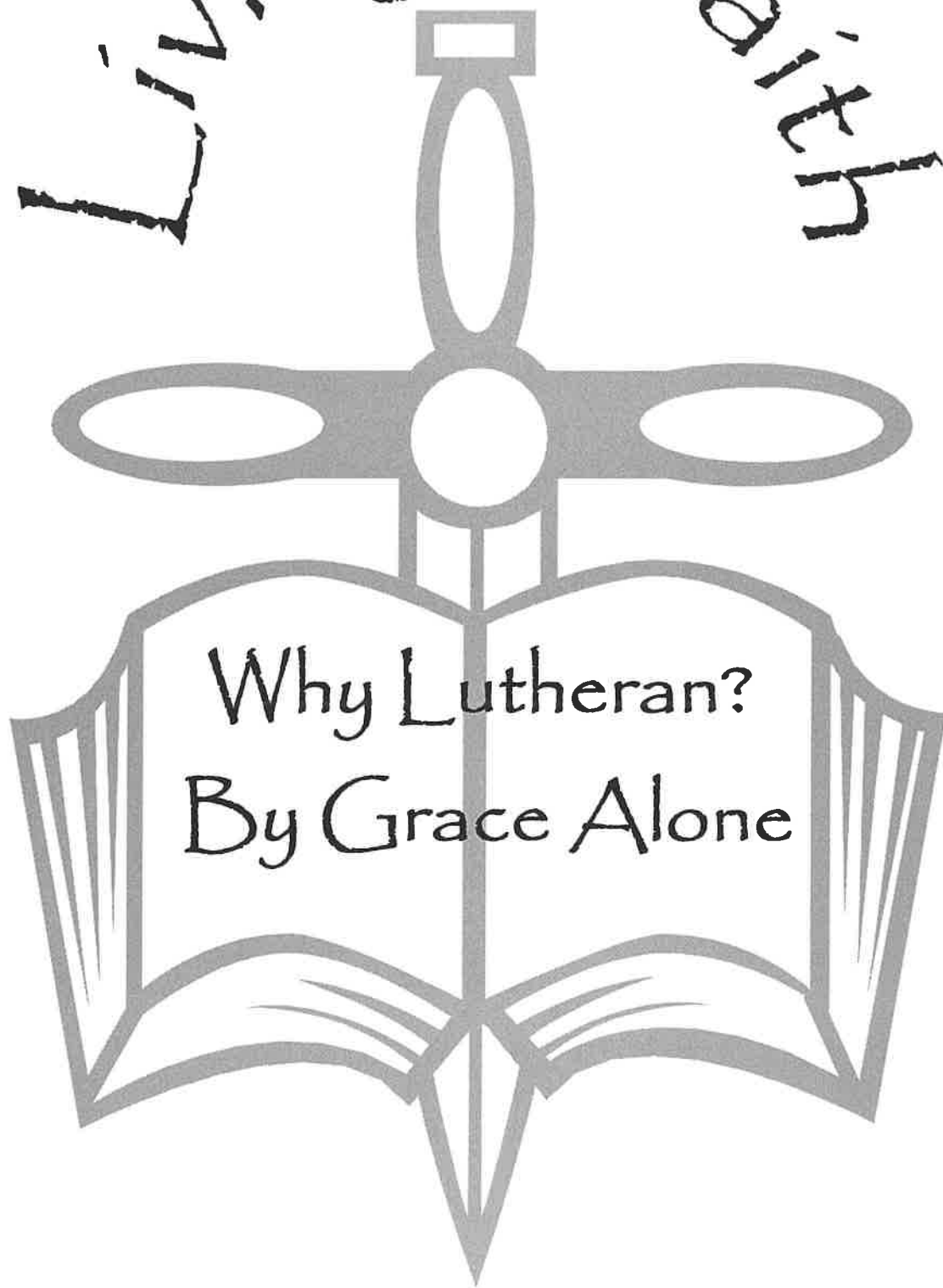


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Why Lutheran?  
By Grace Alone

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# Why Lutheran?

## By Grace Alone

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### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What does the Bible say about the natural condition of all people?*

📖 Romans 3:23

📖 Psalm 51:5

📖 Genesis 6:5

📖 Romans 8:7

*ALL people are* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Evaluate:* "People are basically good. It would be unfair for God to hold the few sins they do commit against them."

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What do people deserve from God because of their sins?**

📖 Acts 5:3-5

📖 Romans 6:23

📖 Matthew 25:41, 46

*For their sins people deserve* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** The Bible tells us that God is loving. This means that God would never actually send anyone to hell. He just says that to scare us into being good.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What can people do to solve this great problem?

 Ephesians 2:1

 Romans 3:20

People can do \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** "I know I'm not perfect, but I've lived a pretty good life. I don't cheat or steal. And I try not to hurt anybody. I'm sure God will let me into heaven."

**Agree or Disagree and Why?** Jesus proved that it is possible for a person to keep the commandments if he really tries.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What did God do to solve the problem?

 John 3:16

 1 John 4:9,10

God \_\_\_\_\_.



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** Jesus died to save all who believe.

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

Grace :

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Why did God do this?

 Romans 11:35

 Ephesians 2:8

 1 Timothy 2:4

God does this \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** Some people are more deserving of God's grace than others.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

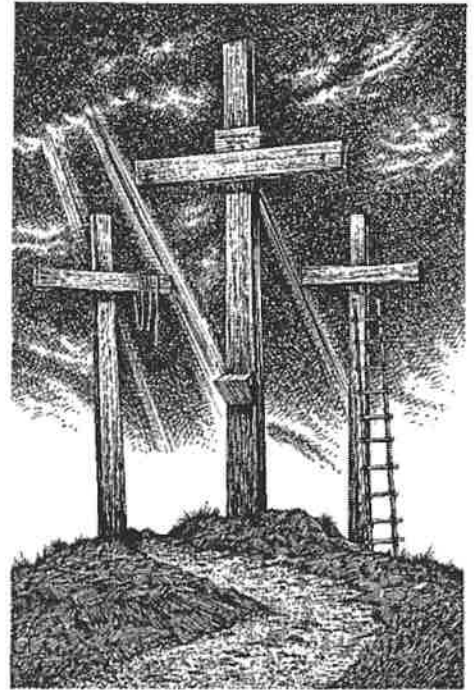
*We realize that we act and think in such a way that we are your enemies. We are sinners that are desperately lost and deserving of hell. Dear God, you did not give us what our sins deserved, but instead gave up your son Jesus to live and die in our place. He was punished so we would not be. Strengthen us to change our thoughts and actions to reflect your love and forgiveness for us in Jesus. Amen.*

Bible Worksheet #1  
The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:32-43

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What kind of men were crucified next to Jesus? (v. 32)
2. What does Jesus want for all people? (v. 34. Also look up 1 Timothy 2:4)
3. What did one of the criminals say to Jesus? (v. 39)
4. What did the other criminal say to him? (vv. 40, 41)
5. What did he say to Jesus? (v. 43)
6. This man had lived a life of crime (only the worst of criminals were crucified). This man did not have a chance to do all kinds of good works to make up for his life of crime. Why was Jesus able to assure the man that he would be going to heaven that very day?



# Lesson 1 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

John 3:16

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

### Old Testament Books of the Bible

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 and 2 Samuel

1 and 2 Kings

1 and 2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Job

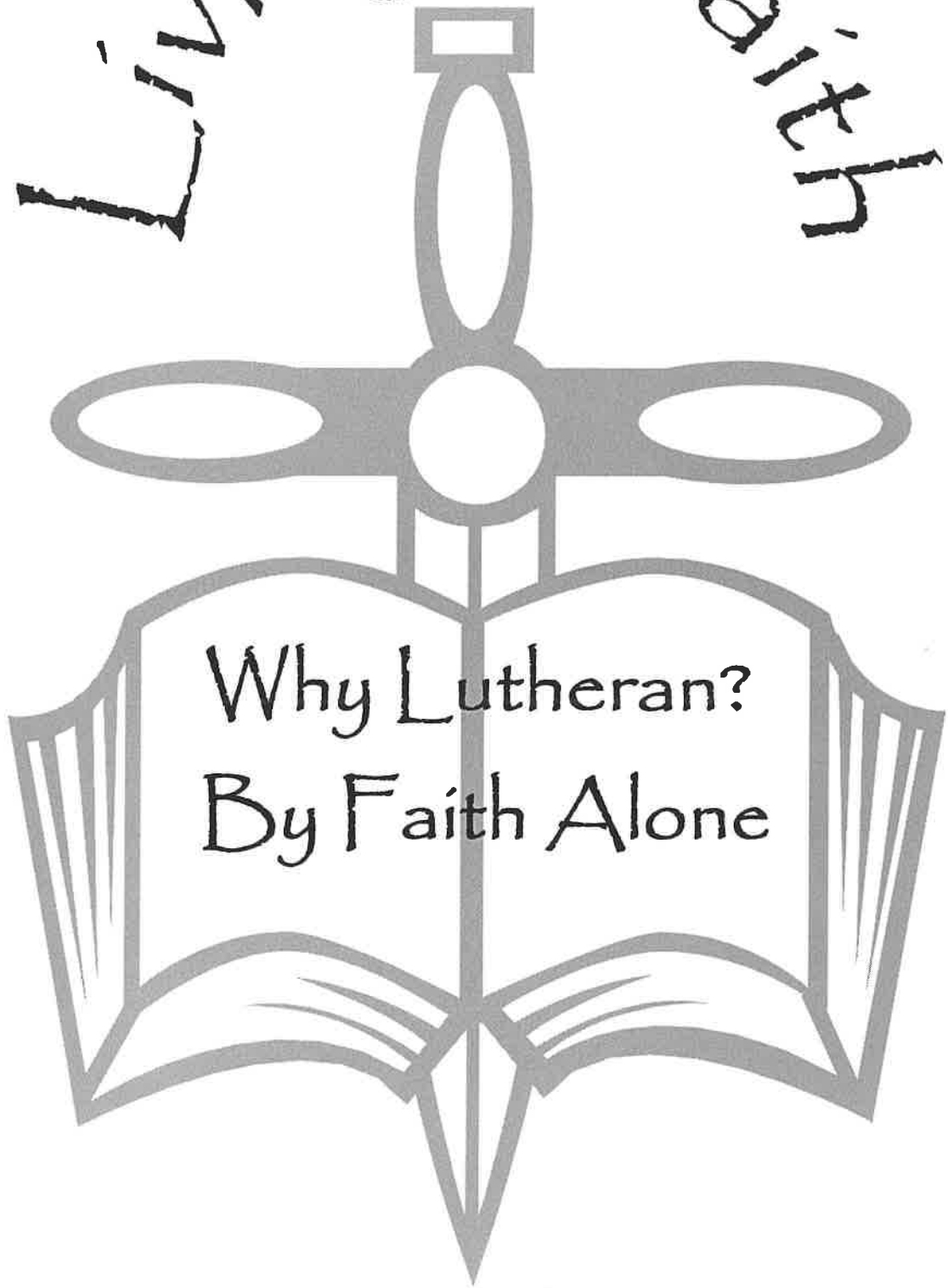
Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Songs

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Why Lutheran?  
By Faith Alone

# 2

# Why Lutheran?

## *By Faith Alone*

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What does not qualify as "faith"?

 Matthew 14:31

 Matthew 8:26

 James 2:19

*Faith does not* \_\_\_\_\_.

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *Everyone who knows about God and his Word will be saved*

**Evaluate:** *"I must not have faith, because I feel doubts and fears all the time."*



MARTIN LUTHER'S COAT OF ARM

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What is "faith"?

 Romans 10:10

 Romans 3:22

 Hebrews 11:1

*Faith is* \_\_\_\_\_



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Why is faith the key to salvation?

📖 Philippians 3:8-9

📖 Romans 4:23-24

Faith is the key \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE



**Agree or Disagree and why?** *Christ's redemption is worthless without faith.*

**OBJECT LESSON** - *The purpose of Paint Primer*

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Can we choose to come to faith?

📖 John 15:16a

📖 1 Corinthians 12:3b

We cannot chose \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Which is the most important:** *The fact that: God created you, Jesus redeemed you, or the Holy Spirit brought you to faith.*

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Faith** -

**Righteousness** -

**Credit** -

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *I am saved the minute that I decide to accept to call Jesus into my heart.*

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What does God use to bring you to faith?**

 **Romans 10:17**

 **1 Peter 3:21**

**God brings us to faith through** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** *We have the power to keep our faith strong.*

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Dear Lord,*

*We realize that we act and think in such a way that we are your enemies. We are sinners that are desperately lost and deserving of hell. Dear God, you did not give us what our sins deserved, but instead gave up your son Jesus to live and die in our place. He was punished so we would not be. Strengthen us to change our thoughts and actions to reflect your love and forgiveness for us in Jesus. Amen.*

Bible Worksheet #2  
The Jailer at Philippi  
Acts 16:22-34

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. Paul and Silas had just been beaten without trial and then put in the highest security cell in chains and stocks. What was their reaction to this treatment? (v. 25)
2. Imagine that you are a fellow prisoner in the jail and you have heard what just happened and to Paul and Silas and now you hear them praying and singing. What would be going through your mind concerning?
3. After the earthquake the doors flew open and the jailer was woken up. Explain what had to be going through the jailers mind from verse 27 to verse 28.
4. Why do you think the jailer fell before Paul and Silas trembling when he was the guard and they were the prisoners? (v. 29)
5. Why is the question that the jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" the same question that plagues every single unbeliever? (v. 30)
6. What did the answer to that question involve? How does this help explain the importance of faith? (v. 31)
7. What did this new faith in the Lord lead the jailer to do? (vv. 32-34)



# Lesson 2 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

#### Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

### Old Testament Books of the Bible

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

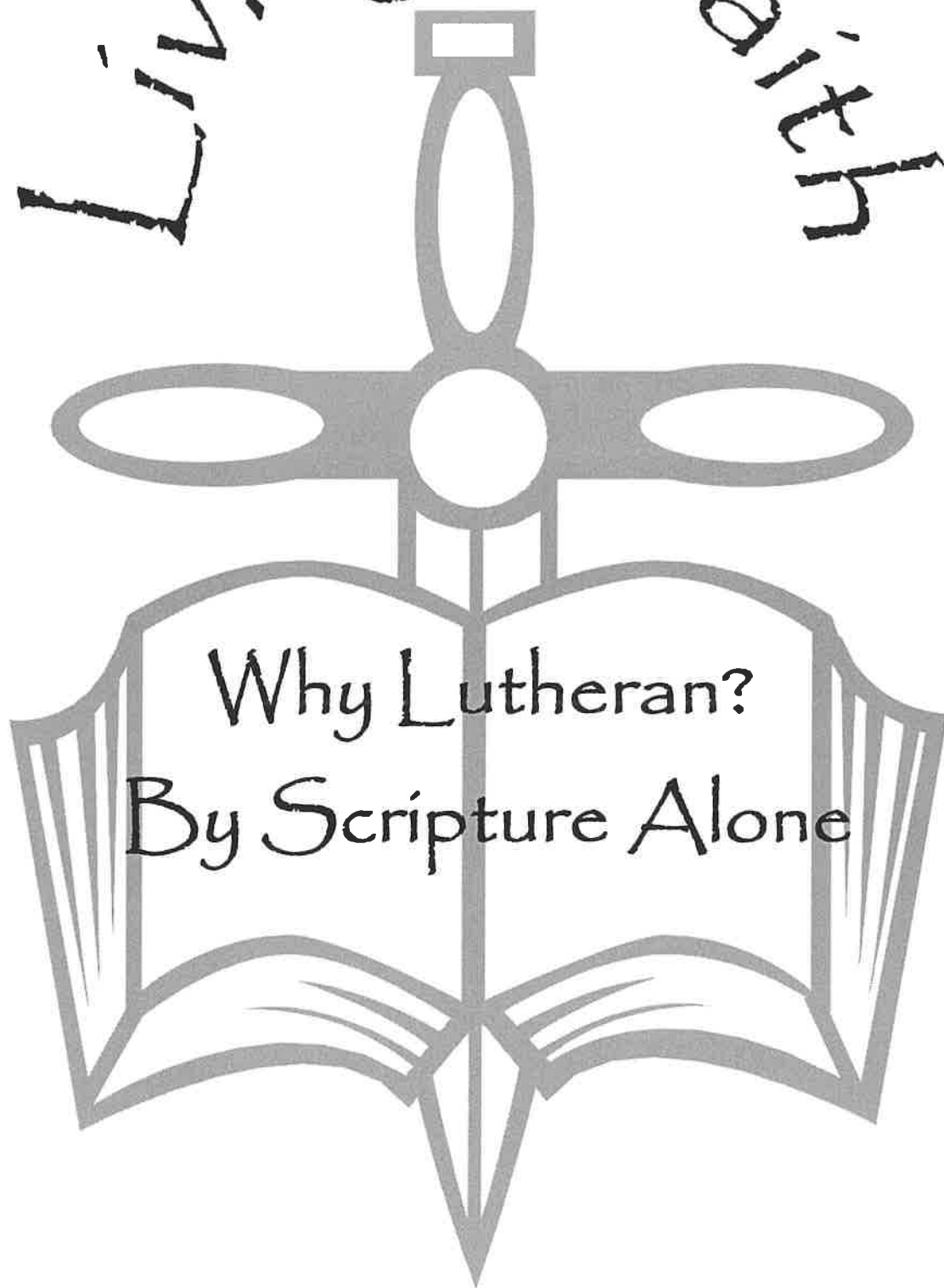
Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

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Why Lutheran?  
By Scripture Alone

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## Why Lutheran? *By Scripture Alone*

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Who is the author of the Scriptures?

 1 Thessalonians 2:13

 2 Timothy 3:16

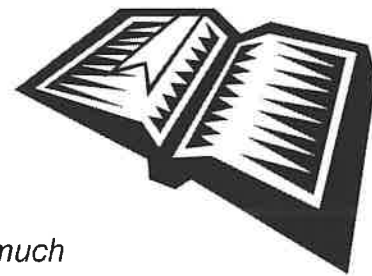
 2 Peter 1:20-21

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? The Bible contains the Word of God.*

*Evaluate: "I believe that the Bible is God's Word because it makes so much sense."*



#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Why is it important to know that God is the author of the Scriptures?

 John 17:17

 Number 23:19

It is important to know \_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*Evaluate: A friend of yours insists that the Bible does not have to be correct in area of science or history as long as it's correct about things regarding God and his promises?*

**How can you tell it is from "Man" or from "God"?** (put "God" or "Man" in the blank)

- \_\_\_\_\_ The way to heaven is a free gift given to you through faith in Jesus
  - \_\_\_\_\_ You have to figure out what to believe and what not to believe in the Bible
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Getting to heaven is a life-long process of doing the best you can
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus hates your sin, but he loves you so much he willing died for you
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Every religion ultimately leads you on a different path to the same place
- (Notice that Man focuses on what you have to do. God focuses on what he did for you.)

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What are the two main messages of the Scriptures?**



-  **John 1:17**
-  **Galatians 1:11-12**

*The two main messages of the Scriptures* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.



Old Testament	New Testament
<b>LAW</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*Agree or Disagree and why? - The only two teachings of the Bible that I need to know are the Law and the Gospel.*

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What is the main purpose of the Scriptures?**

-  **Romans 6:23a**
-  **John 20:31**

**CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

**Scriptures**

**Verbal Inspiration**

**Prophet**

**Gospel**

 Romans 15:4

The main purpose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How do I treat the Scriptures since it is God's Word?*

 Deuteronomy 4:2

 2 Peter 3:16b

I will avoid \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *Some of the teachings of the Bible are out of date—like no sex before marriage, same-sex marriages, or Christianity is the only way to heaven. These teachings no longer apply to our society today.*

### CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

*We thank you for giving us the Scriptures in a language that we can understand and read. Unfortunately, our sinful nature gets bored with your Word and doesn't like to take any time reading or studying it. Help us to take advantage of every opportunity you give us to study and memorize your Word. We know that through the Scriptures alone you strengthen our faith and grow in us the knowledge of your love for us in Jesus. Your Scriptures open our eyes to the plan you have for us in heaven. We praise you for giving us your Scriptures. Amen.*

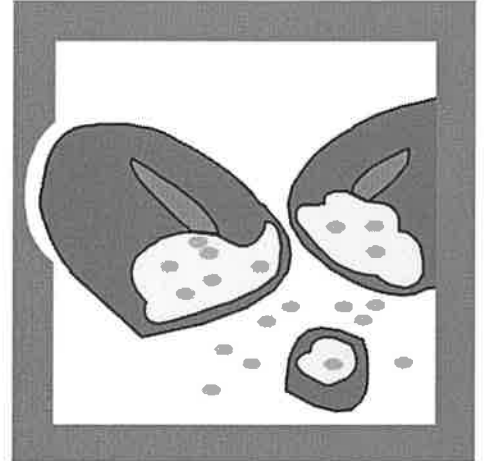


# The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

**Matthew 16:5-12**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What warning does Jesus give to his disciples? (v. 6)
2. Why do you think Jesus said “watch out for the yeast...?”  
(hint: think of what yeast does in bread)
3. What did the disciples think Jesus was talking about? (v. 7)
4. What did Jesus remind them of concerning having enough bread? (vv. 8 -10)
5. Jesus says twice “be on your guard” - what does it mean to be on your guard? (v. 6, 11)
6. Look up **Revelation 22:18** - explain what the Pharisees and Sadducees can expect for adding and subtracting from God’s Word.



## **Luther’s quotable quote**

“Everyone should flee, as from the devil himself, the sects and enthusiasts who lead us away from the Word and Scripture to human ideas... For this is leading from a rock into quicksand. The more you try to gain a footing there, the deeper you sink, and it is impossible to avoid finally going down. God’s Word alone is the true, abiding rock on which a person can depend with certainty.”

# Lesson 3 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

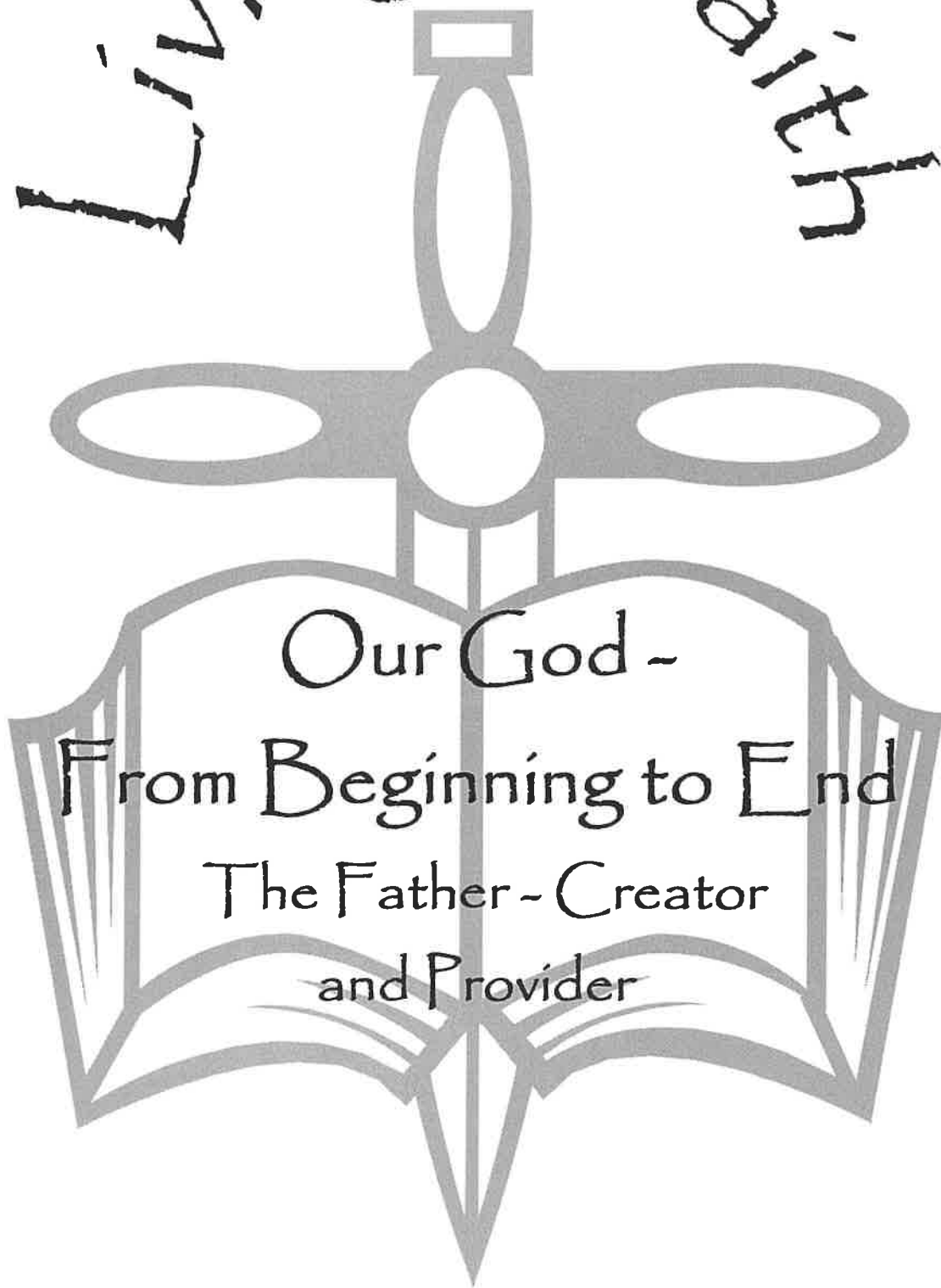
John 20:31

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### New Testament Books of the Bible

Matthew	I and 2 Thessalonians
Mark	I and 2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
I and 2 Corinthians	I and 2 Peter
Galatians	I, 2 and 3 John
Ephesians	Jude
Philippians	Revelation
Colossians	

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Our God -

From Beginning to End

The Father - Creator

and Provider

# 4

## Our God - From Beginning to End The Father—Creator and Provider

### INTRODUCTION

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Where did all things come from?*

 Genesis 1:1

 Exodus 20:11

 Genesis 1:27- 28

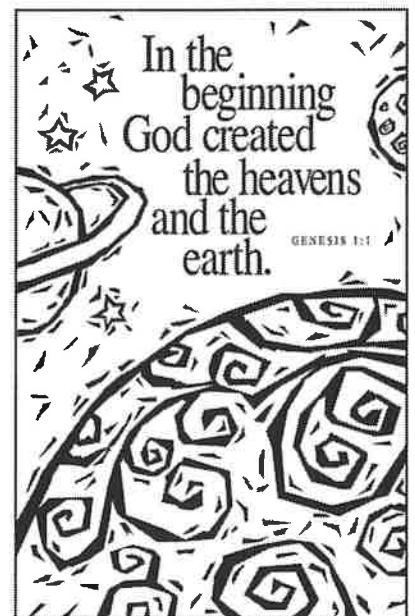
*All things came to be when* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Explain the "Big Bang Theory"*

*List some of the problems with the theory of the "Big Bang".*

*How do some evolutionists say that all living things came to be?*

*List some problems that arise in general with evolution.*



### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate.** *Some people believe that both the Bible and the theory of evolution can be correct because the six days the Bible speaks about could be six long periods of time extending over thousands or perhaps even million or billions of years.*

**Agree or disagree and why?** *A person cannot be a Christian if he believes in evolution.*

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What does creation tell us about our Creator?

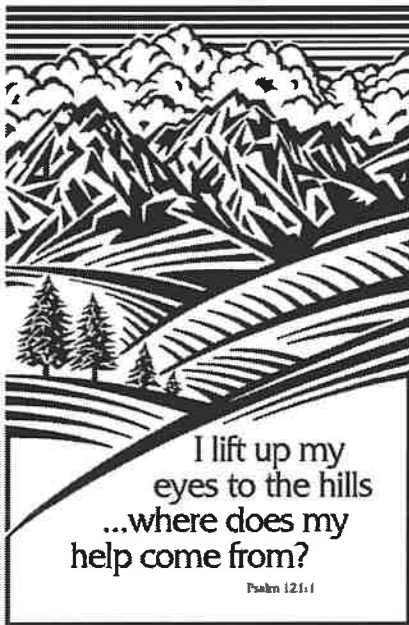
 Psalm 19:1-3

 Romans 1:20

Creation proclaims to all \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Prove why this statement is true. It takes more faith to believe in evolution than to believe in creation.*



### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

How does God continue to provide for his creation?

 Psalm 104:14

 Psalm 145:15-16

God provides for his creation by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree and disagree and why? The reason that God provides richly and daily for one person or nation and not for another is because the one is more pleasing to him than the other.*

*Agree and disagree and why? We have to help God provide for us by working the fields and raising the animals we use for food.*

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Creation**

**Evolution**

**Providence**

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

How does God protect you?

 Psalm 121:1-8

 Psalm 91:10-11

God \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

***Evaluate?** Jimmy was in a car accident and was paralyzed for life. He said, "God wasn't protecting me with his angels because I am not able to use my body anymore."*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Dear Lord,*

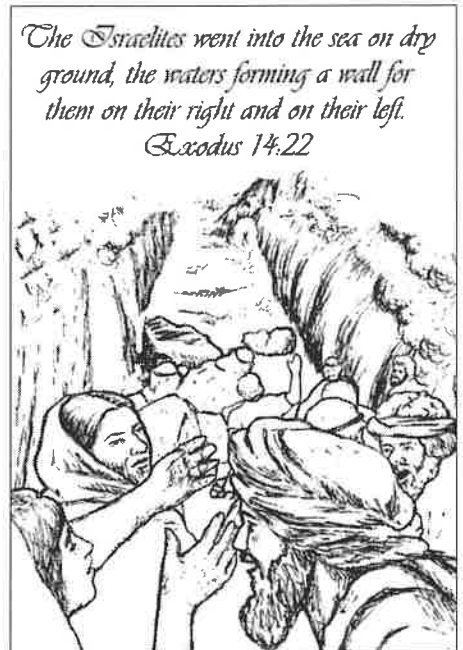
*The world is filled with many who deny you as the Creator of all things. Strengthen our faith in you that we might give you the honor and glory you deserve for creating this incredible world we live in. Help us to recognize how you provide for every living thing each day, and lead us to thank you for all that you give us. What a comfort to know that you are constantly watching over us and protecting us with your angels. Keep us safe until we gather here again next week around your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

# God Protects His People

## Exodus 14

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. Why did God want to give the impression to Pharaoh that the Israelites were trapped?
2. Read verses 5 - 12 and then reread verse 4 - why do you think God withheld his grand plan from the Israelites, it would have saved them a lot of stress and worry?
3. Why should have Moses' words in verses 13 - 14 been such a comfort to the Israelites? (Hint: recall all that God had done for them in the last week.)
4. God could have just spoken the word and the water would have split immediately. Why do you think that God went to all the trouble of the cloud of darkness and the east wind to make the water form a wall on the right and left?
5. God could have driven the Pharaoh and his army back with another plague or by making the wheels fall off before they went into the water - why did he choose to destroy the whole army of Egypt?
6. God protected his people by a string a miracles that went beyond nature so all people could see his handiwork. God can protect us in extraordinary ways, but list some ways that God protects us today by miracles that are hidden, but no less spectacular.



# Lesson 4 Memory Work

## Year B

### The First Article of the Apostles' Creed (catechism page 4)

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

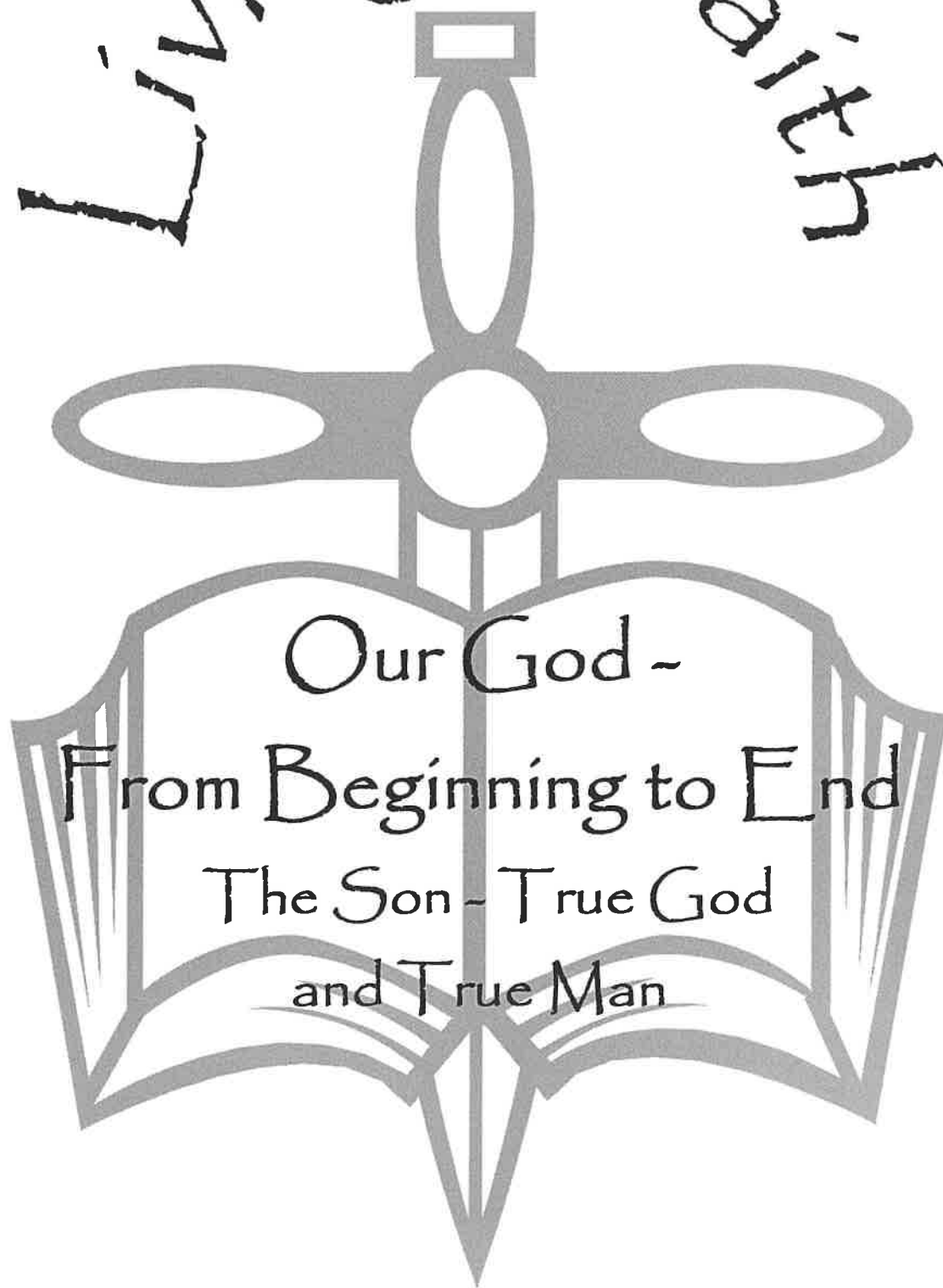
And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

### Review all Books of the Bible

<b>Old Testament</b>	Lamentations	Romans
Genesis	Ezekiel	I and 2 Corinthians
Exodus	Daniel	Galatians
Leviticus	Hosea	Ephesians
Numbers	Joel	Philippians
Deuteronomy	Amos	Colossians
Joshua	Obadiah	I and 2 Thessalonians
Judges	Jonah	I and 2 Timothy
Ruth	Micah	Titus
I and 2 Samuel	Nahum	Philemon
I and 2 Kings	Habakkuk	Hebrews
I and 2 Chronicles	Zephaniah	James
Ezra	Haggai	I and 2 Peter
Nehemiah	Zechariah	I, 2 and 3 John
Esther	Malachi	Jude
Job		Revelation
Psalms	<b>New Testament</b>	
Proverbs	Matthew	
Ecclesiastes	Mark	
Song of Songs	Luke	
Isaiah	John	
Jeremiah	Acts	



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Our God -

From Beginning to End

The Son - True God

and True Man




# 5

## Our God - From Beginning to End The Son - True God and True Man




### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

##### *Who is Jesus Christ?*

-  **Colossians 2:9** For in Christ all the fullness of the *Deity* lives in bodily form.
-  **Romans 9:5** Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, *who is God* over all, forever praised!
-  **1 John 4:9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only *Son* into the world that we might live through him.

##### *According to the italicized portions of those passages, what does the Bible call Jesus Christ?*




-  **John 11:43,44** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.
-  **Mark 6:41-44** He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.
-  **Mark 1:34** Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons.

*Do these passages support the fact that Jesus is true God? If so, how?*




#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD


##### *What else does the Bible call Jesus?*


-  **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the *man* Christ Jesus.
-  **Romans 9:5** Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the *human* ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!
-  **Romans 5:15** If the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one *man*, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

*According to the italicized portions of those verses, what else does the Bible call Jesus Christ?*

**CHRISTIAN  
VOCABULARY**

 **Mark 11:12** The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

 **John 19:28** Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

 **John 4:6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well.

 **Galatians 4:4** God sent his son, born of a woman.

**Incarnation:**

**Substitute:**

**Do these passages support your answer that Jesus is man? If so, how?**

**Jesus Christ our substitute is** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

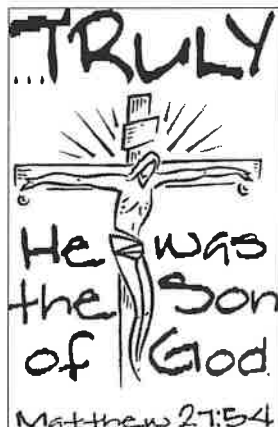
**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**When did Jesus become both God and man in one person?**

 **Matthew 1:20,23**

 **Colossians 2:9**

**Jesus became both God and man together in one person** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (**Incarnation**)



**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** Jesus is half man and half God in one person.

**Agree or disagree and why?** The truth that Jesus is both true God and true man in one person is a miracle which we really can't understand.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What is the first reason Jesus became both God and man in one person?**

 **Galatians 4:4**

 **Hebrews 4:15**

 **Romans 5:19**

**Jesus became the God / man** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What is another reason that Jesus became both God and man in one person?*


 Hebrews 2:14

 John 1:29


*Jesus also became both God and man* \_\_\_\_\_

## A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

When you hear the expression, “*It’s a matter of life and death*”, you might think about someone on the brink of death being rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery. When we look at our eternal situation, you see “*It is a matter of life and death*” - not ours, but Jesus’ life and death.

 **Matthew 14:23** - After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

When you think about your prayer life - how few times you actually remember pray to God, how quickly you may pray before meals or bedtime, how many times you recite prayers in church without thinking about the words - we realize that we fall far short of God’s expectations of us. As our substitute, Jesus prayed perfectly in our place. He not only prayed, but lived every aspect of our lives perfectly in our place. While on this earth Jesus did not sin one time against the law of God. We call this Jesus’ “**active obedience**”. This is what Jesus actively did for us.

 **Mark 15** - The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace... They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him... Then they led him out to crucify him... And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” - which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ... With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

Jesus at any time could have struck dead everyone that mocked him—he was innocent and he deserved none of what happened to Him. God allowed this to happen to himself by the evil people He came to save. Jesus died an innocent death on the cross—the death we deserved. This we call his “**passive obedience**”. He did not open his mouth or use His power to stop his trial and crucifixion. Being free of sins himself, he was able to carry the sins of the world—including yours and mine—on his shoulders. This is what Jesus passively did for us.

If you ask people what Jesus had to do to forgive the sins of the world, they will say, “*He had to die on the cross.*” Their answer is only half right. Remember, “*It is a matter of life and death*” Yes, Jesus had to die on the cross. But before that, he also had to live a sinless life. We need to remember that both his perfect life and his innocent death were necessary for him to be our perfect substitute.

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Active Obedience:**

**Passive Obedience:**

## **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** *If Jesus were not true God and true man in one person, he could not have saved us.*

**Agree or disagree and why?** *Jesus saved us by living a sinless life.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

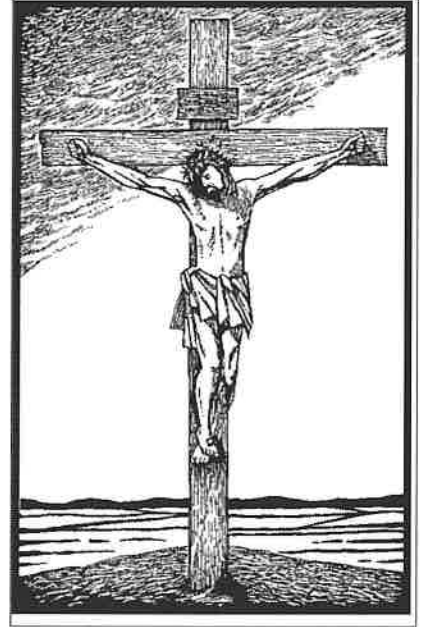
*Dear Lord,*

*We know that our sinful lives deserve your punishment and death. Yet we know that you sent your Son to live life in our place and to suffer the punishment of our death for us. We thank you for sending your Son as our perfect substitute. Help us to grow in a knowledge of our Savior that we might live lives of thanks to you. Also, give us the confidence that when we do face death, that we die in Christ, and begin life eternal with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## Jesus' Seven Words from the Cross

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. Look up **Luke 23:32-34a** - Explain how Jesus showed his perfect love rather than revenge on those who tormented him.
2. Look up **Luke 23:35-43** - How do these words offered to the thief show Jesus to be true God?
3. Look up **John 19:25-27** - Explain how Jesus showed love for his family until the moment he died.
4. Look up **Matthew 27:45-47** - Explain why God's Son had to be rejected by God his Father. (Hint: He was acting as our perfect substitute.)
5. Look up **John 19:28-29** - Explain how these words prove Jesus to be true God.
6. Look up **John 19:30** - What is it that Jesus our Savior is announcing as being finished?
7. Look up **Luke 23:44-46 & Matthew 27:57** - How can we gain confidence when we face our last breath in the words Jesus announced at his death? What did the centurion, likely an unbeliever, confess about the man who just died?



**Luther's quotable quote** - The words Jesus said, "It is finished!" is actually one word in the Greek language. This may be the one word that Luther references in verse 3 of his famous hymn:

*Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still,  
Scowl fierce as he will, he can harm us none,  
he's judged, the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.*

# Lesson 5 Memory Work

## Year B

### The First Article of the Apostles' Creed (catechism page 4)

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Living Faith



Our God -

From Beginning to End

The Son -

Prophet, Priest and King



# 6


## Our God - From Beginning to End *The Son - Prophet, Priest and King*

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### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What were the three roles that Jesus had while here on earth?

 Acts 3:19,20,22

 Hebrews 3:1

 John 18:37

Jesus came to this earth \_\_\_\_\_.

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? Jesus wanted to establish an earthly kingdom in Israel, but the scribes and Pharisees prevented him from doing this.*

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

How does Jesus carry out these roles today?

 Ephesians 1:20,22

 Mark 16:15

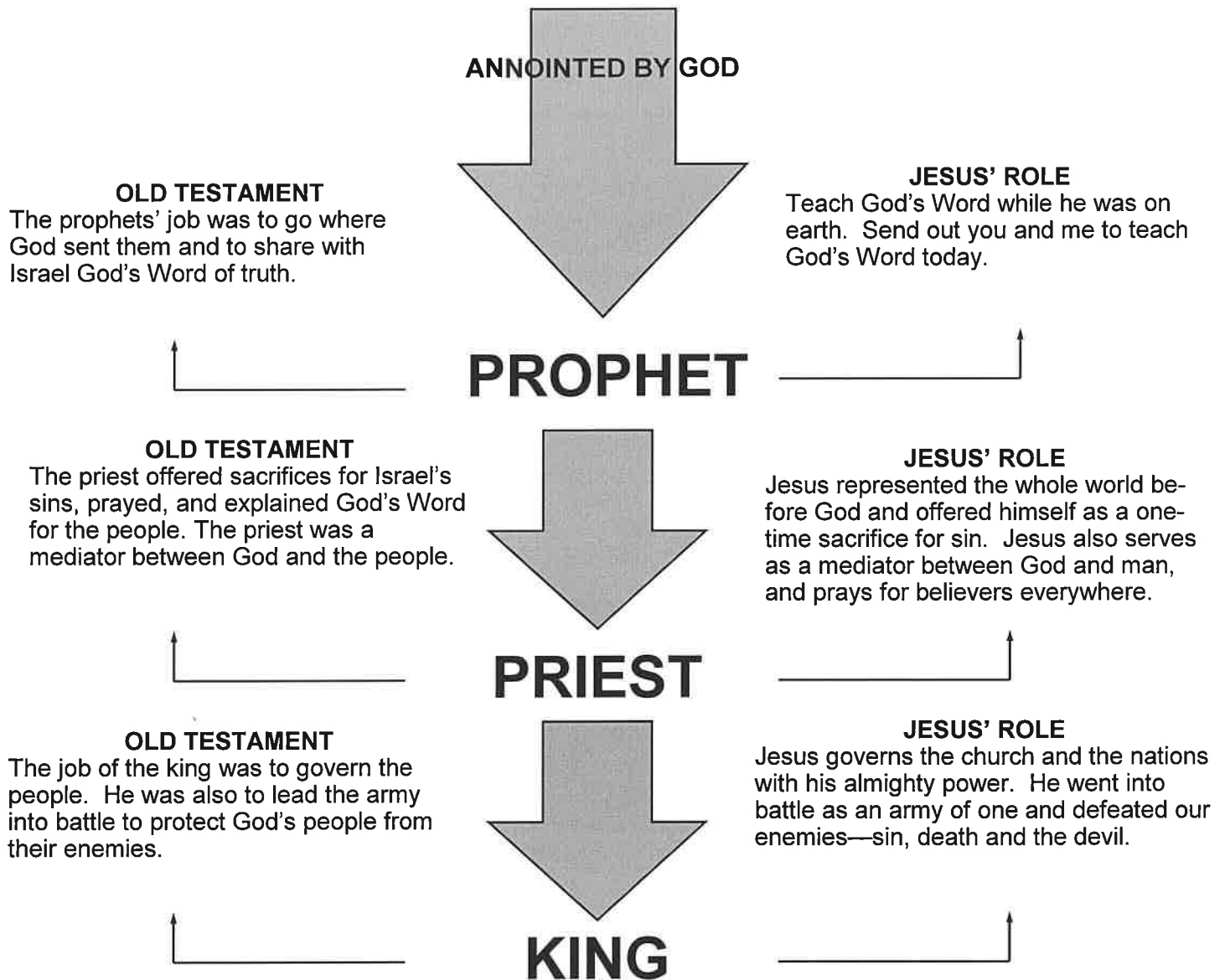
 Romans 8:34 & 1 John 2:1

 2 Timothy 4:18

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**KING  
of Kings  
LORD of  
LORDS**

# JESUS' THREE ROLES



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** First Jesus was a Prophet, then he served as Priest, and finally he served as King.

**Agree or Disagree and why?** The reason that Jesus could sacrifice himself for the sins of the world was because he was a man who had no sin.

**Agree or Disagree and why?** Jesus was a good prophet because he learned God's Word diligently as a child.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

Why did Jesus return to heaven instead of remaining here as Prophet, Priest and King?

 Ephesians 4:8

 John 14:2-3

*Jesus is in heaven* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** *Because Jesus is my King, ruling in heaven on my behalf, I never really have to worry that I will fall away from faith.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for being our priest and offering your own body for our sins. Thank you for continuing to be our mediator, because we sin daily and need you to speak on behalf before God our judge. Thank you for conquering our spiritual enemies as our king and for using your rule to guard and protect us. Help us to be better prophets, speaking the message of Jesus to those around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Mediator -**

**Anoint -**

# Jesus - Our Prophet, Priest and King

Directions: Look up each passage and write whether Jesus is serving as our prophet, priest or king. Do this activity with your parents.



\_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 8:1**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 7:27**

\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 5:2**

\_\_\_\_\_

**John 6:68**

\_\_\_\_\_

**John 18:36-37**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 61:1**

\_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 2:2**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 2:14**

**Luther's quotable quote - On the difference between Prophets of Heaven and Those of Hell:**

*The prophet begins with rebuking, as the manner of all prophets is; then follows the sweet comfort of the prophet. The devil acts the other way: first he walks gently, in order to deceive, then leaves a stench behind. God first frightens and leads into hell; then he exalts. This is the manner of the divine Word and work: destruction precedes construction. The devil works the other way. (What Luther Says, page 1146).*

# Lesson 6 Memory Work

## Year B

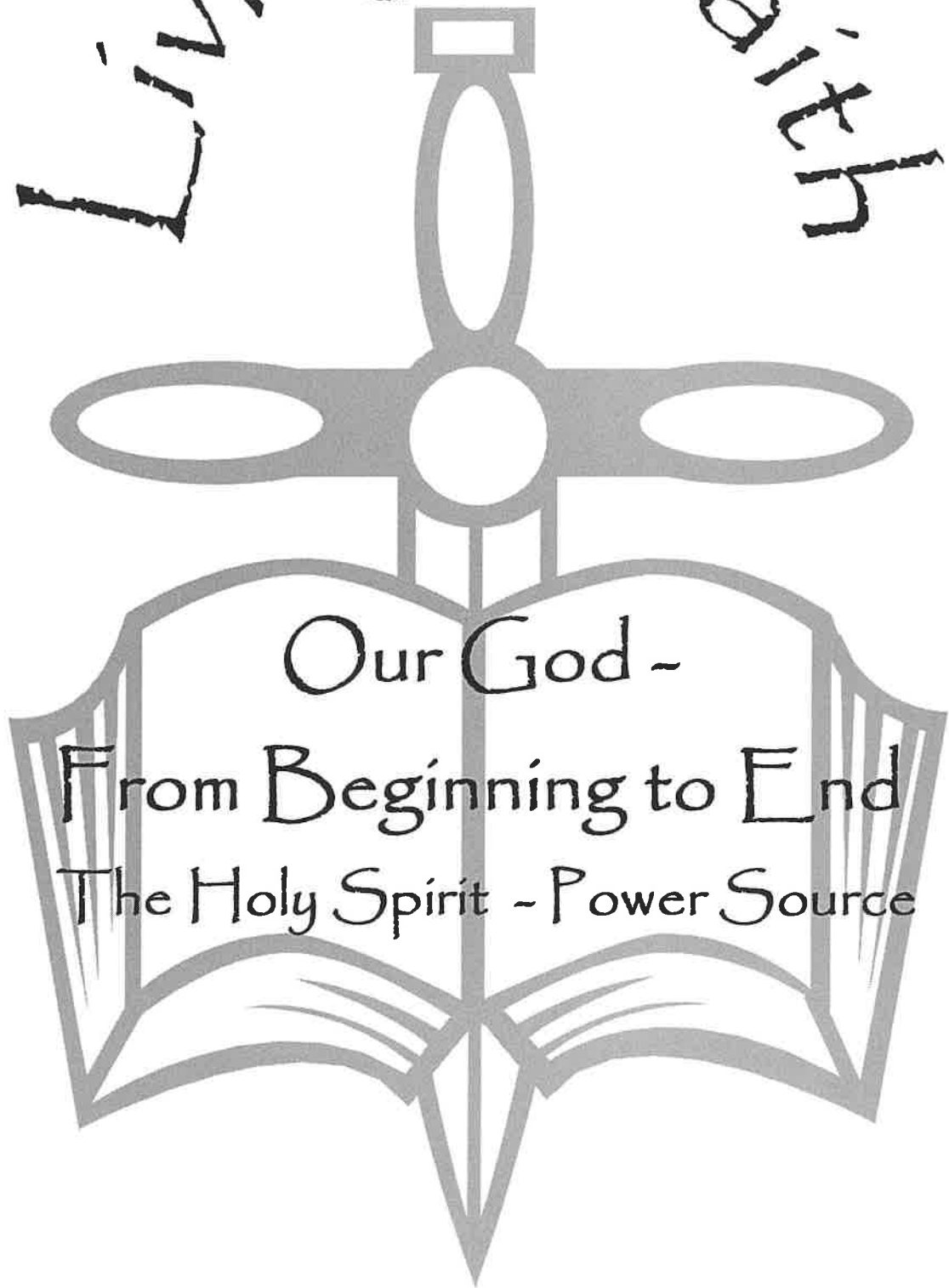
### The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed (catechism pages 4 & 5)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

Living Faith



Our God -

From Beginning to End

The Holy Spirit - Power Source

# 7

## Our God - From Beginning to End The Holy Spirit - Power Source

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why is the Holy Spirit's work called sanctification?*

 1 Corinthians 6:11

 1 Corinthians 1:2

*The Holy Spirit's work is called sanctification because* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



*What "means" does the Holy Spirit use to bring us to faith and sanctify us?*

 Romans 10:17

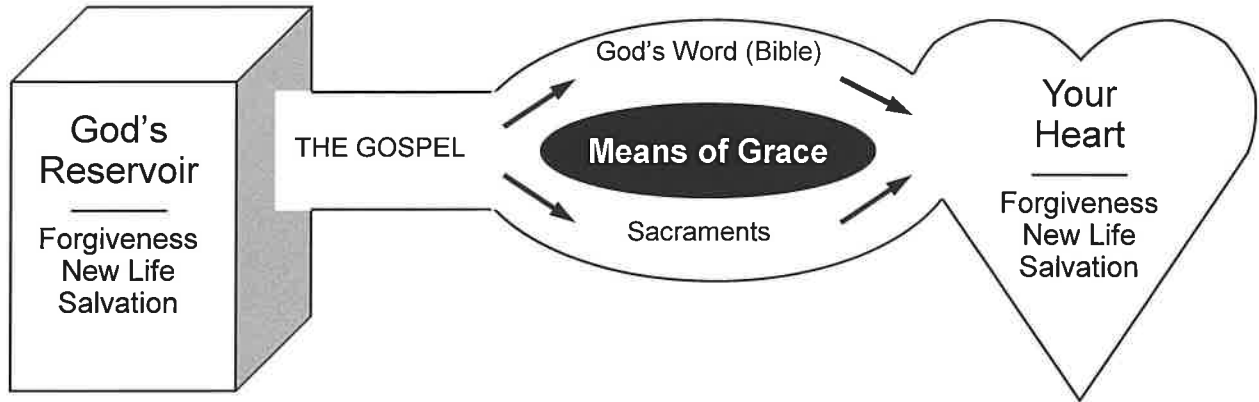
 John 17:17

 2 Thessalonians 2:13,14

 Acts 2:38

The means the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to faith and sanctify us is \_\_\_\_\_

HOW SANCTIFICATION WORKS



GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE



THE SHELL SIGNIFIES BAPTISM

How do you know if you have saving faith or not?

Ask yourself these three question:

1. Does it bother me that I have sinned against the Lord?
2. Do I trust that God has cleansed me from all sin through Jesus' blood?
3. Do I have the desire to serve God out of love?

If (yes) then be assured the Holy Spirit has worked saving faith in your heart!!!

CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

Sanctification:

Means of Grace -

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What change in attitude did the Holy Spirit work in us as he sanctified us?

Psalm 119:104

Titus 2:11-14

When the Holy Spirit sanctified us, \_\_\_\_\_



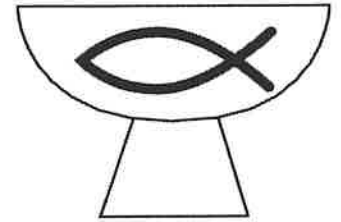
## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What motivates us to do what is good according to God's will?*

 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

 Colossians 3:17

*What motivates us is* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *You can tell a good Christian from a bad Christian by the number of good works each does in their lives.*

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *A Christian finds it easy to do good works because he is filled with love and thanks for God's goodness to him.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Dear Father in heaven,*

*Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to work faith in my heart so that I trust only in you and your Son Jesus for my life and my salvation.*

*Thank you Holy Spirit for making my heart beat for God, and for helping me to show my love for him with my words and actions. Help me to use your Word in my life, and to remember my baptism, so that you can continue to grow my faith and turn me away from sin and temptation. Then I can live my life to always serve you in love.*

*In Jesus' name we pray,*

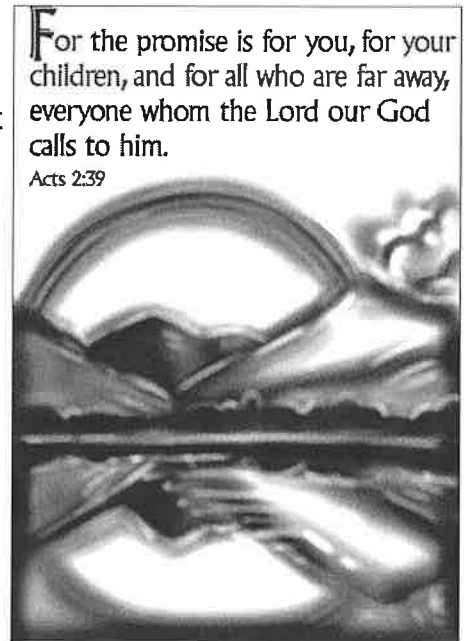
*Amen.*

# The Power of the Holy Spirit

## Acts 2

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. How did the Holy Spirit show himself among the disciples and what power did he give them on that day?
2. Whose work did Peter speak about to this large crowd?
3. Remember that the two great doctrines of the Bible are the LAW and GOSPEL. The LAW - Shows us our Sin. The GOSPEL - Shows us our Savior. Write down the verses in this reading in which Peter used either LAW or GOSPEL.



LAW verses: \_\_\_\_\_ GOSPEL verses: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What effect did Peter's sermon have on many of the people (vs. 37) and what did Peter tell people to do to be saved? (vs. 38-40)
5. What is one of the means that the Holy Spirit uses to work faith in Jesus Christ? To whom is this promise of the Holy Spirit extended? (vs. 38-39)
6. List at least 4 things that the people that were converted began to do on a regular basis? (vs. 42)

**Luther's quotable quote - The Spirit is always with and in the Word. The inseparable associate of Scripture is the Holy Spirit, who in various ways moves and lifts up the hearts of men through the Word. (What Luther Says, page 78)**

# Lesson 7 Memory Work

## Year B

### The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed (catechism pages 4 & 5)

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*What does this mean?*

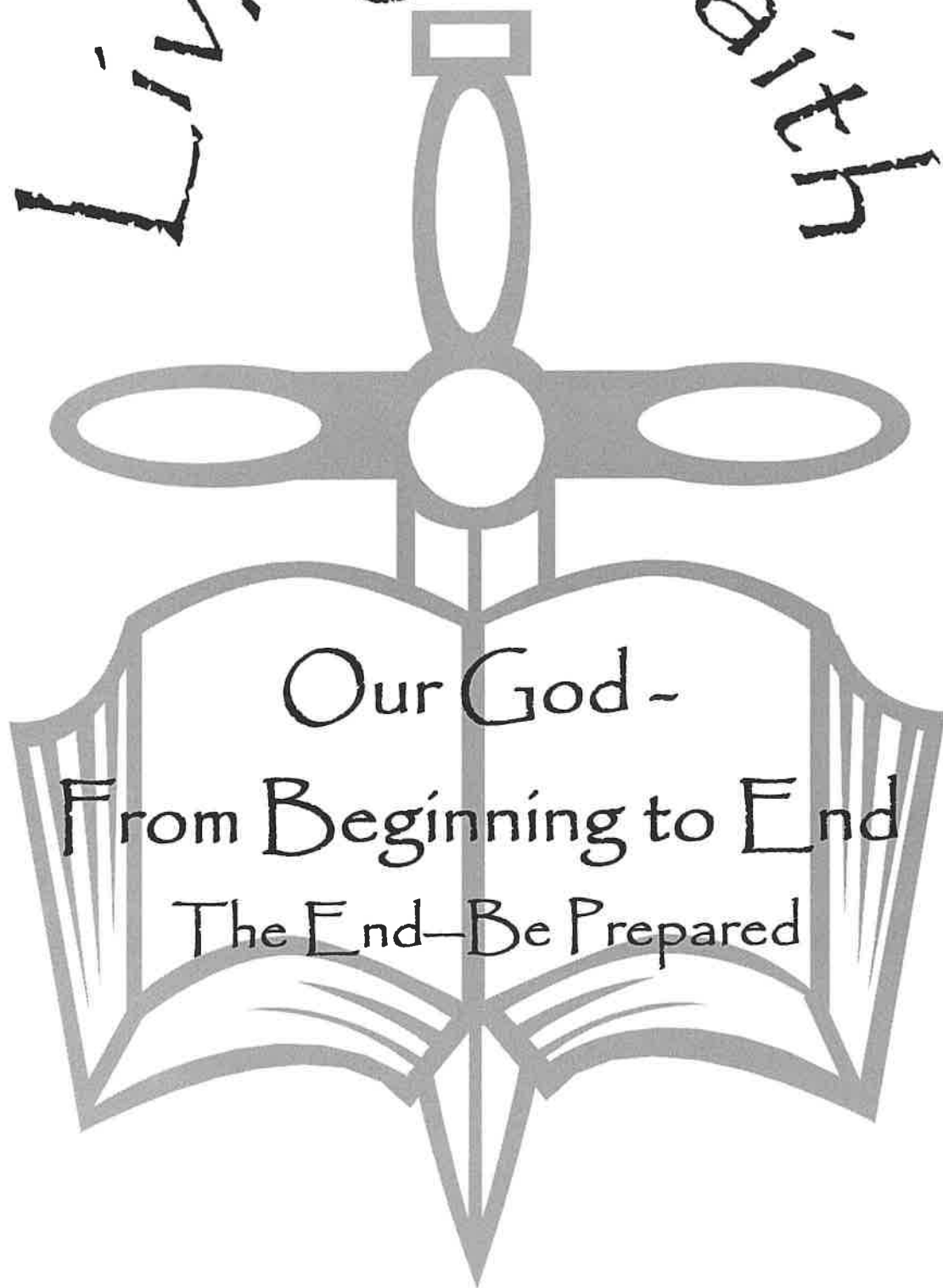
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Living Faith



Our God -  
From Beginning to End  
The End - Be Prepared

# 8

## Our God - From Beginning to End *The End - Be Prepared*

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What does the Bible tell us about Jesus' return?

 Matthew 25:31-32

 Matthew 24: 36,42,44

 Mark 16:15,16

Jesus' return \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Keep awake therefore,  
for you do not know  
on what day your  
Lord is coming.*

*Matthew 24:42*



#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** Jesus coming to judge the world is nothing to worry about.

**Agree or Disagree and why?** We should think about the last day every day of our life because it will make a great difference in how we live each day.

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What is different for unbelievers and believers who die before Jesus' return?

 Genesis 3:19

 Luke 16:22-23

The difference is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

How is the resurrection different for the believer and unbeliever?

 Acts 24:15

 1 Corinthians 15:52b

 Philippians 3:21

At the resurrection \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *The instant a person dies, he is instantly in heaven or hell forever.*

**Evaluate:** *Some people get their bodies cremated and scatter them on the sea so that they never can be raised from the dead.*



Surely  
I am  
coming  
soon.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

What does the Bible say about the experience of heaven and hell?

 Matthew 25:41, 46a & Isaiah 66:24

 Revelation 21:3-4

Heaven is a place \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*I worked with a man who said, "When I die I know I am going to hell, but I also know that my friends are going to be there with me and it is going to be an eternal party!" Yet hell is something so serious that there is absolutely no way of getting out of the eternal punishment there. That doesn't sound like a party atmosphere. Give some reasons why some people these things about hell.*

**CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

**Resurrection -**

**Heaven -**

**Hell -**

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

How do we as believers view death?

 **Philippians 1:23**

 **Philippians 3:20**

**We look forward to** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** *It is wrong to compare heaven to things we like here, because heaven is beyond our understanding.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Dear Lord,*

*Help us always be ready for your return. We know that you will come when no one expects you, but we also know that those who have faith in you are ready.*

*You have warned us about the terrors of hell that wait for unbelievers, and you have revealed to us the glories of heaven that are waiting for all who believe in you.*

*Help us to share these realities with people we already know. Strengthen us to never to fear death, but look at it as a way that you bring us to be with you forever. We say with confidence along with the apostle John,*

*"Come, Lord Jesus, Come!"*

*Amen.*

# The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

Directions: Read the section from the Bible passage listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What kind of man was the rich man in life?
2. How would you describe the life of Lazarus?
3. What is the one reason that after this life there were vastly different outcomes for the rich man and poor Lazarus?
4. How were the roles of the rich man and poor Lazarus reversed after they died?
5. Why did Abraham refuse to send Lazarus back to talk to the rich man's family?
6. How could you use this parable to help council a Christian who was depressed because they got paralyzed in a car accident? How could you use this parable to council a Christian who was starting to let his spiritual life slip in his pursuit of worldly wealth?





# Lesson 8 Memory Work

## Year B

### The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed (catechism page 5)

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Living Faith

God's Tools:

Holy Baptism -  
A Work of God

# 9

# God's Tools

## Holy Baptism - A Work of God

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### INTRODUCTION

#### THE MEANS OF GRACE

The Gospel in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What is a sacrament?

**A Sacrament is a Sacred Act:**

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

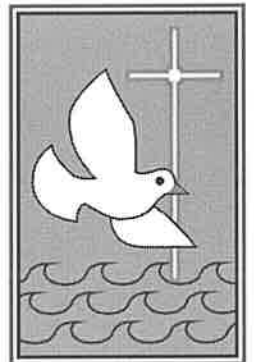
#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What is Baptism?

 Mark 7:3-4

 Matthew 28:19

 Ephesians 5:26



Baptism is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** Water that has been used in Baptism should not be poured down the drain because it is special water.

**Evaluate the situation:** Meghan, a teenager, wanted to be baptized standing in a river instead of standing by a baptismal font in front of church.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

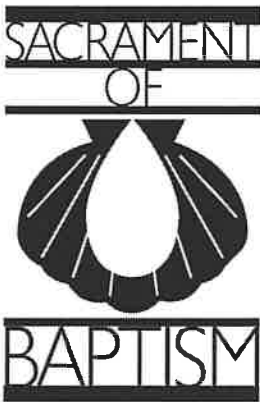
*What really happens when we are baptized?*

 Titus 3:5

 Ephesians 5:25-26

*What really happens is* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** *Why do you write your name inside the front cover of a new school book? Explain why God does the same thing to you when he writes his name on your head with water and the Word in baptism.*

**Agree or Disagree and why?** *Other than fulfilling Jesus' command to apply water, the water in baptism doesn't really serve a useful purpose.*

**CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

**Institute:**

**Sacrament:**

**Means:**

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

*What gifts did the Holy Spirit offer and give me when I was baptized?*

 Acts 2:38-39

 1 Peter 3:20-21

 Zechariah 3:1-5

 Mark 16:16

*God gave me* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate this statement** - Didn't we receive forgiveness when Jesus died on the cross? Why do we say that we receive it at baptism too?

**Evaluate:** Which is better to say, that God forgives our sins in baptism, or that in baptism God assures us that our sins are forgiven? Why did you make that choice?

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Whom are we to baptize?**



**Matthew 28:19**



**Acts 2:38**



**Acts 2:39**

**God commands us** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** Since babies can't talk or understand words they can't believe and it is useless to baptize them?

**Agree or Disagree and why?** Children should have a choice of whether or not they want to be baptized. So parents should wait until their children are old enough to decide rather than forcing them to be baptized as babies.

# A Sacred Gift - Holy Baptism

## The Sacraments

*What is a Sacrament?* A sacrament is a “**sacred act**”

- a. Instituted by Christ.
- b. In it God connects his Word of promise to a visible element.
- c. And in it God offers, gives, and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.

## Taking it Home

1. Exasperated, a man walked into his pastor's office. “Pastor, nothing is holy or sacred any more.” Agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
  
2. Agree or disagree and why? The Word of God connected to water in Baptism could be compared to a guarantee connected to something new that we buy such as a car or a stove.
  
3. Together with the Word, the sacraments - Baptism and the Lord's Supper - are the “Means of Grace.” God works in our lives through these chosen means. Explain how that works.
  
4. The sacraments are “visible gospel” (Good News connected to something that you can taste, touch or feel!). Why do you suppose God gives us - and blesses us with - a visible gospel?
  
5. At what times in your life have the sacraments been especially important to you?

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus, thank you for the sacrament of Baptism through which you offer, give, and seal the forgiveness of sins. Remind me of my baptism every day so that I can always be sure that you are faithful to your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Lesson 9 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Matthew 28:19

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

#### Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Living Faith

God's Tools:

Holy Baptism  
Changes My Life



# 10

# God's Tools

## Holy Baptism Changes My Life

### INTRODUCTION

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What two main things does the Holy Spirit do through the Word in Baptism?**

 Acts 2:38-39

 Colossians 2:12

**Through the Word of God in baptism, the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** At Mormon churches people are baptized in place of other people that are already dead. Do those dead people receive eternal life or any spiritual benefits that way? Why or why not?

**Evaluate :** Melinda says to you, "You just had a 'water' baptism? You didn't have a 'spirit' baptism? When you get baptized by the spirit, your feel light all over, and you are sometimes brought to tears as you are filled with love for Jesus. It happened to me one day in church, when the preacher was preaching from God's Word. It just swept over me." How would you respond to her?



### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What new attitude did God work in me when I was baptized?**

 Romans 6:2-5, 10-11—

**2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **5** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

**10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans verses in Bold:

Romans verses underlined:

**By Baptism** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Food for thought:** *It may not seem that a huge change took place when you were baptized. You may not feel anything at all. (You may not even remember you baptism as a child.) But we need to look at it from God's perspective. Remember that God now sees you through Christ, we are connected with Jesus in his death and resurrection.*

**How would you respond?** *Brenda said to you, " I hardly ever think about my baptism, but it doesn't matter. I still live a good, Christian life."*

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What, then, does my baptism remind me to do every day?**

 Ephesians 4:22-24

 Romans 6:2; 12-13a

 Romans 6:13b-14

**My baptism reminds me to** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate :** *A pastor once suggested that each of us could take a bar of soap and draw a cross on our mirror when we first get up in the morning. That way we could see ourselves as crucified with Christ. Do you think that is a good idea? Why or why not?*

**Agree or disagree and why:** *It would be better to be baptized as an adult than as a child: that way it would be easier to remember their baptism.*

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

Old Self -

New Self -

Contrition -

Repentance -

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How do I put off the Old Self and put on The New Self every day?*

 Psalm 51:4,17

 Psalm 32:5,10

 Romans 6:17-18

*I put off the Old Self* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*How would you respond?* John wondered which half of his was his "old self" and which half was his "new self".

*Agree or Disagree and why?* A Christian ought to resolve to do at least two God-pleasing things every day out of thanks for God's blessings in baptism.

## Baptism - the Power in My New Life

Read Titus 3:3-7

1. What are the words used in verse 3 to describe the natural condition of all people when they are born into the world?
2. How are we saved, and how is a person NOT saved? (vs 5.)
3. What so the words "mercy" and "grace" tell us about our hope of eternal life?
4. How is baptism described in verse 5?
5. Who works the "rebirth" or "renewal" through the water and the Word of Holy Baptism?

Agree or Disagree and why? The Old Adam cannot lead me into sin unless I permit him to get the upper hand in my heart.

Agree or Disagree and why? A person who is baptized will naturally be a person who wants to avoid sin and live a life according to God's will.

# Lesson 10 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Titus 3:5-7

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

#### Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Living Faith

God's Tools:

Holy Communion -  
A Real Meal

# 11

# God's Tools

## Holy Communion - A Real Meal

### INTRODUCTION

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What do we receive in the Lord's Supper?*

 **Matthew 26:17-25**

 **Matthew 26:26-29**

 **Matthew 26:26-28**

 **1 Corinthians 10:16**



*Jesus instituted this Holy Supper* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*What does the Bible "really" say about Holy Communion?*

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

<i>Who teaches it:</i>	THE BIBLE	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	REFORMED CHURCHES
<i>Name of the doctrine:</i>	Real Presence	Transubstantiation	Representation
<i>Summary of the Doctrine:</i>	Partakers of the Lord's Supper receive the body and blood of our Lord "in, with, and under" the bread and wine.	Partakers of the Lord's Supper receive only the body and blood of Christ	Partakers of the Lord's Supper receive only the bread and wine, which are symbolic of the body and blood of Christ
<i>Reason for belief in the doctrine:</i>	Matthew 26:26-29 Mark 14:22-25 Luke 22:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-29	False belief that the Lord's Supper is not a sacrament, but a sacrifice. Christ is "re-sacrificed" over and over for the forgiveness of sins.	Human reason

**CHRISTIAN  
VOCABULARY**

**Holy Communion:**

**Real Presence:**

**Transubstantiation:**

**Representation:**

**Explain:** How could have the disciples received the Lord's body and blood as they ate the first Lord's Supper? Wasn't Jesus right in front of them sitting at a table, not in their mouths?

**Question:** What if someone asked you this question: "When you receive the Lord's Supper, are you chewing and swallowing into your stomach Christ's body and blood?" How would you answer?

**Object Lesson:** A Last Will and Testament

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**How do we know Jesus body and blood are present?**

 **1 Corinthians 11:26-28**

 **Matthew 26:26-28**

 **Luke 1:37**

**We know that Jesus body and blood** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Evaluate this statement:** Since Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of me," we know that the Lord's Supper is mainly a reminder of what he did for us.



**Explain:** Why would it be wrong to attend the Lord's Supper in a congregation that does not confess Jesus' real presence in the Sacrament, together with the bread and wine.



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What great blessings does Jesus give us in the Lord's Supper?*

 *Matthew 26:28*

 *Romans 5:9*

 *Luke 22:19-20*

*In the Lord's Supper* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How can the Lord's Supper give us such great blessings?*

 *John 6:63*

 *Romans 10:17*

*The Lord's Supper can offer such great blessings* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? The forgiveness we receive here in the Lord's Supper is better than baptism, because here we receive Jesus' body and blood.*

# The Lord's Supper - A Real Meal

**Read Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23**

## **Taking it home:**

1. What subject matter is covered in these accounts?
2. What does the fact that this subject matter is recorded three times seem to indicate?
3. Who instituted the Lord's Supper? Why is that important?
4. What Old Testament festival was being celebrated when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper? (Note: to learn more about this Old Testament festival, read Exodus chapter 12.)
5. Why was the Passover festival a fitting occasion for the institution of the Lord's Supper? (See 1 Corinthians 5:7 and John 1:29 to make the connection.)
6. What visible elements did Jesus use for the Lord's Supper?
7. What did Jesus say he was giving to the disciples with the bread?
8. What did Jesus say he was giving to the disciples with the wine?
9. How can Jesus, who is in heaven now, be present in, with and under the bread and wine that we receive in the Lord's Supper? (See Mark 10:27)

# Lesson 11 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23b-25

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Living Faith

God's Tools:

Holy Communion -  
Be Prepared

# 12

## God's Tools

### Holy Communion - Be Prepared

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How does God want me to prepare to receive his meal—the Lord's Supper?*

 1 Corinthians 11:28

 1 John 1:8-9

 Luke 22:19-20

 1 Corinthians 11:27, 29

God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**USING OUR HYMNAL** See "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 in front of the hymnal

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or Disagree and why?** Everyone who goes to the Lord's Supper receives Jesus' body and blood.

**Evaluate:** Faith makes us worthy guests to the Lord's Supper because faith is the only thing that we can offer to God that earns his love and forgiveness.

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Therefore, to whom does God want us to give the Lord's Supper?*

 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

God wants us to give the Lord's Supper \_\_\_\_\_

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or Disagree and why?** We should be able to attend the Lord's Supper in any Lutheran Church.

**Evaluate this statement:** When we deny the Lord's Supper to a sincere Christian, we are being proud and not very loving.



**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**



In Lord's Supper we celebrate the vertical relationship between God and his children as represented by the arrows going up and down. There is another relationship that we celebrate as represented by the horizontal arrows - a unity of fellow Christians based on our confession of faith. The study of God's Word together and the confessing of that faith in public is the practice that we call "confirmation".

Celebrating the Lord Supper on the basis of this unity is known as "close communion."

**CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

**Confirmation -**

**Close Communion -**

1.)

2.)

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why does Jesus invite us to receive the Lord's Supper often?*

 1 Corinthians 11:25

 Matthew 26:28

 Colossians 2:6-7

 2 Corinthians 5:15

 Hebrews 10:25

*Jesus invites us to receive the Lord's Supper often \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** Martin Luther wrote in his Large Catechism that if you do not feel as if you need to go to the Lord's Supper often, "Pinch yourselves and see if you are still flesh and blood... In the second place, look around to see if are still in the world. Or, if you do not know whether you are, ask your neighbor." Why do you think he suggested such things?

**Agree or Disagree and why?** It would be better for a congregation to offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday, rather than to offer it every other Sunday.

**Explain:** Some people might look at the practice of "close communion" and say it is unloving because it prevents some people from taking the Lord's Supper temporarily. But on the basis of what we have learned in this study, explain how practicing close communion actually shows love to God's Word and to the individual that we ask to wait. Explain how it would be unloving not to practice close communion.

# The Lord's Supper - Be Prepared

## Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### Taking it home:

1. When did Jesus institute the Lord's Supper?
2. What words of Jesus urge regular use of this Sacrament?
3. What is a person guilty of sinning against if he receives the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner?
4. What should a person do before going to the Lord's Supper?
5. When we examine hearts, what are we testing for?
6. What is important for us to recognize and realize when we receive the Lord's Supper?
7. What blessing does the Lord want to give us in the Lord's Supper (see Matthew 26:28)?
8. What does an unworthy communicant receive instead of blessing according to 1 Corinthians 11:29?

### Read 1 Corinthians 10:16 (this is also your memory work so take time to learn it.)

1. What does this passage clearly tell us we receive with the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper?



# Lesson 12 Memory Work

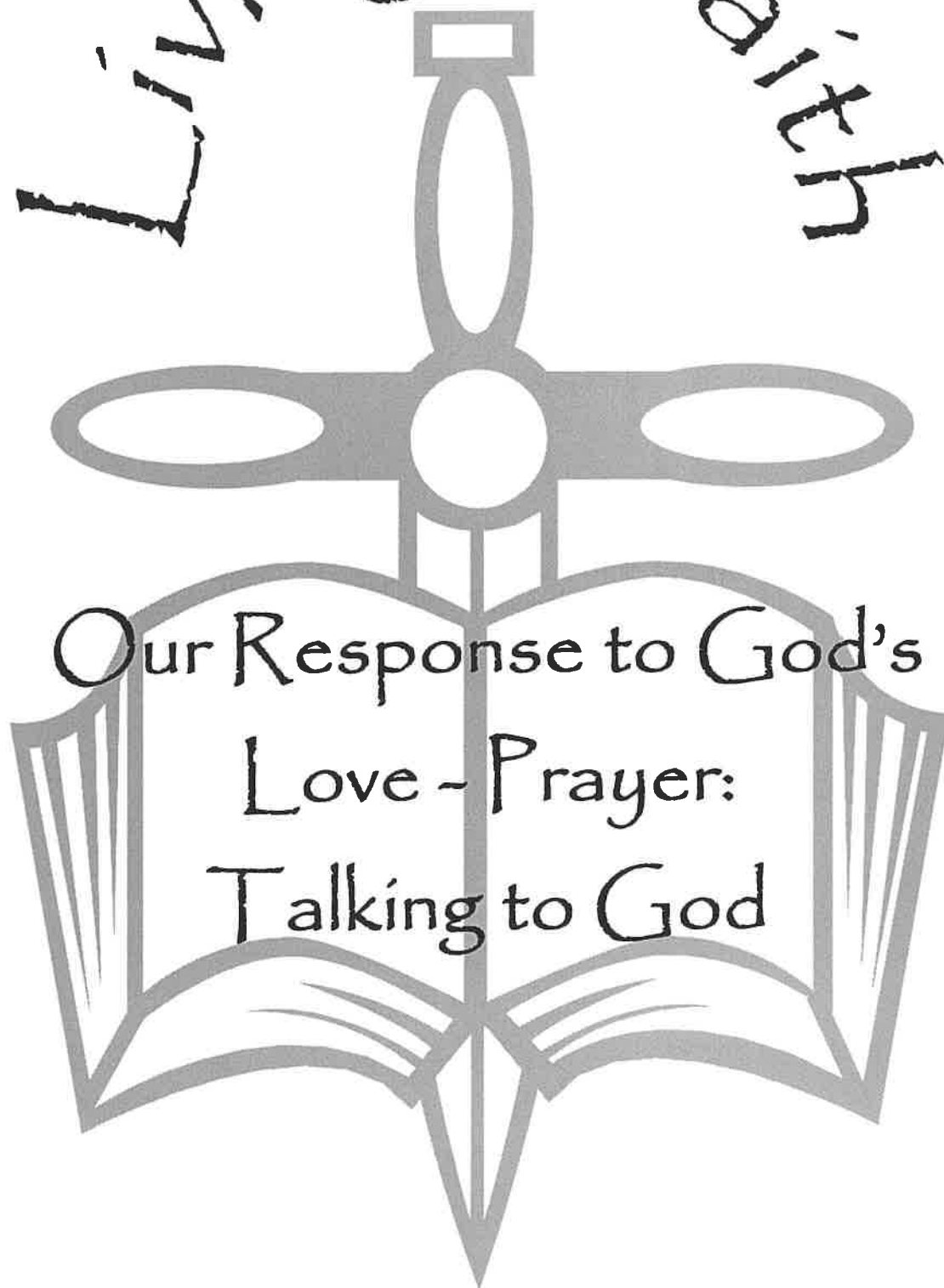
## Year B

### Passages

#### 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Living Faith



Our Response to God's  
Love - Prayer:  
Talking to God

# 13

## Our Response to God's Love *Prayer: Talking to God*

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What exactly is prayer?*

 Luke 2:37

 Matthew 15:8-9

 Hebrews 11:6 &  
Isaiah 1:15



*Prayer is* \_\_\_\_\_

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

Brian said, "We have to pray." Brett said, "We want to pray." Which comment do you like better? Why?

Evaluate: It's no use teaching your children to pray until they are at least five or six and can understand what they are praying about.

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**How does God want us to pray?**

 Philippians 4:6

 John 16:23 &  
1 Timothy 2:1,2

 Ephesians 6:18 &  
1 Timothy 2:8

 1 Samuel 1:10,11 &  
Matthew 6:9-13

God want us to \_\_\_\_\_

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### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** It's too bad that the doors of our church are always locked. That makes it harder for people to pray

**Evaluate:** Mary said, "We don't pray before meals at my house, because we almost never sit down together to eat."

**What do you think?**

Duane, a freshman in high school, asked God to give him a new Lexus SUV before his eighteenth birthday. He felt he was praying boldly.

Sarah's grandma had cancer. The doctor said she would die soon, there was nothing they could do. Sarah prayed, "Lord, if it is your will, please work a miracle and heal my grandma." Sarah felt she was praying boldly.

### **HYMNOLOGY**

Look hymn #408 in *Christian Worship* (407-413).

1. When was the hymn written? By whom?
2. What truths does the hymn teach about prayer?
3. The hymn is itself a prayer. What blessings are we asking God for as we sing the hymn?  
[Hint: Look at each of the hymn stanzas.]

### **A.C.T.S.—A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY**

Sometimes it can be helpful to use a simple outline to help us remember what thing we ought to say in our prayers. The following outline is easy to remember:

**A**  
**C**  
**T**  
**S**

**Example:**

Dear Lord,

You are great and good, powerful and kind.

Forgive me for talking back to my mom yesterday.

Thank you for sending Jesus to die for that sin and for all others.

Thank you for giving me all that I need for body and soul.

Help me to be more respectful to my parents and others.

Keep me and my family safe on our trip to Florida next week.

Help my grandma's broken hip to heal.

Your will be done.

Amen.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Dear Lord,*

*We recognize that we are not worthy to approach you with anything. It's only because Jesus died for us, and bought us with his blood, that we can now come to you.*

*Thank you, Jesus, for teaching us how to pray to you. We rejoice that we can talk to you anywhere, at anytime, about anyone and anything. Lead us to rely on you so much that we worship you regularly with an active prayer life.*

*Help us to remember to pray according to your will so that we don't pray a "to-do" list, but realize and believe that you will only give us all things that are for our good.*

*In your Son's name we pray, confident that you will hear and answer our prayer.*

*Amen.*

# The Believer's Prayer

**Acts 4:1-31**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. According to verse 2 what were Peter and John teaching?
2. What did their enemies do to them? (v. 3)
3. What were Peter and John told by the unbelievers in verse 18? How did they respond to this? (v. 20)
4. After Peter and John went to be with their fellow believers, what did the whole group start to do? (v. 24) What kind of prayer was it?
5. What request did they make in verse 29?
6. What was God's answer to their prayer? (v. 31).
7. Look up **Psalm 50:15**. What promise does God give in this verse? According to Acts 4, did God keep his promise?



# Lesson 13 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Philippians 4.6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Living Faith



Our Response to

God's Love -

The Perfect Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer



# 14

## Our Response to God's Love The Perfect Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How can we sinners call God Our Father?*

 Galatians 3:26

 1 John 3:1

*We sinners can call God our Father* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? When we ask our heavenly Father for something in prayer, it's just like asking our earthly father for something.*

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your  
will be done on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today our  
daily bread; forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Lead  
us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power and  
the glory are yours, now  
and forever. Amen.*

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What does it mean for God's name to be "hallowed"?*

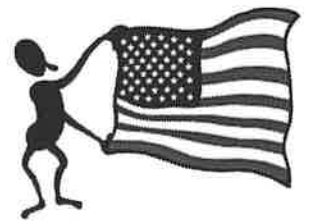
 Exodus 34:5-7

 Isaiah 29:23

 Matthew 5:14,16

*God's name is* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.



#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? Do you think that the NIV Bible translation dishonors God's name by not capitalizing pronouns (like He and His) that refer to him?*

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What are we asking God to do when we pray "Your kingdom come"?

 Luke 17:20,21

 1 Corinthians 12:3

 John 10:16

When we pray "Your kingdom come" \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*What do you think? Rudy skipped church because he didn't feel like going. But he prayed the Lord's Prayer at home, so he figures God will still strengthen his faith. What's wrong with Rudy's thinking?*

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What are we asking God to do when we pray "Your will be done"?

 1 Timothy 2:3,4

 Genesis 3:1-6

 1 John 3:8

When we pray "Your will be done" \_\_\_\_\_

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## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

What are we asking God to do when we pray "Give us today our daily bread"?

 Philippians 4:19

 Psalm 145:15,16

 Psalm 118:1

*When we pray "Give us today our daily bread" \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*What do you think? Why didn't Jesus teach us to pray, "Give me this day my daily bread"?*

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What are we asking God to do when we pray "Forgive us our sins"?**

 Romans 6:23a

 Psalm 51:2

 Matthew 18:21-35

*When we pray "Forgive us our sins" we are asking God \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*Evaluate: "I'll forgive you, but I can never forget what you've done."*

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What are we asking God to do when we pray "Lead us not into temptation"?**

 Ephesians 2:1-3

 James 1:14,15

 1 Corinthians 10:13

*When we pray "Lead us not into temptation" we are asking God \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Evaluate:** "I never would have shoplifted that shirt if God hadn't kept me from having it in the first place." See **James 1:13** for help.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

What are we asking God to do when we pray "Deliver us from evil"?

 Galatians 1:4

 Psalm 91:9,10

 Revelation 21:3,4

When we pray "Deliver us from evil" we are asking God \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree:** When we get sick or face other troubles in life, God is punishing us for our sins.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

What are we saying when we pray The Doxology?

 Numbers 5:22

 Matthew 7:7,8

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY</b></p> <p><u>Doxology</u>: An expression of praise to God</p>
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When we pray the Doxology \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

# The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. Jesus told Peter to forgive 77 times (verse 22). By this he meant ... (check one)

Actually keep track and only go as high as 77 times.

Keep on forgiving over and over again.

2. Whom does the king in the parable represent?

3. The unmerciful servant owed a huge debt, millions and millions of dollars. He could never repay it. Why do you think the king cancelled his debt?

4. When the servant refused to forgive his fellow servant a debt that amounted to a few dollars, the king heard about it and threw him in jail. What will God do to us if, in unbelief, we refuse to forgive those who sin against us? (verse 35)



*Be kind and compassionate*

*to one another;  
forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ  
God forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*

5. Read **Ephesians 4:32** (see picture to the right). What is our motivation for forgiving each other when we sin? Why do we do it?

6. What does it mean to forgive from the heart? (verse 35)

7. **Agree or disagree and why?** We can only forgive people when they have asked for forgiveness and deserve to be forgiven.

# Lesson 14 Memory Work

## Year B

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

Living Faith



Our Response to

God's Love -

Stewardship

of Money

# 15

## Our Response to God's Love Stewardship of Money

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Where does our money come from?*

📖 Psalm 24:1

📖 Deuteronomy 8:17,18

*Our money* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** "I can do whatever I want with my money. After all, I earned it!"

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What does it mean to be a good steward of God's gift of money?*

📖 1 Corinthians 4:2

📖 Matthew 25:14-30

*Being a good steward means* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

Steward:

Stewardship:

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why do we want to honor God by being good stewards?*

📖 2 Corinthians 9:7

📖 2 Corinthians 5:14,15

📖 1 John 4:19

*We want to honor God with good stewardship* \_\_\_\_\_



**Evaluate:** John gives \$20 a week at church because he knows this is enough to keep the pastor off his back.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How does God want us to use the money he has given us?*

📖 Proverbs 3:9

📖 1 Timothy 5:8

📖 Ephesians 4:28

📖 Romans 13:6,7

📖 Luke 5:16

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

Firstfruits:

God wants us to use the money he has given us to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

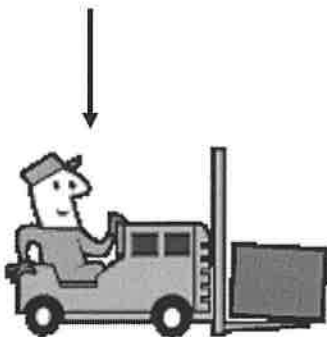
### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What else does God tell us about the offerings we bring to him in church?*

📖 1 Corinthians 16:2 - Explain what each phrase tells us about our offerings.

### A CHRISTIAN DISTRIBUTION CENTER

RECEIVING (God's gives us money)



SHIPPING (We distribute God's money)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“On the first day ...” What does this teach us about the priority of our offerings?

“... of each week ...” What does this say about how often we should bring an offering?

“...each one of you ...” What does this say about who should bring an offering?

“... set aside ...” and “...saving it up ...”

What do these phrases teach us about using offering money for other expenses?

“... in keeping with his income ...”

What does this say about the size of the offering we bring?

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

Real Life Example: Mr. John Doe (on last page of lesson)

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

**What promise does God make to faithful stewards?**

 **2 Corinthians 9:6**

 **Malachi 3:8-12**



### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why:** The average member in the WELS gives 3% of his income for the work of the church. This is very poor because in the Old Testament God commanded his people to give a tithe.

**Evaluate:** Mr. Smith always gave whatever was left in his billfold on Sunday morning as an offering. He think this is God-pleasing because, like the widow who gave all she had, he is putting all he has into the plate.

**Evaluate:** John thinks he shouldn't spend any money on recreation because that would be wasting God's gift of money?

**PUTTING THE LESSON INTO PRACTICE: OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO GIVE OFFERINGS TO GOD IN THE CHURCH?**





**SUBJECT: Mr. John Doe**

**AGE: 29**

**OCCUPATION: Salesman**

**YEARLY INCOME: \$32,000**

<u>OF INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>YEARLY COST</u>	<u>%</u>
Taxes	\$4,800	15%	
Rent & Utilities	\$7,800	24.4%	
College Loan Payment	\$7,200	22.5%	
Food & Clothing	\$2,000	6.3%	
Car Payments	\$4,200	13.1%	
Car Insurance & Gas	\$1,580	5.8%	
Other Insurance	\$410	1.3%	
Cable Bill	\$480	1.5%	
Recreation / Vacation	\$1,200	3.8%	
Church Offerings	\$480	1.5%	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$30,420</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	
<b>SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$1,580</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	

# The Parable of the Talents

**Matthew 25:14-30**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What did the man who went on a journey do with some of his money?
2. On what basis did the man give his different servants different amounts of bags of gold? (v. 15)
3. What did the servants who received five bags of gold do with it? What about the one who received two bags of gold? (vv. 16,17)
4. What did the servant who received only one bag of gold do?
5. When the man returned how did he feel about the first two servants? How did he feel about the one who hid his money?
6. What happened to the faithful servants? (vv. 21,23) What happened to the unfaithful servant? (vv. 28,30)
7. Who does the master in the parable represent? Who are the servants?
8. What does God expect everyone to do with the money (and also time and abilities) he gives?



# Lesson 15 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Proverbs 3.9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

#### I Corinthians 16.2

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love -  
Respecting Authority

# 16

## Our Response to God's Love *Respecting Authority: The Fourth Commandment*

### INTRODUCTION

#### THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents or others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*How does God emphasize the importance of this commandment?*

 Ephesians 6:2,3

*God emphasizes the importance of this commandment* \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why?* A good boy or girl is guaranteed a long healthy life.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Who are God's representatives in authority over me?*

 Exodus 20:12

 Acts 20:28

 Romans 13:1,6,7

*God has placed* \_\_\_\_\_





## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** The Chinese government rejects the Bible, so it was not established by God.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What good blessings does God channel to me through these authorities?**

 Hebrews 13:7

 Hosea 4:1-3

 Proverbs 1:3,5,8,9



**Through these authorities God channels to us** \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** Mary said that the best blessing God has given her in the church is the friendship of some really wonderful people.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**How does God want me to show respect to these authorities?**

 Ruth 1:15-18

 1 Samuel 3:1-6

 1 Samuel 24:1-7

**God wants me** \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** Mr. Smyth thinks the speed limit is way too slow, so whenever there are no police around he goes 10 miles an hour over it.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*When is the only time I may disobey those in authority?*

 Acts 5:29

Only when \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** After we are adults and move away from home we no longer need to honor our parents. See Proverbs 23:22 for help.

**Discussion:** When is it OK to go to war?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving responsible people authority over me. Help me to respect my parents, teachers and the government, even though a part of me likes to resist and do things my own way.

Jesus, my Savior, thank you for perfectly obeying those in authority for all the times I have not. Thank you for being punished for my sins.

Help me to remember your promise of blessings in my life when I live in obedience to those you have put in authority over me. In your name we pray. Amen.

# Honor Your Father and Mother

**Genesis 47:7-12; Luke 2:46-52**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

## **Genesis 47:7-12**

1. Who is the child in this account? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the father? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What good thing did the son do to honor and care for his father? (v. 12)
3. The father was old at this time. What does this tell you about the son's attitude? See Leviticus 19:32.

## **Luke 2:46-52**

1. How did Jesus honor the Bible teachers in the temple? (v. 46)
2. What was Jesus' attitude toward his earthly parents? (v. 51)
3. As Jesus honored spiritual leaders and parents, what was happening to him? (v. 52)
4. What attitude does God want us to have toward our earthly parents?

# Lesson 16 Memory Work

## Year B

### **4<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love -  
Caring For Others

# 17

## Our Response to God's Love Caring for Others: The Fifth Commandment

### INTRODUCTION

#### THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why is life so precious to God that he protects it with a commandment?*

 Acts 17:25

 Isaiah 55:6

 Hebrews 9:27



*Life is so precious to God because* \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why?* No Christian can ever be a soldier and fight in a war because he might have to kill someone and end his time of grace.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Who only has the right to end a person's life?*

 Deuteronomy 32:39

 Romans 13:4

*Only* \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** Some people say that we should never execute anyone because it's possible he may be innocent of the crime.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**In regard to his gift of body and life, what does God forbid us to do?**

 Proverbs 23:20

 Acts 1:25

 Exodus 21:22-24

 1 Peter 3:9

 1 John 3:15

**God forbids us to** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** Your next door neighbor Tom says, "I have never broken the Fifth Commandment. I've never killed anyone."

**Agree or disagree and why?**

1. A person who commits suicide is automatically damned.

2. It's always wrong to vape, or smoke cigarettes, cigars, or drink alcohol or do drugs.



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What does God want us, his Christian people, to do?**

 Ephesians 4:31,32

 Luke 10:33-35

**God wants us to be** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Abortion -**

**Capital Punishment -**

**Euthanasia -**

**Neighbor -**

**Suicide (Assisted Suicide) -**

**Time of Grace -**

## **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** It's OK to be angry when someone sins against you.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear Lord,

I thank you for giving me life and my body. Help me to appreciate the value of my life here on earth by using my time and body to service you.

When the world and other influences deceive me on the value of life, let me remember your clear Word and promises.

Lord when you decide to end my life, take me to be with you forever as you have promised.

Amen.



# An Act of Kindness and Compassion

Luke 10:30-37

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What happened to the man who was traveling?
2. Who were the other two people who walked by? What did they do? What *didn't* they do?
3. Who came then and found the man lying by the road?
4. What was his attitude toward the man who had been robbed? (v. 33)
5. What did he do for the him?
6. After telling this parable, what does Jesus say to you and me? (v. 37)
7. Why should we want to do this? (see 1 John 4:19)



# Lesson 17 Memory Work

## Year B

### **5<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love -

Keeping Sexually Pure

# 18

## Our Response to God's Love

### Keeping Sexually Pure: The Sixth Commandment

#### INTRODUCTION

#### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why does our God deal with the topic of sex?*

 Genesis 1:27

 Genesis 2:23-24

 Genesis 2:25

God talks about sex \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? Since God created us to be sexual beings, there is nothing wrong with us dressing in such a way as to "show" what God created us to have.*



#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What was God's intended purpose for created us as sexual beings?*

 Genesis 2:18

 1 Corinthians 7:3

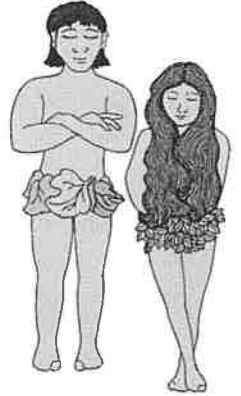
 Genesis 1:28a

*God created us as sexual beings* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

***Agree or disagree and why?*** Sex was designed to make you and the person you decide to have sex with feel good. So why wait? If it feels good, just do it.



### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

***What did sin do to God's gift of sexuality and sex?***

 Genesis 3:10

 Genesis 39:9-10

 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

***Sin destroyed sexuality and sex by bringing about*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

***Explain?*** Sex outside of marriage is short-sighted. A person is only thinking about short-term pleasure, and not considering the long-term damage it does.

### **GOOD QUESTIONS AND GOD'S WORD**

***Why should we worry about what we do to our body?***

 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

***What does God say about sexual thoughts, dreams or sexual urges outside of marriage?***

 Matthew 5:28

## OBJECT LESSON



Sexual urges are like a sports car. They are not wrong to have, but they have to be controlled. When you are in a sports car, you want to rev the engine, peel out at stop signs and drive fast. Not only is it wrong to speed, it can get you in trouble, injure you and others. The only safe place to drive very fast is on the race track - designed for speed. Sin wants us to act on sexual urges, pursue them or see how far we can go. God tells us it is wrong, it can get you in trouble, hurt you and others. The only safe place to act on them is in marriage which God designed as the place to have sex.

**What does God say about solo sex (masturbation)?**

 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

**What does God say about looking at pornographic images, pornographic websites, or watching movies with sexual scenes?**

 1 John 2:16,17

**Evaluate:** *It is important for you to make a decision on how you are going to react to a sexual temptation before you are put in that sexual situation.*

**What does God say about “safe sex”, “protected sex” or sex between people who really love each other outside of marriage?**

 Hebrews 13:4

**What does God say about “same sex urges”, homosexual or lesbian relationships?**

 Romans 1:26-27

**Agree or disagree and why?** *Since God condemns homosexuality, we should call homosexuals names, talk behind their backs, persecute them and avoid them like the plague.*

**What does God reveal about your body to help you in your struggle to remain pure?**

 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear Jesus, it is so easy to get the wrong ideas about my sexuality. It seems like so many people and even friends around me are telling me things that aren't true. Keep me close to your Word where I can find the truth. Keep working in me to help me remember that my body is your temple. Motivate me to do what your Word says and what gives glory to you and your Name. O Lord, let me see that you take care of all my needs right now and have taken care of my eternity, too. Help me to take care of all the things you entrust to me. Amen.**

# Joseph and Potiphar's Wife

Genesis 39:1-18

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. What about Joseph must have attracted Potiphar's wife to him?
2. What were the three objections that Joseph offered to Potiphar's wife?  
(vs 8 – 9)
3. What was Joseph's strategy for resisting the temptation before him?  
(vs 10)
4. What kind of heart did Potiphar's wife have? Since she wasn't able to have Joseph in the way she wanted, what was her next move?
5. Joseph was in the state of mind where he was prepared to make the right choice. Why was it important for Joseph to have his mind made up before he found himself in the final attempt by Potiphar's wife to seduce him?

*I praise you,  
for I am*

**Fearfully**

*and*

**Wonderfully**  
*made.*

*Psalm 139:14*

# Lesson 18 Memory Work

## Year B

### **6<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.



Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love -  
Choosing a Spouse

# 19

## Our Response to God's Love Choosing a Spouse: The Sixth Commandment

### INTRODUCTION

#### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What is God's goal for you and your future spouse in marriage?*

📖 Genesis 1:23-24

📖 1 Corinthians 7:3

📖 Genesis 1:28a

God wants a husband and wife to \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? It is easy for married couple to destroy the loving companionship they have when they begin their marriage.*

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What does God want you to look for in a future spouse?*

📖 Ephesians 5:1,2 & 21 -

📖 I Peter 3:3-4



God wants a spouse to be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

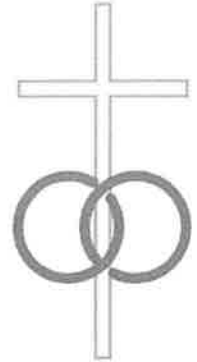
**Explain.** We shouldn't go after someone simply because they are attractive.

**How would you respond to these statements:**

*I want to date Philip, he's probably the coolest kid in school.*

*I'm going to ask Karen to the dance, she's the most popular girl in my class.*

*I don't think I'm going to go to the dance with Mike, he's really broken out with acne.*



### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What can happen if you date or pursue the wrong kind of future spouse?**

📖 Judges 14:12-20

📖 1 Corinthians 15:33

📖 1 Corinthians 6:18

### Words to ponder

These words are offered by a teen who was sexual active in a relationship before marriage. *It has to do with trust, really. I trusted him. I trusted him when he told me, "I love you." He trusted me when I said the same. We trusted our emotions when they said, "It's OK. Show each other how much you care." So I gave in to him.*

*It was the beginning of what we thought would be a romantic dream come true. Come to find out, it was the beginning of a nightmare of mistrust and, finally, abandonment. Instead of setting us free to express our love to each other, sex made us slaves of each other. I thought if I said "No" I'd lose him. He thought he couldn't say "No" because he had gotten a taste of what was now hard for him to live without. We were both trapped in what we didn't understand.*

*Instead of joining our hearts as one, sex slowly tore our hearts apart. I resented him for taking me for granted, for demanding all of me. He resented me for not freely giving in.*

*Communication ceased. Understanding each other's feelings was not a part of us anymore. My world as I once knew it collapsed around me. Nothing was as it had been. I came to realize I'd never be able to reclaim the loss.*

*When our relationship died, so did a part of me. The physical joining of our bodies powerfully worked at destroying my life. Even now as I relive the memory, I am surrounded by darkness and intense loneliness. I don't want to stay here for too long. The memory is still painful—terrifying. All because I trusted a lie. (Face the Facts, Pastor James Aderman, NPH, Milwaukee WI, pages 19-20).*

**What happened in the relationship and what were the consequences? How long did the consequences last?**

## **Object Lesson - The Gift that You Wait to Give**

### **God's Rules for Relationships and Happiness**

 **Hebrews 13:4**

### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** *I'll never find the right person for me unless I date a lot of different people while I can.*

**Agree or disagree and why?** *I can date bad people now, as long as I choose a good person to marry in the end.*

**Evaluate** *Parents have no right to tell me whom I can date or not.*

### **Closing Prayer:**

**Thank you dear God for being such a wonderful God and giving me so much to look forward to in my life. I see your love in how you are directing me in my future relationships and how you want what is best for me in everything.**

**Thank you for giving me your clear Word to guide me and strengthen me in how to use your gift of sex in the way it is meant to be.**

**Above all, thank you for sending your Son to pay for all of my sins. Help me to serve you in my life and with my whole body and mind.**

**Amen.**

# The Story of Ruth

## Ruth 3:1 -13

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

Ruth was a Moabite who had married an Israelite. After he died (most likely at a rather young age), she returned to Israel (to the town of Bethlehem) with her mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth was a convert to Judaism and was not a native to the area. Ruth was a God-fearing woman, and you can see the powerful effect God had on her heart and her faith in his providing care. She was caring for her mother-in-law by going after the harvesters in the fields and gleaning what was left over. The poor and widows were allowed to do that to provide for themselves. There was a concern that there was no male heir to take over the land that was once Naomi's, and that is how land was passed down from generation to generation in that culture. They hoped that Boaz might help them out in this situation. Naomi had a plan for her daughter-in-law Ruth. This is where the story picks up.



1. What attitude did Ruth reflect in her answer to Boaz, who was startled in the middle of the night? (vs 9)
2. What did Boaz reveal about Ruth in his response in verses 10-11?
3. Ruth went to special effort in verse 3, but what stood out as the most outstanding characteristic of Ruth that Boaz noticed?
4. This man and woman hardly knew each other, Boaz was much older than Ruth and they were of different nationalities. What made this relationship work? What does this teach us about the most important characteristics to look for in a future spouse?

PS: Look at Matthew 1:5 - Who appears in the family line of the Savior?

# Lesson 19 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### 1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

#### Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and the sexually immoral.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love –  
Contentment –  
The 7<sup>TH</sup>, 9 - 10<sup>TH</sup>  
Commandments

# 20

## Our Response to God's Love

Contentment: The Seventh, Ninth and Tenth Commandments

### INTRODUCTION

#### The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

#### The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

#### The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What do we really need?*

 1 Timothy 6:8

 John 3:16

 2 Timothy 3:15



*We really need* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** We don't even really need the basics: food, clothing and shelter. All we really need is Jesus.



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Even though God gives us everything we need, what attitude do we sometimes have?*

📖 Colossians 3:5

📖 1 Timothy 6:9,10

📖 1 Timothy 6:8



*We have been* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Explain:* Greed is really a sin against the First Commandment.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What does our discontentment sometimes lead us to do?*

📖 Romans 7:7,8

📖 Numbers 21:4,5

📖 Ephesians 4:28

📖 Philippians 2:3

### CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Neighbor -**

**Covet -**

**Contentment -**

*Because of our discontent hearts we sometimes* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why?* Sinful thoughts are not as bad as sinful words or actions. See **Matthew 5:28** for help.



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

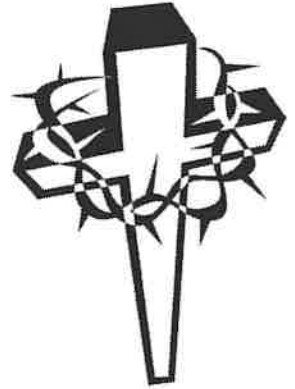
*What do we deserve for our discontentment?*

 Romans 6:23a

*What has God done for us in Christ?*

 1 John 1:7b

 2 Corinthians 5:14,15



*For our discontentment* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

***Agree or disagree and why?*** Our greatest possession is Jesus Christ our Savior. We can be content no matter what the circumstances. See **Philippians 4:10-13** for help.

## CLOSING PRAYER:

*Dear Lord,*

*You have blessed me with so much more than your basic promise of food and clothing.*

*Help me to appreciate all that I have and to be content. Send your Holy Spirit into my heart to keep me focused on acquiring spiritual treasures rather than earthly treasure.*

*Thank you for blessing me so richly in my life.*

*Amen.*

Bible Worksheet #20  
God is Good

1. With your parents take a walk through your house. Look in the closets. Look in the dressers. Look in the refrigerator. Look in the garage. Then write a sentence or two to answer each of the following questions:
  - a. How has God provided for our bodily needs?
  - b. What else has God given us besides what we *need* for our bodies?
  - c. How good has God been to us?
  
2. Read the following Bible passages and answer the questions: **John 3:16; Isaiah 53:5; John 14:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 2:8,9; Galatians 3:13; 1 John 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:54,57; Galatians 3:26,27; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 26:26-29.**
  - a. How has God provided for our spiritual needs?
  - b. What have we done to deserve his blessings?
  - c. How good has God been to us?
  - d. Complete this sentence: I am content because ...

# Lesson 20 Memory Work

## Year B

### **7<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

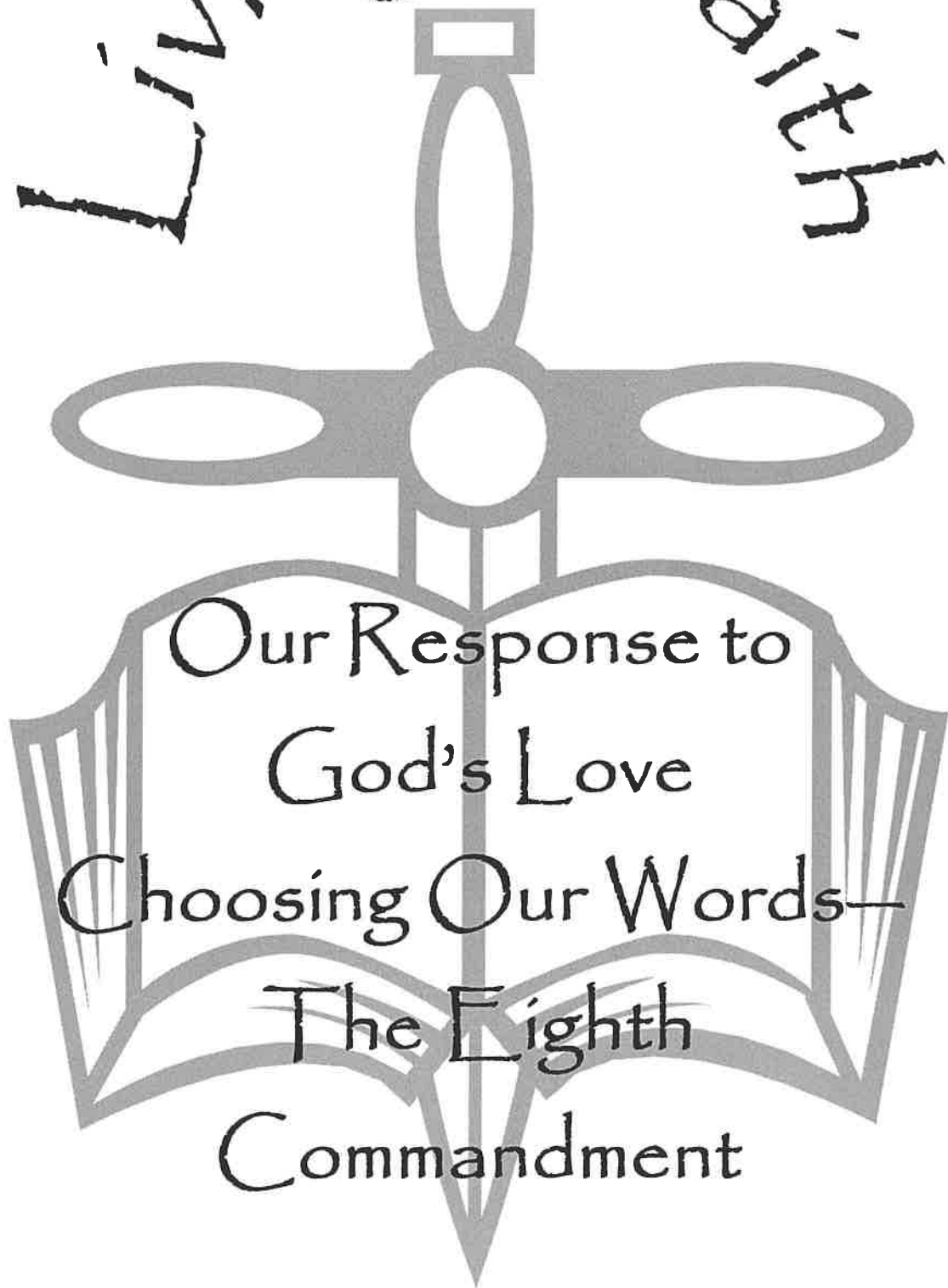
### **10<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love  
Choosing Our Words—  
The Eighth  
Commandment

# 21

## Our Response to God's Love Choosing Our Words: The Eighth Commandment

### INTRODUCTION

#### The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

→ **THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT**

**PROTECTS GOD'S GIFT OF A \_\_\_\_\_**

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Why does God protect our good name (reputation)?**

 Proverbs 22:1

 Proverbs 16:28

**God protects our gift of a good name because \_\_\_\_\_**

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Make a list:** How many different ways can you think of that a person could be harmed if his good name was ruined.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Why is a good reputation especially important to Christians?**

 Luke 10:16

 1 Peter 3:15

**A good reputation is especially important for Christians \_\_\_\_\_**

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Evaluate:** Your friend says to you, "Why should I go to church on Sundays? You don't live any differently than I do during the week. Christians are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites."

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

*How can we ruin another person's good name?*

 James 4:11

 Proverbs 25:9



*We can ruin another person's good name by* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

**Agree or disagree and why?** As long as we are telling the truth we can say whatever we want about another person.

**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

*What does God want us to do to help protect our neighbor's good reputation?*

 Proverbs 31:8,9

 1 Samuel 19:1-6

 Luke 6:37

*God wants us to protect our neighbor's name by* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

<b>CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY</b>	
<b>Gossip -</b>	
<b>Slander -</b>	
<b>Reputation -</b>	

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**What does God want us to do when we know someone has committed a sin?**

 Ephesians 4:15

 Matthew 18:15-18

**WHEN OUR NEIGHBOR HAS SINNED:**

**STEP 1: TALK TO HIM PRIVATELY.**

**STEP 2: TAKE OTHERS ALONG TO ALSO TALK WITH HIM.**

**STEP 3: TAKE THE MATTER BEFORE THE CHURCH (ELDERS, PASTOR)**

**When someone has sinned, God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** A Christian should not find fault with another Christian, but always take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

## CLOSING PRAYER

**Dear Lord in heaven,**

**Help me to follow in your footsteps. While on this earth, you always took the words and actions of others in the kindest possible way.**

**You died on the cross for all the times I have not obeyed you and hurt others by the way I spoke about them. It is so tempting to share and listen to gossip about others when I am with my friends.**

**Help me daily fight this temptation to protect the good name of others and give you praise by my actions.**

**In Jesus' name I pray.**

**Amen.**



# Joseph and Potiphar's Wife

**Genesis 39:1-20**

Directions: Sit down with your parents, read the selected Bible verses, and answer the questions.

1. Who bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites? What position did he give him?
2. How did Joseph do in his work for Potiphar? Why? (verse 2)
3. What did Potiphar's wife want from Joseph? What was Joseph's reaction?
4. When she realized she Joseph would not commit adultery with her, what did Potiphar's wife do?
5. What affect did her lie have on Joseph's good reputation?
6. What happened to Joseph because of his ruined name?
7. In a few sentences explain why the Eighth Commandment is so important.

# Lesson 21 Memory Work

## Year B

### **8<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

# Living Faith

My Life With God:

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commandments

# 22

## My Life With God

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

#### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What are the three good purposes of God's Law?**

**1 Timothy 1:9-10** 9 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

**GOD'S LAW SERVES AS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 3:19-20** 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

**GOD'S LAW SERVES AS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 119:105** 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**GOD'S LAW SERVES AS A \_\_\_\_\_.**



“Love  
the LORD  
your God  
with all your  
heart...soul  
...mind and...  
strength.”

Mark 12:30



#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** *Now that I am a Christian, I no longer need God's law as a curb or mirror.*

**Evaluate:** *"It sure is a drag being a Christian. Look at all of the fun I miss out on because of the laws God wants me to follow."*

## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT -

**You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Why does God forbid for us to have any other God's in the First Commandment?**

 **Isaiah 45:21**

 **Isaiah 42:8**

 **Matthew 22:37**

God is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** *It is wrong for me to want to make as much money as I can.*

**Agree or disagree and why?** *If we could keep the First Commandment perfectly, we could be sinless.*

## THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive or use witchcraft, but call upon his name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What is involved in the Lord's name?**

 **Exodus 3:14**

 **Isaiah 9:6**

 Romans 10:13

*The Lord's name is* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

*How do people disobey these commandments?*

 Jeremiah 17:5

 James 3:10

 Matthew 5:33-37

*People disobey these commandments when* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

*Law as a CURB -*

*Law as a MIRROR -*

*Law as a GUIDELINE -*

*God's NAME -*

*Curse -*

*Swear -*

## My Life with God—the First and Second Commandments

**Write your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing. Often you will find reasons to both agree and disagree.**

1. Someone has said, "The First Commandment is the one we break the most." What do you think he meant by that?
2. How would you respond to this remark: Janet said, "If you really try to keep all the commandments, your friends will think you are 'too good,' and won't have anything to do with you."
3. Agree or disagree: To fear God means to respect him. We should never be really terrified of God.
4. Agree or disagree: If we could see into their hearts, we would see that all people have idols that they worship.
5. Agree or disagree: Worrying is a sin against the First Commandment.

**Tell what is wrong with each statement. Then correct the statement in your own words.**

1. What do you mean, "Why do I wear this cross?" Don't you know that wearing a cross around your neck keeps you safe from accidents?
2. I always take my bat with my left hand, switch it over to my right hand just as I am carefully stepping over the chalk lines into the batter's box, and then I hit the plate three times so that luck will be with me.
3. Tommy Grey was hit by a car, and his head was badly injured. He needs an operation, but Mrs. Grey says we shouldn't worry or bother God with a bunch of silly prayers, because Dr. Stanton is an expert in his field.
4. The Egyptians believed in Re, you believe in Jesus, and others believe in Allah. It doesn't make any difference what you call him, God is still God.

# Lesson 22 Memory Work

## Year B

### The Ten Commandments

**1<sup>st</sup> commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

**2<sup>nd</sup> commandment**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

**3<sup>rd</sup> commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**4<sup>th</sup> commandment**

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

**5<sup>th</sup> commandment**

You shall not murder.

**6<sup>th</sup> commandment**

You shall not commit adultery.

**7<sup>th</sup> commandment**

You shall not steal.

**8<sup>th</sup> commandment**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**9<sup>th</sup> commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**10<sup>th</sup> commandment**

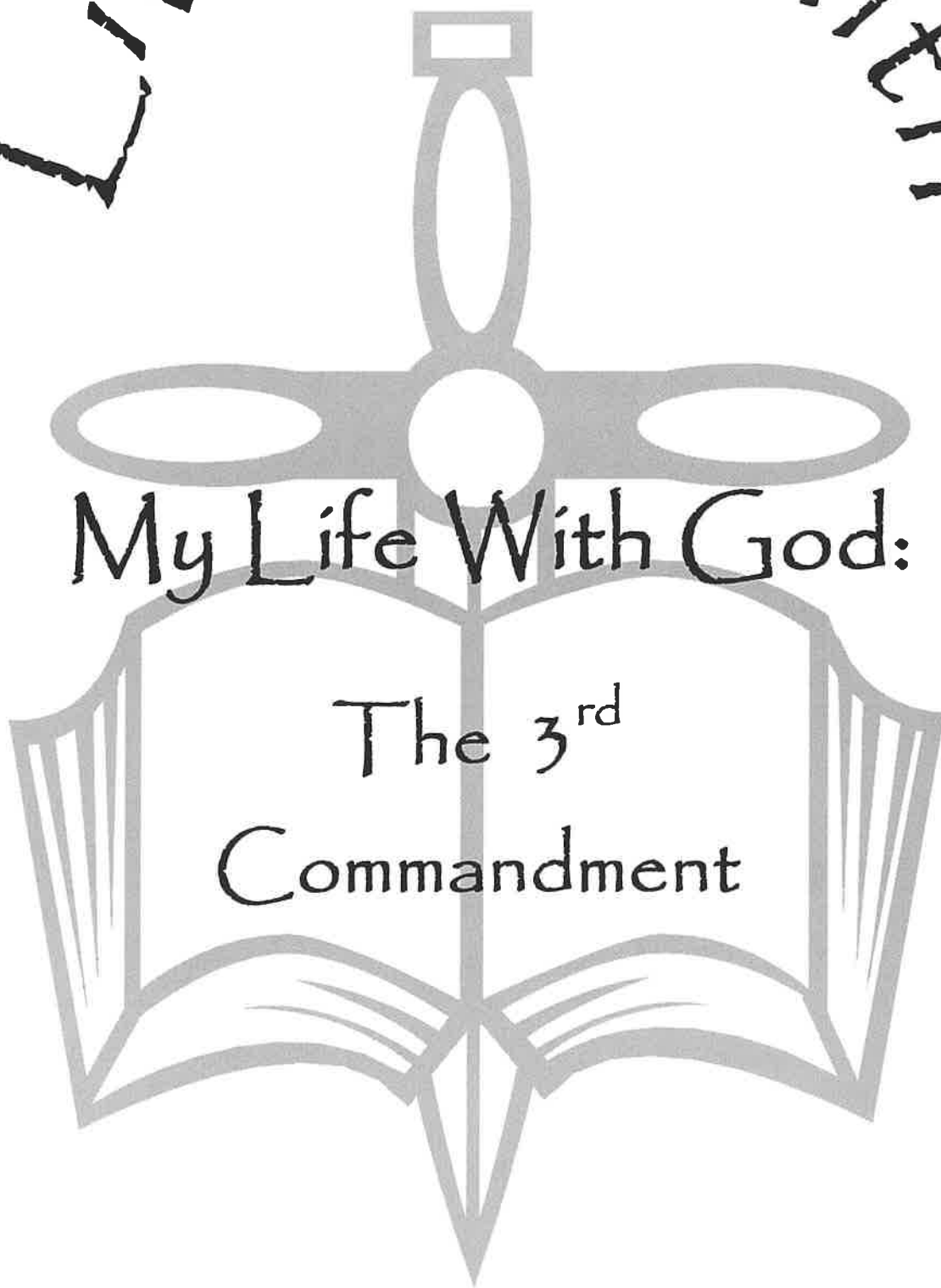
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



# Living Faith

My Life With God:

The 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Commandment



# My Life With God

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment

### THE THIRD COMMANDMENT -

**Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.*

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Why do we say that the third commandment deals with God's Word?**

 **Leviticus 23:3**

 **Colossians 2:16-17**

 **Colossians 3:16**

**We say that the third commandment deals with God's Word because**

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Let us be thankful,  
and so Worship God  
acceptably with  
Reverence  
and Awe...



Hebrews 12:28

### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** *Jon went fishing on Sunday instead of going to church. Mary told him that he had committed a sin by doing so.*

**Agree or disagree and why?** *A true Christian gladly hears and learns God's word every day.*

### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**How does God want us to honor his Word?**

 **Acts 17:11**

 Psalm 119:72

 John 20:31

 Luke 11:28

God wants me to honor his Word \_\_\_\_\_

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### **GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE**

*Agree or Disagree and why? Children should not be forced to read the Bible and go to church.*

*What's wrong here? Teri says she doesn't have to go to Bible class or read the Bible at home because she gets all the spiritual strength she needs from the Sunday worship service.*

#### **CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY**

**Sabbath -**

**Despise -**

**Holy -**

### **STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

*Why does our Church have regular Worship services?*

 Ephesians 4:11-13

 1 Peter 2:2

*Our congregation has worship services so that*

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## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*When do people sin against this commandment?*

 Hebrews 10:25

 Hebrews 4:2

 Luke 14:16-24

*People sin against this commandment when they \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*What are some of the excuses given for skipping church?*

***God does not take excuses lightly. All excuses do not excuse us from breaking the Third Commandment. As with all the commandments, God gives us this commandment for our benefit.***

*What are the benefits we receive by keeping this commandment?*

***Ezekiel 33:11 - Say to them, 'As surely as the I live, declares the Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their evil ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why do you die, people of Israel?'***

**Give examples from your life of how you have broken this commandment.**

**Explain how when we turn from our evil ways we have "life" ?**

## My Life with God - the Third Commandment

### Read Luke 10:38-42

1. What was Mary doing in this account?
2. Why did Jesus compliment rather than criticize Mary?
3. Whom does Jesus call "blessed" in Luke 11:28?
4. What should always come first in the Christian's life -- hearing or doing? Why?

God instituted the Sabbath Day as a "day of rest". Most people think it is the rest for the body. But really it is to be a rest for the \_\_\_\_\_. Who alone can give rest to our souls and how does it happen?

***Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.***

What point is Paul making in this passage?

***John 5:22,23 The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.***

Unfortunately, there are some religious bodies who, by saying that Jesus is nothing more than a great man, are not giving the same honor to Jesus the Son, as they are to God the Father. Can you think of some of these groups which deny that Jesus is God?

# Lesson 23 Memory Work

## Year B

### **1<sup>st</sup> commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> commandment**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Living Faith



Our Response to  
God's Love -

The Called Ministry

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**Who determines who will be a pastor or a Christian teacher?**

 Ephesians 4:11

The only one who \_\_\_\_\_.

#### HIS WORD AND MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** *If God calls you to be a pastor or teacher, he will show you this with a special sign before you get too far along in high school.*

**"Everyone is a minister"**

A.) *What is correct about that this statement?*

B.) *What is incorrect about this statement?*

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What kind of person does God want us to have as a pastor in our congregation?**

 1 Peter 5:2

 1 Timothy 3:2-7

 1 Timothy 2:12-13

 Acts 20:28

God wants us to have \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** When we need a new pastor for a congregation, the Holy Spirit tells the president of our Synod whom to appoint as our pastor.

**Evaluate** - At a wedding reception a lady tries to compliment the pastor who conducted the wedding ceremony. She says, "You are truly a holy man." How should the pastor respond?

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

**What does God want a pastor to do publicly in a congregation?**

 1 Timothy 4:13

 Matthew 28:19

 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

 1 Corinthians 14:33,40

God wants a pastor to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

**Public Ministry -**

**Pastor -**

**Divine Call -**



## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Agree or disagree and why?** The job of the pastor is to run the congregation.

**What is wrong with this statement?** The main reason we have pastors is that it just wouldn't work if everybody was up front preaching and teaching and no one was in back listening.

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*What kind of a person does God want to be a Christian teacher in a congregation?*



**1 Corinthians 12:28**



**1 Timothy 2:12**



**Matthew 28:20**

**God chooses teachers** \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

**Evaluate:** A new Christian convert is a degreed teacher. She should be allowed to teach in a Christian Day school.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you for the pastors and teachers that you have called to serve me and my family with God's Word. I thank you for the all the training you have given them and for all the training in God's Word they have given me.*

*Lead me to support them and to pray for them. Help me to look at the gifts and abilities that you have given me and to determine whether the public ministry is your calling for me and my life.*

*In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

# The Privilege of Proclaiming

## Romans 10:11-15

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. In verse 11 we read “everyone who trusts in him”. In verse 13 we read about “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord.” What do the phrases “who trusts” and “who calls” tell us about salvation (hint: who do they need to trust in and call on to be saved)?

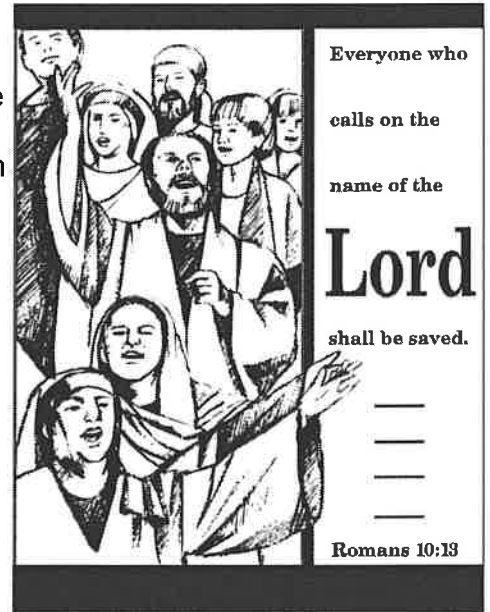
2. Think about all the Bible study you have done in your lifetime. Is there anywhere in the Bible that ever hinted that people might be saved outside of faith in Jesus?

3. Restate verse 14 in your own words. Why does this cause –and–effect logic make the preaching and teaching ministry so important?

4. Verse 15 tells us some interesting information about preaching and the way God’s Word is spread. How do we spread God’s Word right here in America? All over the world? (also focus on all the various ministries we offer)

5. Verse 15 talks about “Good news” - what is the good news being talked about?

6. Verse 15 calls says, “**Blessed are the feet** of the messenger (Christian, pastor or teacher). Why are the feet blessed rather than the mouth that spoke the message. (Hint: think about what the messenger did—people weren’t watching him and listening to him on a phone or a tablet)



# Lesson 24 Memory Work

## Year B

### Passages

#### Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

#### 1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have.

### ALSO...

Memorize the 6-step Evangelism presentation you learned in class and are in your notes—draw a diagram and explain what each step means.

Living Faith

Our Response to  
God's Love –  
Sharing the Message of  
Jesus - Evangelism

# 25

## Our Response to God's Love Sharing the Message of Jesus - Evangelism

### INTRODUCTION

#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why does God want us to share the news of Jesus?*

 Psalm 5:4- 5

 1 Timothy 2:4

 John 3:16

God cannot \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

*Agree or disagree and why? Every Christian can be a missionary.*

*Agree or disagree and why? It isn't so much what you believe in, it's more important that you are sincere in the way you approach God.*



#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

*Why is the message of Jesus so crucial to share?*

 Romans 1:17

 Romans 10:16

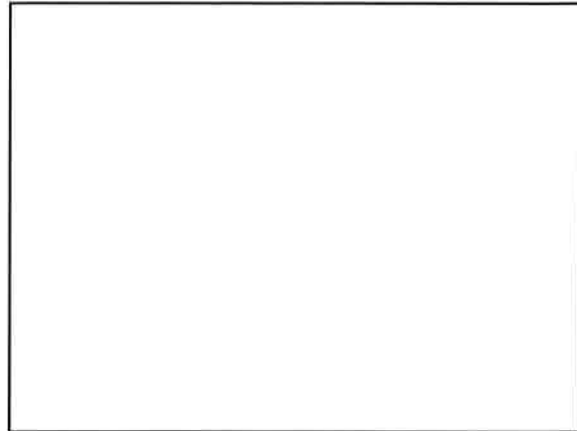
 Matthew 28:19

God's commands us \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**ONE WAY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH**

**FIRST STEP:**

*Religion is about us and God.  
We matter a great deal to God.  
He loves us more than we can possibly  
imagine.*



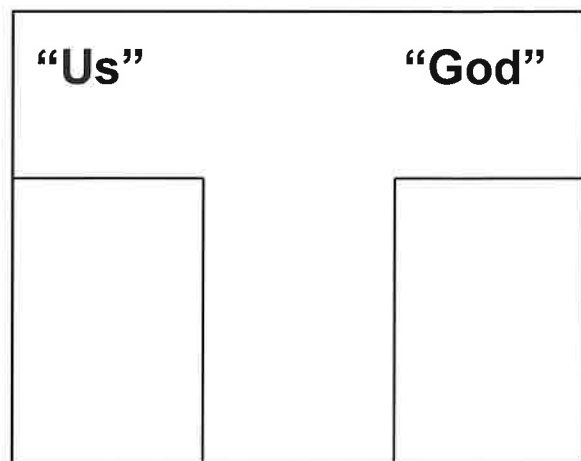
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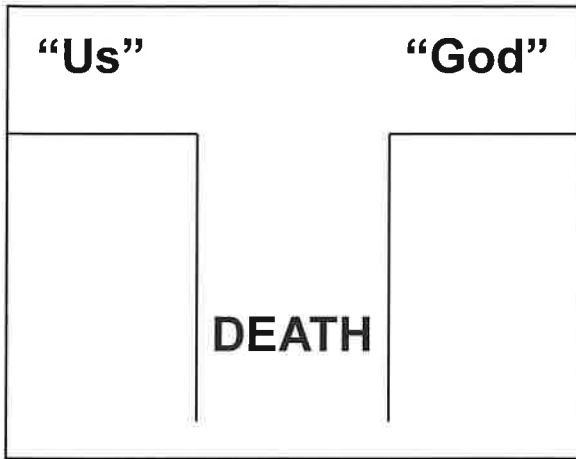
*But something is wrong with everything, and  
includes us. Something had come between us and  
God.*

*The Bible calls it sin ... just think about all the bad  
things going on in the world. Think of all the bad  
things that go on in your life. The Bible says that sin  
separates us from God. That's the emptiness we  
feel. When we feel guilty, this what we are feeling!*

**THIRD STEP:**

*And this is what we are afraid of (write  
"death") We're all afraid that we aren't  
ready to die and face God who will judge  
our lives. And we're right.*



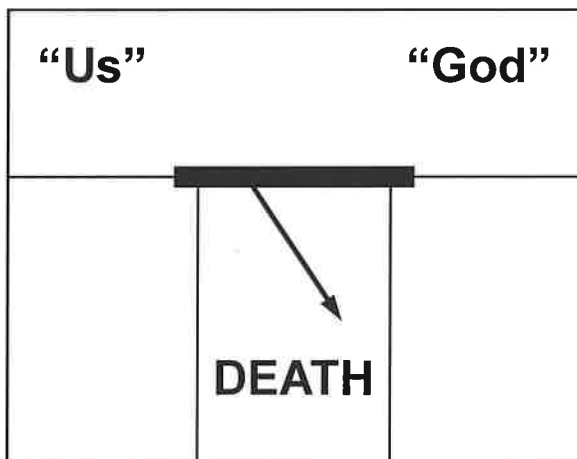
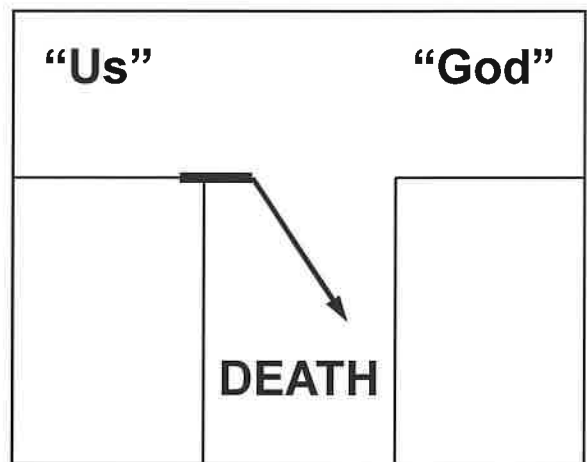


**FOURTH STEP:**

*We try to make things right with God, but the Bible tells us that we can't. Nothing that we can do will bridge the gap, we always fall short. (try and jump a 50 ft canyon—you can't!)*

**STEP FIVE:**

*We couldn't reach God, so God reached for us. There is only One who could bridge this gap. He had to be human like us, and he had to be God, too. That's how the Bible talks about Jesus.—born of a woman, Mary, but conceived by God. (the message of Christmas) Jesus was perfect in every way. He lived the life we are supposed to live.*



**STEP SIX:**

*and still... he died. You may have heard that Jesus died on the cross. He was willing to die in our place instead of us paying the penalty for our sin.*

*That's what we believe. What we could never do, God simply gives to us. We believe that it is all done by Jesus. Jesus said on the cross "It is Finished!" It's done, its paid for. God bridged the gap to us through Jesus, His Son. Now that's love.*

*This is the truth. It sounds too good to be true, but God gives us faith to believe it. This doesn't mean that life will be easy, but we have peace and joy and forgiveness because God tells us:*

***John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.***



***Why do we want to memorize a presentation like this?***

***1 Peter 3:15*** But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

***Dear Jesus,***

***Thank you for building the bridge to my heart with your life and death.***

***Help me to always be prepared to give an answer to anyone about the hope I have in you. Give me boldness and knowledge of you so that I can speak whenever an opportunity presents itself.***

***Help me to understand that the reason I am here on earth is to learn more about you, my dear Savior, to serve you and to tell others about you.***

***In your name I pray, Amen.***

Bible Worksheet #25

# The Jailer in Philippi

**Acts 16:22-34**

Directions: Read the section from the Bible listed above and answer the following questions. Do this activity with your parents.

1. Why was this situation such a unique witness situation?
2. Do you think that Paul and Silas ever thought that they would be given an opportunity to witness in the lowest and darkest portion of the jail?
3. What might have set the stage for the question of the jailer later on in the evening? (vs. 25)
4. How did Paul show that he was always prepared to give an answer for the hope he has? (vs. 29-31)
5. How powerful is that simple message of Jesus Christ our Savior? (vs 32-34)
6. How can this account give you confidence to *"always be prepared to give an answer to the hope that you have* (1 Peter 3:15)?

# Lesson 25 Memory Work

## Year B

### Bible Passages

#### Romans 10:14-15

How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"