



## Baptism Lesson for Young Believers

### Important letter to the Parents:

Congratulations on your child's decision to complete this baptism lesson! Your child will learn some amazing things about God's love for them...and they will have fun along the way!

This lesson works best if you and your child go over it together. Talk about it with your child, pray together, and share your own faith. Studies show that parents are the most influential people in a child's life. We encourage you to make this study a time of togetherness!

Baptism is a very important step in a believer's life. We are excited to be part of your child's journey!

Now, sharpen your pencil and get your Bible...

Class is in session!



## Getting to Know Your Bible!

Do you know that the Bible is one of the very important ways God uses to communicate to us?

It's true! In one passage of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16), we are told that it is "inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives." In other words, the Bible teaches us how to live!

The Bible is our guidebook, our roadmap, our help menu, our instruction manual, and our emergency first-aid kit...all rolled into one! Therefore, it's very important we know how to use it!

In what ways can the Bible be considered a "roadmap" for life?

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The Bible consists of 66 "books" found in the Old and New Testament. (It's kind of like its very own library!) Each book was written by chosen men under the guidance of God Himself.

The Old Testament was written before Jesus was born. The New Testament was written after Jesus was born.

Take a look at the Table of Contents in your Bible to see how many books" are included in each section:



Old Testament = \_\_\_\_\_ books

New Testament = \_\_\_\_\_ books

God sure has a lot to say to us!

### **Finding a Bible Verse!**

As you flip through the pages of the Bible, you will notice that the “books” are divided into chapters and numbered sentences. That makes it easy for us to look up passages when we need them!

For example, let’s take a look at what the Bible says about Jesus being baptized. It can be found in Matthew 3:13-17.

To find the book of Matthew, look in the Table of Contents for Matthew. (Hint: It is in the New Testament). Once you find it, look for the really big number “3” (meaning “chapter 3”) and the really tiny numbers 13-17 (meaning “versus 13-17”).

It may take a few minutes until you get used to looking things up...but keep trying!

Practice makes perfect!



## The Bible Challenge!

Let's play a game! Get your Bible ready!

Listed below are Bible verses from the Old and New Testament. See how fast you can find them! Be prepared to say them out loud to your family!

(Hint: Use the Table of Contents at the front of your Bible!)

- Romans 15:5
- Proverbs 12:26
- Genesis 7:1
- Matthew 18:1-5



Way to go! Take a break for a few minutes and celebrate with a snack!



## God's Plan for Man!

The Bible tells us that God made us! Take a look at Genesis 1:27. It says that "So God created human beings in \_\_\_\_\_own image."

Wow! God must love us very much to make us in his own image! In Genesis 1:28, the Bible says that God also blessed the very first people, Adam and Eve. (Read the whole verse out loud).

Things were going along just fine until one day when Adam and Eve were tempted in the garden!

You see, God had planted a beautiful garden and put Adam in charge of it. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything they wanted, but they were to stay away from the tree in the center of the garden. Life would be very good as long as they never ate anything from the forbidden tree!

Adam and Eve obeyed God for a while, but then along came a serpent...

The serpent tricked Eve by saying God was being unfair about the forbidden tree. He said it surely couldn't be THAT bad. He told her to go ahead and eat from it...that she and Adam would then be like God.



Unfortunately, Eve decided to believe the serpent. She convinced Adam to believe the serpent as well. They ate from the forbidden tree.

At that very moment, sin came into the world. Adam and Eve had disobeyed God...and God was very sad. Life was no longer going to be easy for Adam and Eve. In fact, it wasn't going to be easy for anyone.

**Read Genesis 3:1-19**

We still struggle with sin to this very day.

### **What is Sin?**

Do you know what sin is?

Sin is not obeying God. Look at Romans 3:23.

Who is a sinner? \_\_\_\_\_

Wow – that is pretty sad, isn't it? Everyone has sinned. That means EVERYONE. Your parents, teachers, friends...even you!

Any time we do something we are not supposed to, that is sin. Take a moment to think about some things you have done that you know you shouldn't have:



\_\_\_\_\_ Did you yell at your brother or sister?

\_\_\_\_\_ Were you mean to a friend?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you not clean up your room when your parents told you to do so?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you pretend that you didn't hear your parents when they told you to turn off the video games or television?

\_\_\_\_\_ Something else?

We also sin when we don't do the good things we know we are supposed to do. Take a look in your Bible at James 4:17. What does it say? Write it here:

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Derrick knew his mom was having a bad day. She woke up with a sore throat and had a headache all day, yet she still cooked dinner for the family. The dirty dishes were all over the table. Derrick's mom said she would clean them right after she took a little nap to help get rid of the headache. Derrick knew it would be a big help if he were to clear the table and sweep the floor, but his favorite television show was about to come on. Surely his mom would understand that he was just a kid and not expected to help out that much.



Did Derrick sin when he didn't help his mom, even though she didn't ask for his help?

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Why or why not?

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What does God say about sin? Open your Bible to Romans 6:23. Someone please read it out loud:

"For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

What kind of "death" is this verse talking about?

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Jesus paid the price so we wouldn't be eternally separated from God's love. How did Jesus do this? Here's a hint:

What does the Bible say in John 3:16?

"For God love the \_\_\_\_\_ so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in him will not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life."



Amazing!! God has once again shown his love for us by sending his own son, Jesus, to die on the cross in our place. Because of what Jesus did, we can be in Heaven forever! All we have to do is believe!

## How Can I Ask Jesus to be my Savior?

1. Admit that you are a sinner.

All have sinned – either by what they did do or by what they should have done but didn't do. (Read Romans 3:23 again).

2. Repent of your sin.

Repentance is feeling sorry for having sinned and wanting to do better next time.

In Acts 3:19, the Bible tells us, "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."

3. Believe in Jesus.

Realize that God loves you and that Jesus died for your sins.

To believe in Jesus is to trust Him. This means you believe Jesus is the Son of God and you are trusting him to save you from your sins and take control of your life.

4. Receive Jesus into your life.

In Romans 10:9, the Bible tells us:

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Through prayer, ask Jesus to come into your life to be your Savior and Lord.



### Important Questions:

- Are you a sinner?
- Are you sorry for your sins?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died for your sins?
- Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? If not, would you like to do so right now?

If you would like to invite Jesus to be your Lord and Savior right now, it's easy! Just say a prayer like this:

Dear God,

I know I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died on a cross for my sins and that he rose again. I want Jesus to come into my life to be my Lord and Savior. I want to follow and obey Him. Thank you for forgiving me and loving me so much. I know I will live forever with You because of what Jesus has done. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen!

If you said this prayer...CONGRATULATIONS!!! You are now a child of God, your sins have been forgiven, and Jesus is your Lord and Savior!

Now that's a reason to CELEBRATE!!!!

Put on some music and have a great snack! God loves you so much!!



### **What's Next?**

Jesus said that believers are to get baptized! Read Matthew 28:18-20. Baptism is a symbol (or picture) of three things:

1. The death and resurrection of Jesus.

Read Romans 6:4. It says: "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."



When you get immersed (or dunked) into the water, it represents when Jesus was buried in the tomb after he died on the cross. When you come up out of the water, it represents when Jesus was resurrected (brought back to life).

2. The cleansing or washing of your sins.

Just like how our bodies are made clean when we use water to wash off the dirt, the water from baptism represents that our hearts and lives are now clean because of what Jesus did for us. Our sins are forgiven!

In Acts 22:16, the Bible says, "What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."

3. Your obedience to Jesus.

If Jesus said we are to get baptized, then we need to do so! In fact, as we mentioned before, Jesus himself was baptized! (See Matthew 3:13-17 one more time!)

Baptism will show your family and friends that you have given your life to Jesus!



## How do I Get Baptized?

It's Easy! Just follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Decide to get baptized!

Step 2: Tell your family about your decision.

Step 3: Ask your family to meet with Pastor Sam at [sfowler@newhopechurch.tv](mailto:sfowler@newhopechurch.tv) to meet with him and set up your time for baptism.

Step 4: Invite your family and friends to watch you get baptized. (It's a blessed event!)

Step 5: On the day of your baptism, put on some shorts and a t-shirt that you don't mind getting wet. Also bring a towel, a change of clothes, and a camera (if you want pictures).

Step 6: Meet at the baptism pool at the scheduled time. The Pastor will say a prayer and then baptize you! (Don't worry...you can hold your nose!)



Congratulations on completing this baptism lesson! You have learned many things, including:

1. How to use your Bible.
2. How to recognize sin.
3. How to ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.
4. What baptism represents.
5. How to get baptized.



Do you have any questions? If so, you can ask your family or your New Hope Kids teacher! We want to help you!

We hope you had a great time as you learned more about God's special plan for your life! We look forward to seeing you get baptized soon!

Sincerely,

New Hope Kids





# Words from the Lesson!



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DECISION	FAITH	FORGIVEN	HEAVEN
JESUS	LOVE	OBEY	REPENT
SINNER	SALVATION	SAVIOR	WATER