

# LESSON PLAN

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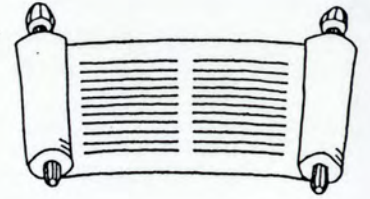
Title: Doctrines and Guidelines  
Grade Level: 4-6

Text/Story: 1 Cor 10:23, 24, 31-33; 1 Tim 4:13-16; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; 4:1-5; 1 John 2:15-17

Main idea: Doctrines are the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith and we are instructed to follow these doctrines as well as guidelines which help us to live a Christian life.

Key Verse: John 7:17

Time	Activity	Description
Pre-Lesson	Making Rules and Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask the students to suppose they were to become a ruler or president of a new country and must make some laws and rules for the new citizens</li> <li>• Break into groups and have them discuss the types of rules and laws they will need to make; limit them to 20 and list them down on pieces of paper</li> <li>• Discuss their lists and why there is a need for laws and rules</li> <li>• Introduce the lesson on doctrines and guidelines</li> </ul>
Lesson	Worksheet: All About Doctrines and Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give each student a copy of "All About Doctrines and Guidelines" worksheet</li> <li>• For older children, have them answer the questions on their own in partners or groups</li> <li>• For younger children, work together as a class</li> <li>• Discuss doctrines and give examples; do the same for guidelines</li> <li>• Discuss consequences of not obeying these principles and rules</li> </ul>
Post-Lesson	Survey: How Well Do You Know Doctrines and Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide each student with the worksheet "How Well Do You Know Doctrines and Guidelines?"</li> <li>• In groups or in pairs, let the students fill out the survey; remind them to use any scriptures they may know to complete their answers</li> <li>• Discuss the results and any questions they may have</li> </ul>



## All About Doctrines and Guidelines

1. What does doctrine mean? Write down the dictionary meaning of the word.

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2. What does guidelines mean? Write down the dictionary meaning of the word.

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3. Know any of the doctrines in the Bible? List 5 that you know.

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4. List down 5 church guidelines that you know of.

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5. Why must we have doctrines and guidelines (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

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6. What happens if we don't agree with the doctrines and guidelines and refuse to obey them?

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW DOCTRINES AND GUIDELINES?

Write "Yes" in the space before each statement if it is a correct doctrine or guideline, "No" if it is incorrect, and cross off statements that are not important. Explain your answer on the lines provided.

1. Give God 10% of your earnings.  
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2. Never wear black to church.  
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3. Participate in the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing.  
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4. Once you're saved, it's okay to sin; God will take you to Heaven anyway.  
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5. You shouldn't eat pork or fish.  
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6. There is no Hell because a loving God wouldn't let anyone suffer.  
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7. Girls should not dress or act like boys.  
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8. Marriage is for life.  
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9. Jesus is God's Son. He died on the cross and rose again on the third day.  
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10. We should make sure we make things right with those we did wrong to.  
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# DOCTRINES AND GUIDELINES

Bible doctrines and guidelines can protect us from the false beliefs and teachings that lead people astray. Below are some statements you may hear as you go through life. Mark them true or false. Also, as you read through the list of "doctrines," think about how beliefs affect the way we live. For example, if you believe reincarnation, you will look at life differently than if you believe in the true Heaven and Hell.

1 It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are a Christian. True \_\_\_\_ or False \_\_\_\_

2 Bible doctrines and guidelines are just rules made up by preachers. True \_\_\_\_ or False \_\_\_\_

3 Doctrines are Bible teachings about God and His kingdom. True \_\_\_\_ or False \_\_\_\_

4 Christian guidelines keep a person from having any fun in life. True \_\_\_\_ or False \_\_\_\_

5 Circle each of the following that you think are Bible Doctrines.

**Allusion**

**Repentance**

**Indigo**

**Baptism of the Holy Ghost**

**Sanctification**

**Formation**

**Clemency**

**Reprimand**

**Marriage is for Life**

**The Second Coming**

**The Tribulation**

**Mysticism**

**Redemption**

**Islam**

**Restitution**

**Controversy**

**Diffidence**

**Divine Healing**

**Consolation**

**Water Baptism**

**Depression**

6 From number 5, are there any doctrines that you want to know more about? Write them on the following lines and ask your teacher or pastor about them.

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