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# Best News



**Pastoral Leader Training Booklet**

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Cornelius, in Acts 10, already knew the facts about the life of Jesus. This was why he did not need long explanations, before opening his heart to God. Nevertheless, those who do not know the Gospel generally need to hear it explained up to seven or eight times, in order for their commitment to the Lord to have a firm foundation. This is why there are eight studies. It is not necessary to use them all if people respond before finishing them all.

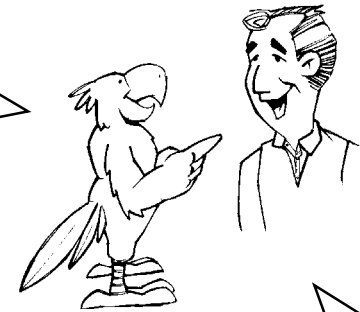
Pray fervently that the Lord will lead you to heads of families who are open to the gospel. Pray especially for your relatives and friends. Will you pray regularly for God's guidance and power in testifying to others?

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# NOTES

Why make such a fuss about evangelizing? If people want to be saved, they'll come to church on their own.



No. The Lord commands us to go out and search for the lost. An obedient church never stops evangelizing in homes and public places.

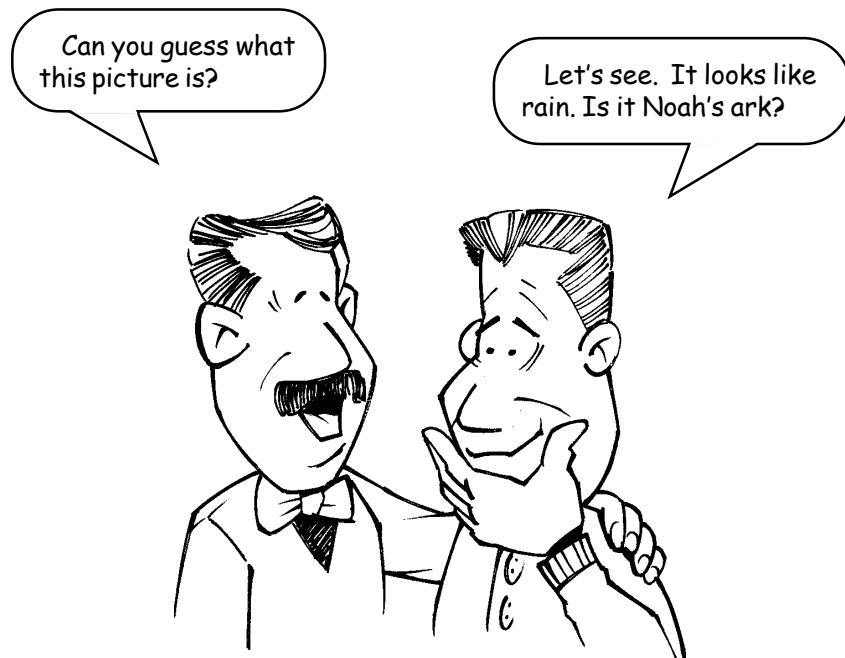
At first, offer the course mainly to heads of households. You can help the family head teach the course to his wife and children. This practice helps to build up leaders right from the beginning.

Forget those fellows. It's easier to talk about religion to women and children.



Be quiet! If the woman is won first, it's more difficult to win the man. The home is divided and the church stays weak. Whole families build a strong church.

Use each study's drawing to gain people's attention, asking, "What do you think this is?"



### Description of the drawings in the studies:

1. People outside the ark. (Genesis 6-8)
2. Blood drips from the Lord Jesus on the cross. (Luke 23)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Tell your family about Saul's conversion.
- Be baptized yourself, and those of your family who believe. (If you have been baptized before, as a Christian, but then turned away from God, and now wish to follow Him again, you must confess the damage you have done to yourself and others, and trust God's forgiveness. Thank Jesus for forgiving you all your sins and ask him to help you change and build a close, fulfilling relationship with Him in your life once again.)

### Study and Practical Work Done

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- Pray, and feed on God's Word  
(Matthew 4:4, Matthew 6:5-13)

- Give  
(Matthew 6:19-20)

- Evangelize (win obedient followers for Jesus Christ)  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

## LEARN BY HEART

(Words of the Lord Jesus) *“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I will be with you always, to the end of the age!”*

(Matthew 28:18-20)

3. The father hugs his repentant prodigal son, who has returned.  
(Luke 15)
  4. The Ethiopian points to the water. (Acts 8)
  5. The jailer kneels in front of Paul and Silas. (Acts 16)
  6. Gathering manna in the desert. (John 6)
  7. The pigs, driven by the evil spirits, fall into the sea.  
(Matthew 8:28-34)
  8. Saul, blinded, is led into Damascus. (Acts 9)
- Go through the study with the head of the household. He reads the Bible passage and you ask him the questions. This is the best way to teach the Gospel because it gives you more opportunity to talk to the people.

(If the student cannot read, read the text aloud yourself, and write down the student's answers to the questions.)

- Another alternative is that you explain the study briefly and leave it with the head of the household, so that he can do it alone, and then with his family.

On your next visit, go over what he has done. When he finishes one study, ask him to begin the next one. Review each one with him after he has finished it, and help him to answer the questions.

- Encourage your student to explain the Bible stories to his family. Each lesson gives this as homework. (Explain that this will be a blessing to them all.)

If the father teaches his family, it is easier for them all to be converted together. Ask him leading questions to help him to tell the Bible story to his family.

Saul obeyed. He was baptized. Afterwards, he started winning others as obedient followers of Jesus Christ.

Christ ordered that we should make disciples who would obey all his commandments. (Learn this list of commandments by heart. Underline any that you still need to obey.) Some of Christ's basic commands for his disciples are:

- Repent and believe  
(Mark 1:15)
- Be baptized  
(Mark 16:16)
- Love God and our neighbor  
(Matthew 22:37-39)
- Share in the Lord's Supper  
(Luke 22:17-20)

This is an account of the conversion of the Apostle Paul. What other name did Paul have? S \_\_\_\_\_

What evil things did Saul do before he was converted?

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What happened to his eyesight?

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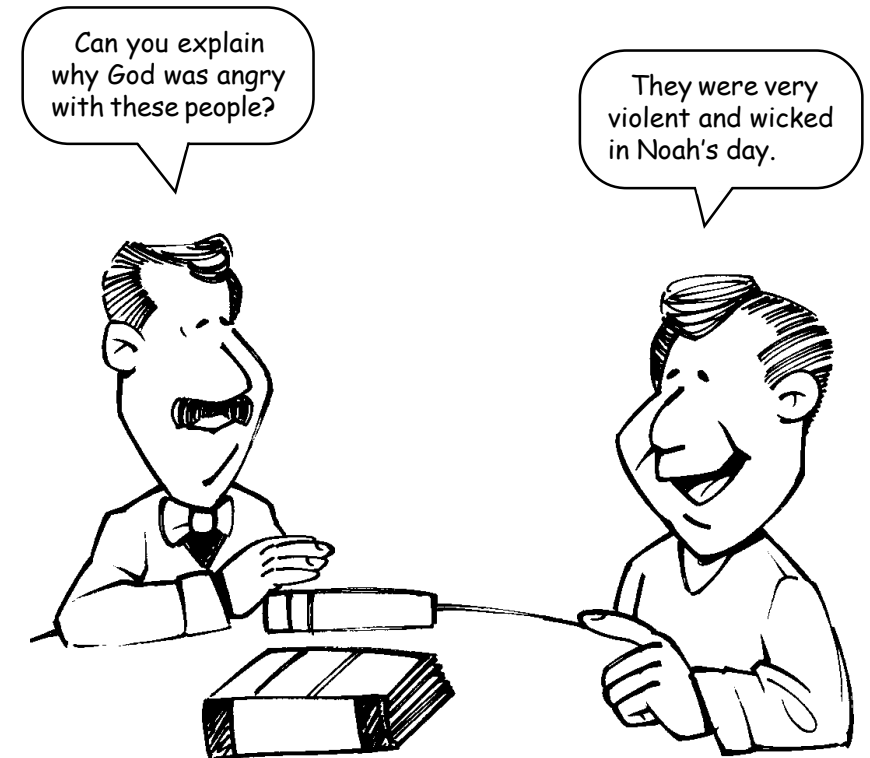
Who prayed for his sight to be restored?

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What did Ananias tell Saul to do at the end of the account?

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### An example of such questions:



- Emphasize that God loves everyone; encourage the student to invite other relatives and friends to the next study. If he does not bring them, ask for their names and addresses, and contact them yourself. (Ask permission first.)



- Help the family head to affirm the Christian faith, step by step. On your first visit, this might only be the agreement to do the study with you. Later, encourage him to teach parts of the study to his family. Ask him, “Can you explain this to your children (or wife, friends, brother, etc.)?” At each session, help him to affirm the value of the death of Christ for him and his family (eternal forgiveness), and also the value of Christ’s resurrection. Just as Jesus’ death applies to us for our forgiveness, it also applies to us in His resurrection life. God gives us new life in Christ that is holy and eternal.

The men with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me.

I asked, “‘What shall I do, Lord?’ and the Lord said to me, “‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything that God has determined for you to do.’

I was blind because of the bright light, and so my companions took me by the hand and led me into Damascus. There was a man named Ananias, a religious man who obeyed our Law and was highly respected by all the Jews living in Damascus. He came to me, stood by me and said, ‘Brother Saul, see again!’

At that very moment I saw again and looked at him. He said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see his righteous servant, and hear him speaking with his own voice. For you will be a witness for him to tell all men what you have seen and heard. And now, why wait any longer? Get up and be baptized and have your sins washed away by calling on his name.’”

(Acts 22)



# OUR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST

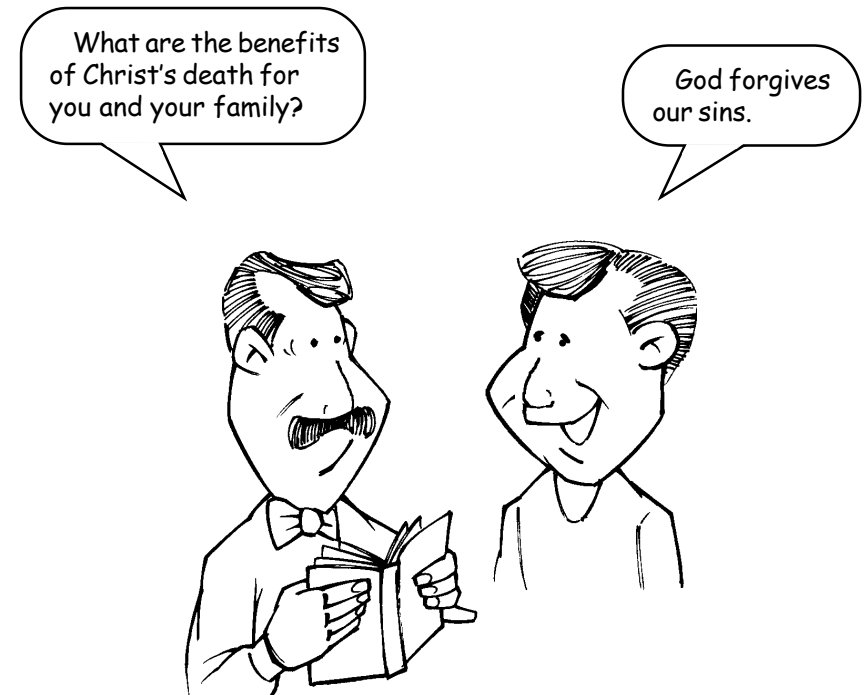
“Men, brothers and fathers, listen to me as I make my defense before you!” When they heard him speaking to them in Hebrew, they were even quieter, and Paul went on. “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up here in Jerusalem as a student of Gamaliel. I received strict instruction in the Law of our ancestors, and was just as dedicated to God as all of you are here today.

I persecuted to the death the people who followed this Way. I arrested men and women and threw them into prison. The High Priest and the whole Council can prove that I am telling the truth. I received from them letters written to the Jewish brothers in Damascus, so I went there to arrest these people and bring them back in chains to Jerusalem to be punished.

“As I was traveling and coming near Damascus, about midday a bright light from the sky flashed suddenly around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?’ “Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. “‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute,’ he said to me.

In Luke 24:45-48, the Lord spells out the important parts of the gospel:

- The value of His death for our families and us: the forgiveness of sins.
- The value of His resurrection from the dead: new, pure and eternal life in Him.
- Our response in order to be saved: repent and believe.



# STUDY 8

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And the benefits of  
His resurrection?

He gives us pure  
and eternal life.

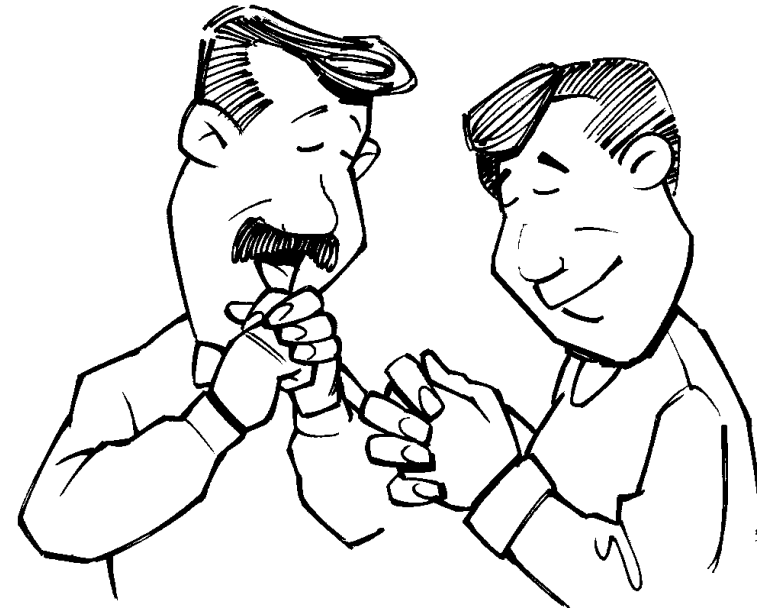


- When he and his family are ready to commit themselves to Christ, ask them to repeat a simple prayer after you (phrase by phrase). Pray slowly, giving them time to repeat after you. Use simple phrases, for example: “Forgive my sin,” “Thank you for dying for me,” “Come into my life,” etc.

# NOTES

Heavenly  
Father, forgive  
us our sins...

Heavenly Father,  
forgive us our sins...



- As you ask the questions in the lesson, respect your student's opinion. Listen to him. Although he may be wrong, do not say "No!" Just say, "Or perhaps we could say..."
- Encourage him to talk about his family's hopes, illnesses, fears and problems. Pray for them.

- Take another Christian with you, to train him how to evangelize. When he sees how you teach, he can imitate you. Encourage him to lead parts of the study. Then send him to evangelize elsewhere, taking other Christians with him. The apostles went out two by two. Let us follow their example.

- It is better not to take many mature Christians to the study (apart from the one you are training). The unconverted student can feel inhibited. He will seldom answer confidently in front of other mature Christians.

Do not treat the people as though they were in a church. They are not believers yet and will feel uneasy.

- If the student understands the gospel well and is converted before finishing all the studies, he and those of his family who believe should be baptized. Do not delay baptism just to finish the studies.

If you serve with a denomination or association of churches, please respect its practice for receiving new members.

## LEARN BY HEART

*“Our old being has been put to death with Christ on the cross, in order that... we should no longer be the slaves of sin.”*

(Romans 6:5-6)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- In the name of the Lord Jesus, ask that the Spirit of God enter your life to transform it.
- Tell your family how the Lord Jesus transformed the man from Gerasa who was possessed by evil spirits.

### Study and Practical Work Done

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What benefit do we receive from the death of Jesus Christ?

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What benefit do we receive from the resurrection of Jesus?

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How does a sinner receive forgiveness and transformation?

Through f\_\_\_\_\_.

What is the transformation that God wants for you through faith?

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By whose power is the weak, fallen sinner changed to live a godly life?

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- If someone shows no interest, or only wants to argue, stop teaching them. It is better to use our time looking for other people who are open to the Gospel.



- Follow the apostle Peter's example when you evangelize. Read and meditate on Acts 10:1-48.

☐ Mark this box when you have done this.

# SUMMARY TEST

1. To receive guidance and power to evangelize, we must:  
☐ pray with earnest faith.  
☐ rely on our own knowledge.
  
2. When we have received God's guidance and power in prayer, it is best to begin evangelizing:  
☐ women and children, because they are more interested.  
☐ whole families through the fathers.
  
3. We begin with heads of households. Later, they can teach their families. This way they can be all converted together. With whole families, churches are established which are:  
☐ strong.  
☐ weak.
  
4. Strong churches are made up of whole families. These churches give themselves to take the message of salvation to

Does Christ have power to transform even the most degenerate man, who is in the power of the devil?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

Does Christ have power to transform you and your family?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

The transformed man from Gerasa wanted to accompany Jesus in the boat, but the Lord wanted something else.

What did Jesus tell him to do?

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The man obeyed the Lord and told his family all that Christ had done. Are you prepared to tell your family and friends what Christ has done for you?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

Do demons recognize the power of Jesus, the Son of God?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

What problem did the man in the story have?

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The Lord Jesus ordered the evil spirits to leave the man. Where did they go?

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What did the pigs do next?

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What was the man like, after the evil spirit had left?

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everyone. Of the following statements, mark those that form part of the message we must proclaim:

☐ The Lord Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins.

☐ He rose on the third day to give us pure and eternal life in Him.

☐ We must repent and believe in the Lord to receive this forgiveness and eternal life.

5. When people have understood the value of the death and resurrection of the Lord and are ready, they must:

☐ repent and be baptized in the faith of the Lord Jesus.

☐ study a six-month course on doctrine, before doing what Jesus commanded.

6. The apostles went out to evangelize:

☐ alone.

☐ two by two.

When we evangelize, we take others with us. This way we train them to witness better.

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Pray for the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, to evangelize. Pray, too, that your relatives, friends and other heads of families may know the Lord.
- Visit and evangelize heads of families (starting with your own relatives and friends), using the “Best News” course.
- Pray for the sick when you visit homes.
- Take other members of the congregation with you, to show them how to evangelize.
- If you have no results using the “Best News,” try other methods of evangelism.
- Write down the progress of those doing the course, using the following Register:

So he let them. The evil spirits went out of the man and went into the pigs. The whole herd - about two thousand pigs in all - rushed down the side of the cliff into the lake and was drowned.

The men who had been taking care of the pigs ran away and spread the news in the town and among the farms. They went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man who used to have the mob of demons in him. He was sitting there, clothed and in his right mind; and they were all afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the man with the demons, and about the pigs.

So they began to ask Jesus to leave their territory. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had the demons begged him, “Let me go with you!” But Jesus would not let him. Instead he told him, “Go back home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how kind he has been to you.”

So the man left, and went all through the Ten Towns telling what Jesus had done for him; and all who heard it were filled with wonder.

(Mark 5:1-20)



# JESUS CHRIST TRANSFORMS SOMEONE

They arrived on the other side of Lake Galilee, at the territory of the Gerasenes. As soon as Jesus got out of the boat a man who came out of the burial caves met him. This man had an evil spirit in him and lived among the graves. Nobody could keep him tied with chains any more; many times his feet and hands had been tied, but every time he broke the chains, and smashed the irons on his feet. He was too strong for anyone to stop him. Day and night he wandered among the graves and through the hills, screaming and cutting himself with stones.

He was some distance away when he saw Jesus; so he ran, fell on his knees before him, and screamed in a loud voice, “Jesus, Son of the Most High God! What do you want with me? For God’s sake, I beg you, don’t punish me!” (He spoke this because Jesus was saying to him, “Evil spirit, come out of this man!”)

So Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” The man answered, “My name is “Mob” - there are so many of us!” And he kept begging Jesus not to send the evil spirits out of that territory. A large herd of pigs was near by, feeding on the hillside. The spirits begged Jesus, “Send us to the pigs, and let us go into them.”

# PROGRESS REGISTER - “BEST NEWS”

Draw a circle round the number of the study that each student has received; cross the number out when he completes the study; (the first line is an example).

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# STUDY 7

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# THE SPIRITUAL DANGER THAT FACES US

This is the story of Noah. Noah was a holy man, who lived in fellowship with God.

God looked at the world and saw that it was evil, for the people were all living evil lives. God said to Noah, “I have decided to put an end to all mankind. I will destroy them completely, because the world is full of their violent deeds.”

“Build a boat for yourself out of good timber; make rooms in it and cover it with tar inside and out... I am going to send a flood on the earth to destroy every living being. Everything on the earth will die, but I will make a covenant with you.”

“Go into the boat with your wife, your sons and their wives. Take into the boat with you a male and a female of every kind of animal and of every kind of bird, in order to keep them alive. Take along all kinds of food for you and them.”

# LEARN BY HEART

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he will live for ever.”*

(John 6:51)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Receive Jesus Christ, the living bread, by faith in your heart.
- Explain to your family the story about the bread of life.

## Study and Practical Work Done

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We receive the Bread of Life in our hearts through faith. Who is this bread that gives life?

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How long does this life last, that we receive in Christ?

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Through faith in whom, do we receive eternal life through the Spirit of God?

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Do you and your family want to receive the Lord Jesus in your lives?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.



Noah did everything that God commanded. The Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with your whole family; I have found that you are the only one in all the world who does what is right... Seven days from now I am going to send rain that will fall for forty days and nights, in order to destroy all the living beings that I have made.”

And Noah did all that the Lord commanded. ...Seven days later the flood came. A male and female of every kind of living being went into the boat with Noah, as God had commanded. Then the Lord shut the door behind Noah.

The flood continued for forty days, and the water became deep enough for the boat to float. The water became deeper and deeper, and the boat drifted on the surface. It became so deep it covered the highest mountains; it went on rising until it was twenty-five feet above the tops of the mountains.

Every living creature that breathes air died - every bird, every animal, and every person. The only ones left were Noah and those who were with him in the boat. (Genesis 6:9 to 7:24)

Now, write your answers to the following questions:

Why did God save Noah?

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Why did God punish the world of long ago?

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Now, today, God looks at the earth. What do you suppose He thinks about this world? Is He happy or angry about it?

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Of the following list, underline the things that are results of sin:

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| WARS   | CRIMES            | DIVORCE |
| SORROW | POVERTY           | DEATH   |
| LIES   | ETERNAL JUDGEMENT |         |

According to the Word of God, all these things are the effects of sin.

Because of this, many of his followers turned back. So Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “And you - would you like to leave also?”

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One from God.” (John 6)

How many men did Jesus feed with those few loaves and fish?

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After feeding 5,000, many people followed Jesus, but only for what they could get. What did they want from Christ?

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Jesus explained to them that he, himself, was the Bread of Life. By saying this, he did not mean we should fill our stomachs with his flesh. He was referring, in reality, to receiving his Spirit by faith.

Jesus answered, “The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live.” This started an angry argument among the Jews. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life in yourselves. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him to life on the last day. For my flesh is the real food, my blood the real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate, but then died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Many of his disciples heard this and said, “This teaching is too hard. Who can listen to this?”

Jesus said to them, “Does this make you want to give up? What gives life is God’s Spirit; man’s power is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.”

The ancient story of the boat (ark) in which eight people were saved from the flood, reminds us of another event of much greater importance for today. The Bible says that Jesus Christ died as a sacrifice for our sins. He is the “ark” or boat, in which we are saved from God’s wrath. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

What danger are we in, if we do not receive God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ?

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Did Jesus remain dead?

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What happened the third day?

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## LEARN BY HEART

*“If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and make us clean from all our wrongdoing.”*

(1 John 1:9)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Confess your sins, in prayer to God.
- Tell your family the story of the flood.

### Study and Practical Work Done

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When the people found Jesus, he answered, “You are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted. Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life.” So they asked him, “What can we do?”

Jesus answered, “This is the work God wants you to do: believe in the one he sent.”

They replied, “What sign of power will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “The bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they asked him, “give us this bread always.”

“I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty...” The Jews started grumbling about him. “This man Jesus is the son of Joseph. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?”



# THE BREAD THAT GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus went back across Lake Galilee. Jesus looked round and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?” Philip answered, “For everyone to have just a little, it would take more than eight months’ wages.”

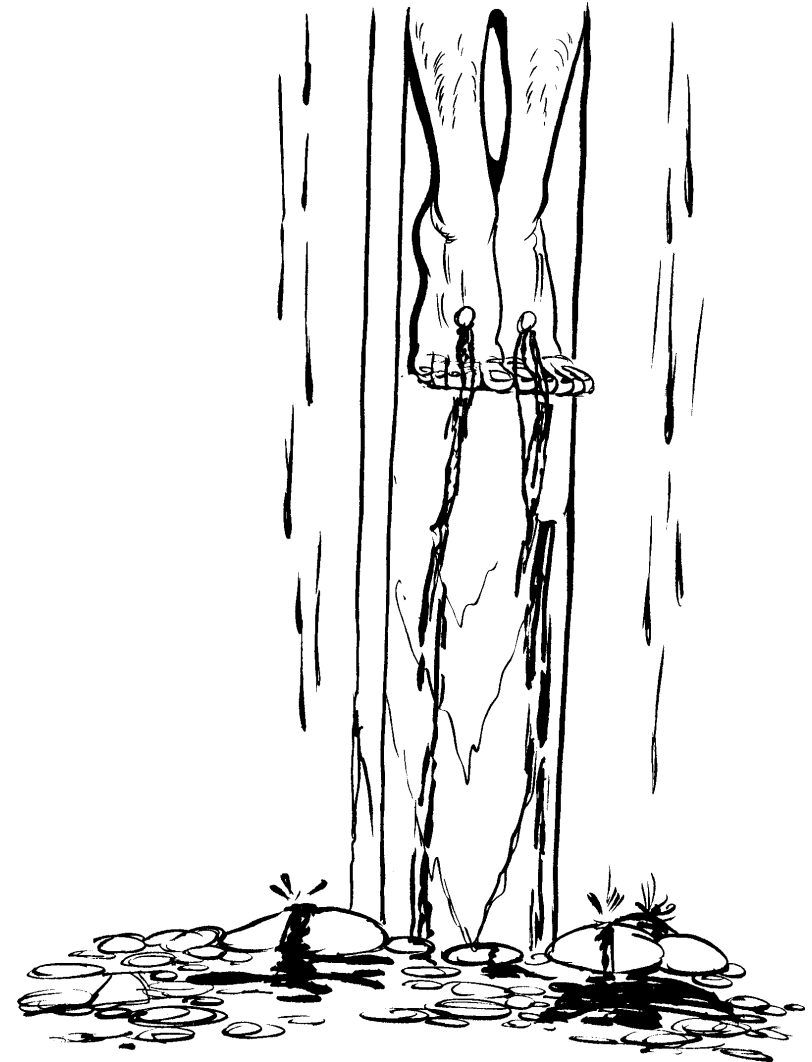
Andrew said, “There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good are they for all these people?” “Make the people sit down,” Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about five thousand men.

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same thing with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted.

Jesus knew that they were about to come and get him, to make him king by force; so he went away to the hills by himself.

# STUDY 2

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# SAVED THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

The Pharisees and the chief priests met with the Council and said, “What shall we do? All the mighty works this man is doing! If we let him go on in this way everyone will believe in him, and the Roman authorities will take action and destroy the temple and our whole nation!”

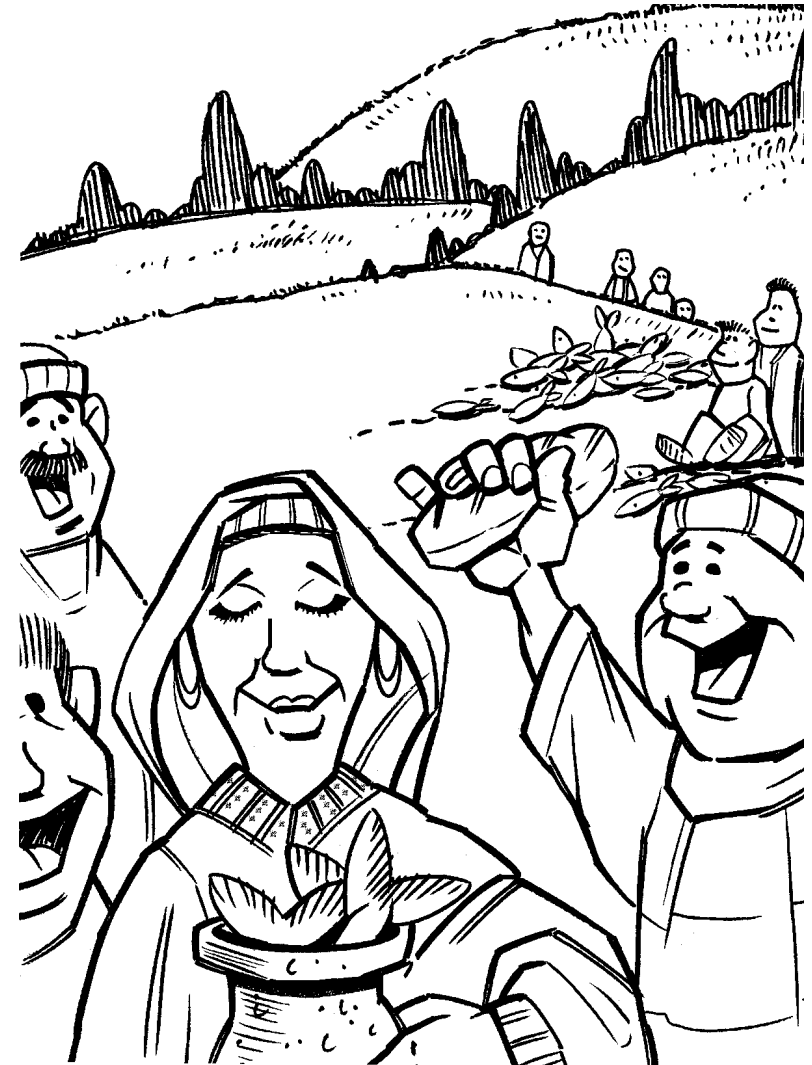
One of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said, “You do not know a thing! Don’t you realize that it is better for you to have one man die for the people, instead of the whole nation being destroyed?”

Actually he did not say this of his own accord; rather, as he was High Priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus was going to die for the Jewish people, and not only for them, but also to bring together into one body all the scattered children of God.

From that day on the Jewish authorities made plans to kill Jesus.  
(John 11:47-53)

# STUDY 6

## Best News



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The High Priest tore his robes and said, “We don’t need any more witnesses! You heard his wicked words. What is your decision?” They all voted against him: he was guilty and should be put to death... They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means “The Place of the Skull.” There they tried to give him wine mixed with a drug called myrrh, but Jesus would not drink it. So they nailed him to the cross and divided his clothes among themselves, throwing dice to see who would get which piece of clothing.

At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (It means, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?")

With a loud cry, Jesus died... The army officer, who was standing there in front of the cross, saw how Jesus had cried out and died. “This man was really the Son of God!” he said.

After the Sabbath day was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint the body of Jesus. Very early Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the grave. On the way they said to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the grave?”

Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back. So they entered the grave, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe — and they were filled with alarm.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was nailed to the cross. He is not here — he has been raised!” (Mark 14:53, Mark 14:61-64, Mark 15:22-24, Mark 15:33-39, Mark 16:1-6)

The risen Lord Jesus wants to give you new life. How long will this new life last?

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## LEARN BY HEART

*“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

(Mark 16:16)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Ask God for eternal salvation in Jesus Christ. (This will not be because of good works you might have done, but only through what Christ did, giving his life for you, and rising from the dead.)
- Explain to your family the story about the jailer.

What did the jailer and his family do after washing Paul and Silas' wounds?

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What did Jesus Christ do to save us?

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What did Jesus do on the third day (after his crucifixion)?

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Do you believe that the death of Jesus Christ is sufficient to obtain forgiveness for you and your family?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

Do you believe that the resurrection of Christ can give new life to you and your family?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

Suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, *"Peace be with you."* Full of fear and terror, they thought that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, *"Why are you troubled? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet and see that it is I, myself. Feel me, and you will see, because a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have."*

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: that the Messiah must suffer, and rise from death on the third day, and that in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem." (Luke 24:36-39, Luke 24:45-47)

Who condemned the Lord Jesus?

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Why was the High Priest angry with Jesus?

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What did Christ do to save us? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened the third day?

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How did the Lord convince his disciples that it really was He, and not a ghost that they saw after the resurrection?

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Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

Which is the only sacrifice that brings us forgiveness?

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Do you and your family want to receive forgiveness of your sins and salvation, through the death and resurrection of the Lord?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

What did Paul and Silas do while they were in the jail?

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Why did the prisoners' chains fall off?

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What did the jailer attempt to do to himself?

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What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas, after bringing them out of the jail?

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What did Paul and Silas tell the jailer that he must do in order to be saved?

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Then he led them out and asked, “What must I do, sirs, to be saved?”  
“Believe in the Lord Jesus,” they said, “and you will be saved - you  
and your family.”

Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all the others  
in his house. At that very hour of the night the jailer took them and  
washed their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized at once.  
He took Paul and Silas up into his house and gave them some food to  
eat. He and his family were filled with joy, because he now believed  
in God. (Acts 16:16-34)

The apostle Paul cast out the evil spirit from the girl. In whose name  
did he order it to leave?

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Why were Paul and Silas put into jail?

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## LEARN BY HEART

*“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that every one who believes in him may not die, but have  
eternal life.”*

(John 3:16)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- In prayer, ask God to forgive your sins, in the name of the only  
Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Tell your family about the trial, death and resurrection of Jesus.

## Study and Practical Work Done

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# NOTES

The crowd joined the attack against them; the officials tore the clothes off Paul and Silas, and ordered them to be whipped. After a severe beating they were thrown into jail, and the jailer was ordered to lock them up tight. Upon receiving this order, the jailer threw them into the inner cell and fastened their feet between heavy blocks of wood.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations.

At once all the doors opened and the chains fell off all the prisoners. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open he thought that all the prisoners had escaped; so he pulled out his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted at the top of his voice, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas.



# THE RISEN LORD JESUS SAVES US THROUGH FAITH

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave girl who had an evil spirit in her that made her predict the future met us. She earned much money for her owners by telling fortunes. She followed Paul and us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God! They announce to you how you can be saved!”

She did this for many days, until Paul became so upset that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I order you to come out of her!” The spirit went out of her that very moment.

When her owners realized that their chance of making money was gone, they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities in the public square. They brought them before the Roman officials and said, “These men are Jews, and they are causing trouble in our city. They are teaching customs that are against our law; we are Romans and cannot accept or practice them.”

## STUDY 3

### Best News



# ALL HAVE SINNED AND NEED TO REPENT

One time many tax collectors and outcasts came to listen to Jesus. The Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, “This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!”

So Jesus told them this parable, “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them - what does he do? He leaves the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and goes looking for the one that got lost until he finds it.”

“In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.”

Jesus went on to say, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, ‘Father, give me now my share of the property.’ So the man divided the property between his two sons.”

# STUDY 5

## Best News



## PRACTICAL WORK

- Explain the meaning of baptism to your family (our sins are forgiven, and we are united with Christ - dying to a life of sin, and rising to begin a new, holy and eternal life in Him).
- Tell your family about Philip and the Ethiopian.

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After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat.

At last he came to his senses and said, “All my father’s hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am, about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers.” So he got up and started back to his father.

He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him. “Father,” the son said, “I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.”

But the father called his servants. “Hurry!” he said. “Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a *feast*! Because this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.” And so the feasting began.

The older son was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. “Look” he answered back to his father, “all these years I have worked like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! But this son of yours wasted all your property on prostitutes, and when he comes back home you kill the prize calf for him!”

“My son” the father answered, “you are always here with me and everything that I have is yours. But we had to have a feast and be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he is found.”

(Luke 15:1-4, Luke 15:7, Luke 15:11-24, Luke 15:28-32)

What did the younger son do wrong?

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Colossians 2:12 says: “*For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and through baptism you were also raised with Christ through your faith in the active power of God, who raised him from death.*”

Baptism has two aspects: the physical (the water), and the spiritual (the work of the Holy Spirit). We are united to Christ by the Spirit of God, through our faith.

Who unites us with Jesus? The \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.

Do you want God’s forgiveness and the new life he offers?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

## LEARN BY HEART

“*Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?*”

(Acts 8:36)

How did the Ethiopian show that he really had believed?

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Baptism means that we are united with the Lord Jesus Christ in his death, and resurrection. We die to a life of sin, and begin a new life, holy and eternal.

Who gives us this life? \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism stands for the washing away of our sins. The water itself does not take away sin. In 1 John 1:7 we read: “the blood of Jesus, his Son, makes us clean from every sin.”

What is the only thing that takes away sin? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does God not send us to hell, if we have believed in Christ?

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Did he then acknowledge his sins?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

The son sincerely repented of his sins. Do you acknowledge that all mankind are sinners (that is, that everyone has failed or offended God in some way)?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

The younger son represents the sinful man who repents. Whom does his father represent?

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The father represents God. Did his father forgive him?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

If you are truly repentant, will your Heavenly Father forgive you?

- ☐ Yes.  
☐ No.

The elder son represents religious people who look down on the newly converted. They think that they are the only ones who merit God's favor. But Jesus said that there is joy in heaven when a sinner is converted.

When will God rejoice about you?

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What did the Lord Jesus do to save us?

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Jesus died and rose again to save us. When we receive Him by faith, the Holy Spirit of God enters our hearts. He helps us to repent. Do you need this permanent change in your life?

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

According to the Bible, faith is worth nothing unless it produces good works. Who helps us in this great change?

The Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

He was humiliated, and justice was denied him. No one will be able to tell about his descendants, because his life on earth has come to an end." The official said to Philip, "Tell me, of whom is the prophet saying this? Of himself or of someone else?"

Philip began to speak; starting from this very passage of Scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled down the road they came to a place where there was some water, and the official said, "Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?"

The official ordered the carriage to stop; and both of them, Philip and the official, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.  
(Acts 8:27-38)

In the passage that the Ethiopian was reading, who was being taken as a sheep to be slaughtered?

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Who convinced the Ethiopian that Jesus Christ was the Savior?

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## BURIED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM

...So Philip got ready and went. Now an Ethiopian eunuch was on his way home. This man was an important official in charge of the treasury of the Queen, or Candace, of Ethiopia. He had been to Jerusalem to worship God, and was going back in his carriage. As he rode along he was reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and stay close to that carriage.” Philip ran over and heard him reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah; so he asked him, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

“How can I understand,” the official replied, “unless someone explains it to me.”

And he invited Philip to climb up and sit in the carriage with him. The passage of Scripture that he was reading was this, “He was like a sheep that is taken to be slaughtered; He was like a lamb that makes no sound when its wool is cut off; he did not say a word.

## LEARN BY HEART

*“Turn away from your sins, each one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit.”*

(Acts 2:38)

## PRACTICAL WORK

- In prayer, ask God to fill you with his Spirit, changing your life and renewing your mind.
- Tell your family the story of the prodigal son.

## Study and Practical Work Done

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## A black and white cartoon illustration depicting a baptism. In the foreground, a man with curly hair is being baptized in a body of water. He is standing upright, with his hands raised high above his head. A man with a mustache, wearing a simple tunic, stands in the water next to him, holding his hands out in a gesture of blessing or support. The background shows a shoreline with a horse-drawn cart and a horse standing on it. The style is simple and expressive, with bold lines and minimal shading.