

Finding
JESUS

Be a Responsible Child of God

When you are baptized into Jesus, you are also baptized into His church – God’s family.

The Bible says: “We were all baptized into one body through one spirit. And we were all made to share in the one spirit.” (I Corinthians 12:13)

You are now a member of the body of Christ!

What things do your mom and dad expect from you?

- To listen and obey them?
- To come to them when you need help?
- To join the family for activities?
- To use good manners at meals?
- To share your toys and help around the house?
- To keep yourself clean?
- To respect them and be kind to your brothers and sisters?

Do you think God expects similar things from you when you become HIS child?

WWJD?

Suppose each day in the lunch room at school, a certain boy sits all by himself. The other kids always ignore him or tease him? What do you think Jesus would do if He came into the room? It’s always good to ask yourself: “What would Jesus do?” and then do the same!

What are a couple of ways you could become more like Jesus?

- 1.
- 2.

So God created Man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

God created you!

Interesting Facts About You

When a person is full grown he will have 206 bones and 650 muscles.

About 1/4 of your bones are in your feet. 26 small bones in each foot bear the weight of your body.



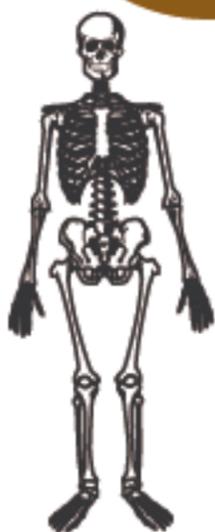
No one else in the world has the same fingerprints as you.

Breathe This In...

In a lifetime of 70 years, you will breathe 515 million times. You will take in 13 1/2 million cubic feet of air – enough to fill 60 Goodyear blimps.

In a normal lifespan a person's heart will beat about 2 1/2 billion times.

The heart pumps blood through 60,000 miles of vessels – enough to stretch 2 1/2 times around the earth.



Baptism

Baptism is a symbol of the commitment you make to God in becoming a Christian. You are "buried" in water – representing the fact that your sins and old way of life are put to death. Then, you are "raised" from the water – just as Jesus was raised from the dead, so that you may live a new life for God.

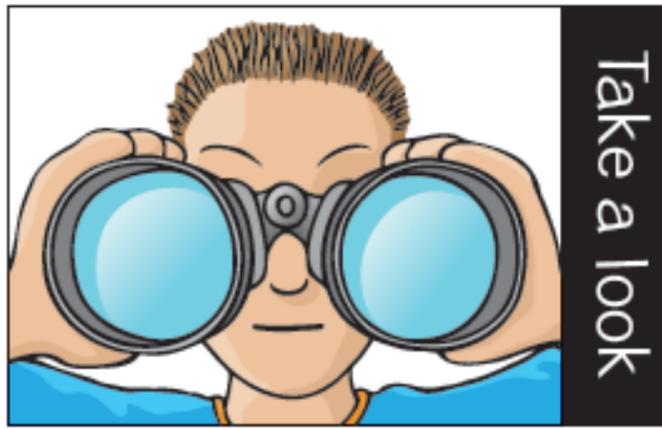


The Bible puts it this way: "So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared in His death. We were buried with Him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father." (Romans 6:4)

When you give your life to God, He will wash your soul clean of sin and fill you with His spirit, making you His child. You look the same outside, but you are new on the inside. The Bible promises: "when someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!" (II Corinthians 5:17)

Though you don't know what Jesus looked like physically, you can know the kind of character qualities he had. Look at Galatians 5:22-23 and write down the character qualities that the Holy Spirit wants you to grow in.





Repentance

Look Up Acts 2:38 & II Peter 3:9

Who needs to repent?

Repentance involves a **commitment to change**.

Below are listed some areas that you may need to make changes in. Put an "X" in the space provided.

- ___ I need to obey my parents better.
- ___ I need to get along better with my brother or sister.
- ___ I need to be more careful with what I say.
- ___ I need to go to church more.
- ___ I should stop being selfish and begin to share more.
- ___ I want to start reading my Bible and praying more.
- ___ I want to be more helpful with my responsibilities at home.
- ___ I want to stop losing my temper and being so argumentative.
- ___ I want to let Jesus be first rather than me be first.

Look at Acts 26:20. Notice that repentance should show itself through the changes that you make. **Are you willing to make changes?**

Once your sins are forgiven, what will you feel? (Psalm 32:1)

Do you think that God can forgive you if you ask Him?

Look at Genesis 3:1-6. Describe the first sin.
Can you define sin? 1 John 3:4
Can you list 10 sins?



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

You have done something that keeps you from enjoying that special relationship with God. The Bible explains it this way: **"It is your evil (sin) that has separated you from God."** (Isaiah 59:2)

The Muddy Girl

Once there was a little girl who disobeyed her parents and played in the mud. When she came home, she planned to march right into the house. But her father stopped her. He first took her to the side of the house and used a hose to wash off the mud. Then he brought her into the home.

Although God loves you, He will not let you into his family when you are dirty with sin. You must first let Him wash away your sins.

God has given every person in this world the right to choose. You can choose to obey God and His ways, or you can choose to please yourself. Sin is choosing to please yourself. Sin is choosing to go your own way instead of God's. Sin is putting what you want above what pleases God. Whenever you have chosen your own way over God's way, you have sinned.

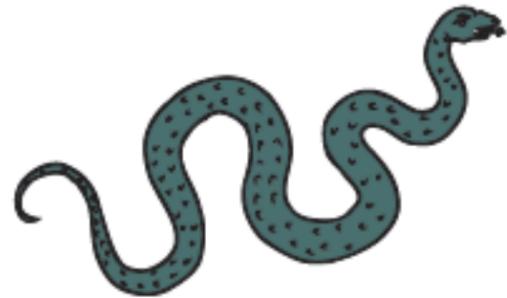
Read this verse: **"All people have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory."** (Romans 3:23)

How many people have sinned?



God cannot stand sin because He is so good and sin is so bad! Proverbs 15:9

Some people cannot stand spiders!



Some people hate snakes!

God hates sin!

Sin keeps us away from God. The punishment for sin is that people who sin will die and cannot live forever with Jesus. (Romans 6:23)

Well, then, how do we get rid of sin?

We can't do it by taking a bath...

or by washing our clothes.

Nothing we can do will wash our sins away from us!



We need help to get rid of sin and go to heaven

Jesus built a special bridge so that we could go to be with Him in heaven! This bridge was built by Jesus' death on the cross. It is Jesus' gift to us. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

God sent Jesus, His only son, to earth as a man. Jesus was perfect. He never did anything wrong. (Hebrews 5:7-9)

But He let some evil men kill Him. He went to the cross to take the blame for all the evil things we have done. (Romans 5:8 & I Peter 2:21-24)

Instead of God punishing us, He punished His perfect son, Jesus. (Romans 4:25 & I John 4:10)

But God didn't leave Jesus in the grave, He raised Him to live again after three days. (I Corinthians 15:20 & Acts 2:24)

Only Jesus' death and resurrection could build the bridge because Jesus was God's only son and only He never sinned. (II Corinthians 5:21)

Are you ready to accept Jesus' gift?

Tell Others That Jesus Is Your Lord

When you claim Jesus as your Lord, you are willing to let others know. Have you ever been to a wedding? In a wedding, a man and woman tell everyone in the audience that they have chosen to put the other person first in their life. It is very important that they speak their promises. In a similar way, God wants us to be proud enough to tell others that Jesus is first in your life. The Bible says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Be Baptized

Baptism means that a person is lowered completely under the water and then raised. This shows everyone that the old way of life is dead and a new way of life has begun. The Bible tells us that you should be baptized when you accept Jesus. Jesus told His followers to be baptized to show that they believed in Him. (Romans 6:3-5)

Some Believers Who Were Baptized

- On the day the church began, 3000 people who believed in Jesus were baptized (Acts 2)
- The Samaritan men and women believed Phillip's message and were baptized (Acts 8)
- After the Ethiopian official heard about Jesus, he asked to be baptized (Acts 8)
- Cornelius, his relatives, and friends were ordered to be baptized after they believed and received the Holy Spirit (Acts 10)
- A Jailer and his family were baptized because they had come to believe in Jesus (Acts 16)
- Some of John the Baptist's disciples were baptized because they believed in Jesus (Acts 19)

Turn away from sin

When you become a Christian, you hate sin because it separates you from God, so you choose to do things that please God. God is happy when you turn away from sin and follow His ways! The Bible calls this "repentance."

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." (Acts 3:19)



= **Trouble**



= **Life**

When you accept Jesus as your Lord, you accept the things He values, like **love, honesty, patience, and obedience**. When Jesus is your Lord, you live to please Him. The Bible says, "God has bought you with a great price. Therefore, honor God with your body." (I Corinthians 6:20)

A Story of Trust

The newspaper told a story about a family that awoke one night to find their house on fire. The family escaped from the burning home – all except for the 10-year-old son named Tommy. The noise of the fire engines caused him to wake up, but the fire had spread too far for him to run downstairs. Tommy walked out onto the second-floor balcony. His only way to safety was to jump, yet all he could see below him was smoke.

Tommy then heard a voice urging him to jump. It was his dad. "Jump!" His father yelled. Tommy cried, "How can I jump, dad? I can't even see you!" His father answered, "I can see you, Tommy. Jump! I promise I'll catch you!" Then Tommy hesitated for a moment. He thought about his dad's love for him. He knew his dad would keep his word, so he jumped safely into his dad's arms.

You can trust God because He loves you more than anyone.



Repentance is making a U-turn with your life.

There is no one without sin. None! (Romans 3:10)

Even though you try your best to do the right thing, are there ever times you fail to please God?

Think about it. . .

Are you guilty of breaking God's commands by sinning? Like...

- Lying
- Stealing
- Fighting
- Being disrespectful to parents
- Saying bad words
- Being jealous
- Hating
- Cheating
- Teasing

What would happen if you broke the law and the police arrested you?

You would receive a punishment, wouldn't you? Well, the same is true for breaking God's commandments. Someone has to be punished. Someone has to pay the price.

You may try really hard to bridge the gap between yourself and God. You may do lots of nice things to people. You may even go to church every Sunday. But none of that can make up for the bad things you did, or the good things you chose not to do. With the price for your sin not paid, you cannot enter heaven and be with God.

? **So, how can you fix this problem?** You can't – but God did. God loves you. He made a way to save you from the punishment you deserve because of your sin. He made a way for you to be with Him forever. Jesus, God's son, came to earth to take the punishment you deserve.

Read this verse and answer the questions: "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only son . . . that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Who is God's only son? Why did God send His son?
How can you have eternal life?

Read Romans 6:23 again, "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

What free gift does God offer to us?



Do you believe in Jesus?

Do you believe Jesus is God's son?

Look at Matthew 16:16. Who did Peter believe Jesus to be?

Define the word "Christ." Use a dictionary if you need to!

Do you believe Jesus is the only one who can save you? (Look at Acts 4:12). There are some basic truths you should believe about Jesus.

- ___ I Corinthians 15:3,4
- ___ Matthew 1:23
- ___ Acts 2:22
- ___ John 14:6
- ___ I Peter 2:22
- ___ John 15:12,13
- ___ John 1:1,14

- A. Jesus performed many wonderful miracles
- B. Jesus never sinned
- C. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and arose on the third day
- D. Jesus was born of a virgin
- E. Jesus was God in the flesh
- F. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- G. Jesus loves you

Do you believe all these points about Jesus?



The only thing you can do to become part of God's family is to trust Jesus!

believe in JESUS

Believe Jesus!

Put your life in God's hands

There is nothing you can do to make up for the bad things you have done.

No matter how hard you try, you can't restore the broken relationship with God on your own. That's why we need JESUS as our SAVIOR.

Match the verse with the truth by placing the letter in the blank.

Before you can turn away from sin...

First you must **feel sorry** for the sins you have committed. Have you ever felt sorry for your sins against God?

Confession is **very important**. Your sins must be confessed to God, since it is God that your sins are against. Only God has the power to forgive you of sin.

Write out Psalm 32:5



Look at Psalm 103:12, Acts 3:19, and Hebrews 10:17.

Do you get the idea that **God wants to forgive you** of your sins?

List 3 things you know God wants you to ask forgiveness for.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

God wants to forgive us of our sins!