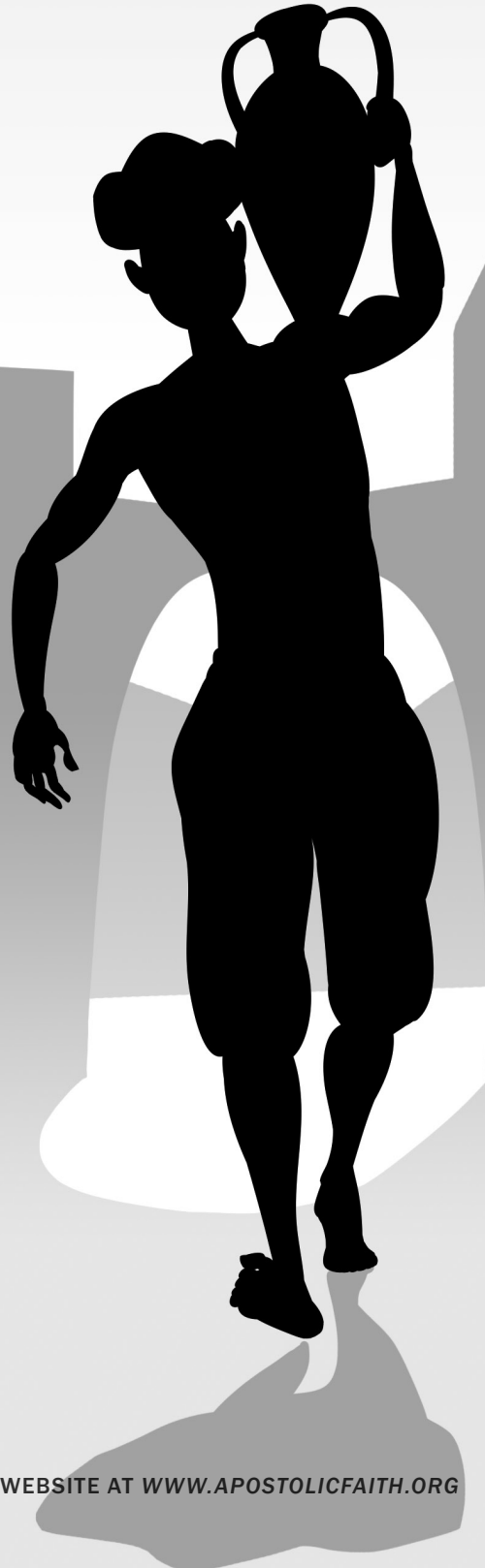
The verse in the box is from Exodus 12:13. Find the verse in your Bible and fill in the blank spaces. Then, in the shape below, find the words you filled in. Color only the areas that contain those words.

“When \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, I will  
\_\_\_\_\_.”



# THE LORD'S SUPPER

LESSON 29 → Matthew 26:17-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34



*Jesus gave us  
something to do  
in remembrance  
of Him.*



## JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR ME.

*For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. — Matthew 26:28*

**I**t was an exciting day in Jerusalem. There was so much to be done. The city was bustling with activity. As Jesus' disciples walked along the dusty road, they could see that everyone was getting ready for Passover. They were to observe this feast in remembrance of what God had done for the Children of Israel many years before when He had brought them out of the land of Egypt. Jesus' disciples needed to make preparations also. As this was one of the most important feast days of the year, they wanted everything to be just right. First, they needed to find a place where they could all gather together with Jesus for the meal. He had told them they would find the perfect room if they looked for a certain man in the city carrying a pitcher of water.

*They were nearing the city square now, so they began to watch carefully. Their eyes strained against the bright afternoon sun. "Look!" one of them exclaimed, pointing across the square. From behind a building a man came walking briskly through the crowd. He headed straight toward them! In one of his hands was a large pitcher. Could this be the man? Quickly, they walked over to meet him. As they stopped in front of him, they repeated the message Jesus had given them: "The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the pass-over with my disciples?" (Mark 14:14).*

*Without even a pause the man turned, motioning for them to follow him. Through the streets and lanes they made their way to a large house where they followed him up the stairs. There the man led them into a large room, all furnished and ready for their use.*

*That evening, as they sat, ready to eat the Passover meal, Jesus took some bread and began to bless it. The twelve disciples listened reverently as He prayed. When He finished, He began to break the bread in pieces and pass it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24). While*

they were eating, Jesus took a cup, and after He gave thanks and drank from it, He gave it to them saying, "Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission [forgiveness] of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:27-29).

*Jesus was to die for everyone's sins the next day. No longer would it be necessary to offer sacrifices for sins. There would be no more need to observe the Passover, since Jesus had come to fulfill that promise. His Blood would be shed for the sins of people in all generations.*

*When we observe the Lord's Supper today, we are not celebrating the Passover. We observe the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus' Body that was broken, and His Blood that was shed for our sins. Without Jesus' shed Blood there would be no chance for us to have our sins forgiven.*

*We are told in the Bible that when we partake of the Lord's Supper (also called "Communion"), we need to examine our hearts to make sure that we do not take it unworthily. We are to make sure there are no bad feelings in our hearts toward anyone, and that our sins are forgiven.*

*The Bible says, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." The Lord's Supper is a serious observance for all Christians. It should not be taken lightly.*

*The Bible also tells us that as often as we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we are keeping Christ's death fresh in our minds till He returns. The Passover was a Jewish feast looking back to their forefathers' deliverance from the land of Egypt. The Lord's Supper is the Christian's remembrance of the Lord's death until He returns the second time to take us with Him to Heaven.*

**IT'S  
IMPORTANT!**

Communion is an important part of a Christian's life. Fill in the blank spaces below with the words from the list so you can see what it's all about.

**LIST**

UNLEAVENED BREAD  
LOVE  
PURE HEARTS  
SIN  
GRAPE JUICE

1. Today when we observe Communion we use

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

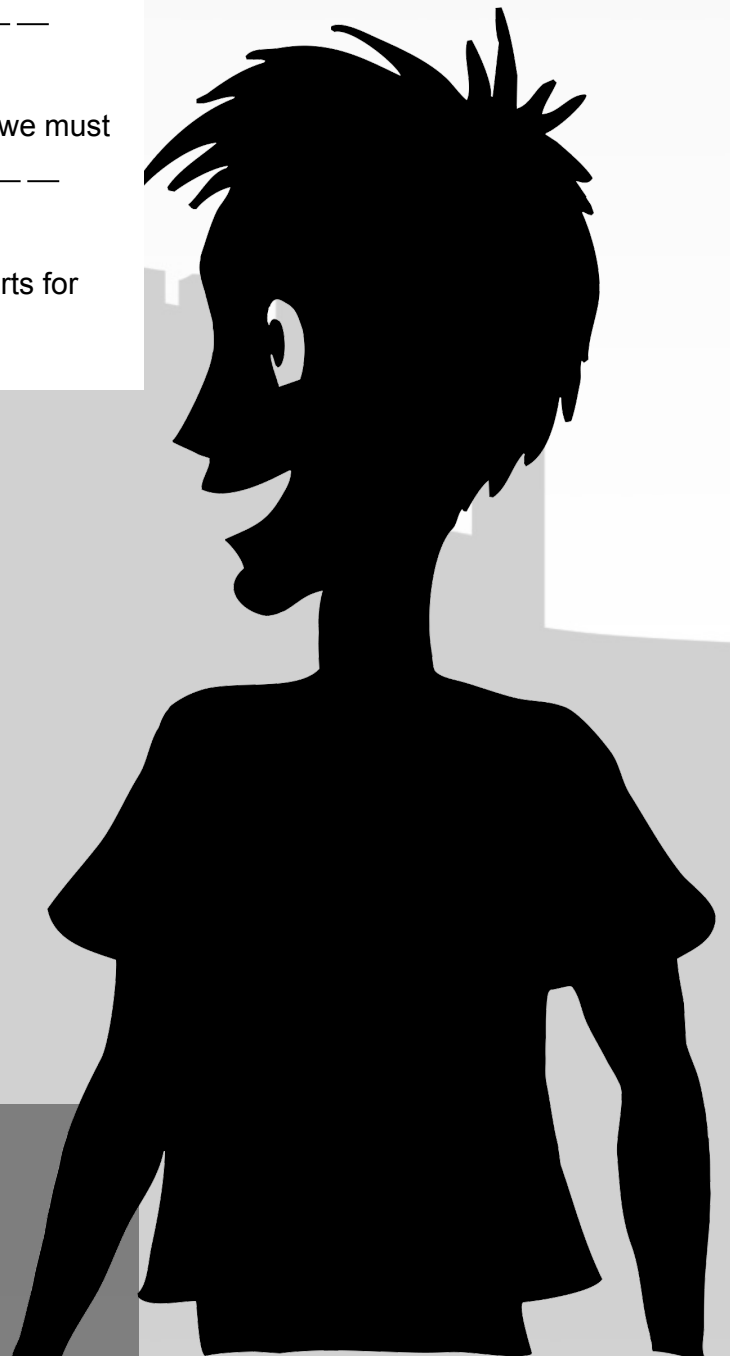
2. To be worthy of the Communion emblems we must

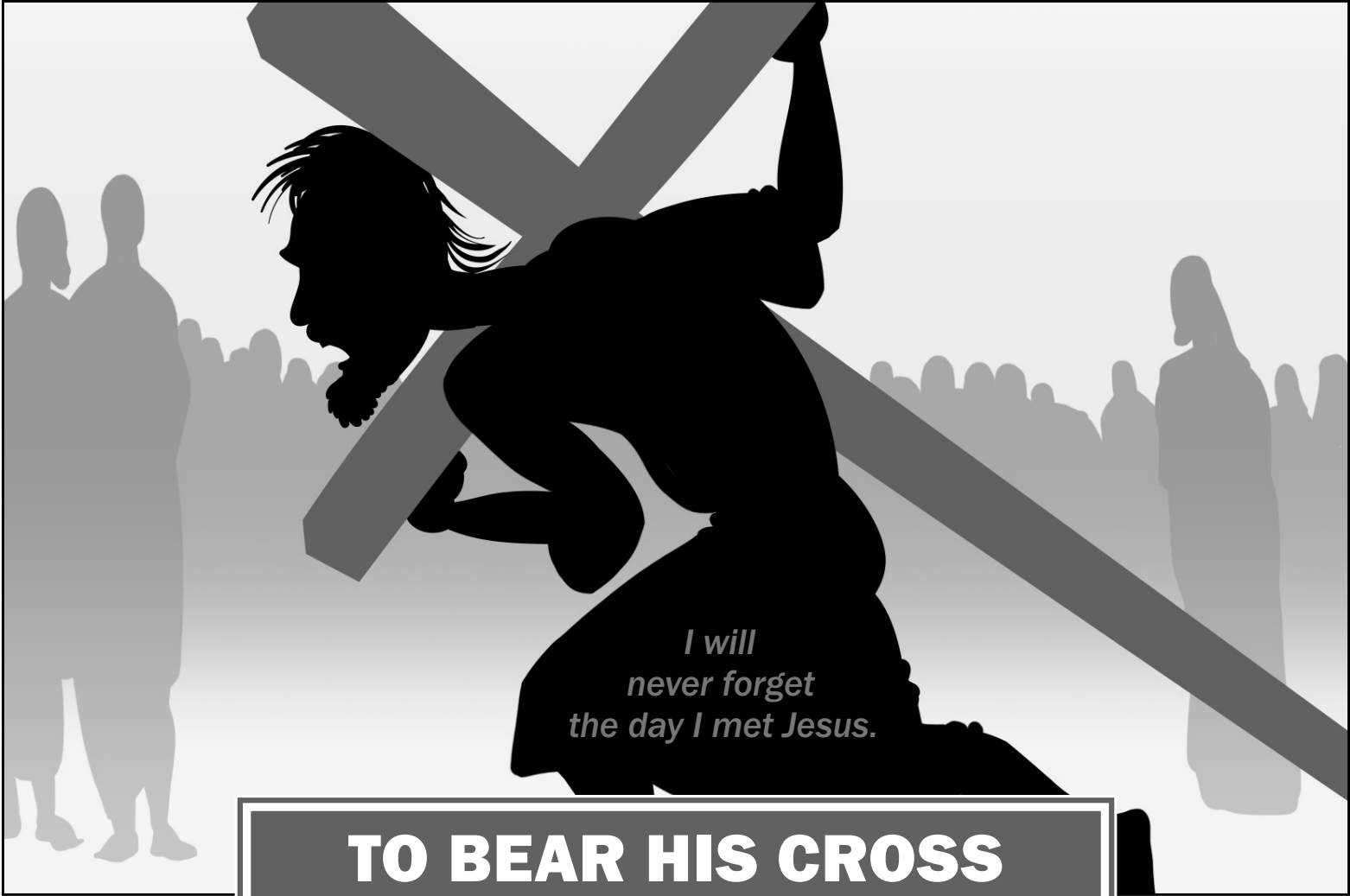
be saved from \_\_\_ and have \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. We also must have \_\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts for everyone.

Unscramble the boxed letters above and write them in the correct order to find another name for Communion.



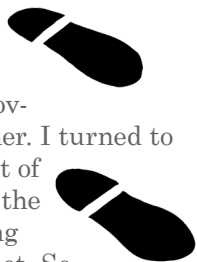


*I will  
never forget  
the day I met Jesus.*

## TO BEAR HIS CROSS

LESSON 30 → John 19:1-30

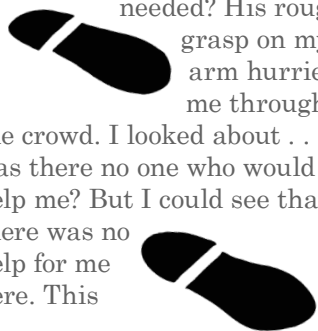
**T**he city of Jerusalem was jammed. Yes, this was the eve of the Passover, but surely this throng I found myself in was unusual. I glanced over the heads of some of those about me. They seemed to be moving along together. I turned to work my way out of the crowd, with the intention of going down a side street. So intent was I on getting through, that I suddenly bumped into someone. I looked up into the face of an angry Roman soldier. Grabbing me, he shouted,



“You’re just who we need!” As he pulled me with him, I tried to hang back, explaining that I was new in the city, that I had just come from Cyrene. He didn’t seem to hear me. I was never more afraid in my life.

*What could the soldier mean,*  
that I was just who they

needed? His rough grasp on my arm hurried me through the crowd. I looked about . . . was there no one who would help me? But I could see that there was no help for me here. This



crowd was angry, and their faces reflected it.

*Suddenly the soldier pushed* me in front of a Man bearing up under a heavy cross of timber. I looked at the body of this Man, and it horrified me. Covered with blood from the slashes of a whip, it was evident that He was badly hurt. I looked into His face, expecting it to be hardened and cruel—the face of one deserving such a fate. To my surprise, love shone through saddened eyes which seemed to look deep into my soul. Blood dripped from the





## JESUS DIED FOR ME.

*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. — John 1:29*

horrible crown of thorns pressed on His head, but His mouth, all bruised and swollen, smiled at me.

*I was shoved beneath the cross and told to carry it to Golgotha, just outside Jerusalem. Thoughts raced through my mind as I struggled under the load. Who was this Man? What had He done?*

*When we arrived, the soldiers pushed me aside. Two other men were being raised on crosses. I looked up at them. They were hardened and angry looking. Turning back, I shuddered as I watched them nail this Man to the cross I had just carried. Then they lifted Him up and set His cross into the hole between the other two crosses.*

*Standing off to the side a bit, I heard Him say, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Who was this Man who could say, "Forgive them," even though in pain and suffering, and knowing the worst was yet to come?*

*I asked several people standing there. One said he didn't know of anything terrible He had done, but he knew that His name was Jesus, and that He had healed his brother who was a leper. I asked another and he shrugged his shoulders, saying, "How should I know? The priests said, 'He thinks that He is the Son of God.'"*

*As the time wore on, I found myself unable to leave the gruesome scene. I heard the people screaming at Jesus, yelling, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Then a strange thing happened. The sky began to grow darker and darker. Soon it was as dark as night, even though it was only a little after noon. Fear and tension gripped the crowd. What was happening? I heard one of the men on the cross next to Jesus say, "We deserve to die for what we did wrong, but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then Jesus cried out, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."*

*Suddenly, I fell to the earth as the ground shook terribly. The rocks broke apart and tumbled down the sides of the hill. Dust filled the air. The noise and screams of everyone was awful!*

*After what seemed an eternity, it grew calm. I looked at the centurion who stood gazing up at Jesus hanging dead on the cross. He wiped the sweat and dust from his face and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."*

*I can tell you, I will never forget that day. The scene on that dark hillside is as vivid in my memory as though it happened just yesterday. To think that I saw Him die, that I helped*

carry the cross which brought death to God's own Son!

*The story of the Crucifixion, as Simon of Cyrene might have told it (Matthew 27:21), brings a question to our minds. Why did Jesus leave all the beauty and happiness and love in Heaven to come to earth to hang on the cross and suffer so terribly?*

*He did it so we could come to the Father and ask forgiveness for our sins. Because of Jesus' shed Blood, God could then say, "You are forgiven."*

*It wasn't just chance that Christ died on the eve of the Passover. He was the perfect Lamb of God. Only when His Blood is applied to our hearts can we be set free from sin and eternal death.*

*He is a wonderful Savior. He loves us so much that He went through all the pain and suffering so we could be called the sons of God and live with Him in happiness and joy, now and throughout all eternity.*

# JESUS' LAST STEPS

Read Matthew 26 and 27 to learn some things that happened to Jesus in His last days. The objects on this page are mentioned in the Scriptures. On the lines below, name each item and tell why it was important. References from the Scriptures are given to help you.

1.



2.



3.



4.



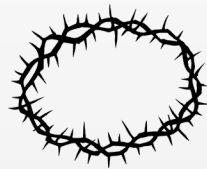
5.



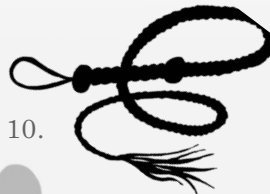
6.



11.



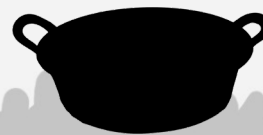
10.



8.



9.



12.



1. (Matthew 26:6-13) \_\_\_\_\_
2. (Matthew 26:14-16) \_\_\_\_\_
3. (Matthew 26:17) \_\_\_\_\_
4. (Matthew 26:30) \_\_\_\_\_
5. (Matthew 26:36-46) \_\_\_\_\_
6. (Matthew 26:47-50) \_\_\_\_\_
7. (Matthew 26:51-54) \_\_\_\_\_
8. (Matthew 26:69-74) \_\_\_\_\_
9. (Matthew 27:24) \_\_\_\_\_
10. (Matthew 27:26) \_\_\_\_\_
11. (Matthew 27:29) \_\_\_\_\_
12. (Matthew 27:35-37) \_\_\_\_\_



## A PROMISE KEPT

LESSON 31 → John 20:1-18

*Jesus rose victorious after three days.*

**T**here was still a sleepy hush in the early morning as Mary Magdalene walked to the garden where Jesus' body had been placed in a tomb. Her heart was so heavy that it ached. It seemed to push a huge lump into her throat, and it brought tears to her eyes. Mary was troubled by all that had happened the past few days. She just couldn't make any sense out of it.

*Mary remembered that Jesus* had always been so loving, gentle, and kind. She had been surprised that a man could live only for others as Jesus had done. He did not spend any time working to make a name for Himself or to make Himself comfortable on this earth. He had a special place in His heart for people who were sick, lonely, poor, or who had been rejected by society as hopeless. Mary

had seen Jesus perform miracles that changed people's lives. She had heard Him teach people how to live godly lives, and about a beautiful place He would prepare for all those who lived by His commandments.

*Mary had been sure that Jesus* had all the answers. He had been sent by God to be King of the Jews. But now . . . it was all over. Her mind replayed



## I KNOW JESUS LIVES!

*He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. — Matthew 28:6*

the agonizing events of the past three days. Faces of an angry mob, the sound of their voices shouting, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” The marks on His back showing where they had beaten Him. The pain and sorrow on His face as He bore the heavy cross they placed on Him. Then to see Him hanging on that cross, crucified between two thieves like a common criminal. Oh, how could she stand the pain of remembering?

*Now it seemed that all of their* dreams were shattered. He was dead! What had gone wrong? Where could she go for an answer? Who could she turn to? What did the future hold for those who had followed Him?

*As Mary came close to the tomb* she saw that the stone which had covered the entrance to the tomb, and had been sealed with Pilate’s seal, was rolled back. Fear gripped her. Jesus’ body had been stolen! She turned and ran, her first thought being to tell the disciples. Finding them, her news tumbled out. Immediately two of the disciples rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. Mary was right! The tomb was empty. Peering anxiously in at the entrance, they saw the linen clothes that Jesus had been wrapped in. The cloth that had been around His

head was folded and placed by itself. The disciples’ hearts had been filled with sorrow these past three days. But now, maybe, just maybe, there was hope. Could it be that Jesus had risen and was alive again? With hope returning, they ran to tell the others.

*Mary stayed behind and wept* beside the tomb. So much had already gone wrong, and now they didn’t even know where Jesus’ body was! As Mary sobbed with grief, she glanced into the tomb. There, to her surprise, she saw two angels! They asked her why she was crying, and she poured out her story to them. Tearfully she turned away from the tomb and saw a man behind her. A tender voice inquired, “Woman, why weepest thou?” Thinking that He was the gardener, she poured out her story to Him too. Then He spoke her name: “Mary.”

*Suddenly she realized that she* was talking to Jesus! All she could say in her astonishment was, “Master!” What joy filled her soul! Jesus then told Mary to go and tell His disciples that He was alive, and that He had talked with her. What joyous news to tell!

*Mary had loved Jesus dearly,* but like a lot of people today, she had not been fully aware of the power that He possessed.

She had limited the Lord without even knowing it. It was true that Jesus had been a good Man, and had done no wrong. But He was so much more than that! Now He was alive again, having come forth from the grave.

### *From the moment of Jesus’*

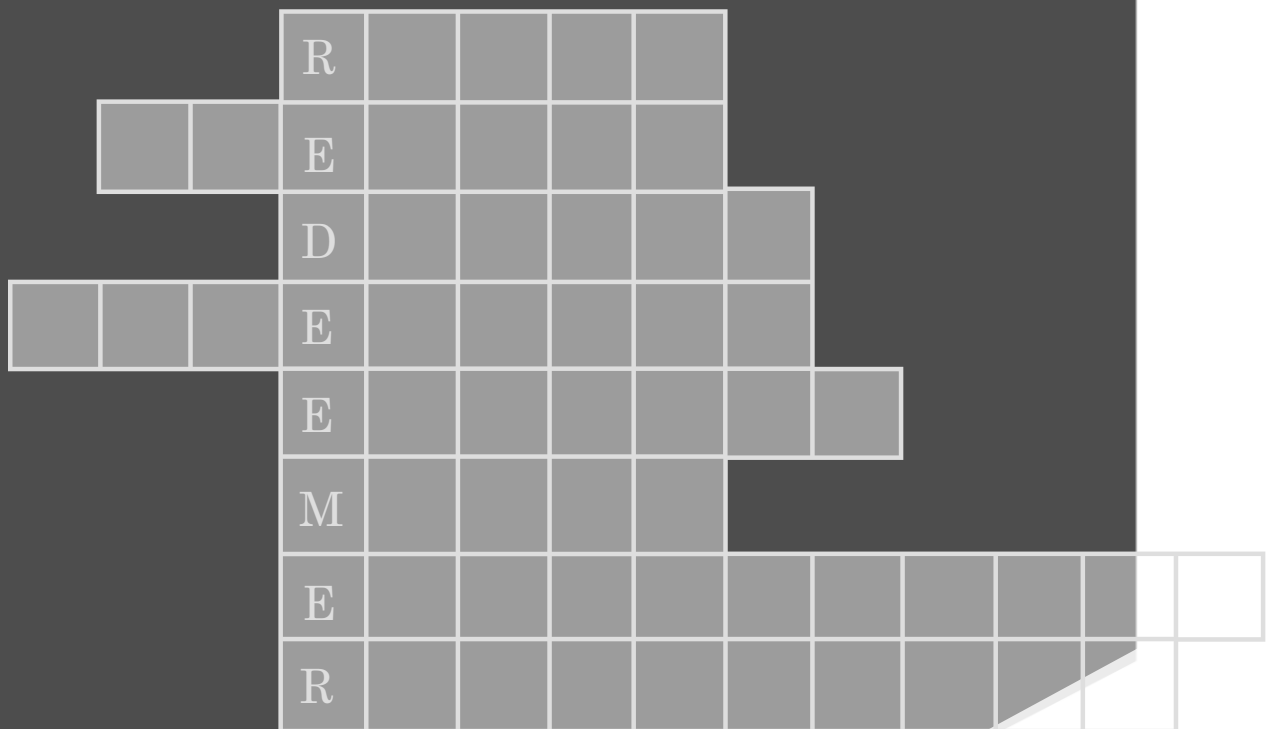
Resurrection, God’s plan of salvation was fulfilled. A new era had begun. Direct communication between man and God had been established. There was no more need for the formality of a priest taking people’s sins and prayers before God. Now, we can talk to God ourselves, and have a personal relationship with Him.

### Lesson 31 Activity

## HE IS RISEN!

Our Redeemer is Jesus Christ. He arose on Easter and lives today to redeem all who will come to Him. The verses on the right tell more about Him. Find the correct words and fill in the empty boxes.

1. A word in our key verse. Matthew 28:6
2. Jesus said He would give us this kind of life. John 17:3
3. Jesus has this kind of power. 2 Peter 1:3
4. The Lord's name is this. Psalm 8:1
5. Jesus is this to us. 1 Peter 2:21
6. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is great. Psalm 103:11
7. God's love gave us this kind of life. John 3:16
8. God sent this to His people. Psalm 111:9





## REPENT AND BE SAVED

LESSON 32 → Luke 13:1-5; Isaiah 1:18; 55:6-7

*There was only one way for Aiden to be rid of his guilt.*

**M**adison sat on the floor. Her collection of dolls with their dishes and furniture were close by, all set up for a party.

*Suddenly, the door flew open.* “Go get ‘em, Rags!” said her brother as he charged into the room with his dog. The dolls fell from their chairs as Aiden gleefully swept through the room with a stick. Rags added to the chaos when he took the largest baby doll in his mouth and shook it furiously.

*By the time Mother came in* answer to Madison’s screams,

the party was a complete disaster. The dolls were scattered everywhere among broken dishes and furniture. Rags’ victim was missing an arm, and one leg was hanging limp.

*“The worst part,” said Mom* when telling Madison’s father about it that night, “was that Aiden wasn’t even sorry. He laughed when he saw how badly Madison felt . . . he said dolls were dumb, and that Madison didn’t need all those silly dishes anyway.”

*When Aiden arrived at school* the next day, he started bragging to a couple of his friends

about the tricks he had taught Rags. They laughed with him, but when Aiden opened his locker, the laughter stopped. Someone had trashed everything in the locker. Books were torn, pictures were crushed, his mirror was shattered, and written on the locker door in red spray paint was the message, “Guess who?”

*“Uh oh,” whispered Tyson, “I’m* out of here.”

*“Me too,” said Max.*

*As the boys hurried to their* classrooms, Aiden yelled after them, “Hey, where are you



## JESUS FORGAVE ALL MY SINS.

*Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. — John 3:7*

going? Help me figure out who did this!” He was so angry that he slammed the locker door and headed straight for the office. “They’ll never get away with this,” he muttered to himself. “When I find out who did this . . .”

*Aiden was still angry when he arrived home that afternoon.* But as he stomped up the stairs to his room, he noticed something lying on one of the steps. It was a small arm from one of Madison’s dolls! He stopped to pick it up, and his thoughts went back to the day before. He could still see Madison’s frightened face, and hear her pleas, “Make him stop, Aiden! Make Rags stop!” Suddenly he felt very sorry for what he had done. Madison had been in her own room, not bothering anyone. She didn’t deserve to be treated like that.

*Aiden walked to his room* feeling sad. What’s the matter with me? he thought. He slumped to the floor beside his bed, disgusted with himself. As he did so, he found he was looking directly at the Bible he had carelessly thrown on his chair the Sunday before. He hesitantly reached for it. He hadn’t read his Bible in a long time. Dad and Mom were always saying it had the answers to important questions. Not knowing where to look, Aiden turned to a verse his dad had shown him recently, Isaiah 55:7, “Let

the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts . . .”

*He remembered how mad he* had been when his dad showed him this verse. He had thought, I am not that bad. Now he sat looking at the Bible, not even seeing the words. Instead, his mind went back to the trouble he had gotten into during the past few months: throwing an egg at Mrs. Casper’s window; taking Mr. Hutchins’ wrench without asking, and blaming it on his friend; teaching Rags to knock down little kids, and then laughing when they cried.

*That is what he had done* yesterday to Madison: laughed when she had cried. Aiden felt awful. I wish I had never done those things, he thought. What could he do to make up for his wrongdoing? He could get a paper route and pay for the ruined toys; he could mow the lawn and empty the trash to help Mom; he could even be nice to Madison so that she would trust him again. But how could he get rid of the guilt for having been so mean? How could he get rid of this awful feeling inside?

*He looked back down at the* Bible and finished reading, “and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” He remembered now that his dad

had said God would forgive those who were genuinely sorry for the wrong things they had done.

*As he thought about how rotten* he had been toward others, tears came to Aiden’s eyes. Then he prayed, “God, I’m so sorry for the way I’ve been acting. I don’t want to be like that anymore. Please come into my heart and make a change, so I can live for You from now on.”

*As he finished praying, he felt* as if his whole inside was being washed clean. He felt like a brand new person! Instead of being mad at everyone, he felt as though he could love everyone. He said, “Oh, thank You, God, for loving me and forgiving me.”

*God loves you too.*

Lesson 32 Activity

**WHAT MUST  
I DO?**

Many people today want to know what they must do to be saved. What would you tell them? See how well you can do by answering the boy's questions below. Use the Scriptures given and write your answers on the lines to the right.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



— What must I  
do to be saved?

Acts 3:19 —

— Can't I just do  
good things?

Ephesians 2:8-9 —

— What will I  
receive if I repent?

Romans 6:23 —

— Why will God give  
me this gift?

John 3:16 —

— How can I thank Him?

John 14:15 —



# BRAND NEW

LESSON 33 → John 3:1-19; Romans 8:1

*Just like the caterpillar,  
we can be transformed.*



## WE FEEL BRAND NEW!

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

**P**icture in your mind a field on a warm, sunny spring day. Notice the green grass waving in the breeze. Everything seems so fresh and new. The birds are singing as they feed their newly hatched young. And there, flitting among the flowers, is one of God's most beautiful and delicate creatures, the Monarch butterfly. With perfectly formed orange and black wings, it effortlessly glides to each waiting flower. Surely this delicate creature deserves its title of Monarch.

*But where did such unique beauty begin?* Each butterfly started its life as a fuzzy, insignificant caterpillar. Through one of God's many miracles in nature, that caterpillar formed a chrysalis, or cocoon, about itself and went through a major transformation. One day it emerged from the cocoon as a totally new creature—the Monarch butterfly. No longer bound to earth, it was free to soar through the air.

*Man, too, can become a totally new creature.* We can't grow beautiful wings like the caterpillar, but we can be set free through Jesus Christ.

*In the Bible, we read of a Pharisee by the name of Nicodemus.* One night he came to talk with Jesus in secret. At that time, he thought that

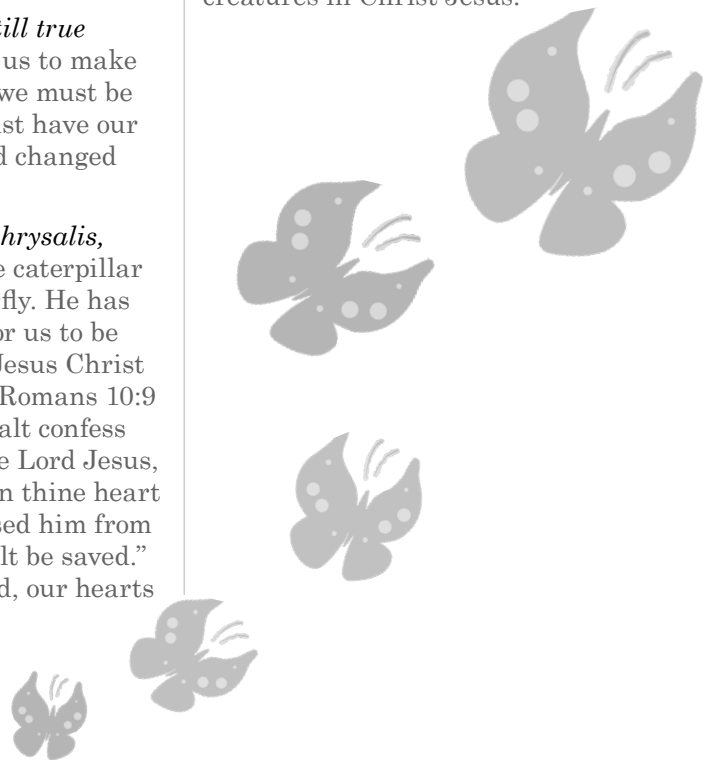
Jesus was only a teacher of God's Word. But he acknowledged Jesus' power by saying that no man could do the miracles Jesus did, unless God was with him. Jesus told him that no man could see the Kingdom of God unless he was born again. That confused Nicodemus, and he asked Jesus how a person could be born twice. Could he become a baby again? Jesus explained that a man could be born again in his heart, not in body. He said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

*Those words are still true today.* In order for us to make Heaven our home we must be born again; we must have our heart cleansed and changed by Jesus.

*God, through the chrysalis,* made a way for the caterpillar to become a butterfly. He has also made a way for us to be changed through Jesus Christ and His Blood. In Romans 10:9 it says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." When we are saved, our hearts become brand new. Instead of wanting to do bad things and disobeying God, we will

want to please Him. We become "a new creature." Romans 8:1 says: "There is therefore now no condemnation [guilt] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

*When we become new creatures in Christ,* we are freed from the heavy load of guilt that we carried as sinners. In fact, with that load gone, some have said they felt as though they could fly. Like the caterpillar when it becomes a butterfly and is set free, so we are set free from the bonds of sin and become new creatures in Christ Jesus.



## Lesson 33 Activity

### BORN AGAIN!

New life is given to all who choose to follow Jesus and live for Him. The words listed to the right are from the Bible text. Find them in the word-find.



GOD  
JEWS  
LIFE  
FLESH  
JESUS  
LIGHT  
RABBI  
RULER  
SAVED  
WORLD  
HEAVEN  
MARVEL  
SPIRIT  
BELIEVE  
CONDEMN  
KINGDOM  
TEACHER  
TESTIFY  
WITNESS  
DARKNESS  
MIRACLES  
BORN AGAIN  
NICODEMUS  
EVERLASTING





## POSTMARK: JERICOHO

LESSON 34 → Luke 19:1-10

*Achim was bursting with excitement as he sent his letter.*

**G**reetings, Friend  
Eleazar:

My wife Rhoda and I extend salutations to you and your household. Since you were last here in Jericho, much has taken place which I feel will be of interest to you.

*I am sending, by the hand of my messenger who brings you this letter, the 180 shekels which you so generously lent me last year at tax time. As you know, I had no hope of being able to*

repay you at so early a date, but remarkable circumstances have taken place which make it possible for me to fulfill my obligation to you now.

*Surely you remember the chief tax collector here in Jericho, Zacchaeus. Of course you would! He was the cause of my having to borrow these 180 shekels. He plays an important part in the story I am about to tell you.*

*In the ninth hour of the second day of this past week, as I was*

preparing to close up my shop, I noticed a great throng of people moving along the main street about five hundred paces from my doorway. I was curious to see what was attracting so much attention, so I hastily secured the door and moved to join the crowd.

*The first thing I heard, as I neared the throng, was excited talk about a miracle that had just taken place. They were saying that Jesus, the Man we have heard so much about in*



## I LOVE TO OBEY GOD.

*If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.*  
— Luke 19:8

past weeks, had just healed a blind beggar who had been sitting outside the gates to the city. Even as I listened, trying to hear more of the story, I realized that Jesus himself was there in the middle of the crowd. I followed along for a while, trying to get in closer to Him, but the press was too great.

*All of a sudden, Jesus stopped* and looked up into a nearby sycamore tree. For a moment a kind of hush fell over the multitude, and I clearly heard His words, “Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.”

*Imagine my amazement when* the tax collector himself came down from that sycamore tree, and rushed to Jesus’ side. What could he have been doing up there? And how had Jesus known he was there, or even known his name?

*Then I heard Zacchaeus say,* “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.” I thought my ears were deceiving me. Of all the tax gatherers in the area of Jericho, Zacchaeus had to be the most underhanded, greedy one among them. But Jesus responded in a gentle tone, “This day is salvation come to this house.”

*As they moved off together, I* caught a glimpse of Zacchaeus’

face. He looked like a different person! There was a kind of glow about him, a peace that had never been there before.

*I went home and told Rhoda all* about what I had seen. We talked about it several times in the days that followed. What could have caused Zacchaeus to make a statement like that? Did he really intend to pay back all that he had wrongfully gained over the years? I could scarcely believe that.

*Then, three days ago,* Zacchaeus appeared in the doorway of my shop. Though the thought of what I had witnessed a few days earlier was still in my mind, I couldn’t control the feeling of distrust that came over me. Back came the memory of that day last year when he had appeared and handed me that outrageous tax bill. What did he want now?

*I greeted him civilly, though I’m* sure my apprehension was obvious. But from his first words, it was apparent that this man was changed. “Friend Achim, I have come to pay back the money which I wrongfully took from you. My tax assessment last year was much too large, as, of course, you realized. But I have received salvation from the Lord. I ask your forgiveness, and I wish to restore that wrongful amount to you fourfold.” He placed a pouch in my hand and walked out. To my amazement, when I opened it I found it did contain exactly

four times the amount he had overtaxed me!

*In the last three days I’ve heard* report after report of others who have had the same experience with Zacchaeus. I can tell you, the whole town is talking about it. What miraculous power this Man, Jesus, must have to make such a change in a person’s life! Of all people, Zacchaeus! For my own self, it is sure I will never be able to doubt that Jesus really is who He says. Only God’s Son could have done this! Well, that is the explanation of how it is I am able to return your loan so quickly. I hope this letter finds you and your household well. On your next trip to Jericho, we must talk further of this Man, Jesus.

*Your friend,*  
Achim

*If Zacchaeus had not paid back* the money he had wrongfully taken, would the people in Jericho ever have believed his claim to salvation? Making right the things a person has done wrong is called restitution. It is one of the first signs to others that someone has given his heart to God. When a person seeks forgiveness for his sins, God often brings before him the lies he has told, the things he has stolen, and the times he has cheated. God will forgive the person who promises to straighten out all these things, and will help him make them right.

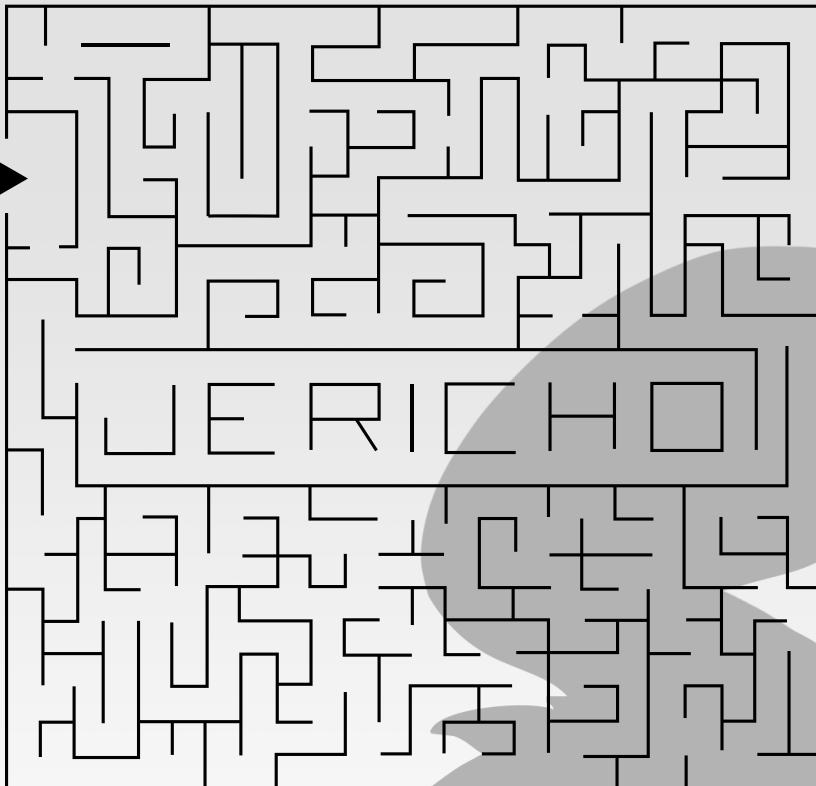
Lesson 34 Activity

**MAKE IT  
RIGHT**

LOST | SAVE | JESUS  
JERICO | RESTORE  
FOURFOLD | JOYFULLY  
SYCAMORE | PUBLICANS  
SALVATION | ZACCHAEUS

E R O M A C Y S G E  
S E W G K J B A D S  
N R B H E O Z L Q U  
A O V S M Y O V K E  
C T U Q W F H A B A  
I S K B R U C T U H  
L E A U P L I I W C  
B R O V O L R O G C  
U F Z S E Y E N V A  
P G T K B Q J M K Z

**Jesus**



**Zacchaeus**



Restitution is an important part of a Christian's life. Zacchaeus realized this and set about putting his life in order. In the maze to the left, help Jesus find Zacchaeus. Then, find all the words on the list in the word-find above.

# SOMETHING TO SHARE

LESSON 35 → Galatians 5:22-26

*Grandma always had good advice.*



**G**enevieve pressed her nose against the car window. Her thoughts were not on the trees and houses she saw while traveling, but on Grandma's house where she was going to spend this Saturday afternoon.

*Before long, Genevieve was sitting by her grandmother, watching her knit. "Grandma," she began, "there's something that's been bothering me."*

*"Yes?" asked her grandmother quietly.*

*"Well, this new girl at school, Bella, will not speak to me. I say hi to her, but she just looks away. At lunch yesterday, she wanted to sit at my table, and I*

*thought about not making room for her, but I knew that would not be nice."*

*"That's for sure," said Grandma. "Being a Christian, you don't want to miss a chance like this for something good to happen."*

*"What good can come from someone's acting mean to me?" said Genevieve with a frown.*

*"I'm sure if you just keep on being nice to Bella, one of these days you two will be the best of friends. Every morning before you go to school, just say a prayer that you will be able to do the right thing to win Bella." Genevieve nodded her head. "I guess I just have to be patient."*

*Grandma got out her Bible. "You know, Genevieve," she said, "God probably brought this little incident into your life to help you to grow spiritually.*

*"I have an idea," Grandma said, looking up. "Every time you think about Bella, pretend that the two of you are already good friends. It might sound like a game, but God calls that faith. We are showing God that we believe something even though we haven't seen it happen yet. All of this reminds me of some verses in the Bible.*

*"Why don't you look up Galatians 5:22 and 23 while I go into the kitchen," Grandma went on. "I smell something good in there.*



## I WANT TO SHOW JESUS' LOVE TO OTHERS.

*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men. — Galatians 6:10*

I'll be right back with some warm cookies and milk."

*Genevieve found the verses in the Bible and began reading to herself, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

*"Grandma, what does this mean?"* Genevieve pointed to the words, "there is no law," when her grandma came back into the room.

*"That means there are laws against bad things such as lying, stealing, and being hateful or selfish, but God has no laws forbidding us from any of these good things. He wants us to be loving, joyful, gentle, and all of these things. You already mentioned that you will be patient and wait for Bella to become your friend. And we talked about what faith means."*

*"This is exciting, Grandma!"* Genevieve exclaimed. "I never understood this till now."

*"This verse also says, the fruit of the Spirit, not fruits,"* Grandmother pointed out as she offered Genevieve the warm cookies. "It's like all of these good qualities are parts of one thing, just like your body is one but has many parts. We must let God's Spirit control our lives. When we please Him, He makes this good fruit to grow in our lives."

*Genevieve smiled. "I'm really glad I'm a Christian! Right*

*now I feel that if I just talk to God about this problem, and any others that come, I know I'll be happy and make others happy too."*

*"With that attitude, Genevieve, you will make God happy also,"* Grandma told her.

*As the day passed, Genevieve did lots of thinking about Bella. In her mind, Bella was already her friend.*

### *Monday morning found*

Genevieve walking through the school door. As she hurried down the hall, she started thinking about the good things her grandmother had told her. She also remembered the prayer she had prayed that morning, "God, somehow help me to treat Bella like she is special. You gave me something special to share with others."

*During some spare time that morning, Genevieve quickly penciled a note that said, "Have a nice day! Your friend, Genevieve."* She folded it and held it in her hand. Something inside her said, "You can do it!"

*As the students left for lunch, Genevieve waited until Bella left the room, and then she put the note inside Bella's desk.*

*After lunch, Genevieve was back in the classroom waiting to see what would happen. She nervously watched for Bella to find her note. Bella finally reached down and began to open it slowly. The smiley face Genevieve had drawn caught her eye, and she*

*read the note. She looked across the room to Genevieve, and they shyly exchanged smiles.*

*When class was over, Bella and Genevieve met in the hall. They both said, "Hi." Bella looked down at her books and said, "You're about the only friendly person I've met here." Inside, Bella was wondering what made Genevieve different.*

*"I know it must be hard coming to a new school,"* Genevieve said as they began walking down the hall. "Let's eat lunch together tomorrow, okay?"

*"Sure!" answered Bella. She had the feeling that Genevieve was a person worth knowing.*

*As the girls became better acquainted, the good things in Genevieve's life began to shine through to Bella. Finally, one day, she asked Genevieve what made her different from the other kids at school.*

*"I'm a Christian!"* smiled Genevieve.

*"You're sure a happy one!"* Bella commented.

*"Is there any other kind?"* Genevieve asked.

*They both laughed.*

*Genevieve knew that God had led her to someone who was searching for the same happiness. She felt that something exciting was going to happen, just as Grandma had said.*

# CHRISTIAN VALUES

*EXAMPLE:* \_\_\_\_\_

$$F R U I T = 6 + 18 + 21 + 9 + 20 = 74\text{¢}$$

The fruit of the Spirit is a valuable part of your Christian life. The coins on this page each have a letter inside that has been given a certain value. Find the total for each Christian characteristic.

*LOVE* =

*JOY* =

*PEACE* =

*LONG-SUFFERING* =

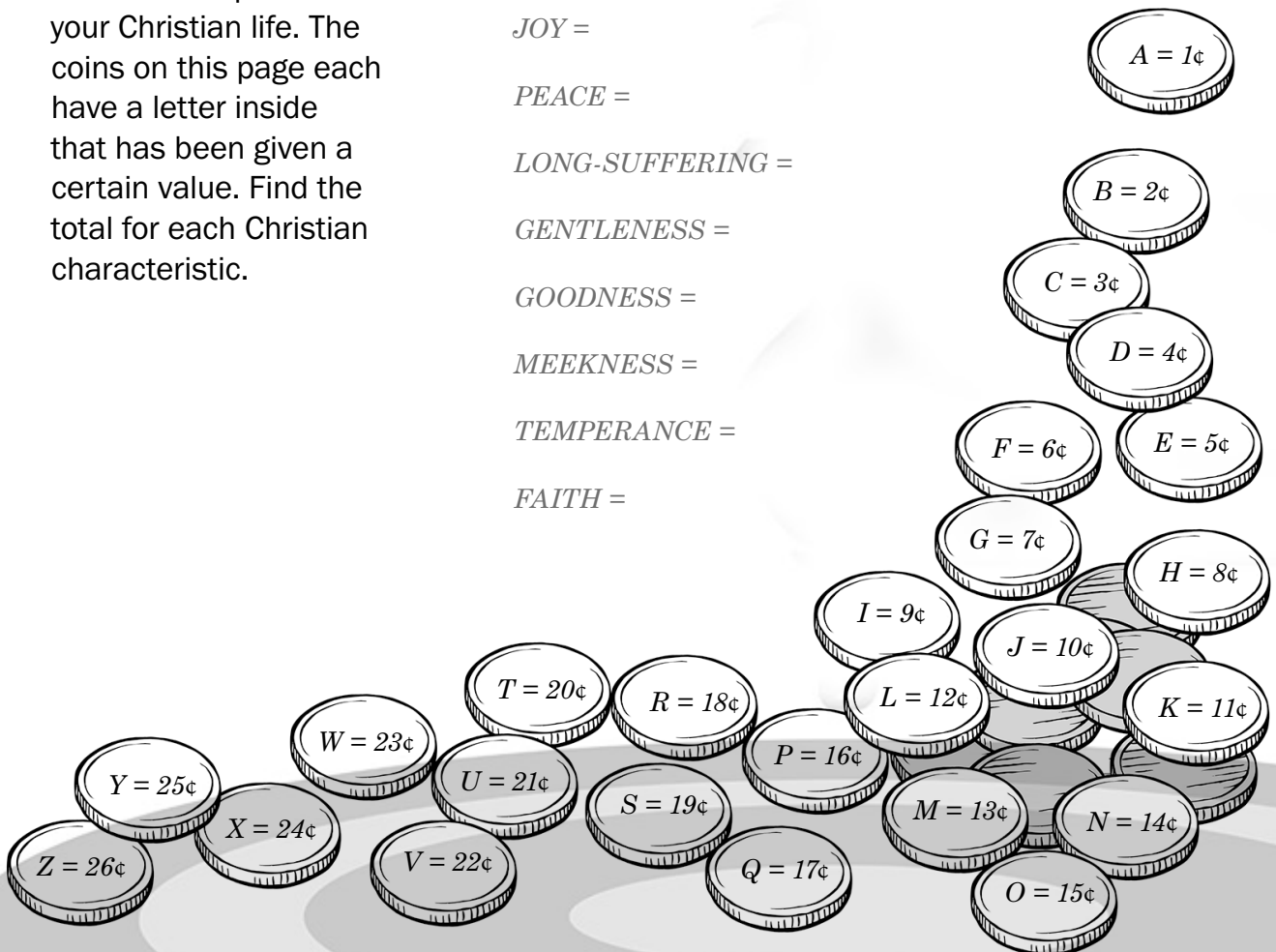
*GENTLENESS* =

*GOODNESS* =

*MEEKNESS* =

*TEMPERANCE* =

*FAITH* =



# THEN WHAT?

LESSON 36 → Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:15-22; 1 John 2:15-17



*Mason's choice might lead to excitement, fun, and fame, but it would not last.*

“**H**ey, congratulations, Mason! Looks like you’ve got it made; city team coming up, then state. Before you know it, you’ll be a pro, a national celebrity!” Robbie laughed and gave his friend a good-natured shove.

“Wait a minute, I’m not even on the city team yet!” Mason protested laughingly.

“Oh, you’re as good as on,” Robbie responded. “You’re a sure thing for the power forward spot—you could paper your room with your award certificates!”

“You’ll be on the list when the announcements are made for the city team Saturday night, we all know it. See ya then,” Robbie called over his shoulder as he left his friend.

*Grabbing his basketball, Mason left the gym. As he headed home a little later, his mind went to the upcoming event Robbie had mentioned. Once again, as he had done so many times in the past weeks, he considered the direction his life was taking. For a number of years he had been sure of where he was headed: high school sports, college sports, and then, hopefully, the pros.*



## NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SERVING JESUS.

*Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. — Ephesians 5:11*

Now he wasn't so sure, but by Saturday night he had to be prepared to accept or reject the possible offer that would establish his future direction.

*He couldn't deny the excitement* he felt as he thought of what an acceptance would mean. More competitions and playoffs, travel, new friends, but also many hours away from home. That meant being away from church and church-related activities too.

*Mason thought back to a year* ago when he had first become a Christian. What changes God had made in his life and how happy he had been! His parents weren't Christians, but they had been relieved he was no longer into drugs. Even before he was saved he had kept drinking, smoking, and drug use to a minimum because of sports, but they had been getting more of a hold on him than he liked to admit. Then all that was gone in a moment of time. What surprised him was that he really loved going to church. He looked forward to the young people's fellowship times and started to practice with the youth choir.

*That first church camp meeting* had been great. In fact, he couldn't remember ever having as good a summer as that first one as a Christian. When he had gone back to school for his senior year he faced a lot of decisions. He wanted to take a

definite stand as a Christian and keep God first in his life. One Scripture used as a text in a youth meeting was, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

*The young minister had said,* "This means that if we are true Christians, the things we do, the company we keep, our conversation, and even our dress will honor God. There will be choices to make; the lines will have to be drawn. God delivers us from sin, but the devil is always there to lure us back, usually by something that he convinces us is not really sin. He will say, 'You don't need to be that strict . . . it's really okay . . . everybody's doing it . . .' But if it won't lead you into a closer walk with God, if it won't strengthen you spiritually, it may lead you away from God. Beware!"

*The first part of his senior year,* Mason's friends were amazed at the changes in him, especially that he hadn't turned out for basketball. But they learned to accept the new Mason. Now and then he would watch the team practice and sometimes the coach would even invite Mason to join in some of the drills. Looking back now, he could see that had been the beginning. Before he knew it, he had become more and more involved.

*Midseason, one of the best players* on the team sprained his foot, and Mason was urged to fill in for him. He remembered how he felt the first time he had to miss choir practice because of the game. Eventually, he was missing church more and more. In fact, sometimes two and three weeks would go by, and he wouldn't make church or Sunday school at all. Even his parents wondered about it.

*As Mason walked on, his* thoughts became more of a silent prayer. "God, I don't want to let go of what You've given me. I'm already afraid sports have taken too much of my time, and have crowded out more important things. I don't want anything in this world to come ahead of my love for You. Help me, Lord, to make the decision now that will be the right one . . ."

*Mason's pace quickened as he* neared home. It seemed like a load had lifted from his shoulders. The unrest and indecision were gone. He'd have some explanations to make to the coach, but there would be others to receive the sought-for positions and the acclaim. Down in his heart, Mason was convinced he had chosen something better—the approval of God.

# ON GUARD

Unscramble the words below and write them in the acrostic puzzle. As you decipher each word, read the reference verse (they are all from 1 Thessalonians 5) to see what things you should do to maintain your Christian life. When you finish, there will be a special word in the vertical stack of boxes.



APRY

(VERSE 17)

TRISIP

(VERSE 19)

DOGO

(VERSE 15)

KANTSH

(VERSE 18)

VOREP

(VERSE 21)

CEOIJER

(VERSE 16)

SATBAIN

(VERSE 22)

Read through the complete Bible text for this lesson and write down any other things you can do to keep your life in order.

# SOMEONE SPECIAL

LESSON 37 → Matthew 15:21-28



*This mother's love  
for her daughter  
would not allow  
her to give up.*



## A MOTHER'S LOVE IS VERY SPECIAL.

*Great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. — Matthew 15:28*

**T**he day you were born was just an ordinary day for most of the people in the world. Life went on as usual. The sun rose and set. People went to school and work, and busied themselves with the ordinary business of life. But for one person at least, that day was different.

*To your mother that day was very special. She had waited a long time for you! When you finally came into the world she was so happy. You made that day an outstanding day in her life. When God gave you to your mother, He was giving her a very special gift.*

*When God gave us to our parents He also gave them a big responsibility—to teach us right from wrong. It is their duty to teach us about God, and that we are born into this world so we can serve Him. Christian parents want us to love God and to be the kind of person that God wants us to be. That is why they praise us when we do well, and discipline us when we do wrong. They want us to learn to be obedient.*

*In our lesson, we read about a mother who had a daughter she loved very much. But the Bible says this girl had an evil spirit in her. This made her mother really sad.*

*Someone must have told her about Jesus, and what He could do for her daughter. When Jesus came into her city, she followed after Him and cried out, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David." She told Jesus about her daughter and the evil spirit that was in her.*

*At first Jesus didn't say a word to her, but she kept following Him and crying out to Him for help. She knew Jesus was the only One who could help her daughter, so she kept pleading for help. She wanted her daughter to be well.*

*Finally Jesus answered her and said, "O woman, great is thy faith." Jesus had heard her cry and He could feel her love for her daughter. From that very hour her daughter was well. When she*

returned home she no doubt told her daughter all about Jesus and how He was the One who had made her well. The daughter must surely have thanked her mother over and over again for finding Jesus and following Him until He answered her prayer. This mother found the key for living a good life when she found Jesus. She passed it on to her daughter, and their lives were never the same again.

*Christian parents want the same for their children today. Sunday school and family devotions are important parts in helping a child find Jesus.*

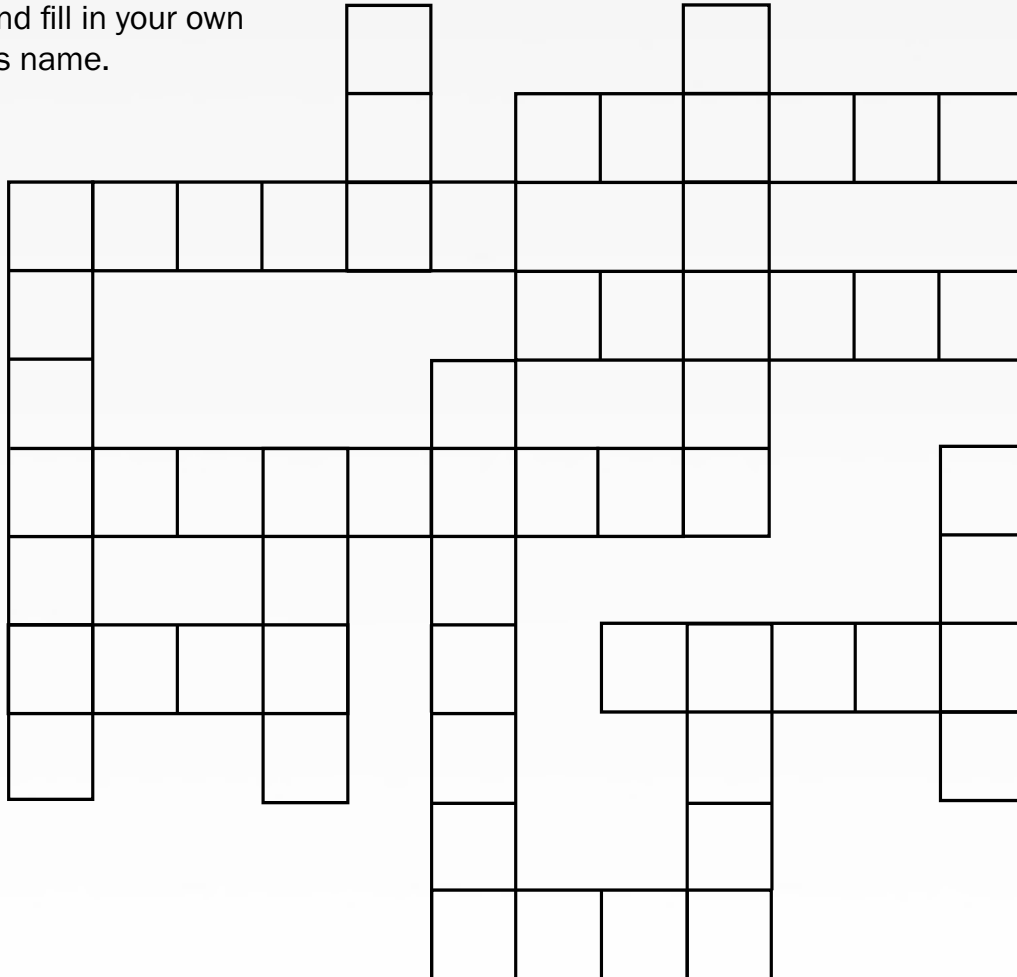
*We set aside one day a year to make a special point of telling our mothers how much we love them, and how much we appreciate everything they have done for us. Throughout the year, we should remember to say thank you when they have done something for us. But on this day we take time to give our mothers extra thanks for all the things they do for us. When we honor our mothers in this way, we are obeying God's Word. In Ephesians 6:2-3, we read, "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." To honor means to show respect by being obedient and courteous. We must obey and respect our mothers every day to please God.*

*If we learn, when we are young, to love and honor our parents, it will help us learn how to love and honor God. To love God is the most important thing in our lives. Our parents can tell us about Jesus when we are young, but we must make our own choice for Him.*

*The best way to honor our parents is to ask Jesus to come into our hearts and take the sin out. Many people have given their hearts to Jesus on Mother's Day. It is the best present anyone could ever give a mother. Can you think of a better way to say, "Thanks, Mom"?*

## SPECIAL MOTHERS

Mothers show their love in so many ways. Below is a list of names of mothers from the Bible. Fit them into the crossword puzzle. For a personal touch, after you have finished filling in the names, find a place on the puzzle where you can add boxes and fill in your own mother's name.



EVE  
ADAH  
AGAR

LEAH  
MARY  
SARAH

TAMAR  
EUNICE  
HANNAH

MAACAH  
RACHEL  
ABIGAIL

REBEKAH  
ELISABETH



## WILL I BE CALLED?

LESSON 38 → Revelation 21:1-7, 21-27

*Oscar waited nervously during the awards assembly.*

Oscar shifted in his seat, and then turned to peer at the clock in the back of the auditorium. It was 9:27 a.m. The assembly would be starting in three minutes. Mr. Moore was walking to the platform now.

*Oscar was very excited. Awards were to be given in this assembly. For weeks he had worked*

hard on his science project. Only last week his teacher had said it was the best work she had seen in years, and told him he had been selected in the top ten. Oscar liked to explore new ways of doing things, and his science teacher had encouraged him to try some of his ideas.

*The science projects had been on exhibit in the gym all day*

yesterday, but today those with an entry had to give a demonstration at the assembly. Oscar was a little nervous about speaking in front of everyone, but so were all the other kids who had a project to explain.

*The excitement was obvious. When Oscar demonstrated his project, everyone was amazed at his clever invention.*



## MY NAME IS WRITTEN THERE.

*Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. — Luke 10:20*

Then it was time to receive the awards! Oscar listened impatiently as the principal repeated the rules of the contest.

*First of all, in order to qualify* for a prize, the project had to be complete. No trouble there, Oscar thought. Second, because the contest was intended to encourage good scholarship, all other class work had to be kept current. Oscar swallowed nervously. He'd forgotten about that rule! He had been so busy putting the finishing touches on his project, he had neglected his last science paper. It had been due yesterday. All students with an entry in the competition had been excused from classes this week, and he had completely forgotten about the paper.

*Perhaps they wouldn't notice.* Maybe the teacher hadn't had time to check his book. Oscar was always on time to class, and knew the answers to all of the questions in class. Surely they wouldn't disqualify him for one little paper.

*Anxiously, Oscar listened as the* principal read the names of the prize winners.

*Honorable mention—Jack* Thompson and Kristi Perez

*Third Prize—Henry Shaw*

*Second Prize—Tyler Brown*

*First Prize—Ryan Johnston*

*As the applause rang out,* Oscar's heart sank. He blinked hard to keep back the tears. It just wasn't fair. Ryan's project was good, but his was so much better.

*The students were gathering* around the winners, congratulating them. Oscar just stood numb, not seeing or hearing, until he realized his teacher was standing there, looking at him sadly.

*"Oscar," she said, "You don't* know how sorry I am. Yours was by far the best exhibit in this contest. You could have won the first prize and gone on to the state competition. I waited until the very last minute, hoping you would bring me your paper so I could list your name as the first-prize winner. We discussed the rules in class. Remember?"

*All Oscar could do was to nod* miserably. There was not a thing he could say. His name was not called because he had not followed the rules.

*Not following the rules can be* very dangerous. Someday, God will reward all who have obeyed His rules. What a great time of celebration that will be for those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life! But think of the disappointed ones who did not follow the rules! They will have to appear later at the Great White

Throne Judgment with God as the Judge. Records are being kept. Everything people have said and done that they have not repented of is written down. The books will be opened and those people will be judged. The Book of Life will be there too, so they can see that their names are not written in it.

*All kinds of wonderful things* are being made ready for the people whose names are written in the Book of Life. But for those who have not chosen to follow Him, there will be no reward. They will be separated from God!

*The way to have our names* written in the Book of Life is to follow God's rules. Jesus said we need to be "born again" in order to get into God's Kingdom. We must believe on Jesus Christ, repent of all our sins and ask Him to forgive us, and put our trust in Him. That is how we are saved from our sins, and from the punishment that sin brings.

*No one's name gets into the* Book of Life by accident. No one's name is removed by mistake. It is our choice. If we will choose eternal life, God has promised that He will teach us how to live so that our names will stay in His book. Then we will be able to enjoy the blessings He is preparing for us right now. Is your name in the Book of Life?

**ADD MY  
NAME!**



Listed below are just a few of the many names that are in the Lamb's Book of Life. Unscramble them and write on the lines provided.  
How about your name?



# QUARTER REVIEW

LESSON 39 → Review Quarter Texts

**J**ust imagine how famous you would be if you could explain to the world how to cure the common cold. You'd probably be a billionaire in no time.

*This past quarter we've been studying God's explanation of His simple cure for sin—His plan of salvation, as written in the Bible. This cure is*

worth much more than billions of dollars. It will bring eternal life to those who accept it!

*How well do you remember what you've studied the past twelve Sundays? Check yourself by doing the following activities.*

To find the answers to the statements listed below, fill in the empty spaces with the missing vowels.

1. His son's name was Isaac. \_ B R \_ H \_ M
2. He climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus. Z \_ C C H \_ \_ \_ S
3. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born \_ G \_ \_ N.
4. Two of these were at the sepulchre. \_ N G \_ L S
5. Our names should be written in the B \_ \_ K \_ F L \_ F \_.

Starting at the small arrow, trace your way through the letters, spelling out the names of the fruit of the Spirit in the order that they are given in Galatians 5:22-23.



R S S F A I T H M E E  
L E E Y P E W S U F K  
C N V O C A E G K F N  
A D O J E L O N S E E  
L O V E I J G N I R S  
U O S E N E G E T E S  
S G S E C L T N M E T  
R H S O N A R E P K L

# Spiritual Fruit

The nine Scripture references listed in the right-hand column below are Bible verses that tell us about the Fruit of the Spirit. Find each verse in your Bible and match it to the correct quality.

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

LONGSUFFERING (patience)

GENTLENESS

GOODNESS

MEEKNESS

TEMPERANCE

FAITH

2 Timothy 2:24

Ephesians 2:8

Romans 15:4

Psalms 23:6

John 13:34

Titus 3:2

1 Corinthians 9:25

Romans 12:18

Psalms 5:11



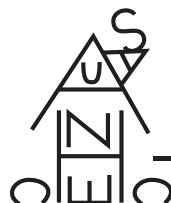
# Who Am I?

Hidden in the pictures below are the names of some people from this quarter's lessons. How many of them can you unscramble? The Bible reference with each picture will give you a clue.



*Clue: Genesis 22:1*

\_\_\_\_\_

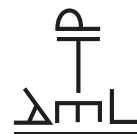


*Clue: Luke 19:2*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Clue: Genesis 22:2*

\_\_\_\_\_



*Clue: John 19:1*

\_\_\_\_\_



*Clue: John 20:2*

\_\_\_\_\_



*Clue: John 3:1*

\_\_\_\_\_



*Clue: Matthew 26:17*

\_\_\_\_\_

What is God's plan for me?  
Just where do I fit in?  
How can I find out?  
How do I talk to God?  
Who can help me?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN WONDERING,  
BUT GOD HAS THE ANSWERS!  
LET'S STUDY ***THE ANSWER*** TOGETHER NEXT QUARTER.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH  
5414 SE DUKE STREET  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97206



YOUR NAME:

---