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#### ABOUT PASTOR W.F. KUMUYI

Pastor (Dr.) William Folorunso Kumuyi, previously a professor of mathematics at the University of Lagos, is the founding pastor of the Deeper Life Bible Church and General Superintendent of Deeper Christian Life Ministry, Worldwide. The Church with its headquarters in Lagos officially began on November 7, 1982 with a simple message: "Jesus transforms lives - bringing not only healing but a complete and fully formed Christian character." By 1988, the Conference of Pentecostal and Evangelical Churches worldwide recognized Deeper Life Bible Church as the single largest church in Africa, and the third largest single congregation in the world.

The phenomenal growth of the church tends to overshadow its small beginning. With 15 adult members in 1973, Kumuyi began an interdenominational weekly Bible study in Lagos. By 1975, this fledgling group quickly grew to 1500 people who assembled faithfully every Monday to hear the systematic, expository and rich teaching of the scriptures with practical application that is immediately helpful and relevant to listeners. Less than a decade later, the Bible Study group became what is now the Deeper Life Bible Church and grew to 350,000 members at the Lagos headquarters church with mission work in 42 countries of the world. The church has since sustained an unprecedented growth trajectory leading to worldwide membership strength in the millions.

Pastor Kumuyi, from the beginning of his ministry, has been blessed with divine success because of his commitment to teaching sound doctrine, a stellar and pristine character, unparalleled commitment to leadership development and divine giftedness.

A humble and outstanding teacher and preacher, Pastor Kumuyi exemplifies servant leadership. He commits himself tirelessly and selflessly to achieve divinely ordained goals. He has a colossal grasp of the scriptures coupled with uncanny ability to dissect scriptural truths. Preaching between two worlds, bridging the context and the content of the biblical text to meet the realities and the needs of

present day led many listeners to conclude that he "teaches the Bible as if he was there when it was written".

The Bible serves as the proof text for his teaching and preaching. With a thematic approach, he gives a wide range of Bible passages supporting, clarifying expanding his main point. A typical Kumuyi teaching is a beauty to behold. He brightens and deepens delivery with laborious scholarship and stylistic deployment of a vast range of figurative, alliterative devices. Kumuyi's message is music to the ears and balm to the spirit. It comes across with crystal clarity free from the din and distractions of fleeting hysterics and unnecessary drama. It is not uncommon to see on a typical Sunday service, princes, paupers, professors and priests sit side by side reaching for the cross and surrendering to the Lord in response to a heart-rending sermon. This emphasis on the primacy of preaching and the exaltation of the Word is one of Kumuyi's great legacies to the body of Christ.

Much of the church's cohesion and shared sense of community have been driven by the inspiring and exemplary leadership of Pastor Kumuyi. His infectious passion for evangelism is undiminished. He is passionate about leadership training and equipping pastors, teachers, evangelists and Christian workers. As his congregation blossomed throughout Africa, the Deeper Christian Life Ministry has also extended its missionary exploits to Western Europe, Russia, Asia, India and North America. Kumuyi credits God for the success recorded so far by the church: "The bottom line is that God in His own wisdom and power raised up the church and has given us divine support. The only reason Deeper Life has grown is because God Himself has given the growth."

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#### LESSON 690

### **BOAZ MARRIES RUTH**

Ruth 4:1-22.



MEMORY VERSE:

"So Boaz took Ruth,
and she was his wife:"

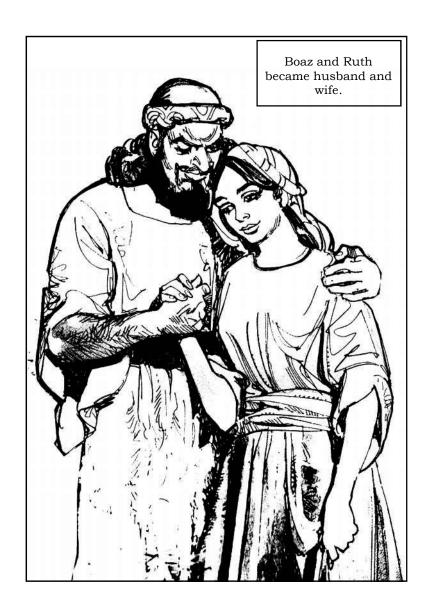
(Ruth 4:13a).

Ruth was from a country called Moab. The people of Moab were not friends of God. They worshipped idols. When there was lack of food in Israel, Elimelech and his wife Naomi and their two sons went to live in Moab. Elimelech and his two sons who got married all died in the land of Moab. Naomi wept and decided to return to Israel after her husband and two sons had died. Ruth who was the

wife of one of the two sons of Elimelech decided to leave her own people and followed Naomi to the land of Israel because she believes in the God of Israel. She said: ".... thy people shall be my people and thy God my God:" (Ruth 1:16).

Her faith in God was the reason why she followed her mother-in-law to a land and a people she did not know. Your faith and trust in God will help you to love and obey Him always though you may pass through some difficulties and pain.

Ruth's first husband had died, and was therefore free to marry another man (I Corinthians 7:39). Boaz, her new husband is a hardworking, righteous man who takes time to do things in the right way. You must have these good behaviors in you before God can bless you. Boaz agrees to marry Ruth because she now believe in the God of Israel and she has been forgiven of her past wrong doings. Her belief in God made her to now



be counted among God's people. If you too believe in Jesus as your Saviour and friend, Jesus will forgive you and make you a member of God's family.

Boaz' marriage to Ruth was an act of God and a blessing to Israel and the whole world. God wants to do something good for you. Your life will be beautiful if you allow the all-knowing God to direct it. Boaz had a son called Obed from Ruth.

He was the father of Jesse who was the father of David the king and deliverer of Israel. It is from the family of David that our Lord Jesus Christ was born (Matthew 1:5,6,16). The blessings of salvation, deliverance and hope of living in heaven was made possible through Jesus Christ our Lord. You can share in these blessings if you stop doing bad things. Ask Jesus to forgive all your sins and accept Him as your Saviour and Friend.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Ruth is from a country known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Her faith in God made her to follow Naomi to Israel. Yes/No?
- 3. What are the three things in Boaz life which you must copy?
- 4. Mention one blessing you will enjoy as a result of the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour?

**LESSON:** Boaz' marriage to Ruth was a divine arrangement.



**THOUGHT:** I will stand for the Lord so that His purpose will be achieved in my life.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should read Matthew 1:5, 6, 16 and ask the children to mention the names listed there. Then

tell the children to mention how they are related to Jesus Christ.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your mother to tell you the name of one godly family in the Bible. Then share it with your teacher in the church on Sunday. Also, write in your church notebook four blessings of belonging to a godly family. For example: protection.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 29 – I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW

**CHORUSES:** (1) Glory be to God in the highest ... (2) Immortal God, invisible God (3) The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	GENESIS	2:20-22
TUESDAY	GENESIS	2:23-25
WEDNESDAY	GENESIS	24:1-4
THURSDAY	MATTHEW	1:15-17
FRIDAY	MATTHEW	1:18-20
SATURDAY	I CORINTHIANS	7:38-40
SUNDAY	ROMANS	11:33-36

#### LESSON 691

# HANNAH'S SPECIAL PRAYER

I Samuel 1:1-18.



"And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore."

(I Samuel 1:10).

Does God answer prayer? How? In this study we shall see how God answered the prayer of Hannah.

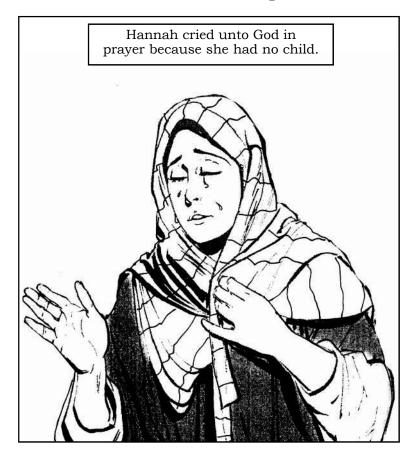
Hannah had been married to Elkanah for a long time but did not have a baby. This made Hannah to be very sad. Even when she was with her family members and friends, Hannah was so sad that she could not eat.

One day, when the whole family went to Shiloh to worship God, Hannah decided to go alone into the temple to pray. She cried out to God and asked Him to give her a son. Hannah did just what God wants you to do. She prayed to God. If you are a friend of Jesus, remember that God hears your prayers and will answer according to His will. He says "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3). God wants you to tell Him your problems and desires. He has promised to answer you. Whatever is your problem, be it sickness, loneliness, school work, bedwetting, sin, fear or any other thing; take everything to the Lord in prayer.

While Hannah was praying, the prophet thought she was drunk. Hannah humbly told the priest that she was asking God for something very important. Then Eli blessed her and she became happy.

Are you willing to trust God to answer your prayers? Then you must take time

to pray. Read God's word, obey it's instructions, think on the promises and



claim them. God will answer your prayers and you will enjoy good health, success, great provision, deliverance and other good things of life. If you are not a friend of Jesus, you can pray now and repent of your naughty ways. God will forgive and accept you.

# **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Does God answer prayers? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Hannah was sad because \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Did Hannah pray to God for a son? Yes/No?
- 4. God wants us to pray to Him for our needs. Yes/No?
- 5. What should a naughty child do to receive answer to his prayers?

**LESSON:** God answers prayers.



**THOUGHT:** I will pray to receive answer to my prayers.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should submit prayer request for specific needs in their

lives and families. Take time to pray on these needs and be ready to share your testimonies.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray throughout the week for the church, Christian families and the nation.

# CONGREGATIONAL: GHS 196 - DOES JESUS CARE?

**CHORUSES:** (1) Prayer is the key (2) Nothing prayer cannot do (3) God can do anything He won't fail.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	GENESIS	18:23-25
	GENESIS	10.23-23
TUESDAY	GENESIS	32:24-28
WEDNESDAY	PHILIPPIANS	4:6,7
THURSDAY	DANIEL	9:2-4
FRIDAY	JEREMIAH	33:1-3
SATURDAY	<b>EPHESIANS</b>	6:17-18
SUNDAY	MARK	1:32-35

#### LESSON 692

# THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL

I Samuel 1:19-28.

# **MEMORY VERSE:**

"That she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord."
(1 Samuel 1:20b).



Eli was a judge and a priest in Israel. He took care of the house of God. He also made sacrifices for the people.

One day, a woman called Hannah came along with others as they usually do every year to sacrifice unto God at Shiloh. She was very sad because she had no child. While others were enjoying themselves, she fasted and prayed unto God to give her a son. She promised to bring the boy to work in the house of God

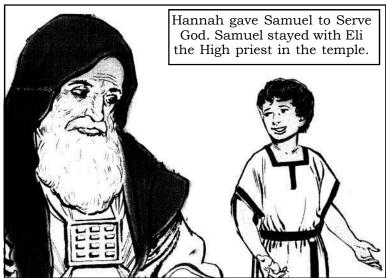
all the days of his life. While she was praying, Eli saw her lips moving but her voice was not heard. He accused her of being drunk, but she humbly replied that she was not drunk but praying. Eli told her that God has answered her prayer, and she believed.

God answered her prayer and Hannah gave birth to a bouncing baby boy. She called his name Samuel, which means "Ask of God". Hannah later took Samuel to the house of God where he grew up and served the Lord. As God answered the prayer of Hannah so also will He answer your prayers. Whatever your problems may be failure in examinations, sickness, bad dreams or bad luck, bedwetting or other things that troubles you. If you can have faith and talk to God about it, He will surely answer you.

Samuel was about your age when His mummy took him to the temple. As Samuel also surrendered himself to



The birth of Samuel was as result of Hannah's prayer and faith in God.



serve God, you too can surrender your life to Jesus. To become a friend of Jesus and serve Him you must: (i) know yourself as a sinner (ii) confess and turn away from such sins. (iii) ask God to forgive and wash your heart clean with the blood of Jesus. (iv) invite Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Saviour. (v) promise never to do bad things again, then thank Him for saving you.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Eli was a judge and a priest. Yes/No?
 What was the work of the priest in the house of God?
 (a) What problem made Hannah to fast and pray?
 (b) Did God answer her?
 What is the meaning of Samuel?
 Can God use a sinful child in His

service?

6. What should a sinful child do before God can make use of him?

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should read Genesis 21:1-3 and ask the children to mention the name of the child that was born and the meaning of his name.

**LESSON:** God has a specific plan for every child.



**THOUGHT:** I will be faithful in serving God so that His plan will be fulfilled in my life.

**HOMEWORK:** Children should identify one area of need/problem in their life,

then pray and fast about it during the week.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 168 – I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

**CHORUSES:** (1) Have faith in God, all things are possible.

(2) Make me a good child like Samuel. (3) I will be what the Lord says I will be.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	GENESIS	18:9-12
TUESDAY	GENESIS	18:13,14
WEDNESDAY	GENESIS	21:1-3
THURSDAY	GENESIS	21:4-8
FRIDAY	LUKE	1:11-13
SATURDAY	LUKE	1:14-17
SUNDAY	MATTHEW	1:18-21

#### LESSON 693

### HANNAH'S SONG OF PRAISE

I Samuel 2:1-11.



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God."

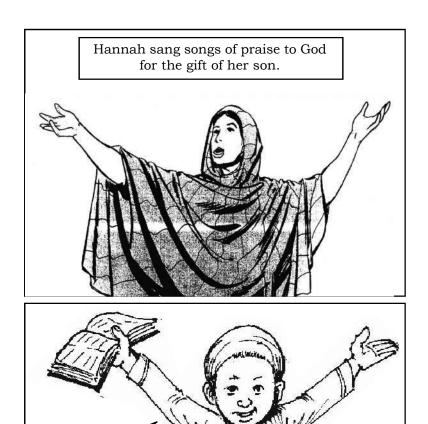
(1 Samuel 2:2).

Tony's father bought a bicycle for him. He was very happy, and wanted his friends to see his new bike. Early the next morning, Tony woke up and went to his father's room to say "Thank you". Tony kissed his father and said 'Dad I love you'. The father was happy that Tony showed appreciation for the bicycle that he bought for him.

In our last lesson, we learnt that Hannah was very sad because she had no baby. She prayed and asked God to give her a son. God answered her prayers and gave her a son named Samuel. Hannah realized that God has showed love and kindness to her. She now went back to the temple to "say thank you" to God for the gift of her son. The way she said thank you was to sing songs of praise to God. God expects us also to always praise Him and say thank you, because He created all things. He alone is worthy to be praised.

God is good to all boys and girls. Therefore, you must praise Him every day. There are many ways to praise God. You can pray and give thanks to God. You can sing, share testimony of what God has done for you with others, and by living to please God.

When you praise God, He will bless you with good things that you desire. Examples of people that praised God are:



Moses, Jehoshaphat, David who wrote many psalms of praise, Paul, Silas and

God is the creator of all things and He can do all things. I will always praise God at all times and in all things. Jesus our Saviour. God commands us to praise Him Therefore, we must praise God at all times, in the morning, afternoon, and night.

If you are still doing naughty things, God will not accept your praises. You must be sorry for your bad ways and ask God to forgive you.

# **QUESTIONS:**

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1.	How did Tony show that he is happy
	for the new bicycle his father bought
	for him?
2.	In our Bible story,
	went to the temple to
3.	God commands boys and girls to
4.	Mention three ways to praise God
5.	God is happy when we praise Him.
	Yes/No?

**LESSON:** The only thing that we can give God is praises that comes from a holy heart.



**THOUGHT:** I will praise the Lord all the days of my life.

**ACTIVITY:** Children are to sing songs of praise and rejoice in the presence of the Lord.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your parents to teach you two choruses of praise.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 15 - O WORSHIP THE KING

**CHORUSES:** (1) There is none holy as the Lord. (2) We give glory to the Lord, He reigns. (3) Oh that men will praise the Lord.

#### LESSON 694

### THE SINS OF ELI'S SONS

I Samuel 2:12-26.



# **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord."

(1 Samuel 2:12).

Eli was a high priest and judge in Israel. Elkanah and Hannah were parents of Samuel. They brought Samuel to God's house at Shiloh to be trained by Eli. Eli brought him up in the way of the Lord, but failed to train his own children Hophni and Phinehas in a godly way. In today's lesson, we will learn about the disobedience of Eli's sons and the consequences of their rebellious ways.

Eli's sons were called worthless men. They disobeyed their father's instructions and did things to please themselves.

(i) They took the meat meant for sacrifice by force. (ii) They never cared about God and His people. (iii) They misused the Lord's offering. (iv) They robbed God's people by their actions. (v) They made people to run away from worshipping God.

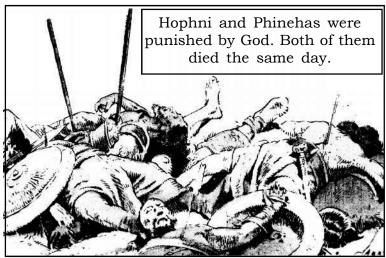
Children who disobey God's word and have the habit of running around the altar, jumping on seats, making noise in the church, fighting and disturbing others from listening to God's word are like Eli's sons. Do not join such children.

Samuel grew up with Eli's sons, but did not follow them to do bad things. He loved God and was obedient to Eli. God was preparing Samuel for a special assignment in future.

What is the Lord preparing you for? You must decide to follow Jesus and serve Him all the days of your life.



Hophni and
Phinehas
were sons
of Eli the
High priest.
They were
wicked and
disobedient to
God's word.



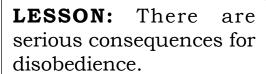
Let your light so shine and be a good child like Samuel.

Eli was now old and he heard all the bad things that his sons were doing. He did not remove them from working for God. His children refused to listen to him. The judgment of God came upon them and they both died the same day, at the war front. Their father Eli also died because of their terrible actions.

It is important that you listen to your parents and godly teachers. Sin destroys. Turn from all your bad ways now; accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour today.

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1.	Eli was a	and
	His two sons were	
	and	
3.	What did Eli's sons do	5
4.	Mention two bad thing	gs that Eli's sons
	did	_
5.	What should a sinful	child do to be
	able to serve God?	





**THOUGHT:** I will not disobey God's word so as to be free from judgment.

**ACTIVITY:** Prayer session. Teachers should lead the children to pray for grace to be obedient to God's word.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray daily for grace to live a holy life even when others are behaving in a bad way.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 40 - WASH ME, O LAMB OF GOD

**CHORUSES:** (1) I will never let the devil win the battle. (2) I wandered far away. (3) God must be honoured.

#### LESSON 695

## PAUL TELLS THE STORY OF HIS CALLING

Galatians 1:11-24.



"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,"

(Galatians 1:15).



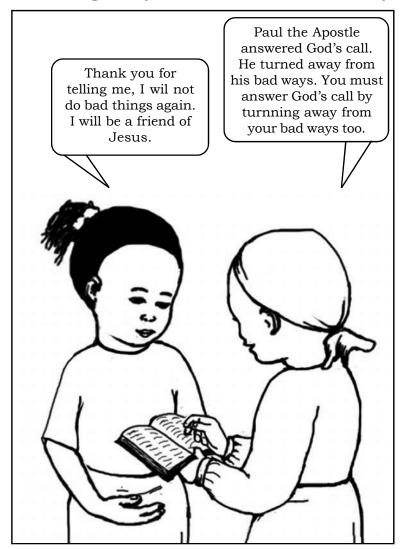
Whenever your mummy, daddy, teacher and people around you that you know very well call you, what do you do? You answer. But when bad people call you, you must not answer. Today, God is calling boys and girls first to become friends of Jesus (Matthew 11:28). When

they become friends of Jesus, God then calls them to work for Him. Have you answered God's call?

If you still doing bad things like: stealing, fighting, watching bad films, looking at bad pictures, lying, etc. Repent and answer God's call today; delay is dangerous. Answer God's call and take these steps: (i) know that you are a bad child and be sorry for your bad ways. (ii) tell God all the bad things that you have done, ask Him to forgive you and wash your sins with the blood of Jesus. (iii) promise God you will never do them again. (iv) ask Jesus to be your Friend. (v) thank God for answering your prayers.

Paul the Apostle answered God's call. He turned from his bad ways and also worked for God. That was the story he repeated to the friends of Jesus in Galatia, as we see in our Bible passage today. He was very sure of God's call to him and that was why he had answered. Some children have asked God to forgive

their bad ways and they no longer do the bad things they did before. However, they



are still not sure if they are friends of Jesus.

Are you like that? You must listen to the word of God and read it every day. Listening to the word of God will make you to know what God says about you and to trust Him more (Romans 10:17). Secondly, you must tell others how Jesus changed your life when you answered His call. Telling this story again and again helps you to overcome Satan who wants to make you to think that you are not a friend of Jesus.

Paul the Apostle continued to obey God; other people saw the change in his life and gave glory to God (Galatians 1:23,24). Be like Paul. Now that you are a friend of Jesus, serve God by preaching to the children who are still doing bad things. You can also serve God by singing in the choir, sweeping, dusting and arranging the benches. There are great rewards awaiting boys and girls who obey God's call.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ answered God's call to service.
- 2. God is calling boys and girls to turn away from their sins and work for Him. Yes/No?
- 3. Mention two ways you can serve God
- 4. How can a child who is still doing bad things answer God's call?

**LESSON:** God is calling every child to be saved, live holy and serve Him.



**THOUGHT:** I will respond to God's call by surrendering all to Him.

**ACTIVITY:** A boy and a girl should share with the class how they became friends of Jesus.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask mummy or daddy to tell you the names of three children in the Bible who answered God's call. Write down their names in your jotter and show it to your teacher next Sunday.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 85 - GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO THE MASTER

**CHORUSES:** (1) When He calls me I will answer. (2) I will make you fishers of men. (3) Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	ACTS	26:1-5
TUESDAY	ACTS	26:9-11
WEDNESDAY	ACTS	26:12-15
THURSDAY	ACTS	26:16-18
FRIDAY	ACTS	26:19-22
SATURDAY	MATTHEW	4:18-22
SUNDAY	LUKE	9:61,62

#### LESSON 696

#### GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYBODY

Galatians 2:1-10.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations"

(Matthew 24:14a).



From your schools at the end of every term, newsletters are sent to your parents. Newsletters contain important information about events and activities coming up the following term which the school wants your parents to know about.

The good news is the word of God. It is a newsletter from a loving God to all men, women and children in the world. It is written in the Bible. God offered Jesus, His only Son, to suffer and die on the cross to save the whole world from sin. He wants everyone in the world to know and enjoy the benefits of Christ's suffering and death.

Boys and girls are separated from God because of their sins. God, who is loving and merciful, sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to come and die on the cross for our sins. Are you still a sinner? Then the good news has come to you today. Receive it by (a) Realizing that you are a sinner. (b) confessing your sins to God (c) pray and ask for forgiveness and cleansing in the blood Jesus. (d) ask Jesus to be your Saviour and Friend.

As a friend of Jesus, you are commanded to spread the good news to other boys and girls around you. In your home, school, community, market and everywhere you can find people. Tell them that God loves sinners. He has given His Son Jesus to suffer so that they



can receive forgiveness. Share with them the testimony of how you gave your life to Jesus. Let them see that you live a holy, prayerful, loving, caring, obedient life and read the word of God daily. We must not delay! Many sinners around the world have not heard this good news. If they die without repentance, they will go to hell fire. God will reward you for being obedient if you preach the gospel. You will make God happy and wear a crown with stars when you get to heaven.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. The good news to the world is the gospel. Yes/No?
- 2. The good news is written in the Bible. Yes/No?
- 3. The message is that God loves the world and gave His only begotten Son to die for us. Yes/No?
- 4. (a) Who commands us to preach the gospel in all the world? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  5. What must sinful children do to accept the goodnews? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON:** The goodnews about Jesus must reach all men on earth.



**THOUGHT:** I will be involved in spreading the goodnews about Jesus.

**ACTIVITY:** Sword Drill: Psalm 136:24; Romans 1:1; Matthew 24:14; Acts 1:8; II Timothy 4:2.

**HOMEWORK:** The teacher should lead the children to do evangelism in the neighbourhood during the week.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 107 – GO AND TELL THEM

**CHORUSES:** (1) Go and tell them. (2) Go tell it on the mountain. (3) Jesus loves me, He died for me ...

#### LESSON 697

## JESUS FORGIVES AND MAKES US RIGHTEOUS

Galatians 2:11-21.



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:"

(Galatians 2:20a).

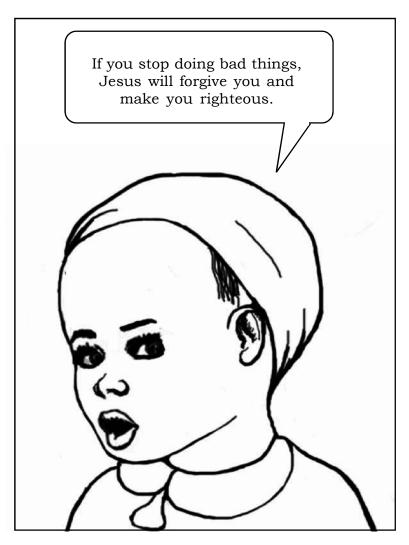
Once upon a time, a woman came to fetch water at the well. She saw Jesus Christ there. Jesus told the woman all the bad things she had done which made her very dirty. The woman was very sorry for the bad way she had lived. She became sorrowful. Then she asked Jesus to forgive her. Jesus Christ forgave her and sets her free. The woman became

righteous and clean. That is forgiveness and righteousness. Then she went about telling everybody how Jesus had forgiven her all her sins.

Adam and Eve sinned against God, through this, all boys and girls became sinners. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23). God is not happy with sinners. Therefore, Jesus came and suffered for all our sins on the cross, so that we can receive forgiveness.

What is forgiveness? Forgiveness is when God washes all your sins and makes you clean through the blood of Jesus. Forgiveness is also called justification (Galatians 2:16; Psalm 32:1,2). It is only when a child repents and is no more doing bad things that he can receive forgiveness.

What is righteousness? To be righteous is to be free from sin, and do what is right by obeying the word of God always. God has made it clear to us all that the only way to become righteous is



through Jesus Christ. Anyone who does not follow God's way of righteousness but choose his own, will suffer in hell fire. How then can a sinful child receive forgiveness and become righteous before God? Such a child must take these steps: (i) know that you are a sinner who needs the Saviour (ii) be sorry for all the bad things you have done. (iii) ask God to forgive you and wash your heart with the blood shed by Jesus Christ. (iv) believe that God has forgiven you (John 3:16). (v) Don't go back to sin again. (vi) pray also that your heart be made holy through the blood of Jesus Christ. (vii) obey the word of God all the time.

Only those who are forgiven and made righteous by faith shall be able to live with God in heaven forever. Those who trust in the works of their hands to save them will not get to heaven (Revelation 22:15).

Heaven is a holy place prepared by God for holy people. Are you one of them? If not, you need to give your heart and life to Jesus now. Do not delay. "For he saith ,... now *is* the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2).

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- Because Adam and Eve sinned against God, all boys and girls became
- 2. Who paid for our sins by dying on the cross?
- 3. How can a child receive forgiveness and be made righteous?
- 4. Only holy friends of Jesus will get to heaven. Yes/No?

**LESSON:** Any child who does not receive forgiveness from sins and made righteous by faith cannot enter heaven.



**THOUGHT:** I surrender my life to Jesus and I will follow Him till the end so that I can get to heaven at last.

#### **ACTIVITY:** Prayer.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask you Mummy to tell you the story of two people in the Bible who received forgiveness of sin from Jesus Christ. Share with your teacher next Sunday.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 23 - NO OTHER PLEA

**CHORUSES:** (1) It is no longer I that liveth ... (2) Is not by works of righteousness but by His grace alone .... we are complete in Him. (3) I live for Jesus day after day.

#### LESSON 698

# CORRECTION FOR DISOBEYING GOD'S WORD

Galatians 3:1-29.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24).

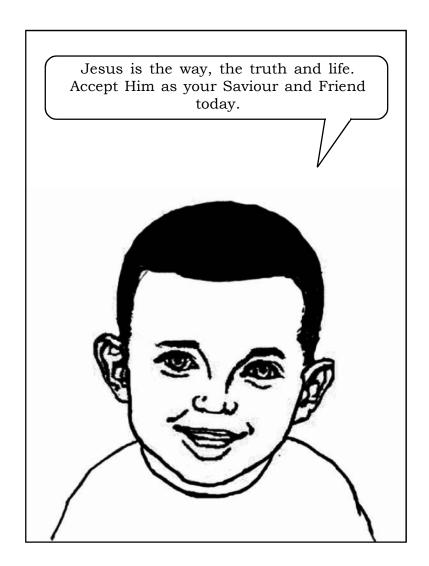


The preaching or teaching of the word of God helps us to know how bad our life is and also helps us to see the need to turn away from our sins and repent.

The people of Galatians in our text received and believed the word of God which Paul came to preach to them. But after Paul had left, some false preachers came to deceive them teaching that their salvation is not complete except they obey certain laws. Because of this, some of them were no more obeying the word of God that teaches about the sufficiency of the sacrifice of Jesus to save us from our bad ways.

The law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. There are some children who know how to do what is good but are not born again. Jesus said "Ye must be born again". Doing good without salvation cannot get you to heaven. You need to receive and believe the gospel. The power of the gospel can change your life and turn your heart from bad ways to become a friend of Jesus.

To be born again a naughty child must take these steps: (a) accept that you are a bad child. (b) tell Jesus you are sorry for your bad ways, (c) turn from those naughty behaviours. (d) ask Jesus to forgive you and wash you with His blood.



Then invite and accept Him into your heart as your Lord, Saviour and Friend.

God wants you to continue in the gospel of grace and never to turn back. There are many blessings your will enjoy if you continue to obey the word of God: (i) you will receive salvation and become a true friend of Jesus. (ii) your prayer will always be answered. (iii) you will have grace to live a victorious Christian life and live in heaven with Jesus at last.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. There are some children who know how to do what is good but are not born again. True/ False?
- 2. How can such children be saved from their bad ways?
- 3. Friends of Jesus must continue to obey God's word. Yes/No
- 4. Mention three blessings for obeying God's word.

**LESSON:** We can only be saved by grace through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus.



**THOUGHT:** I must continue in the gospel of grace to enjoy the blessings of the Lord..

**ACTIVITY:** Pray for grace and courage to remain with Jesus till the end.

**HOMEWORK:** Go and tell your friends in the school about the blessings of believing the gospel and how they can enjoy it.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 202 – WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE

**CHORUSES:** (1) The word of God is sufficient unto me .... (2) Jesus the way, the truth and the light. (3) Thy word is

#### LESSON 699

#### BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Galatians 4:1-11.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12).

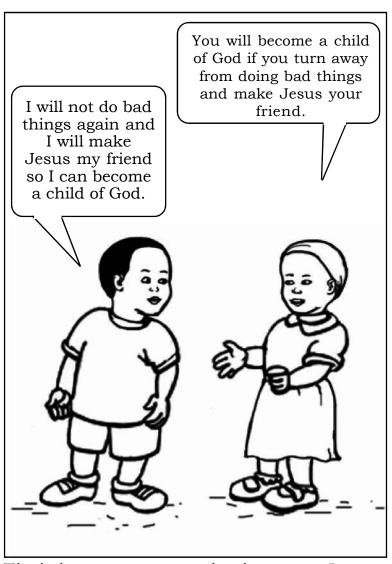


Story! story! A mother had a baby boy. She was happy that the baby was born. But she was too poor and sick to take care of him. She quietly lay the baby in an open box. She placed it by the bush. Later people found the baby. They took him to the government. The baby was too weak, sick and helpless. A rich and

good man decided to make the baby his own son. The government agreed. The boy lived happily with the good rich man in his family. He enjoyed everything the man had as his other children.

God loves all of us. But we have all done bad things. The bad things we do keep us away from God forever, and will take us to hell fire. But He does not want us to go to hell fire, or be away from Him. He wants us to stop doing the bad things and be holy like Him. So He sent Jesus to the world to help us come out of sin. When He came, Jesus suffered and died for our sins. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He is alive today and forever. That is why God can now forgive all your sins today if you ask Him to; and you turn away from them. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.

A long time ago, Paul; told this story about Jesus to the people of Galatia. They believed and became children of God. All their sins were taken away.



Their hearts were made clean too. Later, some people told them that it was too

simple. They told them to do some other things in addition. In the Bible passage we read, Paul now tells them that only Jesus Christ can save. That is why the Bible says: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

It is great to be a child of God. To become a son or daughter of God, this is what to do: (i) know that you are a sinner, and out of God's family. (ii) believe that only Jesus can take away your sins. (iii) be sorry for your sins. (iv) turn from all sin. (v) tell God the bad things you do and ask for His forgiveness. Invite Jesus into your heart to be your Saviour and Lord. As you do, His Holy Spirit will control your life. He will help you to do only what is right. Let us pray.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did the mother in our story keep her baby by the bush? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Who took that baby and made him his own son?
- 3. Only Jesus can save. Yes/No?
- 4. How can one become a son or daughter of God?



**LESSON:** Faith in Christ will make a sinner to become a child of God.

**THOUGHT:** Jesus is enough for me.

**ACTIVITY:** If you are not yet a child of God, pray now for God to make you one. If you are, tell God to give you grace to help others to become children of God.

**HOMEWORK:** Go and tell other children how they can become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Write their names in your church note book.

#### LESSON 700

# BE SURE THAT YOU ARE SAVED

Matthew 1:21; Romans 10:8-13; Ephesians 2:8,9



# MEMORY VERSE: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"

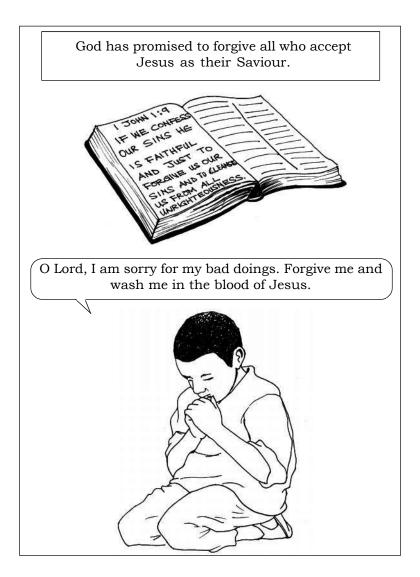
(Romans 10:13).

There are two important words in our lesson for today. The two words are: Sure and Saved. To be sure of some things means that you believe without any doubt about the reality and existence of that thing. For example, when your daddy promises that he will buy your school bag, you know that he will not fail you in buying it. To be saved means to

be free from danger or to be delivered from a bad situation. It is also to be free from your bad doings.

When a naughty child says sorry to God for his bad ways, asks for forgiveness and to be washed clean in the blood of Jesus, he will be forgiven by God. He then believes in his heart and accepts God's forgiveness according to His promise. The belief and acceptance of God's forgiveness make him to become a friend of Jesus. This is called assurance of salvation.

To be saved, (1) Know that you have been naughty in doing bad things that make Jesus unhappy; and that Jesus loves you but He hates your bad doings. (2) Tell Jesus about the bad things you have done and ask Him to forgive you and wash you clean with His blood. (3) Stop doing all those bad things. Invite Jesus into your heart and receive Him as your Lord and personal Saviour. (4) Believe God that He has saved you and thank Him for your salvation.



To be sure that you are saved, believe God's promise that He will forgive you once you have asked for His forgiveness. To keep your salvation, make sure that: (i) You read and listen to the word of God and obey it all the time. (ii) Be careful and prayerful all the time. (iii) Keep away from false teachers and bad friends who do not love Jesus. (iv) Attend church and House fellowship regularly. (v) Keep on trusting and having faith in Jesus to the end.

There are many blessings for boys and girls who are saved and are carefully following Jesus. Some of these blessings are (i) Freedom from God's punishment in hell fire. (ii) You will become a new creature in Jesus (II Corinthians 5:17). (iii) You will enjoy success and answers to prayers. (iv) You will have power and authority to overcome Satan and his messengers. (v) You will be with Jesus in heaven and a beautiful house will be given to you.

Children, a naughty child cannot enjoy these blessings except he prays for his salvation. Rise up now and call upon Jesus to save you.

#### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Mention the two important words in our lesson today.
- 2. How can a naughty child be saved? \_\_\_
- 3. How do you know that you are saved?
- 4. What are the blessings of salvation?

**LESSON:** All friends of Jesus must believe God for His promise of salvation.



**THOUGHT:** I must continue to obey the word of God so that I can keep my salvation to the end.

**ACTIVITY:** Children are to sing these choruses: (1) He has promised, He will

never fail. (2) On the last day, only true believers will be raptured.

**HOME WORK:** Read your Bible and learn the story of how Jesus saved Zacchaeus and come to tell the class next week.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG: GHS 18 - BLESSED ASSURANCE

**CHORUSES:** (1) Are you in the number saved by grace? (2) I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new child. (3) We are heirs of the Father.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	ACTS	2:38-41
TUESDAY	ACTS	8:5-8
WEDNESDAY	ACTS	8:26-28
THURSDAY	ACTS	8:29-31
FRIDAY	ACTS	8:32-35
SATURDAY	ACTS	8:36-38
SUNDAY	ACTS	9:17-19

#### LESSON 701

# A LIFE TOTALLY GIVEN TO GOD

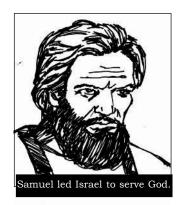
Romans 12:3-8

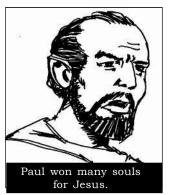


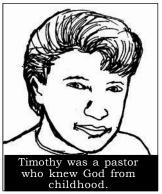
"MEMORY VERSE:
"For to me to live is
Christ, and to die is
gain."

(Philippians 1:21).

There lived a little boy called Justice. This boy used to fight other children because he was very powerful. He liked to abuse people a lot. He learnt this naughty behaviour from other bad children. One day, he heard the word of God, repented of his sins, confessed them and gave his life to Jesus. He later travelled to a far country where he served as a missionary.







He gave his whole life to work for Jesus.

There are people in the Bible who truly gave themselves to God. They did not allow any problem, temptation or persecution to turn them away from loving and serving God. Some of them include: Samuel, Joseph, Daniel and Paul the Apostle.

Are you like these friends of Jesus who gave up everything to serve the Lord? Or are you allowing the things of this world to stop you from loving Jesus and serving Him?

God wants His children who have given their lives to Jesus to live holy and clean lives. They should not behave the way naughty children do. They must use their bodies for the work of God. They should do evangelism, join in family devotion every day, read their Bibles and attend church always.

God has promised many good things to friends of Jesus who have surrendered their lives and are living a holy life every day, such as: (a) provision (b) protection (c) success (d) eternal life (e) crown of life. Children who wish to enjoy these blessings must first of all know themselves as sinners, confess their sins and ask for forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus.

#### **QUESTIONS**

1.	Who is a	friend of Jesus?	

2. Mention three people who served God and lived holy \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Is God happy when we say bad things, look at bad pictures and follow bad friends? Yes/No?
- 4. What are the blessings for living a holy life?

**LESSON:** God blesses friends of Jesus who serve Him well.



**THOUGHT:** I must live a holy life so that I can enjoy God blessings.

**ACTIVITY:** Children are to say what they will do with different parts of their body to glorify God, e.g. eyes, mouth, legs and hands.

**HOMEWORK:** Children should write in their homework book two boys in the Bible that lived holy.

#### THE RAPTURE

I Corinthians 15:51-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:4-9.



# MEMORY VERSE: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,"

(1 Corinthians 15:51).

The rapture is the catching away of all friends of Jesus to meet with Him in the sky. It is going to be sudden and unexpected. The angel will blow the trumpet. Jesus will appear in the sky. All His friends that had died will rise up and fly to meet Him. Other friends of Jesus that are still alive will be changed and then fly also to meet with the Lord in the sky.



Jesus will then take all His friends to His home in heaven. Are you a friend of Jesus or a sinner? Everyone has a part to play in order to prepare for the rapture. A sinner must be sorry for all his bad ways and confess them to Jesus, repent and ask for forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus, ask Jesus to be his Saviour and Friend, remain with Jesus and live holy every day. A friend of Jesus must live holy every day, read and obey God's word, watch and pray, run from every appearance of evil, share the love of Jesus with sinful boys and girls, be separate from the bad things in the world, and expect the coming of Jesus every day.

Remember, it is only those who are ready that will go with Jesus. Children that are careless and unserious will not hear the trumpet sound. They will be left behind to suffer in the hands of the antichrist. You better be ready so that you can be free from the trouble that will soon come upon the disobedient children.

- 1. Rapture means \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Jesus is coming to take His friend to heaven. Yes/No?
- 3. How should a sinner and a friend of Jesus prepare for the rapture?

**LESSON:** The rapture is certain and will occur at an unexpected time.

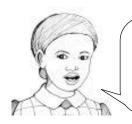


**THOUGHT:** I will be ready every time in order to go with Jesus in the rapture.

<b>ACTIVITY:</b> Tick the <b>☑</b> boxes in front of
each of the characteristics that a friend
of Jesus should possess in order to make
the rapture. Humility $\square$ Envy $\square$
Disobedience  Holiness
Love  Peace

## GOD'S PUNISHMENT ON ELI AND HIS FAMILY

I Samuel 2: 27-3



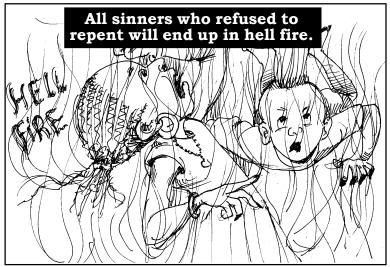
## MEMORY VERSE: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a).

Eli was the Priest of God. It was his duty to receive messages from God for the children of Israel. He also took the requests and offerings of the people to God. This was a very special honour. But why did God send His servant to tell him of the punishment that will come on him and his two sons (Hophni and Phinehas)?

His sons neither loved nor respected God. They were called the children of Belial (Satan). They stole from God's sacrifice and forced the women who came God was not happy with Eli's family. Eli the priest refused to properly correct his sons who were doing bad things.







to the temple to pray to do bad things. Eli, their father, was weak. He couldn't stop his children from doing bad things. God was unhappy with Eli and his children. He therefore sent a message to Eli that Hophni and Phinehas would die the same day and Eli's family would not have the privilege of offering sacrifices to God forever.

God blesses those who obey Him and punishes those who do wrong. He does not respect anybody. The pastor and children teachers are priests or ministers of God in this present time. You may be the son or daughter of any of these leaders. All the same, if you refuse to obey the call of God to become a friend of Jesus and stop doings bad things, the punishment of God will come upon you. The position of your parents in the church cannot save you from God's punishment.

But, if you fear God and always obey His word, He will bless you and for your sake, bless other members of your family too. You have to pray. If you are still doing bad things, tell them to Jesus and promise Him that you will not do them again. And if you are a friend of Jesus, ask Him to help you to continue to do the things that will make Him happy with you.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What is the name of the Priest of God we learnt about in our study today?
- 2. Why was God unhappy with him?
- 3. If your parents are leaders in the church, God will not punish you if you do bad things. Yes/No?
- 4. Mention two things you must do to receive blessings from God \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON:** God will punish those who continue to do bad things.

**THOUGHT:** I will obey God so that He will be happy with me and bless me.

**ACTIVITY:** The children should stand up, close their eyes and bow their heads in prayer. They should try to remember all the bad things they have done and sincerely pray for God's mercy and forgiveness.

**HOMEWORK:** Children should write in their church notebooks the names of three persons in the Bible who sinned against God and the punishment they received.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 207 – THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING

#### **GOD SPEAKS TO SAMUEL**

I Samuel 3:1-21



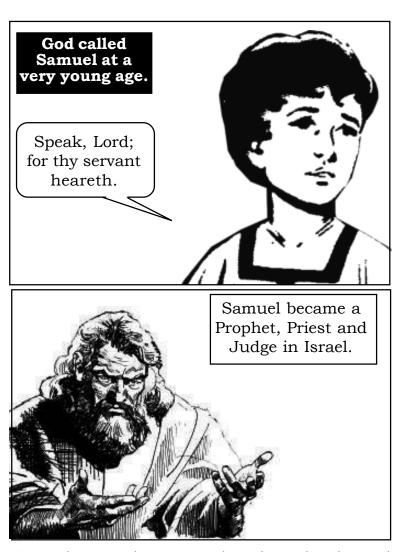
MEMORY VERSE:
"That the Lord called
Samuel: and he
answered, Here am I"

(1 Samuel 3:4).

It is good to listen when someone speaks to you. This will help you to understand what he is saying. In the Bible, God sometimes speaks to people directly, but He speaks only to those who are ready to listen.

Samuel's mother promised God that if He would give her a son, she would give the child back to God to serve Him. As a small boy, Samuel was brought to the temple to stay with Eli to work for God.

Samuel did not argue with his mother. He was obedient and stayed in the temple.



One day as he was sleeping, he heard the voice of God calling his name. It was a special call. Do you know that God knows your name too? He is calling you now. God may not speak to you like He did to Samuel. He is calling you through His word. The word of God is the Bible.

It is very important to take time to listen to God when He speaks to you. To listen to God, love the Bible, read it every day. If you cannot read, listen when it is being read or taught. Think on what you have heard, believe its word, obey it every day and share it with others.

God is still speaking to children every day. He expects you to listen and pay attention. If you are a sinner, listen to what God says about how much you need Him (John 5:24). Be sorry for all the bad things you have done. Confess them to God. Pray for forgiveness and cleansing of your heart with the blood of Jesus. Ask Jesus to be your Saviour and Friend. Now that you are a child of God, God will continue to speak to you as His special friend through His word.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. It is good to listen when someone speaks to you. Yes/No?
- 2. As a small boy \_\_\_\_\_ was brought to the temple to serve God.
- 3. Samuel was obedient and heard the voice of
- 4. God speaks to His children through His
- 5. How can a sinful child obey God's call?
- 6. To listen to God, a friend of Jesus must love the Bible, \_\_\_ every day and \_\_ it.

**LESSON:** God speaks to those that are ready to listen.



**THOUGHT:** I will listen to God's word and obey it.

**ACTIVITY:** Sword drill: Matthew 4:19; Isaiah 6:8; Acts 9:4; Exodus 3:4; Luke 1:28.

## GOD'S GLORY DEPARTS FROM ISRAEL

1 Samuel 4:1-22.



## MEMORY VERSE: "And she said, The glory is departed from Israel"

(1 Samuel 4:22a).

Israel disobeyed God many times through their stubborn and naughty ways. They easily forsook God to serve idols. God warned them but they refused to listen. So He allowed the Philistines to defeat them. This was to teach them a lesson for their stubborn and wicked behaviour.

In the first battle against the Philistines (enemy nation) 4,000 men of Israel died. The elders of Israel decided

## God was not happy with Israel when they went into idol woship.



### The Philistines defeated Israel in battle and carried away the Ark of Covenant.



to carry the ark of God to war, without seeking the face of God. Hophni and Phinehas were the sons of Eli, but they were bad children. They were not saved (born again) neither did they fear God. It was both of them who carried the ark of God to battle and God was not happy with them. Israel lost the battle again and this time, 30,000 men died. The sons of Eli also died in the battle. The ark of God could not save them from defeat. The presence of God was no more with Israel. Sin and disobedience will not allow the presence of God in the life of a child.

When Eli who was now 98 years old was told that his children had been killed and the ark of the covenant taken, he fell and died. Phinehas' wife was about to deliver her baby. On hearing the news, she gave birth to a son and named him Ichabod, meaning the glory of God has departed from Israel. She later died. It is dangerous to live in disobedience to God's word. Any child that wants to enjoy God's

presence and blessings must live to please God.

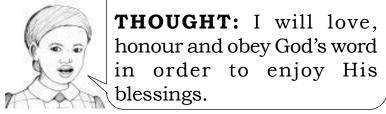
If you are not yet a friend of Jesus, repent and He will forgive you. He does not want you to suffer the punishment meant for the disobedient.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Eli had two sons named	and .
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- 2. Did the sons of Eli fear God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Why did the glory of God depart from Israel?
- 4. What must a sinful child do to be saved?
- 5. To enjoy God's presence, a friend of Jesus must live to

**LESSON:** Rebellion and sinful lifestyle bring God's punishment.



**ACTIVITY:** Name three people in the Bible who were obedient to God's word.

**HOMEWORK:** With the help of your parents, write in your homework book what you should do daily to please God.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 205 – HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST?

**CHORUSES:** (1) Make me a good child like Samuel. (2) Obedience is the very best way. (3) One day na one day.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	ISAIAH	1:1-3
TUESDAY	ISAIAH	1:4-6
WEDNESDAY	ISAIAH	1:7-9
THURSDAY	ISAIAH	1:10-12
FRIDAY	ISAIAH	1:13-15
SATURDAY	ISAIAH	1:16-18
SUNDAY	ISAIAH	1:19-24

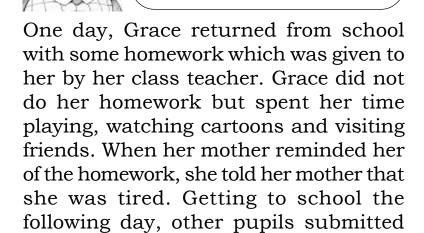
## GOD PUNISHES THE PHILISTINES FOR THEIR BAD WAYS

I Samuel 5:1-12



"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth"

(Hebrews 12:6).



their homework but Grace did not submit hers. Grace' teacher punished her by giving her some strokes of the cane and did not allow her to play with her friends during the break period. Grace learnt her lesson and from that day henceforth, she always did her homework.

God is full of love and mercy but He hates disobedience and disrespect to Him and His word. Remember that God created everybody in the world. Everybody is to worship and obey God their Creator. There was war between the children of Israel and the Philistines.

Israel was defeated by the Philistines because they sinned against the LORD. He refused to help them to defeat their enemy. Many of the children of Israel died in the war, and the ark of God was taken by the Philistines because Israel ran away from the battle. The Philistines carried the ark of the God of the whole earth into the house of their idol called dagon. They set the ark by dagon. This



shows that the Philistines did not fear or respect God. God punished the Philistines because they: (i) sinned against God (Leviticus 26:28). (ii) disrespected God, His word and His house (Luke 19:45,46). (iii) worshipped idols and did other bad things (Leviticus 26:21; Deuteronomy 4:3).

Every child needs to be punished or corrected at one time or the other. The purpose of such punishment is to correct our wrong actions and turn us back to the right way. Without correction, a child will continue in the wrong way and it might lead to suffering and death.

Though God created man in His own image and loves man so dearly, He still corrects us when we go astray. God gave us parents at home, teachers in the school, teachers and pastors in the church to teach and correct us when we do wrong.

Many people in the Bible at one time or the other were corrected by God.

(i) Abimelech, because he took

Abraham's wife. He repented, returned Abraham's wife and God forgave him. (ii) David, he killed Uriah and took his wife. He was sorry for his bad ways and God forgave him. (iii) Saul, the first king of Israel, he disobeyed God's word. (iv) The two sons of Zebedee in Mark 10:35-40. They went to Jesus to demand to be placed in high positions that was not meant for them. Jesus corrected them. They accepted the correction and repented. Now, they are enjoying in heaven with Jesus.

God's final day of judgment is coming soon and all the children who refuse to be saved will be punished (Matthew 25:41). God is calling you today to repent of all wrong doings such as fighting, telling lies, stubbornness, disobedience, witchcraft, cursing, use of abusive language, bad dressing, disrespect for God's house and other bad things.

To avoid God's final day of judgment where He will punish every sinner, surrender your heart to Jesus Christ today: (i) Agree with the word of God that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23). (ii) Confess your sins to God and turn away from them (Proverbs 28:13). (iii) Invite Jesus Christ into your heart and ask Him to forgive your sins and wash your heart clean with His blood (Revelation 3:20). (iv) Believe in your heart that He has forgiven you and never go back to sin (Romans 10:9,10). (v) Pray and read your Bible every day and attend fellowship with other children of God regularly (Joshua 1:8; Hebrews 10:25).

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1.	Punishment means
2.	God punished the Philistines because
3.	Mention three people in the Bible
	whom God corrected and what their
	response was?
4.	What will happen to a child that (i) does
	not accept correction?
	(ii) accepts correction?

5. How can a sinful child escape being punished on God's final day of judgment?



**LESSON:** Correction helps children to be well behaved.

**THOUGHT:** I will not reject God's corrections in my life.

**ACTIVITY:** Tell the class how you did something wrong and your mummy corrected you. Although it was painful, but you did not die because of the correction.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your Mummy/Daddy to tell you two people in the Bible that did wrong and how God corrected them.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 40 - WASH ME, O LAMB OF GOD

## THE ARK RETURNED TO ISRAEL

I Samuel 6:1-21

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And they of
Bethshemesh were
reaping their wheat
harvest in the valley:
and they lifted up their
eyes, and saw the ark,
and rejoiced to see it"

(1 Samuel 6:13).



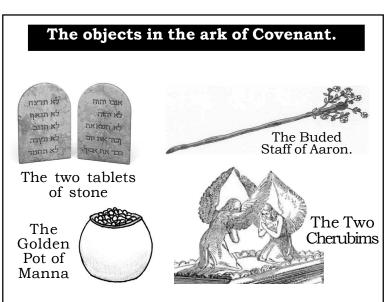
The children of Israel were God's chosen (special) people. God made a covenant with Abraham their forefather that He would be their God. He warned that they must also remain faithful to Him. He also promised to give them a land flowing with milk and honey. Many times, the children of Israel sinned against God and He

punished them. Whenever they repented and turned away from their sins, God forgave them.

After many years of slavery in Egypt, God delivered Israel through Moses. He was also appointed to take them to the promised land. As they were going through the wilderness to possess the promised land, God gave them commandments (laws) to guide them in the new land. The two tablets of stone on which the laws were written and other things for worship were kept in an ark (box) which God commanded them to make (Exodus 25:10-20). This ark was a sign that God was present with them.

The Israelites passed through many cities, had many enemies and fought many battles. Whenever Israel sinned against God and failed to repent, their enemies defeated them. But when they repented of their sins and continued to obey God, they defeated their enemies. The Philistines were enemies of the





children of Israel. When Israel went to battle against them they were defeated by these Philistines, because they had sinned against God.

The ark of the covenant, a sign of God's presence, was captured by the Philistines. After seven months of keeping the ark, the Philistines decided to return it to Israel because many bad things had happened to them for keeping the ark (I Samuel 6:2,3). Dagon, their god was broken into pieces when they kept the ark in its temple (I Samuel 5:1-4). They also remembered what God did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians and became afraid (I Samuel 4:7,8). The Philistines returned the ark with an offering to ask the God of Israel for forgiveness and mercy.

Sin brings defeat and shame. God wants you to repent of your sins today and follow Him and you will be saved. All you need do is: (i) Know yourself as a sinner. (ii) Come to Jesus in repentance. (iii) Confess your sins to Jesus and ask for forgiveness and cleansing through His precious blood. (iv) Invite Him into your life as Saviour and Lord.

You will be able to live a victorious life daily as you continue to follow Jesus.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. The children of Abraham were called
- 2. Who defeated them in battle? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ was taken away from the Israelites when they were defeated in battle.
- 4. God is happy with the sinner. Yes/No?
- 5. What must a sinner do to be saved?

**LESSON:** Sin brings defeat by the enemy.

**THOUGHT:** I must live a holy life daily to be victorious always.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should read Isaiah 1:18, and ask the children to say what God has promised to do.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray for grace to live a holy life like Jesus every day

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 123 – NO ONE LIKE MY SAVIOUR

**CHORUSES:** (1) I will never let the devil win the battle. (2) My Lord knows the way through the wilderness. (3) Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	ISAIAH	1:18,19
TUESDAY	<b>PSALM</b>	51:1,2
WEDNESDAY	<b>PSALM</b>	51:3-5
THURSDAY	PSALM	51:6-8
FRIDAY	PSALM	51:9-11
SATURDAY	PSALM	51:12-13
SUNDAY	PSALM	126:1-4

#### LAW AND GRACE

Galatians 4:12-31



### MEMORY VERSE: "For by grace are ye saved through faith"

(Ephesians 2:8a).

There are some important lessons for us to learn in the Bible passage we are studying today. Some friends of Jesus in a city known as Galatia were deceived by false teachers. They forgot the truth that Apostle Paul taught them and followed bad teachers.

Just like a mother will be unhappy when her child rejects her teachings to follow a stranger, Apostle Paul was very sad because the friends of Jesus in Galatia had disobeyed God's word. They were deceived to believe that they had to obey the law of Moses for their salvation to be complete. This is not true.

Freedom from doing bad things comes only through grace and not by keeping the laws of religion. Jesus is the source



of that grace. The law refers to rules given to guide people in the way they must follow, while grace is God's free gift of love to all boys and girls through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The law made people to do many things like: killing animals for sacrifice to cover their sins, circumcision of male children and other Jewish ceremonies. When Jesus came to this world, He died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. Thus, Jesus opened a new way of making peace with God. This is the way of grace. Grace is God's unmerited favour. In this way of grace any child who receives Christ as his or her Saviour is set free from Satan and all the bad things in his or her life.

The grace of God that came through Christ to all boys and girls has taken the place of the Law. As a friend of Jesus, all that you need to faithfully follow Jesus to the end is 'the grace of God'. This grace will be abundant in your life as you: (i) pray always (ii) do your quiet time every day (iii) believe the word of God and obey it.

Salvation is by grace and is free. Jesus suffered and died so that you can be saved. If you are still doing bad things like: lying, stealing, abusing people, being disobedient, fighting etc., you are not wise at all. Stop playing with God's offer of salvation. This may be your last chance because nobody knows when the rapture will take place.

Take the following steps now: (i) Know that you are bad and be sorry for the bad things you have done. (ii) Tell God you are sorry. (iii) Ask God to forgive you and wash your heart with the blood of Jesus. (iv) Promise God that you will not go back to sin and thank Him for answering your prayer.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. The law refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Grace is God's free gift of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. A child can be saved by grace through faith and not by keeping rules. Yes/No?
- 4. Children who are still doing bad things are not wise. Yes/No?

**LESSON:** It is only by grace through faith in Christ that a child can be saved from sin and eternal suffering.



**THOUGHT:** I am saved by grace. I will not go back to sin.

**ACTIVITY:** Children are to spell the following words – salvation, grace, law, commandment.

**HOMEWORK:** Explain to your friend what it means to receive salvation through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 129 – GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

#### LESSON 709

# HOW TO REMAIN FREE FROM SIN

Galatians 5:1-21



MEMORY VERSE:

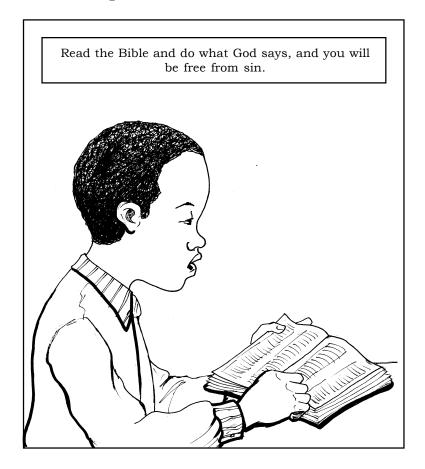
"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"

(John 8:32).

God hates sin, whether committed by a person or a whole nation. Boys and girls that commit sin are children of the devil (I John 3:8). They are in his prison and cannot escape until they give their lives to Jesus (Isaiah 14:17). Sins like stealing, fighting, lying, disobedience, etc, bring punishment of God upon the offender. Sin against God will attract His righteous judgment if the sinner fails to repent. Disobedience to God in the Garden of

Eden cost Adam and Eve to lose their freedom and fellowship with God and brought them into the prison of Satan.

Adam and Eve were enjoying peace, love, joy, perfect health as well as fellowship with God in the Garden of



Eden. They had the holy nature of God. But when Satan deceived them and they disobeyed God, they became separated from God and all His blessings. They were now completely evil like their new master, Satan. Sicknesses, hatred, poverty, sorrow, failure and other afflictions were transferred into their lives by Satan. This has been the daily experience of all sinners including boys and girls since the time of Adam till today.

The good news is that, God still loves us. It hurts Him to see human beings that He created in His image suffer in the hands of Satan. God decided in His mercy to send His only begotten Son Jesus, to suffer the punishment and die for our sins on the cross. He did it so that we can be free from all the sufferings and troubles inherited from Adam (John 3:16). Today, salvation is available to everyone through the blood of Jesus.

As a sinner, to benefit from God's free offer of salvation, you need to: (i) Believe and confess that the suffering and death of Jesus is for your salvation. (ii) Tell God that you are sorry for your sins. (iii) Confess them and ask Him to forgive you and wash your heart clean with the blood of Jesus. (iv) Ask Jesus to come into your heart and be your personal Lord and Saviour. (v) Believe that you are saved.

# **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. God is holy and He hates sin. Yes/No?
- 2. Sin brought Adam and every sinner into Satan's prison. Yes/No?
- 3. Only faith in the blood of Jesus can deliver sinners from Satan's prison. Yes/No?
- 4. What should a sinner do to escape from Satan's prison?

**LESSON:** Jesus paid for the freedom of all boys and girls with His precious blood.



**THOUGHT:** I am free from every satanic bondage.

**ACTIVITY:** Sword drill: Isaiah 61:1; Romans 8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:17; James 1:25; I Peter 2:16; John 8:32.

**HOMEWORK:** Share the love of Jesus with a child in your school.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 133 – OUT OF MY BONDAGE

**CHORUSES:** (1) Jesus sets me free, I shall not be bound. (2) I am for Jesus, Jesus alone. (3) I am delivered, praise the Lord.

#### LESSON 710

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-26

MEMORY VERSE:
"But the fruit of the
Spirit is love, joy,
peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness,
faith, meekness,
temperance: against
such there is no law"

(Galatians 5:22,23).

Fruits are good for the body. They protect the body against diseases. Different trees bear different fruits. A pawpaw tree cannot produce mango fruits. When a sinful child repents and becomes a friend of Jesus, God expects him to live a new life and bear the fruit of the new life which is called the fruit of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit are nine:

# (a) **LOVE**–John 3:16; I Corinthians 13:4-8,13.

God is love. He gave us His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. As you accept the love of God and become a friend of Jesus, He will fill your heart with His love. This love will make you to care and seek for the good of other people. Love will make you to treat others the way you want them to treat you.

# (b) **JOY –** I Thessalonians 5:16.

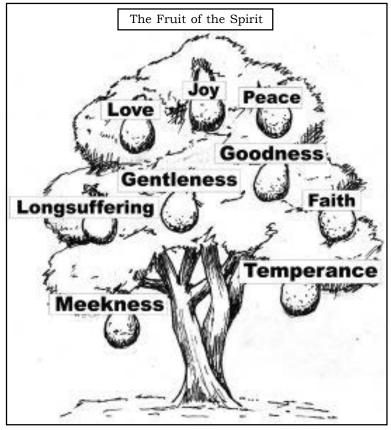
When you believe that God loves you and truly know that Jesus paid for your sins, the joy of salvation comes into your heart. When you have problems, and remember God's promises, your heart will be filled with joy and you will happily share the joy with others.

# (c) **PEACE –** Hebrews 12:14a.

Peace is a deep assurance in the heart that all is well. As friends of Jesus, we depend on a loving, wonderful God in every situation of life. We trust Him completely. We then have perfect peace with God, with other people and within ourselves.

# (d) **LONGSUFFERING** – I Corinthians 13:4.

This means endurance, patience and being slow to get angry. You will not want to pay back evil for evil. You will wait for



your turn when things are being shared, and will be happy with whatever God through your parents provide for you.

# (e) **GENTLENESS** – Colossians 3:12.

You will not want to hurt somebody or cause him or her pain. You are quiet when you should be quiet and not talkative or troublesome.

## (f) GOODNESS -

This fruit makes you to be good to people. You will also be kind to share the word of God with sinners and also share what you have with the poor.

# (g) **FAITH** – Hebrews 11:1-6.

Faith means total trust in God and His word. You will believe that God will do all that He has promised.

# (h) **MEEKNESS** – Numbers 12:3.

To be meek is to be humble. Even when you come first in your examinations or your parents are rich, you will not show off. You will put yourself in the position of others who are less privileged.

# (i) **TEMPERANCE** – Titus 1:8

This fruit is also known as self-control. Many children cannot control themselves when it comes to eating food, playing games, talking and watching films. The Bible tells us as friends of Jesus to be moderate in all things.

A sinful child cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit. He must first be sorry for his sins; confess them to God and ask for cleansing in the blood of Jesus. Then he will invite Jesus into his heart to be his personal Saviour and Lord. He should be watchful and prayerful. He must also praise God, read the Bible every day, and fellowship with other friends of Jesus.

# **QUESTIONS:**

	What do fruits do in our body? How many are the fruit of the Spirit?
3.	Mention them one by one
4.	How can a sinful child bear the fruit of the Spirit?

**LESSON:** A friend of Jesus is known by the fruit he bears.



**THOUGHT:** My life must show forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should draw a tree showing the fruit of the Spirit.

**HOMEWORK:** Let your life show to others at school and at home what the fruit of the Spirit is.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 87 - TAKE MY LIFE

**CHORUSES:** (1) I will love, I will love. (2) God must be honoured in my life. (3) But the fruit of the Spirit is love ...

#### LESSON 711

# DUTIES OF FRIENDS OF JESUS TO THOSE WHO ARE WEAK

Galatians 6:1-5



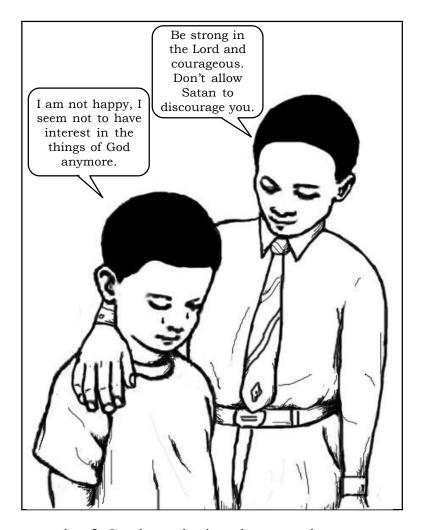
"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ"

(Galatians 6:2).



In the family, we have our daddy and mummy who are big and strong. We also have our senior brothers and sisters who are big but not as strong as daddy and mummy. God has made it that way, so that we can be our brother's keeper and help one another to grow and become strong and happy.

As it is in our families, so it is in the family of God. God expects the strong members in the church who know the



word of God to help the weak ones to grow and be strong.

Everyone in the church are not all the same. Some are weak while others are

strong. The weak friends of Jesus are known by their behaviour and attitude to the things of God: (i) They are always rising and falling in their Christian life. They always raise up their hands for salvation every fellowship day. (ii) They are weak in prayer, in faith and never take the word of God seriously. (iii) They are easily deceived by false teachers. (iv) They know many memory Bible verses but they are never free from sin.

On the other hand, strong friends of Jesus are boys and girls who are truly born again and are living in obedience to the word of God. They attend fellowship regularly, study, think on and obey the word of God. They are prayerful and watchful. They do not join sinful children to do bad things. Which one are you, strong or weak? The Lord can make you a strong friend of Jesus as you pray today.

Friends of Jesus who are strong in faith have a duty to help those who are weak to become strong. There are several ways of doing this: (i) Be a good example to them (ii) Preach to them and encourage them to study the word of God regularly. (iii) Always pray for them that God will help them to overcome temptations and become strong in faith.

Are you born again? If not, you can pray now and tell Jesus that you are sorry for your sins and ask Him to forgive you and wash you with His blood.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Y	DESTIONS:
1.	Mention the two types of believers we
	have in the church.
2.	How can we know a strong friend of Jesus?
3.	Are you a strong friend of Jesus?
4.	How can we help the weak to become strong in faith?
5.	How can a sinful child become a friend of Jesus?

**LESSON:** We are to help and encourage one another to be strong in faith.



**THOUGHT:** I will be an encouragement to other believers.

**ACTIVITY:** Tell the story of how Paul the Apostle helped many weak believers to become strong.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray for weak friends of Jesus in your church to become strong in faith.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 221 – LET NOT THY HANDS BE SLACK

**CHORUSES:** (1) Following Jesus every day by day. (2) I will never let the devil win the battle. (3) We are heirs of the Father.

#### LESSON 712

# THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

Galatians 6:6-18

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"

(Galatians 6:7).



The law is given to guide us on how a particular thing should be done. The law of sowing and reaping concerns everybody. It does not change from country to country. If a farmer plants corn, at the time of harvest, he will reap corn.

Once upon a time, there lived a king who gave out a call to his people to help carry out the work of clearing and cultivation of his farmland. Many of the people in his kingdom responded and came with good and big work tools, while



some came with small useless tools. After the work, the king decided to reward everyone. He opened his treasury and told everyone to take as reward, whatever their work tools could carry. Some that came with big wheel barrows went home with great rewards, while others who came with small shovels went home with little. They reaped what they sowed.

The word of God shows us that there are two ways of sowing. (a) Sowing to the flesh: Those who sow to the flesh engage in lying, fighting, stealing, cheating, being deceitful, turning people away from Christ and the way of God. Also, they are interested in worldly music, pleasure and dressing.

Anyone who sows to the flesh will be disappointed at last (Isaiah 17:11). Such a child will reap failure, poverty and oppression. If he refuses to repent, he will suffer in hell fire. (b) Sowing to the Spirit is living in obedience to the word of God and doing the will of God. Those who sow to the Spirit will be blessed. You can sow to the Spirit by preaching the gospel to sinful boys and girls. You can also show kindness, love and care to others. Be an encouragement to people around you. Shine as light so that others can learn from you.

Remember the word of the LORD: "....For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38b).

# **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What did the king do to those who worked for him in our story?
- 2. Give three examples of how people sow to the flesh. \_\_\_\_
- 3. List two ways of sowing to the Spirit.
- 4. Mention two rewards for those who sow to the flesh/Spirit
- 5. What can a sinful child do to sow to the Spirit?

**LESSON:** Everyone will reap whatever he/she sows.



**THOUGHT:** I will sow to the Spirit, so that I can reap eternal life.

**ACTIVITY:** Mention five ways of sowing to the Spirit.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your daddy or mummy to show you how to plant corn. Come next week and share your experience with others.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 85 - GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO THE MASTER

**CHORUSES:** (1) Whatever you sow, you go reap. (2) Give and it shall be given unto you. (3) I will dig a little deeper.

## DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	9:6-8
TUESDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	9:9-11
WEDNESDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	9:12-15
THURSDAY	LUKE	6:35-38
FRIDAY	PHILIPPIANS	4:14-17
SATURDAY	PHILIPPIANS	4:18-20
SUNDAY	PSALM	126:5,6

#### LESSON 713

# SUFFERING FOR THE LOVE OF JESUS

I Peter 4:12-19

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved"

(Mark 13:13).

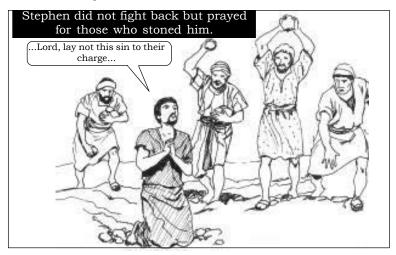


Jesus is a friend of little children. He loves us so much that He suffered and died for us. He wants you to show Him love also by turning away from your bad ways and make Him your friend. Therefore, as a sinful child, be sorry for all the bad things that you have done, ask Jesus to forgive and wash your heart clean with His blood. Now you have become a Christian. Your life and character will be different from that of sinful boys and girls.



As you continue to follow Jesus, some problems or difficulties will come your way. Those who are still doing bad things will not like you because you are now different from them. Such people may be your parents, guardians, family members, school mates, playmates and your former friends. They are not happy because you are no more doing the bad things they are doing. They will cause

you to suffer in the following ways:
(a) **Abuse** - They can use bad language to abuse you. (b) **Neglect** - Your parent may refuse to buy gifts for you or give you pocket money. (c) **Beating** - They may beat you for going to fellowship meetings. (d) **Jesting** - Your school mates can make jest of you or even tear your book because you tell them about Jesus.



All these people may hate you because of your love for Jesus. There are many people in the Bible too who suffered because of their love for Jesus. Peter, Paul, Silas, Stephen, James and many of the disciples. Despite the sufferings, they still continued to love Jesus because they know that Jesus would always be with them. For you to be able to stand and still love Jesus even while suffering, you must: (a) Believe that God cares for you and will help you. (b) Pray seriously. Do not do bad things to those who hurt you. (c) Believe the promises of God and sing to praise God for the persecution. (d) Read and listen to God's word, hide it in your heart, think on it and obey it. (e) Pray for those who are doing bad things to you and be at peace with them. (f) Be quiet.

As you do these, God will give you grace to stand till you see Jesus. Remember, children who are being punished for doing wrong are not suffering for Jesus. Such children must repent and turn from their bad ways.

# **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ suffered and died for you.
- 2. Children who are punished for doing wrong are suffering for Jesus. Yes/No?

3.	A Christian can suffer for Jesus		
	through,,		
4.			
	are examples of people who suffered		
	for Jesus in the Bible.		
5.	Mention two things a friend of Jesus		

should do when suffering for Jesus.



**LESSON:** Jesus suffered to show us an example.

**THOUGHT:** I must endure suffering for Jesus' sake.

**ACTIVITY:** Write in the boxes below, names of three people in the Old Testament who suffered because of God's word.

1.	
2.	
3.	

#### LESSON 714

#### VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Luke 4:1-12; Jeremiah 35:1-10



"MEMORY VERSE:
"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life" (James 1:12a).

Temptation is from the word tempt. It is the suggestion from the devil to boys and girls to disobey the word of God and do wrong things. Satan wants you to stop loving Jesus.

From one of our Bible passages, Satan tempted Jesus Christ to disobey God, but He overcame all the temptations. Temptation is common to friends of Jesus because Jesus Himself was tempted.



Jesus is the source of the believer's strength during temptation.



Temptation can come in different ways to friends of Jesus:

(i) You be can tempted to t o p loving Jesus and His people. (ii) Satan can tempt you to pick or take what does not belong to you. On your way

to school or church, you may see some money on the ground. The devil will quickly whisper in your mind to pick it. If you listen to the devil and pick it, you have fallen for him. (iii) You can be tempted to abuse somebody or do wrong to those who hurt you. (iv) You may also be tempted to copy the bad children in the way they do their things, like having birthday parties, dressing like them, cheating in examination, listening and dancing to their music and many other worldly ways.

God has promised all those that are tempted that there is a way out. God will not leave you alone in times of temptation. He expects you to overcome by using His word against Satan. Be prayerful and stand with Jesus. As you resist the devil, he will run away from you.

Children that fall into temptation should say sorry to Jesus and ask God for forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus. Tell Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour. He will give you the power, courage and strength to say no to sin and Satan. He will always help you to overcome temptations.

# **QUESTIONS:**

What is temptation? \_\_\_\_\_\_
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brings temptation to friends of Jesus.
 Mention two ways in which a child can be tempted. \_\_\_\_\_
 You can overcome temptation by \_\_\_\_\_.
 What will a sinful child do to be free?

**LESSON:** Children of God can overcome temptation by obeying the word of God at all times.



**THOUGHT:** I will stay with Jesus so as to overcome temptations.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should read the following Bible passages, then allow the children to mention those that fell during

temptation and those who were victorious - Genesis 3:1-6; I Kings 13:9,14-19; Matthew 4:10,11.

**HOME WORK:** At home, watch out for devil's temptations and put him to shame by saying No. Share your experience with your teacher next week.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG: GHS 6 - YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

**CHORUSES:** (1) I live for Jesus day after day. (2) If you follow Jesus, there is kingdom. (3) I will never let the devil win the battle.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	MATTHEW	4:1-4
TUESDAY	MATTHEW	4:5-7
WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW	4:8-11
THURSDAY	JAMES	1:13-15
FRIDAY	JAMES	1:16-18
SATURDAY	JAMES	1:19-21
SUNDAY	JAMES	1:22-25

#### LESSON 715

## THE DEAD SHALL RISE AGAIN

John 5:28,29; I Corinthians 15:3-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-16

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice" (John 5:28).



Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. This is why it is possible for everyone who believes and trust in His Name to have life after death.

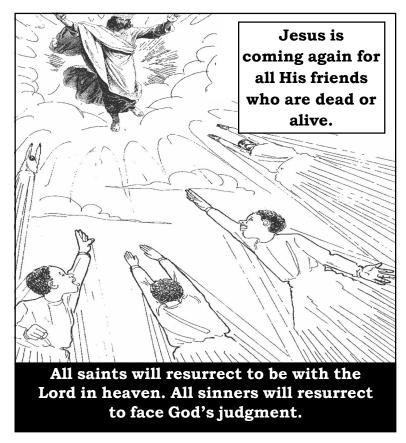
When a sinner dies, his soul goes immediately to hell. For example, the rich man died and went to hell. On the other hand, when a friend of Jesus dies, his soul goes immediately to heaven like Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

This is why the gospel is being preached every time. Every soul that ever lived since the time of Adam to the end of the world will rise again.

The plan and will of God is that everybody should know Him through Jesus His only begotten Son. He is the Saviour of the world. He suffered, shed His blood and died for our sins. He rose the third day and is now in heaven.

One day, He will come to take His friends both dead and alive to live with Him in heaven. Those who died without becoming friends of Jesus will rise to everlasting punishment in hell fire. But those who died as friends of Jesus will rise to reign and live with Jesus forever in heaven. Will you be among them? To answer this question, a sinner must be truly sorry for all his bad ways, confess them to God and ask for pardon and cleansing through the blood of Jesus. Ask Jesus to come into your heart to be your Saviour and Friend.

Continue to follow Jesus as you pray every day, read and obey His word, watch and be holy. Be ready always for the



coming of the Lord. Jesus is coming soon. He will separate the sinners from His friends. Be among His friends.

# **QUESTIONS:**

1. Jesus died and rose the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

2.	Boys and	girls that	have	ever l	ived	will
	rise from	the dead.	Yes	/No?		

3.	Where	will	sinners	who	rise	from	the
	dead be	e?					

- 4. Friends of Jesus will rise and go to \_\_\_\_
- 5. What should a sinful child do to go with Jesus at the rapture?



**LESSON:** It is certain that the dead will rise again.

**THOUGHT:** I must be holy every day so as to partake in the resurrection to life.

**ACTIVITY:** Mark **☑** in boxes in front of each word that shows what a Christian who is ready to go with Jesus should do.

Holy	-
Fight	-
Pray	-
Greedy	-
Watch	-
Steal	_

Love	-	
Humble	_	

**HOMEWORK:** Pray that you will be ready for the coming of the Lord.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 172 – WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

**CHORUSES:** (1) One glorious morning I shall see my Saviour. (2) I shall fly away on the resurrection day. (3) I am running the race to meet my Redeemer.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	LUKE	16:19-22
TUESDAY	LUKE	16:23-25
WEDNESDAY	LUKE	16:26-31
THURSDAY	LUKE	24:1-6
FRIDAY	PHILIPPIANS	3:10-14
SATURDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	5:1-5
SUNDAY	REVELATION	20:4-6

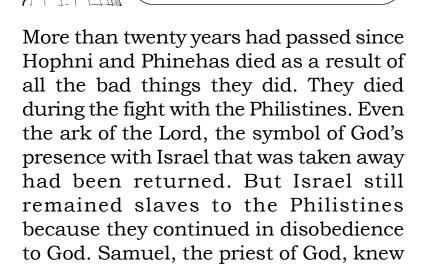
### ISRAEL'S VICTORY OVER THE PHILISTINES

I Samuel 7:1-17

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

(1 Corinthians 15:57).



the reason for Israel's continued suffering and pain. In 1 Samuel 7:3, He told them to: (i) Return unto the Lord with all their heart. (ii) Put away strange gods.



(iii) Prepare their heart unto the Lord.

(iv) Serve the Lord only.

He called all the children of Israel to Mizpeh. It was when the Israelites gathered in Mizpeh to fast and pray that the Philistines came to fight them. But when you do right and love God, He will always fight your enemies for you. The Philistines hated God's people. They did not want them to live in peace and prosper in the good land which God had given them. The children of Israel lived in fear of the Philistines.

You cannot enjoy God's peace and protection except you please God. Stop doing bad things, love the Lord with all your heart and serve Him in righteousness and truth. God fought for Israel. In times of trouble don't be afraid. Trust in the Lord, do right and pray to God. He will surely deliver you.

God fought for His people "but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel" (1 Samuel 7:10b). Praise the Lord! The Philistines represent Satan and his messengers. The plan of

Satan is to make you hate and disobey Jesus. He wants you to stop loving Jesus and as result lose God's mercies and favour. You must overcome him by doing the following: (i) Refuse to obey him. (ii) Do not make friends with bad children. (iii) Read, study, think on and obey the word of God at all times. (iv) Pray and daily ask for God's help. (v) Be in regular fellowship with other friends of Jesus.

This is the pathway to be victorious over the enemy of your soul and also the way that will lead you to live with Jesus in heaven. If you are still doing naughty things, be sorry and repent today. Ask Jesus to forgive and wash you with His blood. Be a friend of Jesus and enjoy all-round victory.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Who told the children of Israel what to do before God could answer their prayer?

2.	Mention two things that Samuel asked
	Israel to do.
3.	Who fought the battle with the
	Philistines for Israel?
4.	What must a friend of Jesus do before
	he can overcome?
5.	What should a sinner do to enjoy



victory?

**LESSON:** God will always fight for you if you love Him.

**THOUGHT:** I will trust in the Lord at all time so as to be victorious.

**ACTIVITY:** Mention three other nations that God helped Israel to defeat in battle. What lesson do you learn from Israel's victory?

**HOMEWORK:** Write in your church notebook, four things you can do to overcome all the tests of Satan.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 233 - STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

**CHORUSES:** (1) In the Name of Jesus we have the victory. (2) I am a winner in the Lord Jesus. (3) The Name of Jesus, the Name that conquers Satan.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	PSALM	98:1-3
TUESDAY	1 CORINTHIANS	5:55-57
WEDNESDAY	1 JOHN	5:4-6
THURSDAY	1 JOHN	5:17-20
FRIDAY	1 JOHN	3:5-8
SATURDAY	<b>EPHESIANS</b>	6:10-13
SUNDAY	EPHESIANS	6:14-18

#### ISRAEL ASKS FOR A KING

I Samuel 8:1-22



# MEMORY VERSE: "And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king"

(1 Samuel 8:10).

The children of Israel were God's people. He loves them even as He also loves you. He chose Moses to lead His people from the suffering in Egypt to the promised land. God cared for them so much and fought on their behalf to conquer their enemies. However, the children of Israel were never satisfied. They always complained and asked for more.

One day, the children of Israel came to prophet Samuel and asked him to choose a king who would rule over them. They complained that they wanted to be like other nations around them.



They rejected God and His prophet. Their request for a king showed that they did not want God to be their king and ruler anymore. God was not happy with the children of Israel. At last, God chose a king for them, but their problems were not solved. They still continued to suffer in the hands of their enemies.

The lessons we learn from here are: (i) God is our King and we must allow Him to reign and rule in every area of our lives without any rival. (ii) Sinners should repent and become friends of Jesus so as to know God's will. (iii) Boys and girls must give their lives to Jesus alone, do His will and follow Him till the end. (iv) We must always pray and ask God to direct our ways. (v) Be satisfied with what God provides for you and don't be covetous. (vi) Friends of Jesus must be separate and not desire to be like worldly children.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. The children of Israel were God's people. Yes/No?

- 2. God cared and loved them. Yes/No?
- 3. The children of Israel rejected God and asked for a
- 4. God gave them a king but He was not happy with them. Yes/No?
- 5. Mention three lessons that you have learned from the action of the children of Israel.

**LESSON:** When we walk according to God's perfect plan, it will lead us to a bright future.



**THOUGHT:** I will stay with Jesus and do His perfect will for my life.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should lead the children to pray against worldly desires and lifestyles.

**HOMEWORK:** Children should ask their parents to tell them some of the essential things that they need in their lives.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 43 - TRUST AND OBEY

**CHORUSES:** (1) I live for Jesus day after day. (2) Give me grace to follow. (3) God must be honoured in my life.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	1 SAMUEL	12:12-14
TUESDAY	1 SAMUEL	12:15-17
WEDNESDAY	1 SAMUEL	12:18-20
THURSDAY	1 SAMUEL	12:23-25
FRIDAY	DEUTERONOMY	17:14-17
SATURDAY	DEUTERONOMY	17:18-20
SUNDAY	LUKE	1:31-33

#### SAUL LOOKS FOR THE LOST DONKEYS

I Samuel 9:1-27

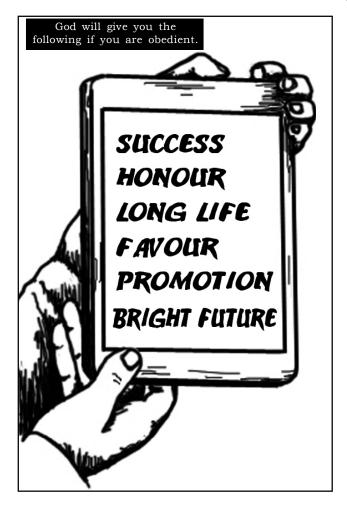


MEMORY VERSE:

"And Kish said to Saul
his son, Take now one
of the servants with
thee, and arise, go seek
the asses"

(1 Samuel 9:3b).

Saul was the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin which was the smallest of all the tribes of Israel. Saul's family was the least of all the families in Benjamin. One day, Kish discovered that some of his donkeys were missing. He sent Saul his son and a servant to go and search for the lost animals. As Saul was looking for his father's donkeys, the Lord directed him to Prophet Samuel in a city where he was chosen and anointed to become king over the nation of Israel. Saul's obedience to his father's instruction to go and search for the lost donkeys



brought him this special favour from God.

Are you always obedient to the word of God and all that your parents tell you to do at home? Remember that obedience always brings blessings and favour from God. It is not good to be stubborn and disobedient. Such bad behaviour will make a child not to receive any good thing from the Lord.

We have many lessons to learn from the obedience of Saul: (i) God will always promote and lift up obedient and humble boys and girls. (ii) Obedient children will enjoy the fulfillment of God's plans and purpose for their lives. (iii) Sinful boys and girls are lost without Jesus. They must repent and be saved. (iv) All our heart desires will be given to us if we seek for Jesus and pray with all our heart.

Sinners and those who have gone back into sin need to run away from their bad ways. Come back to the Lord by confessing and forsaking your sins. Ask Jesus to forgive you and wash away your sins with His precious blood. Believe that He has saved you. Continue to follow Jesus by praying every day. Read your Bible and obey all its words.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1.	Saul	was	the	son	ı of		
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- 2. What did his father tell him to do? \_\_\_\_
- 3. State two lessons that you have learned from the obedience of Saul. \_\_\_
- 4. How can a sinner and backslider recover their spiritual and physical losses?

**LESSON:** There are promises of recovering all that we have lost if we pray in faith.

**THOUGHT:** I will pray in faith to recover all spiritual and physical losses.

**ACTIVITY:** Pray for grace to love Jesus more and more.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your parents to forgive you for your past disobedience to them.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 76 - IN TIMES LIKE THESE

**CHORUSES:** (1) Move on to victory, Jesus has conquered. (2) Satan can never, never conquer me. (3) I have decided to follow Jesus.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	JEREMIAH	33:3-6
TUESDAY	JEREMIAH	33:7-10
WEDNESDAY	JEREMIAH	33:11-14
THURSDAY	JEREMIAH	33:15-18
FRIDAY	JEREMIAH	33:19-22
SATURDAY	JEREMIAH	33:23-26
SUNDAY	ISAIAH	55:6-9

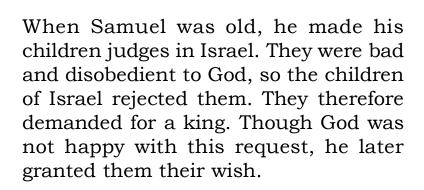
### SAUL BECOMES THE KING OF ISRAEL

I Samuel 10:1-27

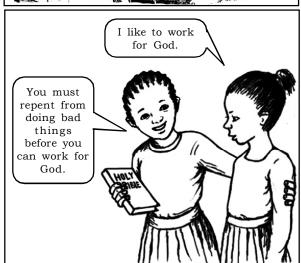
#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?"

(1 Samuel 10:1).







God told Samuel to anoint Saul as king. To anoint is to choose and separate a person for God's special work. For you to work for God, you must stop doing bad things such as lying, cheating, fighting and etc. Also, you must separate yourself from bad friends. After Saul was anointed, God put a good spirit in him. He started to prophesy with other prophets.

Without being born again, you cannot work for God or have fellowship with Him. He has given you the voice to sing, help other children and care for His house. You must be humble, prayerful and watchful so that you can become a useful child in God's service. When Samuel asked all the tribes and families to present themselves, Saul was chosen from the tribe of Benjamin, confirming God's choice of the new king of Israel.

Friends of Jesus should remain holy, preach to sinners and make sure that they serve God to the end. If you are still doing bad things, in order to work for God, you must repent and confess all your sins and ask God for forgiveness. Invite Jesus into your heart and thank God for saving you. Then, you can begin to work for God.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Samuel's sons were bad. Yes/No?
- 2. Saul was anointed by \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Saul came from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What must a sinful child do before he can work for God?

**LESSON:** God loves children who are holy and willing to work for Him.



**THOUGHT:** I will yield myself totally to God's service.

**ACTIVITY:** Prayer session: pray that God will help you to serve Him faithfully.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray for grace to live a holy life every day of the week.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 109 – TO THE WORK

**CHORUSES:** (1) Jesus shall reign for evermore. (2) Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. (3) He is the King of kings...

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	I SAMUEL	2:2-4
TUESDAY	I SAMUEL	2:6-8
WEDNESDAY	I SAMUEL	2:9,10
THURSDAY	PSALM	45:6-8
FRIDAY	HEBREWS	1:8-12
SATURDAY	REVELATION	1:5,6
SUNDAY	REVELATION	19:14-16

### VICTORY OF JABESH OVER AMMON

I Samuel 11;1-15

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).



Nahash the king of Ammon was a very wicked man and an enemy of Israel. Ammon had once been conquered by Jephthah. After some years, their king felt he was strong enough to take revenge by fighting against the children of Israel. He boasted that he would remove the right eyes of the children of Israel as a condition for peace.

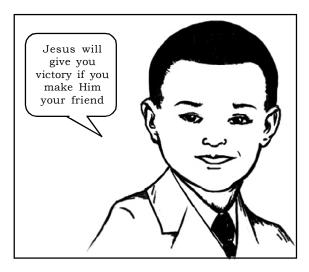
Losing the right eye renders a soldier useless in battle. Just like Nahash, Satan never accepts your victory over him as final. He keeps checking up to see if he can catch you unaware in moments of spiritual carelessness (when you are not prayerful). He wants to make friends of Jesus weak by destroying their faith in God and His promises.

This is why you should not rest even after you become a friend of Jesus. You must press forward and pray for a clean heart and Holy Spirit baptism. Then you will be able to resist the devil when he is tempting you to go back to your old sinful life of disobedience, stealing, fighting, telling lies etc.

Paul the Apostle describes the Christian life as a race that begins at salvation and ends in heaven. It is a race to be won despite the battles on the way. The prize is eternal life for winners.

Are you already in this race? Are you a friend of Jesus or you are still in

darkness, serving Satan through your wicked activities (sins)? Repent today and



give your life to Jesus.

To have permanent victory over Satan, self and sin, you need to do the following:
(i) As a naughty child, repent and ask Jesus to forgive and wash your heart with His blood. (ii) Read your Bible daily, think on its words and obey it. (iii) Pray every day that God should help you to resist every temptation of the enemy. (iv) Do not keep company with sinful children.

Resist the devil and he will run away. (v) Attend fellowship regularly and listen to the teaching of God's word. (vi) Preach the love of Christ to sinful children around you.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Nahash was a wicked man and an enemy of Israel. Yes/No?
- 2. He wanted to weaken Israel's army by plucking out their right eyes. Yes/No?
- 3. Satan seeks to weaken christian by tempting them to do bad things. Yes/No?
- 4. State two ways you can have permanent victory over Satan. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. How can a sinful child begin his Christian race to heaven?

**LESSON:** There is assurance of victory for children who are holy and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.



**THOUGHT:** I will live holy and serve God in the power of the Spirit so as to be victorious.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should discuss with the children the things they should do to avoid going back to the things they have stopped doing since they became friends of Jesus.

**HOMEWORK:** Always pray during your quiet time for grace to stand till the end.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 99 - THERE IS VICTORY WITHIN MY SOUL

**CHORUSES:** (1) Keep me true, Lord Jesus keep me true. (2) Following Jesus

### GREAT BLESSINGS FOR FRIENDS OF JESUS

Ephesians 1:1-14

**MEMORY VERSE:** 

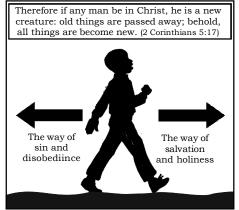
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings"

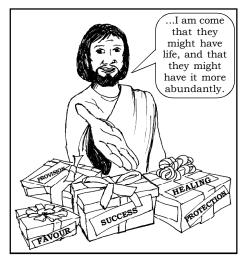
(Ephesians 1:3a).



Friends of Jesus are boys and girls who have stopped doing bad things like: stealing, fighting, telling lies, cheating in examination and watching bad movies.

They have been forgiven and washed in the blood of Jesus. Are you a friend of Jesus? If yes, then there are lots of blessings for you to enjoy. These blessings are: salvation, a clean heart, Holy Spirit power, answers to prayers, provision, good health, healing, victory over Satan





and eternal life. If you desire to enjoy these great blessings, must you become a friend of Jesus and also remain with Him. To become a friend of Jesus, a sinful child must realize that he is a sinner, confess his sins to God, repent of his sins, ask for forgiveness and cleansing

through the blood of Jesus, invite Jesus into his heart as Saviour, Lord and Friend. Believe that he is saved and thank God for it.

As a friend of Jesus, you need to continue with Him till the end by: (i) Reading your Bible every day (ii) Listening when the word of God is being read or preached (iii) Thinking on the word of God (iv) Hiding it in your heart (v) Obeying its command every day (vi) Praying every day and being watchful (vii) Not following bad friends (viii) Attending fellowship all the time (ix) Always thinking of Jesus' second coming. As you stand for Jesus, He will keep you till the end.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Who is a friend of Jesus?
- 2. Everyone can receive great blessings from Jesus. Yes/No?
- 3. Mention five blessings that Jesus has prepared for His friends.
- 4. What must a friend of Jesus do to continue to enjoy God's blessings?

5. What should a sinner do before he can partake of the blessings of the Lord?

**LESSON:** Jesus Christ is the giver of all blessings.



**THOUGHT:** I will trust in Jesus to enjoy great blessings.

**ACTIVITY:** Read Philippians 4:19 five times.

**HOMEWORK:** Write out three blessings that you want from Jesus.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 216 - MORE ABOUT JESUS WOULD I KNOW

**CHORUSES:** (1) Complete, complete, complete in Him, we are complete in Him... (2) He's enough for me, the man of

#### PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF JESUS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

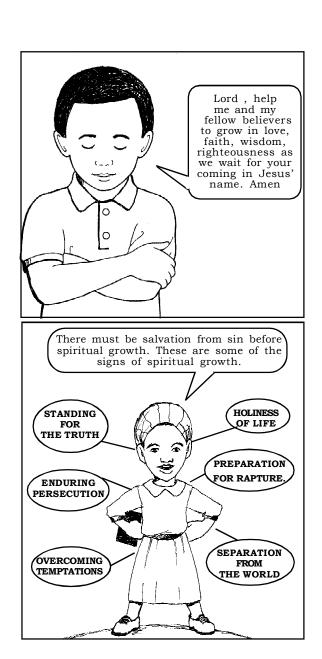
Ephesians 1:15-23



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you" (Colossians 1:9a).

When a baby is born into the family, there will be great joy. His mother will give him milk, water and other things to make him grow well. The baby will start to grow, get bigger, begin to sit, crawl, stand and walk. When a baby grows well, the parents will be happy. All these are called physical growth. There is another type of growth that is known as spiritual growth. This happens to children who are friends of Jesus.



When a sinful child repents of his bad way of life, ask for forgiveness from God, then turns from his bad ways to become a friend of Jesus, such a child becomes a baby Christian.

As a baby Christian, he needs to grow every day so that he can be like Jesus. Are you a friend of Jesus? If yes then you must determine to grow by reading your Bible every day, listening attentively to the teaching of God's word, thinking on what you have learnt from the word of God and obeying its command every day. You must also be very prayerful and live a holy life. These steps will help you to grow spiritually.

As a friend of Jesus, you also have a duty to pray for other children of God. Your prayers will help them to love Jesus more, live holy, become victorious over temptation and be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Apostle Paul always prayed for friends of Jesus to grow spiritually. Jesus our

Saviour also prayed for us. He instructed us to always pray. Therefore, you must pray. As you pray, God will answer your prayers. The church will grow and believers will experience revival. If you are still doing bad things, you must repent now and become a friend of Jesus.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

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1.	Who prayed for friends of Jesus in our
	Bible passage?
2.	Friends of Jesus must grow spiritually.
	Yes/No?
3.	is the duty of friends of Jesus.
4.	Mention two things that friends of
	Jesus do to grow spiritually.
5.	What should a sinful child do to
	become a friend of Jesus?

**LESSON:** God is happy when friends of Jesus grow spiritually.



**THOUGHT:** I must pray for myself and other friends of Jesus to grow spiritually.

**ACTIVITY:** Prayer for friends of Jesus to grow spiritually.

**HOMEWORK:** Write out ten names of born again friends of Jesus and pray for them to grow spiritually.

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 168 – I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

**CHORUSES:** (1) Read your Bible, pray every day if you want to grow. (2) I will

#### SALVATION BY GRACE

Ephesians 2:1-22



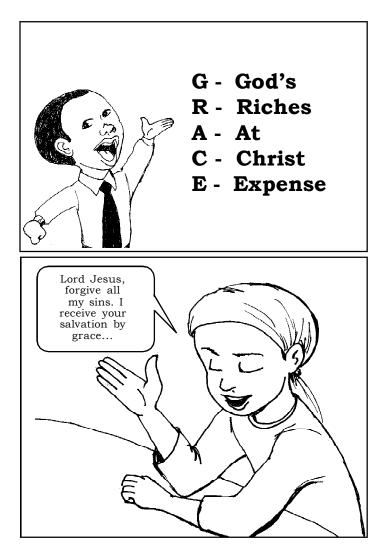
#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"

(Ephesians 2:8).

Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the garden of Eden. They were separated from God because of their disobedience. Nevertheless, God still loved them. He desired to bring them back to fellowship with Himself. Are you a sinful child? If you are still doing naughty things like stealing, lying, fighting, cheating etc., you are separated from God.

No sinner has the power to save himself. We all need the grace of God. The grace of God is the free gift that brings salvation to this sinful world through Jesus Christ. As sinful children, we



deserved to die and go to hell fire, but God does not want us to go there. His love for us made Him to send Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son to die for us.

For a sinner to enjoy this free gift of grace, he must take the following steps: Accept that he is a sinner. Believe that Jesus shed His blood for his sins. Be sorry for all the naughty things he has done. Ask for forgiveness and cleansing of his sin through the blood of Jesus. Invite Jesus into his heart to be his Saviour and Master.

Now that you are a friend of Jesus, you need to continue to grow in faith. The grace of God saves, keeps and makes you to grow. You must continue to grow in grace as you pray every day, read your Bible, think upon its words, believe and obey it. Also, preach the gospel to sinners and live a holy life.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What happened in the garden of Eden?
- 2. How did God provide for our salvation?
- 3. Grace is the free gift that brings salvation through Jesus given to a sinful world. Yes/No?
- 4. What should a sinful child do to be saved?

**LESSON:** The grace of God is available to save all sinners who repent.



**THOUGHT:** I will repent of every sin and receive forgiveness through the grace of God.

5. A saved child can grow in grace by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY:** Sword drill: Proverbs 28:13; Titus 2:11; Matthew 1:21; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 3:24

**HOMEWORK:** Write down the name of one person in the Bible who covered up his sins and two people who repented and received God's grace.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 129 – GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

**CHORUSES:** (1) It is not by work of righteousness. (2) The grace of God is sufficient unto me. (3) Give me grace to follow.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	ROMANS	3:23-25
TUESDAY	ROMANS	10:9-13
WEDNESDAY	JOHN	3:16-18
THURSDAY	TITUS	2:11-13
FRIDAY	ROMANS	5:12-15
SATURDAY	ROMANS	5:16-18
SUNDAY	I JOHN	1:7-9

# HIDDEN TRUTH ABOUT THE CHURCH MADE KNOWN

Ephesians 3:1-21



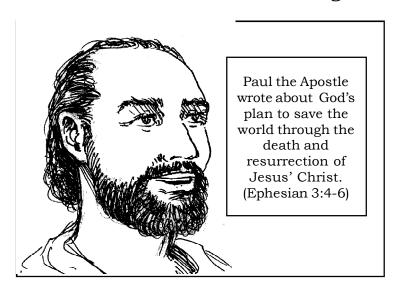
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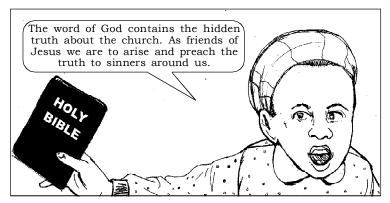
"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery"

(Ephesians 3:9a).

There are many things you do not know unless you are told. These things are called 'secrets or mystery'. For example, children cannot explain how day and night occur. When you get to senior class in school, the teacher will teach you that day and night occur by the movement of the earth round the sun.

In the same way, there are many secrets that people do no know about the kingdom of God. For example, Satan and the people of the world did not know that salvation would come to man through the





death of Jesus Christ on the cross. But when they killed Jesus on the cross, God raised Him up from death to give salvation to all boys and girls.

Our study today centres on how the truth of God's word was made known to us. The word mystery means 'truth that was hidden from people, but now made known by the help of the Holy Spirit'. The hidden truth about the church is in Ephesians 3:6. That sinners can now become children of God by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Before the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, only the family of Abraham were called children of God.

Now all of us can become children of God if we give our hearts to Jesus Christ. Any child who gives his heart to Jesus will enjoy God's promises. There is no discrimination or partiality in the truth. Anyone who believes, whether old, young, black or white will be saved. God loves every sinful boy and girl. He is calling them now to come to Him and be saved. This is the central truth of the Bible.

Are you saved? If not, you must be sorry for the bad things you have done. Ask God to forgive and cleanse your heart with Jesus' blood. Invite Jesus to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. This is the only way to accept the truth that has been made known.

Knowing the truth will set you free. To grow in the truth, you must read your Bible every day, listen to the word of God when it is being taught, pray always, be in fellowship with other friends of Jesus, share the love of Jesus with others, live holy and separate yourself from bad friends. When you hold on to the truth, it will keep you till the end.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Secret is what you do not \_\_\_\_\_ unless you are told.
- 2. The people of the world did not know that the death of Jesus will bring salvation to everybody. True/False?
- 3. What is the secret that God told Paul about the church?

4.	(a) How can a sinful child be saved?
	(b) For a friend of Jesus to grow in the
	truth, he must,
	and

**LESSON:** The revealed truth is to save sinners and make them to serve God acceptably.



**THOUGHT:** I will totally surrender my heart to Jesus so that I can serve God acceptably.

**ACTIVITY:** The teacher should read Matthew 13:10-13. Then the children should discuss the reasons why Jesus used parables to speak to people.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray for sinners to know the truth and be saved.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 75 – THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

**CHORUSES:** (1) Open my eyes Oh Lord (2) I will dig a little deeper, Jesus' love must be sweeter (3) Jesus the same yesterday, today and forever.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	LUKE	10:21,22
TUESDAY	LUKE	10:23,24
WEDNESDAY	1 CORINTHIANS	2:6-8
THURSDAY	1 CORINTHIANS	2:9-12
FRIDAY	1 CORINTHIANS	2:13-16
SATURDAY	MATTHEW	13:11-13
SUNDAY	ACTS	26:17,18

# UNITY AND MINISTRY GIFTS FOR FRIENDS OF JESUS

Ephesians 4:1-16

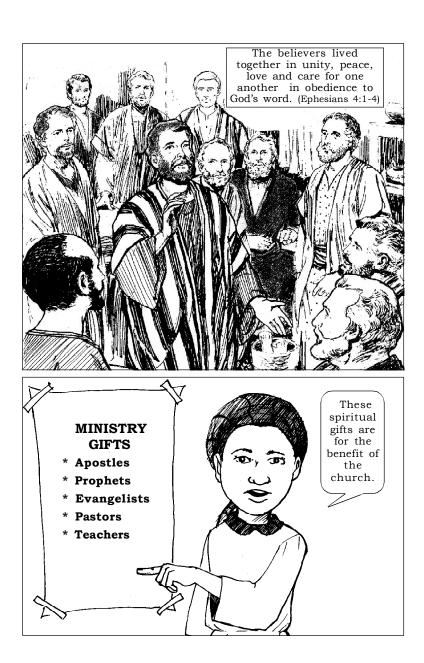
#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers"

(Ephesians 4:11).



Friends of Jesus are children who have repented of their bad ways, confessed them to Christ and asked for forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of Jesus. After Jesus had gone to heaven, His friends went everywhere to preach the gospel. Many of those who listened to their preaching repented and became friends of Jesus. Many churches were then established for fellowship. For these



new friends of Jesus to grow, they need to be in unity with one another and also possess what is known as ministry gifts.

Unity means togetherness. Friends of Jesus must have love for one another in order to be united. We are to share the word of God together, provide for one another's need, pray for each other, stand together in persecution and suffering, care for one another and live to make Jesus happy. Unity will make us to overcome our enemies and help us to stand firm against false teaching. Jesus commands His friends to love one another. You must obey this command.

As we are united, God will also give us gifts to be able to serve Him in the right way. Such gifts are referred to as ministry gifts. They are five in number:

- 1. **Apostles –** They are special people chosen by God to preach the gospel and teach friends of Jesus the word of God. Examples are the twelve apostles.
- 2. **Prophets –** They are spiritual leaders sent to proclaim the message from God.

They bring message from God to warn, encourage, comfort and build up the church. Examples are Samuel, Elijah and Barnabas.

- 3. **Evangelists** They are called by God to preach the gospel from cities to cities and nations to nations. Example is Philip (Acts 8:5-13).
- 4. **Pastors** They are individuals called by God to care for the spiritual needs of the church. They help friends of Jesus to grow spiritually through the teaching of God's word. Young Timothy is an example of a pastor.
- 5. **Teachers** They are leaders with special ability to teach and explain God's word. Your teachers in the church are examples of this ministry.

All these gifts are given to the church to make us grow strong and prepared for the coming of the Lord. Friends of Jesus must desire and pray to receive these gifts. If you are a sinner, you cannot unite with the church neither can you possess any of these gifts. You must first turn from your bad ways and accept Jesus as your Saviour and Friend.

<b>QUESTIONS:</b> 1. Unity means
2. Jesus wants all His friends to L one another.
3. Mention the five ministry gifts
4. The ministry gifts are to make the church grow and become strong. (Yes/No)?
5. How can a sinner become a member of the church?

**LESSON:** Unity promotes the manifestation of spiritual gifts in the church.



**THOUGHT:** I must be in unity with friends of Jesus and receive the gifts to work for the Lord.

**ACTIVITY:** Prayer for all workers in the church.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray that there should be revival in the church and the manifestation of ministry gifts.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 92 – I SURRENDER ALL

**CHORUSES:** (1) We are heirs of the Father. (2) Use me, Jesus use me, take

#### **VISION FOR MISSIONS**

Acts 16:1-15



"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"

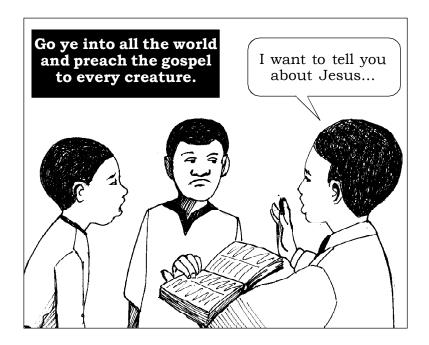
(Mark 16:15).



God has an important work for all His children. It is the work of telling others about Jesus' love. In our Bible passage, God spoke to Apostle Paul in a dream or what we may call vision. He told him to go to Macedonia a place where he would tell the people about Jesus' love. This is mission work.

Telling others (naughty boys and girls) about the love of God and His plan for

our salvation is all about mission work. It is the greatest work that Jesus wants



all His friends to do. Telling other children living around or within your country about the love of Jesus is called home mission. Jesus told His friends in Acts 1:8 to preach to their people at home - Jerusalem and Judea. Your own

Jerusalem is your country, city or community where you live.

Why do we tell others about Jesus' love? (i) Jesus commands it (Mark 16:15). (ii) Jesus uses it to bring more people into His Church (Acts 2:47). (iii) Our naughty mates will go to hell fire if we do not tell them. (iv) Our preaching makes Jesus happy. How then do you tell others about Jesus' love? (a) By word of mouth. (b) By giving tracts and Tender Life Magazine to people. (c) By telephoning your friends. (d) By the way you live in your neighbourhood and school.

Jesus also wants you to tell people who are living in other countries about His love. A man from Macedonia told Paul in a dream "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9). So you must go over and help others in need of salvation. How can you go as a child? (i) By sharing in your father's ministry as a missionary. (ii) By giving money or gathering other material things together for those on mission work. (iii) By praying for the work

of God in other lands. As you do all these things, Jesus will be happy with you and bless you.

However, not every child can do the work of God. It is only for friends of Jesus. Are you a friend of Jesus? If not, you can become one today as you say sorry to Jesus and tell Him about the bad things that you have done. Ask Him to forgive you and wash your heart clean in His blood. Invite Him to come into your heart and be your Lord and Saviour. Then, He will give you the power to work for Him.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1.	What is the greatest work that Jesus wants His friends to do?
2.	The two types of missions areand
3.	How will you tell others about Jesus' love?
4.	How can you take part in foreign

5. How can a naughty child do the work of God?



**LESSON:** Friends of Jesus must do the work of Jesus by telling others about Jesus' love for them.

**THOUGHT:** I will tell others about Jesus.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should tell their teachers the various ways that they can tell others about Jesus' love.

**HOME WORK:** Pray at home during the week for the mission work in your country.

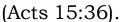
CONGREGATIONAL SONG: GHS 53 - SO SEND I YOU

### **FOLLOW-UP**

Acts 14:21-28; 15:35,36,41

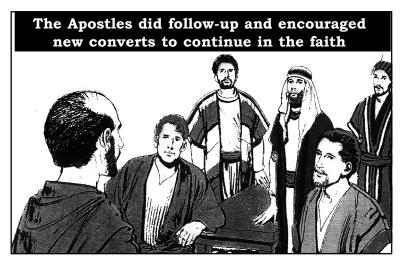
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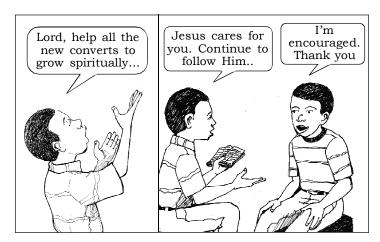
"And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do"



Follow-up means helping new friends of Jesus to be strong and grow to be like Jesus. When a new baby is born, he needs food, water and care to make him grow and be healthy. If his mother refuses to give him food, the new baby may die. In the same way, when a sinful child becomes a friend of Jesus, he needs

## care and spiritual food to make him grow





well and love Jesus more.

How can he get all these things? He needs the help of children that have

become born again. Are you a friend of Jesus? If yes, then Jesus is calling you to do the following things for Him.

- a. Tell others about the love of Jesus.
- b. Teach and train those who have accepted Jesus to love Him more and serve Him.
- c. Always pray for them and teach them how to pray.
- d. Show them how to have their quiet time and read their Bible.
- e. Share your Bible with them if they do not have one.
- f. Be friendly with them and encourage them to always attend fellowship.
- g. Visit them and pray with them.

This is called 'follow-up'. Follow-up will bring growth in the church, answers to our prayers and prepares everyone in the church for the second coming of Jesus. Are you willing to work for Jesus? You can start today by going out for follow-up.

If you are still doing bad things, you cannot do follow-up. A person cannot give what he/she does not have. Tell Jesus you are sorry. Ask Him to forgive you, wash your heart clean with His blood and let Him be your Saviour and Friend.

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	:
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1. Follow-up means
2. Only friends of Jesus can do follow-up.
Yes/No?
3. Follow-up will help new friends of
Jesus to
4. Follow-up can be done through,
and
5. When you do follow-up there will be
and in the church

**LESSON:** Follow-up is a very important tool we must use for converts to grow and be strong in the Lord.



**THOUGHT:** I will be involved in following up new converts.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should be paired and given materials to go out during the week to evangelize and follow-up new converts/comers.

**HOMEWORK:** Evangelism and followup. Bring the reports to Sunday service.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG: GHS 122 - SOMEBODY NEEDS YOUR LOVE

**CHORUSES:** (1) It is good to serve the Lord. (2) Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord. (3) I am ready to obey Thy word.

# THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND THE ANTICHRIST

Matthew 24: 14-30; Daniel 9:24-27; Revelation 6:1-7; 13:1-18.

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"

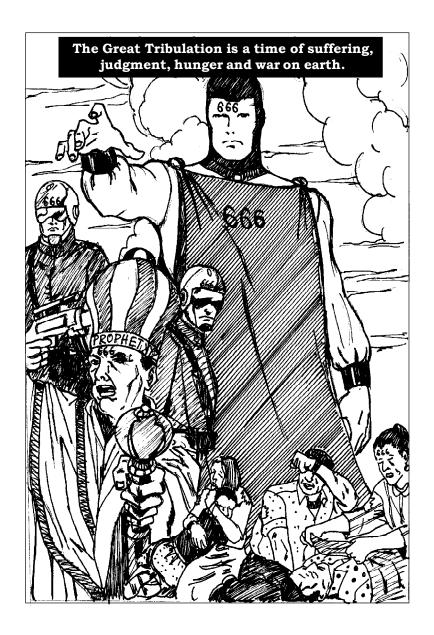
(Matthew 24:21).



The time of the Great Tribulation will be a time of great trouble, terrible sufferings, hunger, diseases, and bloody wars everywhere in the world.

The Great Tribulation will last for seven years. It will be a time of darkness, sufferings, and much sorrow. The antichrist (someone who hates Jesus and His friends) will rule and direct all the affairs of the whole earth.

The Great Tribulation is for sinners and for those who turn back from following Jesus (backsliders). It is not for friends of Jesus. That is why the Great Tribulation will take place after the rapture; when friends of Jesus would have gone to meet the Lord Jesus. Rapture is for only true friends of Jesus. If you want to go with Jesus in the rapture and not be left behind to suffer the Great Tribulation and the wickedness of the antichrist, you must be wise and take the following steps: (i) Know yourself as a sinner. (ii) Tell God all the bad things you have ever done. (iii) Be sorry for the bad things you have done. (iv) Ask God for forgiveness for all your sins and be cleansed through the blood of Jesus. (v) Ask for grace to continue and promise Jesus never to go back to sin. (vi) Invite Jesus into your heart. (vii) Thank God for the forgiveness of your sins. (viii) From



now onwards, begin to live a holy life of obedience to the word of God.

That is the only way to escape from the trouble, pain, sorrow and suffering to come during the Great tribulation. Take this step today, remain a permanent friend of Jesus and you will be happy that you did.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. The Great Tribulation will be a time of terrible suffering, woes, wars and hunger all over the world. Yes/No?
- 2. Those who will take part in the Great Tribulation are sinners and backsliders. Yes/No?
- 3. Will the Great Tribulation come BEFORE or AFTER the RAPTURE.
- 4. The Great Tribulation will last for how many years?
- 5. The Great Tribulation is yet to take place. Yes/No?
- 6. What is the way of escape for sinners?



**LESSON:** Saved boys and girls who live a holy life will escape the Great Tribulation.

**THOUGHT:** I must escape the great tribulation!

**ACTIVITY:** Prayer session: The teacher should lead the children to pray for salvation, sanctification, Holy Ghost baptism (whichever is relevant to their need).

**HOMEWORK:** Tell your friends about the love of Jesus.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG: GHS 208 - THE GREAT JUDGMENT MORNING

**CHORUSES:** (1) The great day is coming. (2) Oh when the saints go marching in (3) Will you be ready when the Lord shall come?

# SAMUEL CORRECTS THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

1 Samuel 12:1-25



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth"

(Proverbs 3:12).

Samuel was a prophet and a ruler over the children of Israel. He answered the call of God when he was a small boy. He was obedient and always listened to the word of God. Now he is old and as the leader over Israel, he called the children of Israel together and corrected them because of their bad ways. They rejected God, Samuel their leader and asked for a king. They wanted to be like other nations. Who was Samuel? The letters of his name will answer the question.

- **S** Samuel was born through prayer.
- **A** A leader in Israel.
- **M** Mother's name was Hannah.
- **U** Uncommon obedience to God and his parents.
- **E** Elkanah was his father's name.
- **L** Lent to the Lord and lived with prophet Eli from his childhood

Samuel corrects the children of Israel.

When Samuel became the leader in Israel, he did not use force to take

anything that belonged to others. He lived a holy life and did not steal another person's property. He was prayerful, and prayed for other people and not just for himself (1 Samuel 12:23). He was humble and quiet. He did not join bad friends.

Samuel corrected the children of Israel when they did bad things. He also told them to fear the Lord and love God. Jesus expects you to be like Samuel by living a holy life, praying at all times, reading the word of God, attending fellowship regularly, and running errands for your parents at home. You should not join bad friends in school or your neighbourhoods. If you are obedient to God's word, Jesus will take you to heaven when He comes. Are you ready to go with Jesus? Rise up and pray.

## **QUESTIONS:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was a judge, prophet and ruler in Israel.

- 2. Samuel asked the children of Israel to fear the Lord and serve Him in truth. Yes/No?
- 3. Mention four good qualities found in Samuel\_\_\_\_
- 4. How can a sinner become a friend of Jesus?

**LESSON:** Correction helps children to make right decisions.



**THOUGHT:** I will always accept correction so as to do what is right.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should pray for grace to obey God's word.

**HOMEWORK:** Write out three bad things which need to be corrected in your life.

Pray that God will take them away from you.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 43 - TRUST AND OBEY

**CHORUSES:** (1) Make me a good child like Samuel (2) I want to be a good child all the time (3) I will never, never go back to the world.

MONDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:1-3
TUESDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:4-6
WEDNESDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:9,10
THURSDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:11-14
FRIDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:18-20
SATURDAY	PROVERBS	3:11,12
SUNDAY	2 TIMOTHY	3:15-17

## SAUL DISOBEYS THE LORD

I Samuel 13:1-23

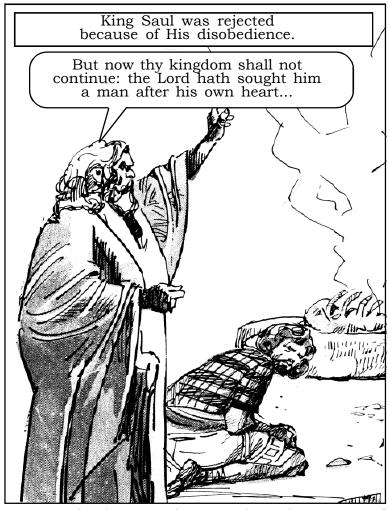
## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded

**thee**" (1 Samuel 13:13a-b),

Once upon a time, a mother hen took her chicks to the backyard to look for food. She expected all her chicks to stay close to her. But one of them strayed off to the road and was caught by the hawk. It paid for its stubbornness and disobedience.

From our Bible passage, we learn about Saul the first king in Israel; God chose him and made him king over His people Israel. Prophet Samuel had earlier



warned them about the danger of disobeying God's commandment. We only enjoy our relationship with God when we obey His words. Rather than Saul yielding to the instruction from prophet Samuel, he chose to do what the people said and went his own way. He disobeyed God's word and made sacrifices that he was not supposed to make.

It is only the priest that has the right to make sacrifices unto God. Saul was not a priest, he was a king. God is our Creator. He wants us to obey Him in all things. From our study, we learn that disobedience will: (a) Not make God to be happy with us. (b) Not make us to have good relationship with others. (c) Make people to see us as rebellious children. (d) Make us to miss heaven at last.

God is calling us to repent of our bad ways and become friends of Jesus. We should not blame others for our wrong doings. Repentance brings forgiveness. Take these steps of salvation and you shall be saved.

**Step 1 -** Accept that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23).

- **Step 2 –** Repent and ask for forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus (Acts 3:19).
- **Step 3 –** Invite Jesus to come into your life (Revelation 3:20).

Take these steps and begin to serve God as you obey His word every day.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Saul was in Israel.
- 2. Friends of Jesus must always obey God's word. Yes/No?
- 3. Saul disobeyed God. Yes/No?
- 4. Disobedience brings \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. How can a sinful child be saved? \_



**LESSON:** Disobedience will bring judgment if we fail to repent.

**THOUGHT:** I will always obey God's word.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should pray for grace to obey the word of God at all times.

**HOMEWORK:** Write in your homework book the name of one person in the Bible who obeyed God throughout his life.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 47 – JUST OBEY

**CHORUSES:** (1) Give me grace to follow, abundant grace to follow. (2) I am ready to obey thy word. (3) Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe.

MONDAY	DEUTERONOMY	28:1-3
TUESDAY	DEUTERONOMY	28:14-15
WEDNESDAY	DEUTERONOMY	8:11-14
THURSDAY	1 SAMUEL	15:22-23
FRIDAY	1 SAMUEL	15:24-26
SATURDAY	<b>EPHESIANS</b>	6:1-3
SUNDAY	ISAIAH	1:15-19

# JONATHAN TRIUMPHS OVER THE PHILISTINES

1 Samuel 14:1-52

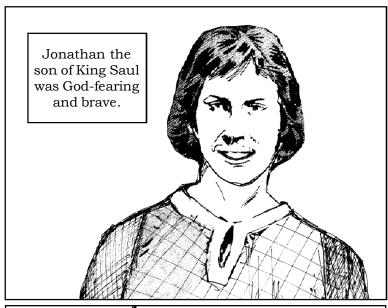
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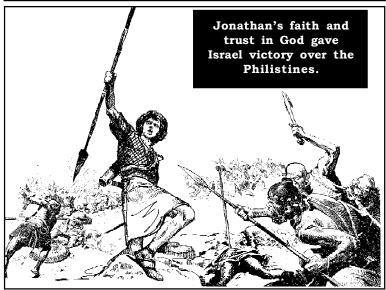
"And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel"

(1 Samuel 14:12b).



Jonathan was one of the sons of king Saul the first king of Israel. He was a brave, loving and God-fearing young man. He was also a very close friend of David. The Philistines were people living in countries close to Israel. They were very powerful and wicked. They had many soldiers and powerful weapons of war.





One day, the Philistines gathered their armies and weapons to fight against the children of Israel. It was a very serious and fearful war. King Saul only had few soldiers and few weapons to fight with. This made the people of God to become fearful and weak.

In the midst of this sad situation, Jonathan rose up in faith to fight for the people of God. Without the knowledge of king Saul, Jonathan took his servant and went to the camp of the Philistines.

The presence of Jonathan and his servant in the Philistines' camp brought great confusion among them. Jonathan then killed about twenty Philistines because God was with him to fight on his behalf. There was also an earth shaking movement that made the enemies to fear and tremble. They then began to destroy one another.

Jonathan conquered the Philistines through faith and obedience to God. God is still doing miracles and delivering His children today. Whatever may be happening in your life, be it fear of the unknown, failure, sickness, lack, bedwetting, temptation to sin or any other difficulty, have faith in God and He will fight for you.

When faced with fear or problems and we are unsure of what to do, as children of God, we have the right to call on Him to help us. He has promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

But if you are a sinful child, you cannot have victory over Satan and his agents. You must repent and turn away from your bad ways. Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour today.

# **QUESTIONS:**

Jonathan was the son of \_\_\_\_\_\_
 Jonathan was brave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_
 were the enemies of Israel.
 Jonathan defeated the enemies of Israel through \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. How can friends of Jesus have victory over their enemies?
- 6. How can a sinner become a friend of Jesus?

**LESSON:** Victory is sure for anyone who puts his/her trust in the Lord.



**THOUGHT:** I will put my trust in the Lord so as to have victory in every area of my life.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should mention one instance where God miraculously delivered the children of Israel from their enemies.

**HOMEWORK:** Pray every day of the week for grace to overcome Satan, sin and self.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 100 - CHRIST, OUR MIGHTY CAPTAIN

**CHORUSES:** (1) I have overcome this day (2) In the Name of Jesus (3) We are able to go up and take the country.

MONDAY	JUDGES	7:7-9
TUESDAY	JUDGES	7:10-12
WEDNESDAY	JUDGES	7:13-15
THURSDAY	JUDGES	7:16-21
FRIDAY	JUDGES	7:22-25
SATURDAY	EXODUS	23:22-23
SUNDAY	DEUTERONOMY	28:6-7

## GOD REJECTS SAUL

1 Samuel 15:1-35

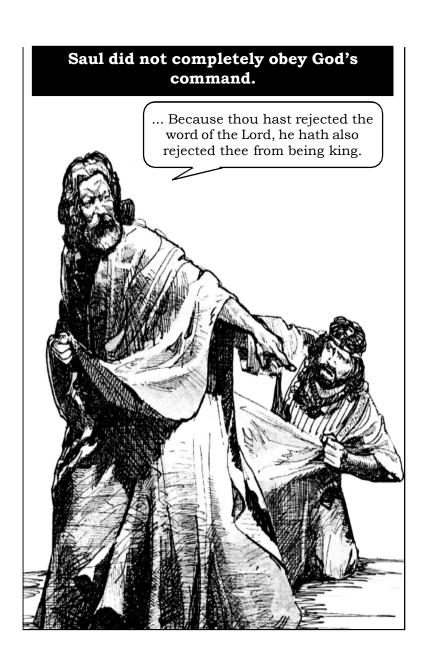
#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel"

(1 Samuel 15:26).



Many years after the return of the children of Israel from Egypt, God remembered the evil that the people of Amalek did to Israel. They attacked the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt on their way to Canaan. They joined the children of Moab to fight Israel and they thought that God had fogotten.



God is a God of justice. Whenever you do something bad and nobody rebukes you, do not think that God has not seen you. In due time, He remembered what the Amalekites did and asked Samuel to tell Saul to go and totally destroy all the Amalekites including their animals. God told Saul not to take anything from Amalek nor spare anybody there. This was an important message from God to Saul.

Saul answered God's call to go to Amalek and destroy the Amalekites but he did it his own way. He did not do it the way God asked him to do it. He feared man instead of God. He did not kill Agag the king of Amalek. He was covetous because he took everything that was good and destroyed the bad ones. He told lies to Samuel that he wanted to use the animals for sacrifice to God.

His partial obedience made God angry and made Samuel to cry throughout the night. God rejected Saul and took away the crown from him. Saul did not obey God completely and was rejected. He later became mentally sick and died in battle with his son.

God hates disobedience, either in the lives of adults or children. Do you always obey the word of God? If you obey a part and leave the other, it is not complete obedience. You must obey everything in the word of God. Make Jesus happy with your life of obedience so that you will not be rejected at the end.

Sinners must obey God by repenting and turning away from their bad ways. This will make them to have favour with God. Then they will be able to live with Jesus in heaven at last.

# **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Who was Saul? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. God sent Saul to go and destroy the
- 3. Did Saul carry out the duty God gave him. Yes/No?

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5. How ca	n a sinner ence?	be fr	ee from
	LESSON: (complete ob word.		
	THOUGHT: word at all t		ey God's
<b>ACTIVITY:</b> Write Yes or No in the boxes			
in front of	each activit	y to sl	now how
obedient yo	ou are.		
1. Prayer			
2. Daily Bil	ole Reading		
3. Wash pla	ates		
4. Fetch wa	ater		
5. School w	ork		
6. Fellowsh	ip		
7. Sweep			

**HOMEWORK:** Pray every day of the week for grace to overcome Satan, sin and self.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 47 – JUST OBEY

**CHORUSES:** (1) Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe. (2) I will never let the devil win the battle. (3) I have chosen the way.

MONDAY	1 SAMUEL	2:27-29
TUESDAY	1 SAMUEL	2:30-32
WEDNESDAY	1 SAMUEL	2:33-36
THURSDAY	1 SAMUEL	13:5-7
FRIDAY	1 SAMUEL	13:8-12
SATURDAY	1 SAMUEL	13:13,14
SUNDAY	<b>EPHESIANS</b>	6:1-3

# GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING

1 Samuel 16:1-23



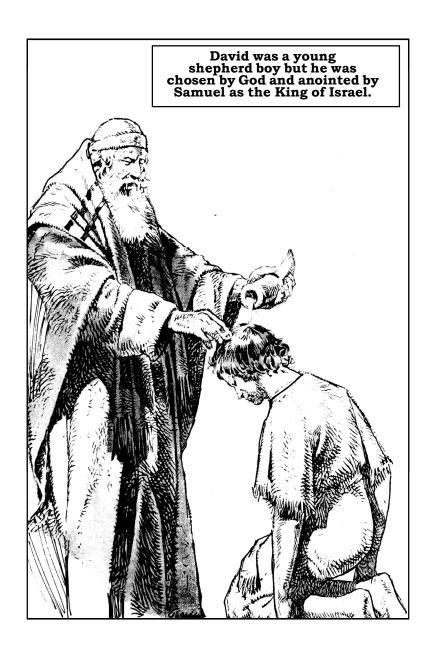
## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren"

(1 Samuel 16:13a).

God loves us and always wants to teach us some important lessons. There was a boy named David, he was the youngest son of Jesse. They lived in the city of Bethlehem. He was good boy, humble and obedient to his parents. David was very hardworking and always took care of his father's sheep (1 Samuel 16:10-13).

God noticed the good behaviour of David even though he did not know that



God was watching him. Do you know that God watches everything you do even when you are hiding to do bad things and nobody sees you?

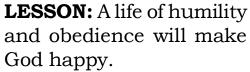
One day, God decided to reward David and bless him for his good behaviour. He called Samuel to go and anoint David and make him king over the nation of Israel. There will be a day of reward for everything you have done in secret or in the open (Galatians 6:7-10). If you are doing good and following the examples of Jesus, continue. But if you are doing bad things that does not make Jesus happy, repent before it is too late.

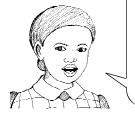
God wants you to live a life that makes Him happy all the time so that He can bless you and promote you like David. Sin is bad. It makes you dirty and unacceptable to God. You need to repent and turn away from all your bad ways so that God can bless you. God loved David and made him king in Israel because he was a good boy.

God can also bless and promote you if you allow Him to change your life today. All you need to do is to see yourself as a sinner because of the bad things in your life, be willing to stop doing them. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your bad behaviours and mention them to Him in prayer. Ask Him to forgive you and wash you clean with the blood of Jesus.

## **QUESTIONS:**

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1.	Who was made king in our study
	today?
2.	What were the good qualities in his
	life?
3.	What lesson have you learnt from
	God's choice of David?
4.	What should a sinner do to be
	accepted by God?





**THOUGHT:** I must forsake all my bad ways to make God happy.

**ACTIVITY:** Tell your teacher two things that you must do every day and two things you must avoid everyday to remain a true friend of Jesus.

**HOMEWORK:** Tell your daddy and mummy the story of how God chose David to be king over Israel.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 214 – ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

**CHORUSES:** (1) Christ must be honoured. (2) Jesus shall reign for ever

# THE NEW LIFESYLE OF FRIENDS OF JESUS

Ephesians 4:17-32



"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"

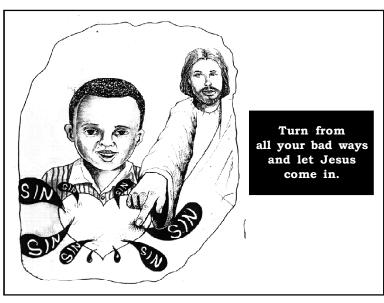
(Ephesians 4:24).

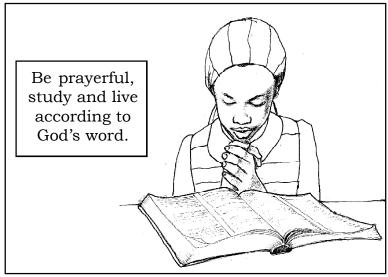


Our Bible passage shows us two types of people and their lifestyles. The two are:

- (a) Sinners who are living in darkness.
- (b) Friends of Jesus who are walking in the light.

Darkness is the opposite of light and it represents bad things. This means that children doing bad things are in the dark. They belong to Satan the father of





darkness. Such children tell lies, steal, fight, cheat, disobey and do other wicked things.

If you are doing all these naughty things, Jesus is calling you to come out now. Tell Him that you are sorry. Ask Him to forgive and wash you clean with His blood. And you receive Him into your heart and make Him your Master and Lord. You will now begin to live a new life. This new life will make you to show the fruit of the Spirit such as love, kindness, holiness, truthfulness, joy, peace, meekness and many others. There are many blessings for children who have the new life. Such blessings are success, promotion, answers to prayers, good health and eternal life. Do you want to live with Jesus at the end? Then become a christian and walk in newness of life.

# **QUESTIONS:**

1.	A sinner is walking in	while a
	friend of Jesus is living in the	
2.	is the opposite	of light

- 3. Mention five things that one can see in the life of a naughty child.
- 4. How can a sinner walking in darkness become a friend of Jesus?
- 5. Mention three qualities that must be in the life of a friend of Jesus.

**LESSON:** Friends of Jesus are to put off the old life and live in newness of life.



**THOUGHT:** I will live the new life to be a good example to others.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should read Ephesians 4:2. Then mention other fruit of the spirit that Christian boys and girls are expected to have.

**HOMEWORK:** Children are to search the scriptures and mention three people who manifested the fruit of the Spirit.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 49 – LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU

**CHORUSES:** (1) I live for Jesus day after day (2) Give me grace to follow (3) Jesus in my inside working on my outside, oh what a change in my life.

MONDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:1-3
TUESDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:4-7
WEDNESDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:8-10
THURSDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:12-14
FRIDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:15-17
SATURDAY	1 THESSALONIANS	4:1-4
SUNDAY	1 THESSALONIANS	4:5-8

# BELIEVERS' WALK AND WISDOM

Ephesians 5:1-21



# MEMORY VERSE: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children" (Ephesians 5:1).

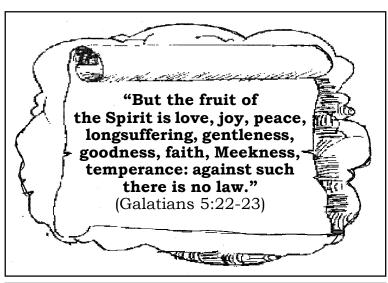
There are two important words in our topic today. These are 'walk' and 'wisdom'. A believer is a friend of Jesus who has repented of his bad ways and received Jesus as Lord and Saviour. As a friend of Jesus, he loves Jesus and obeys the word of God. His heart is pure without dirt or spot, by this he is said to be walking with God.

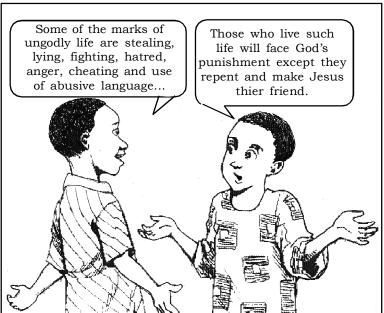
The other word is wisdom. Wisdom means the ability to do something perfectly well. It is the power to choose

and do the right things. Jesus is the wisdom of God. Therefore, believers walk and wisdom means a friend of Jesus that is living as Jesus lives.

Walking with Jesus means living a life of love, obedience and purity of heart. Boys and girls who allow the Spirit of God to control the way they behave all the time are walking with God and in the wisdom of God. The lives of such boys and girls make God very happy. Such children do not tell lies or fight, they are gentle, merciful and forgive people who offend them. They love Jesus and are always telling other children that God loves them.

If you are still fighting, stealing, telling lies, quarrelling and doing other bad things, then know that you are not walking with God and your life is not making God happy. You must repent, be sorry for all the bad things you have done and ask Jesus to wash you with His blood. Then you receive Him as Lord and Saviour so He can be your friend.





There are many people in the Bible who walked with God without going back even in difficult times. In the Old Testament, people like Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Daniel, Joseph and the three Hebrew boys walked with God. In the New Testament, we have Peter, Philip, Stephen, John the beloved and Jesus our perfect example. God wants you to be like them.

There are many blessings for children who walk with God. Their lives make God very happy and He answers their prayers. They have God's protection, provision and God delivers them from temptation and Satan. They will have good success, healing and health. Also at last, they will live in heaven forever. Continue to be a friend of Jesus and walk with Him till the end.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. A believer is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. The ability to do something well is called

3.	(a),	_ and	walked
	with God in the	Old Testa	ament.
	(b), and _	walk	ed with God
	in the New Testa	ament.	
4.	Mention four ble	ssings you	a will receive
	for walking with	God	
5.	What should a	naughty	child do to
	walk with God?		



**LESSON:** Boys and girls who are friends of Jesus must walk in love, obedience and purity to make heaven.

**THOUGHT:** I will walk with Jesus till the end.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should memorize and recite Psalm 116:9

**HOMEWORK:** Children should write in their homework book, five things they will do so as to continue in their walk with God.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 42 – CLOSE TO THEE

**CHORUSES:** (1) Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus. (2) It is a great thing to serve the Lord. (3) God must be honoured, must be honoured.

MONDAY	PHILIPPIANS	2:12-15
TUESDAY	PROVERBS	4:5-9
WEDNESDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	6:1-3
THURSDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	6:14-16
FRIDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	6:17,18
SATURDAY	ROMANS	8:1-5
SUNDAY	ROMANS	8:12-14

# RULES FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Ephesians 5:22-33

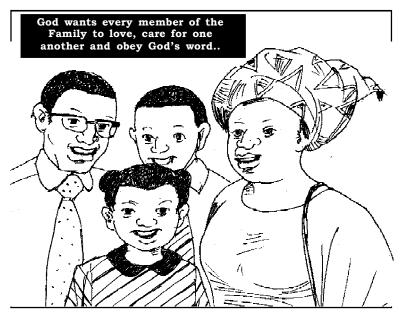
#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body"

(Ephesians 5:23).

Marriage is one of the most important teachings of the Bible. God first started marriage between Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Marriage is important because it produces family. The family is also important to the church. If the family is well, the church which is made up of many families will also be well. Each member of the family has different roles to play in order to fulfil God's plan.

**The father:** He is the head and leader in the family. He leads the family to pray and obey God's word. He also provides for the needs of the family. He loves the mother and the children and takes care of them.



**The mother:** She cooks and gives the family members food to eat. She takes care of everybody especially the children. She teaches the children to love Jesus and obey God's word. She respects the

father and teaches the children to love, respect and honour others.

The children: God demands total obedience from the children to their parents without going against God's word. As a child of God, in order to have peace and love in your family, you must watch against disobedience, bitterness, selfishness and rebellious behaviours. If you are a friend of Jesus and you obey God's word, your family will be an image of God's kingdom on earth. Also, your family will be a happy and blessed one. Always spend time to pray for your family to be what God wants them to be.

When all the members of the family live according to God's word, then they will be qualified and be ready for the best marriage coming up very soon. It is the marriage supper of Jesus Christ. Make sure you are ready.

## **QUESTIONS:**

1. The act of marriage began in the Garden of

- 2. The family is made up of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What are the duties of a child as a member of the family?
- 4. For the family to be peaceful, all the members must become friends of
- 5. Children should pray for their families all the time and prepare for the marriage supper of Christ. Yes/No?

**LESSON:** The marriage built upon Christ's foundation will succeed.



**THOUGHT:** I will build my life upon Christ and abide in Him forever.

**ACTIVITY:** Sword drill: Genesis 18:19; Proverbs 6:20; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; Matthew 19:6

**HOMEWORK:** Read the following Bible passages and write out the names of the head of each family.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 46 – A CHRISTIAN HOME

**CHORUSES:** (1) With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home. (2) Obedience is the very best way ... (3) Father Abraham has many sons.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	MATTHEW	19:4-6
TUESDAY	MATTHEW	1:18-21
WEDNESDAY	GENESIS	18:17-19
THURSDAY	GENESIS	1:27,28
FRIDAY	<b>EPHESIANS</b>	6:1-3
SATURDAY	COLOSSIANS	3:18-21
SUNDAY	REVELATION	19:7-9

#### LESSON 737

## DUTIES OF FRIENDS OF JESUS AT HOME AND SCHOOL

Ephesians 6:1-9



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"But as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart"

(Ephesians 6:6b).

Duty means work that a child is expected to do. The pastor for example, has a duty to preach and teach in the church. Every true friend of Jesus is expected to carry out some duties in obedience to God both at home and school.

In a home, we have the father, mother and children. Each of them has certain duties to carry out in the home. The father



provides the needs of the family. He also teaches the children the word of God (Deuteronomy 6:6,7).

The mother takes care of everybody. She cooks and keeps the house. She also helps the father to teach the children the word of God. The parents must love each other and also love the children.

Children are to obey their parents and respect them. They should greet them, speak politely to them and help them to do the household chores. Real friends of Jesus find it easy to obey their parents. We should also obey and respect other elders in the home.

In school, boys and girls who are friends of Jesus should obey their teachers and follow all the school rules and regulations. They should live a godly life and share the good news of the love of Jesus with other children and teachers.

God blessed Daniel and his friends by making them ten times better than all the other people in Babylon because they faithfully carried out their duties. He blessed Samuel for remaining faithful in spite of the bad examples of Eli's sons. Samuel became a prophet and priest in Israel. God made Timothy a leader in the church because he knew the Holy Scriptures as a child and always obeyed God's word (2 Timothy 3:15).

Children who carry out their duties will have: (i) Answers to prayer (ii) Peace with God and men (iii) Good success (iv) Divine favour and many more. However, these blessings are only for friends of Jesus. To become one, you must repent and turn from your bad ways.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1.	Mention two duties of the father and mother in the home
2.	Mention three duties of children in the school and three duties at home.
3.	Do sinners have the power to obey God at home and in school?
4.	To obey God, the sinner must first of all

**LESSON:** Faithfulness in carrying out our duties leads to great blessings.



**THOUGHT:** I will obey and do what I am expected to do.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should discuss what they can do for their parents and pray for grace to do them.

**HOMEWORK:** Tell daddy and mummy what they would like you to do for them at home.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 49 -LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU

**CHORUSES:** (1) When He calls me, I will answer (2) Rise and shine and give God the glory (3) Obedience is the very best way.

#### LESSON 738

# COMPLETE ARMOUR FOR FRIENDS OF JESUS

Ephesians 6:10-24



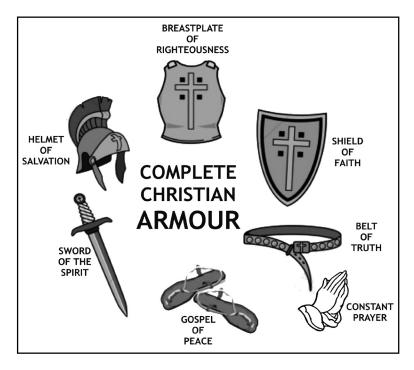
"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"

(Ephesians 6:11).



The Bible passage we are studying today is from one of the letters, written by Apostle Paul to Christians in Ephesus. When he was in prison, he was guarded by Roman soldiers, so he was able to describe their armour and uniform very well. Paul used the example of a Roman soldier and his armour and weapons to teach the Ephesian Christians and us, valuable lessons.

We can become soldiers in Jesus' army by repenting and turning away from our



bad ways. The soldier's armour is made up of many pieces. Each of the pieces had to be put on in the proper order. First the belt, then the breastplate, followed by the shoes, the shield and the helmet. Only when he was fully protected by his armour could he use his sword to fight against the enemy.

The Christian soldier needs to put on all these armour without leaving anyone out. The whole armour is made up of (i) Truth - Speaking the truth even when you will be punished. Do not tell lies. (ii) Righteousness which is holy living. To be like Jesus in your character. (iii) Gospel of peace - To preach the love of Jesus to sinners. (iv) Shield of faith - Trusting God for all things. (v) Helmet of salvation -Becoming and remaining a friend of Jesus. (vi) Sword of the Spirit – Which is the word of God, the Bible. Read it, listen to it and obey it. (vii) Prayer – Talking to God in the morning, at night and every time. When you put on all these weapons, you will be able to win in the battles of life.

Who is the Christian soldier fighting against? Our enemy is Satan and sin. An army of soldiers fight together against the enemy. The soldiers do not fight each other. Friends of Jesus should be loving

to each other. Jesus Christ is the Captain and Commander-in-chief of His army. He knows very well how to use the armour Himself and only with His help and guidance can we use it and have victory over sin and the devil.

## **QUESTIONS:**

1.	How can a sinful child become a soldier in Jesus' army?
<b>O</b>	As friends of Josus we are fighting
	As friends of Jesus we are fighting
	against and
3.	The armour that Jesus has given us
	to fight with are,,
	,, and
4	is our captain

**LESSON:** The battle against our arch enemy demands that we put on the complete armour.



**THOUGHT:** I will put on the whole armour of God so as to win in the battle against Satan.

**ACTIVITY:** Jesus is the commander-inchief of His army. Fill in the missing vowels to find out a Bible verse that describes Jesus (A E I O U).

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(H\_BR\_WS 12:\_).

**HOMEWORK:** Pray for friends of Jesus who are going through persecution in their lives and ministry.

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 100 - CHRIST, OUR MIGHTY CAPTAIN

**CHORUSES:** (1) Move on to victory (2) I'm a soldier in the army. (3) Never, never mind we have conquered.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	1 THESSALONIANS	5:5-7
TUESDAY	2 TIMOTHY	2:2-4
WEDNESDAY	1 TIMOTHY	1:18,19
THURSDAY	COLOSSIANS	2:13-15
FRIDAY	1 TIMOTHY	6:11-14
SATURDAY	MATTHEW	4:8-11
SUNDAY	2 CORINTHIANS	10:3-6

#### LESSON 739

## DO NOT LOVE THE BAD THINGS OF THE WORLD

1 John 2:12-17; Isaiah 3:16-26; Titus 2:11-14

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him"

(1 John 2:15).



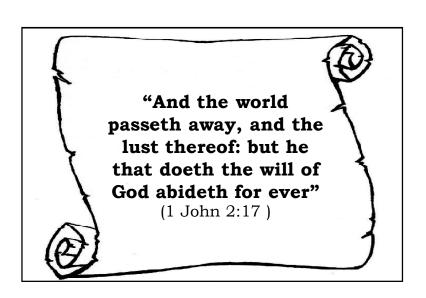
Ken was a curious boy who wanted to know everything. One day, his mother sent him to the market to buy fish for their meal. On his way, Ken saw a magician performing some magic. He decided to wait and watch the magician.

As he was looking, he became carried away with what he saw. He did not know

when the money dropped out of his hand and was picked by another person. He started crying when he could not find the money. When he got home, he was punished by his mother and there was no fish for him to eat.

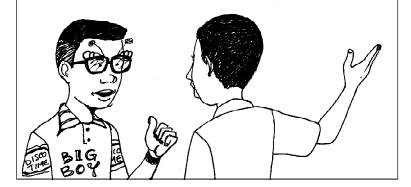
The love for the things of the world will always make you to disobey God and your parents. This will then lead to suffering. To love the world is to put your mind and thought on the things that naughty children do. This is against the word of God. For example – celebrating birthday parties, watching bad films on DVD, VCD and TV., dressing half naked, playing dangerous and bad games.

Every friend of Jesus must run away from all these bad habits. When you love the things of the world more than God's word, it is very dangerous. (i) It will make you not to love God anymore. (ii) It will make you not to be able to serve God well. (iii) It will disturb or prevent your prayers from being answered.



Let us go to the birthday party and have fun...

If you want to have victory over sin and and live with Jesus in Heaven, you must run away from all forms of worldly lifestyle.



The love for the things of this world has destroyed the lives of many children and people. Some examples are: Lot's wife who became a pillar of salt. Samson lost the power of God and his two eyes and died for loving a worldly lady. Demas loved the world. He went back from loving and following Jesus, and then missed heaven.

Friends of Jesus are to please God and be holy so that others will love Jesus too. Naughty children should say sorry to Jesus, ask Him to wash their hearts clean with His blood. Accept Him as Lord and Saviour and believe that He has forgiven them. Always read, think on and obey the word of God.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Loving the things of the world will always bring \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Who can overcome the bad things of the world?

- 3. Where will the children who refuse to obey God go when they leave this world?
- 4. Mention three things of the world we must not love. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. How can a friend of Jesus stop loving the bad things of the world?



**LESSON:** Those who love the world will perish with the world.

**THOUGHT:** I will not love the world.

**ACTIVITY:** Children should pray for grace to overcome all the bad things of the world.

**HOMEWORK:** Children are to write in their homework book, the names of two people in the Bible who loved the world and what happened to them.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 52 - COUNT ME

**CHORUSES:** (1) I live for Jesus day after day (2) Keep me shining lord (3) When I remember what the Lord has done.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	2 TIMOTHY	2:1-3
TUESDAY	2 TIMOTHY	2:4-6
WEDNESDAY	1 TIMOTHY	6:6-10
THURSDAY	1 TIMOTHY	6: 11-14
FRIDAY	1 JOHN	5:1-3
SATURDAY	1 JOHN	5:4, 5
SUNDAY	1 JOHN	2:15-17

#### LESSON 740

# HOW TO HAVE DAILY VICTORY

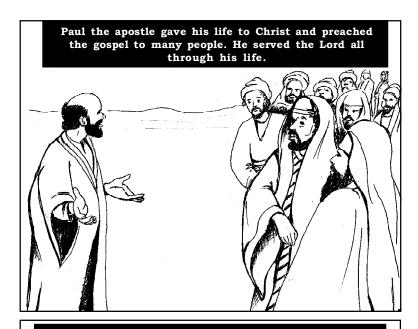
Genesis 5:22-24; Ephesians 6:10-18



MEMORY VERSE:
"And Enoch walked with
God: and he was not; for
God took him"

(Genesis 5:24).

Since the fall of man in the garden of Eden, man, including boys and girls have been looking for a way to be victorious over sin, Satan and sickness. Jesus came to the world to deliver boys and girls from the power of Satan and give them power to be winners. Victory is possible today only through Jesus Christ. You can have victory every day.



There is protection for every friend of Jesus who surrenders his life to Jesus.



Jesus Christ conquered Satan, sin and sickness through His death on the cross at Calvary and His resurrection. He has power to deliver all those who come to Him and to give them victory every day. To enjoy His victory, you must give your heart to Jesus. Make Jesus your Lord, Saviour and Friend.

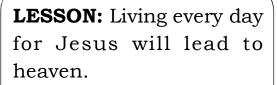
Through the help of God and the power of Jesus, many people were victorious in the Bible. Among them were Enoch, Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, Paul and John. They were all winners. You also can have victory like them and become a winner.

How can you have this victory? Become a friend of Jesus, that is, be born again. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. All the weapons you need to overcome and enjoy victory every day are listed there. The armour is for you to put on, in order to defeat the devil. Parts of the armour are faith, righteousness, the word of God, prayer, preaching the gospel and

salvation. Remember, salvation is the first thing and all other things will follow.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. A life without Jesus is a life of defeat. Yes/No?
- 2. Salvation and a clean heart will give you freedom from sin and daily victory. Yes/No?
- 3. Mention three persons in the Bible who were victorious.
- 4. Mention three examples of the armour of God. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. What must a sinful child do to have victory?





**THOUGHT:** I will live for Jesus all the time.

**ACTIVITY:** Pray for the grace to live a life of victory every day.

**HOMEWORK:** Ask your parents to help you find more examples of children who lived victoriously in the Bible.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 49 – LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU

**CHORUSES:** (1) Give me grace to follow (2) I have decided to follow Jesus (3) I live for Jesus day after day.

#### LESSON 741

# THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Zechariah 14:3,4; Matthew 25:31-36; Jude 14,15

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory"

(Matthew 25:31).

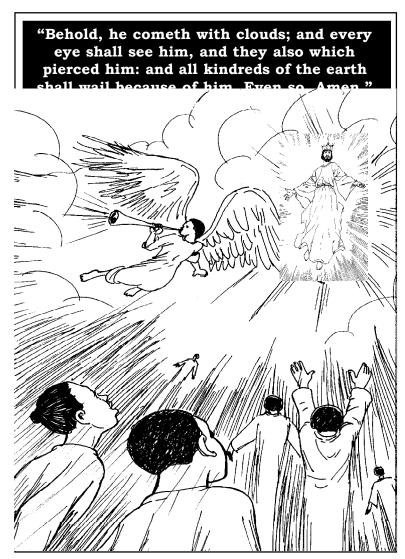


Once upon a time, there lived two children named Mary and Jude. They lived together with their father. One day, their father travelled out to a far country and left them in a rented apartment. He promised them that he would come back with many good things for them, and take them to the good country where he has big houses, food, and a lot of other

beautiful things. But he did not tell them when he would come back. However, he told them to be obedient to their mother and be good children.

Mary continued to be a good girl, praying every day, expecting the father to come back one day with many good things he has promised. She always read her books, went to church but Jude joined bad boys, fought, stole, went to night parties and did other bad things.

One night, Jude had already gone to his usual night parties and Mary was about to sleep after her night prayers. Suddenly, she heard a loud knock on the door and behold it was her father. Happily, she ran out and embraced her father. He gave her all the good things he brought and took her and her mother immediately to the beautiful country that he had promised them. When Jude returned the following morning, he did not see Mary and his mother. He cried and cried and was sent out of the rented house. He lost everything.



This is how the second coming of Jesus will be. Jesus has gone back to heaven

to prepare beautiful houses for His friends. When He was going back to heaven after His resurrection, He told His disciples that He would come back and take all His friends home (John 14:1). The angel that appeared to His disciples after Jesus went to heaven also told them Jesus will come back to the earth, the same way He left (Acts 1:11).

Both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible are full of prophecies of His second coming. So it is certain that Jesus will come back from heaven with His saints and all eyes will see Him. Why is Jesus coming back to this wicked world again? Jesus is coming back to the world the second time. He will not come as a baby born in a manger as He came the first time, but as a king. He will come with glory to judge the wicked boys and girls who do not love God and to reward His friends (boys and girls) who will also reign with Him (Jude 14,15).

Nobody knows the actual time when Jesus will come back, just like Mary and

Jude did not know when their father would return. There are some signs that will show that His coming is near. Jesus Himself told us that when we see these signs happening we should know that His coming is very near. Some of these signs are:

- a. People fighting against one another.
- b. Some people will become very wicked and do evil things.
- c. Some friends of Jesus will not love Him again.
- d. Children will be selfish and disobedient to their parents.
- e. There will be shortage of food, sickness and great suffering.

Since most of these things are already happening, it shows that Jesus' second coming is very near. How then should we prepare to meet Him?

- (a) Sinful boys and girls should say sorry for the bad things they have done.
- (b) Make up your mind to stop doing bad things. (c) Pray and tell Jesus those sins.
- (d) Pray for forgiveness. (e) Ask God to

wash your heart with the blood of Jesus. (f) Tell Jesus to come into your heart to be your Saviour and Friend. (g) Do not do bad things anymore.

Also continue to follow Jesus by: (i) Reading, listening to and obeying the word of God. (ii) Living holy lives every time. (iii) Attending fellowship meetings regularly. (iv) Telling others about the love of Jesus. (v) Daily watching and praying in readiness for the Lord's coming

## **QUESTIONS:**

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	till her father came back to take her			
	to the beautiful country.			

2.	Jesus	is	coming	back	to	the	earth	to
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- 3. When is Jesus coming back the second time?
- 4. The signs of Jesus' second coming are happening already. Yes/No?
- 5. To prepare for Jesus' second coming,(a) Sinful children should \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Friends of Jesus should \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON:** Only friends of Jesus will reign with Him at His second coming.



**THOUGHT:** I must prepare every day for the second coming of Christ.

**ACTIVITY:** Children are to mention the signs of Jesus' second coming that they see daily around them.

**HOMEWORK:** Children are to write in their homework book how they will prepare daily for the second coming of Christ.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG GHS: 175 – HE IS COMING AGAIN

**CHORUSES:** (1) Will you be ready when the Lord shall come? (2) When you come to collect your people, remember me O