

Parent's Guide

Journey Parents

Dear Parents,

Our goal in Awana® is to work alongside parents to train children and youth to grow into adults who know, love and serve the Lord. We recognize that parents are the primary spiritual nurturers of their children and we want to do all we can to help. Our desire is to provide you with the tools that enable you to be involved with the curriculum your child is studying.

Your children are now in high school. They are on the brink of adulthood, yet you occasionally still see glimpses of the little kid they once were. At other times, you gasp in amazement as they respond with astounding maturity.

We want our teens to face the world strong in their faith, no matter what's ahead on their life's journey. We want them to understand that life can be difficult, but also to rest in the life-supporting perspective that God is sovereign.

The Journey™ curriculum focuses on teaching teens to make life choices with that Christ-centered perspective. They can trust in Him. To help you, the parent, familiarize yourself with what your teen is learning at Journey, we provide these Parent's Guides which offer a summary of the lessons and discussion questions to get a conversation going with your teen.

We hope you find these guides helpful. We are thankful for the privilege of working alongside you in discipling your teens to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can think of no task more worthwhile.

If you have any questions, please talk to your teen's leader.

Praying for you,

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Galatians and Ephesians

Lesson 1: **Will All the Perfect People Please Stand?**

Memory Verses: **Galatians 1:8-9**

IN A NUTSHELL

God's grace is necessary because I cannot keep the law.

SUMMARY

The law in the Old Testament was given to the people to show their need of a savior. The Galatian church in the New Testament desired the gospel of grace but still equated keeping the law with holiness.

While good works are a result of salvation, they never serve as our means to God. No matter how hard we try, we will never get to God on our own merit – and that's exactly what the law shows us. We are saved by grace alone in Christ alone through faith alone. Because Christ's sacrifice was perfect, we have no need to try to add to it. Salvation has been purchased for believers, so trying to "pay" for it with good works is a disservice to Jesus Christ's work on the cross. However, those good works can serve as a "thank you" to the Lord.

THE NEXT STEP

Since this is the first lesson in the Galatians study, go through the overview of Galatians with your teenager. It's on page 4 in the Journey book. Understanding where and when the book was written will help the students digest the message of the book.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Fill in the blanks. We are _____ to God through His _____ alone, not through our good _____.
(The answer can be found under **So What About the Law?**)
2. When was the book of Galatians written?
(The answer can be found on the **first page of the lesson.**)
3. How is grace illustrated?
(The answer can be found under **The Gospel of Grace.**)
4. What are some conditions, besides accepting God's free gift of grace, which many churches today require of nonbelievers for salvation?
(The answer can be found under **Another Gospel**, or you can think of one on your own.)
5. In addition to saving grace, what did the Judaizers expect of the Galatians for salvation?
(The answer can be found on the **second page of the lesson.**)
6. True or False. Biblical standards are clearly commanded in Scripture.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)
7. Why was the law given?
(The answer can be found under **So What About the Law?**)
8. True or False. The false teachings of the Judaizers died with them.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)
9. True or False. As Christians, we can achieve perfection on earth if we just set our minds to it.
(The answer can be found under **So What About the Law?**)
10. True or False. Although convictions are important, they should never serve as barometers of our walk with God.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)

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Lesson 2: **Standing Up for What's Right**

Memory Verses: **Galatians 2:20-21**

IN A NUTSHELL

When I am justified, my sins are forgiven and I am declared righteous before God.

SUMMARY

Even though Paul wrote Galatians between A.D. 55 and A.D. 60, it is still relevant for the Church today. The majority of the book addresses Paul's desire for the Galatian church to understand that the law does not save, nor does it make you holy.

Paul's call to be an apostle was questioned by Judaizers and even Peter because Paul was so focused on grace in the Christian life. In the passage for this week's lesson, Paul does five things: he gives a defense, shares his call, shares the testimony of his companions, corrects Peter and repeats his message.

It is not comfortable or easy to stand up to your friends when they question who you are. It's even harder to stand up for something you know is right when fellow Christians oppose you. Paul trusted that the gospel was true and that grace saves *and* sanctifies. The law can do neither. That's why Paul's reminder to the Galatian church was so important. If they didn't stop trusting the law to bring them favor with God in the early stages, it would make it harder to lead them into the truth later.

THE NEXT STEP

One of Paul's strongest defenses was his own testimony. Telling your story is powerful because people who knew you before and after salvation will be able to see the change and testify to what God has done in your life. Perhaps your conversion was early in your childhood and there wasn't too much of a change. Even then you can testify to how God has kept you walking with Him and encouraged you through the reading of the Word, the community of believers and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Encourage your teenager to write out his or her own testimony and memorize it. It may sound redundant at first to memorize your own story. But by doing so, you can make it more effective by hitting the major points and leaving out the extra stuff.

A good testimony should be concise, reference Scripture, avoid Christian jargon and include:

1. Who you were before salvation
2. How you came to salvation
3. What God has done in your life since salvation

Most importantly, make sure the focus is on the Lord and not on you.

As your son or daughter writes the story of God in their life, tell them how you came to the Lord. Sometimes one of the biggest encouragements in the Christian life is hearing how God works in others' lives.



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1. Who was known for his missionary work in Antioch?
(The answer can be found under **The Testimony of Paul's Companions.**)
2. Why was Paul upset?
(The answer can be found on the **second page of the lesson.**)
3. In what two ways did the Judaizers criticize Paul?
(The answer can be found on the **second page of the lesson.**)
4. True or False. Peter's hypocrisy was personal and didn't affect other Christians.
(The answer can be found under **Paul's Correction of Peter.**)
5. Fill in the Blanks. The law simply locks us in its _____ and throws away the _____.
(The answer can be found under **Repetition of Paul's Message.**)
6. True or False. Pleasing other men was the first of Paul's concerns.
(The answer can be found under **Paul's Call.**)
7. List Paul's three defenses.
(The answer can be found under **Paul's Defense.**)
8. What does justified mean?
(The answer can be found under **Map It Out.**)
9. Which two men accompanied Paul on his second visit to Jerusalem?
(The answer can be found under **The Testimony of Paul's Companions.**)
10. True or False. Peter corrected Paul because he had been hypocritical in his relationship with Gentile Christians.
(The answer can be found under **Paul's Correction of Peter.**)

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Lesson 3: **Who Needs Laws?**

Memory Verses: **Galatians 3:11-12**

IN A NUTSHELL

The law shows me my sin and points me to Christ.

SUMMARY

The law was put in place to show us our need for a savior. A quick review can show us how God uses faith as the way of salvation.

1. Abraham ... *believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness (Galatians 3:6, also Genesis 15:6).*
2. We are blessed with Abraham when we accept Christ by faith (Galatians 3:9). But we are cursed when we rely on the law for salvation.
3. ... *The righteous will live by faith (Galatians 3:11).*
4. Believers are freed from the curse of the law through the death of Christ (Galatians 3:13).

If someone tried to live by the law, he or she would constantly feel guilt. So, if that person only had the law and had no knowledge of the Savior, Jesus Christ, they would face a losing battle. Because God has grace, He uses the law to point us to Christ, the complete fulfillment of the law. When we trust Christ, He not only takes the punishment for our sin, but also allows us to live the lives of freed men and women.

THE NEXT STEP

To take this lesson to the next level, read Romans 8 with your son or daughter. It's a beautiful passage on the condemnation-free life of the Christian. Grab a commentary (borrow one from your church library, your pastor or other trusted source) to help you explain it to your teenager.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Fill in the blank. ... *The righteous will live by* _____.
(The answer can be found in the **memory verse**.)
2. What frees us from the curse of the law?
(The answer can be found under **Review of the Law**.)
3. True or False. Abraham was declared righteous when he believed God's promise of a coming savior.
(The answer can be found under **Review of the Law**.)
4. What did Paul mean when he said the law was "put in charge"?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)
5. According to Galatians 3:24, the law is referred to as what?
(The answer can be found in **the verse**.)
6. True or False. Faith that does not produce good works is a dead faith.
(The answer can be found under **Review of the Law**.)
7. True or False. Abraham lived by faith, not the law.
(The answer can be found under **Review of the Law**.)
8. How many years passed between God giving Abraham a covenant and the fulfilling of the spiritual aspects of that covenant through Jesus Christ?
(The answers can be found under **Review of the Law**.)
9. True or False. Wanting to do what parents or teachers tell us not to do is a good example of the disregard our old nature has for rules.
(The answer can be found under **Buckle It In**.)
10. Why did God give us the law?
(The answer can be found under **The Law in a Nutshell**.)

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Lesson 4: **Grow Up!**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 4:6-7**

IN A NUTSHELL

I should live
as a "son,"
not a slave.

SUMMARY

Because of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, we are no longer slaves, but sons or daughters of God! No longer is a repeated sacrifice needed to come before the throne of God.

When we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ, we become sons of God and co-heirs with Christ. Once we become sons and daughters, it's time to start living like God's children.

One of the ways we live like God's children is by worshiping God. Before we became Christians, we all had our forms of idolatrous worship. While many people think of idols as a statue or person, it can be much more inward and less obvious, like the law. Idols enslave you to something, and the law does just that – it enslaves you to performance-based salvation and sanctification. It is idolatry because it enslaves you to do something to gain the favor of God. Trying to keep the law brings false hope (when you think you've succeeded) and guilt (when you don't – which will be most of the time). And as we have learned in previous lessons, God's people need not live in guilt.

It's hard to believe God's own law can become an idol. But when we treat it as the means to save or sanctify, that's exactly what it is. The law was never meant to save or sanctify – only to point us to a sanctifying Savior. Not only do we get a Savior, we get a father and a new family.

THE NEXT STEP

Talk with your son or daughter about what it means to adopt children and why people do it. For example, if a family has both a biological and an adopted child the parents don't love one more than the other. They are both seen as legitimate children and therefore loved equally. People don't ultimately adopt because they have extra room in their house, they adopt because they love children.

From the discussion, you will be able to help your son or daughter try to see it from God *the Father's* point of view.



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1. Is there religious bondage in your church? If so, in what ways is it practiced?
(The answer can be found under **Still in Bondage**.)
2. True or False. Religious bondage is alive and well in many of our churches today. Explain your answer.
(The answer can be found under **Still in Bondage**.)
3. Fill in the blanks. We are adopted _____, with God as our _____.
(The answer can be found on the **second page of the lesson**.)
4. List a couple of lessons about life that were difficult for you to learn while you were growing up physically.
5. Fill in the blank. The Galatian Christians struggled with the legalism of the _____.
(The answer can be found under **Still in Bondage**.)
6. All Christians are heirs of the promise made to whom?
(The answer can be found under **Adopted Sons**.)
7. How do we live like adopted sons?
(The answer can be found under **Importance of Worship**.)
8. Define the term *receive the full rights of sons* as found in Galatians 4:5.
(The answer can be found under **Adopted Sons**.)
9. List five ways people from India, China, Japan and other pagan countries have fallen into religious bondage.
(The answer can be found under **Still in Bondage**.)
10. What is the greatest idol in your life? How can you turn your back on this idol?
(Answers will vary.)

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Lesson 5: **No Strings Attached**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 5:1, 13**

IN A NUTSHELL

I was saved
by faith when
I trusted
Christ, and
now I should
live by faith.

SUMMARY

In Genesis, God began revealing His plan of salvation to Abraham and Sarah.

God promised Abraham and Sarah a son through whom all peoples of the earth would be blessed. After waiting years for God to make good on His word, Abraham and Sarah got tired of waiting. They came up with their own plan – Abraham would bear a child with Hagar, Sarah’s servant. Hagar had a son and named him Ishmael.

Even though they thought they helped God with His promise, God wasn’t done making them wait. More years passed and Sarah conceived a son with Abraham. This child was the one that was promised. They named him Isaac. God told Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away.

Paul retells this story in Galatians and uses it as an allegory of the law and grace. Instead of trusting God, Abraham and Sarah tried to fulfill the promise on their own, which is the picture of the law. Grace stepped in, and Sarah bore a son many years after she biologically shouldn’t have been able to. God was, and is, faithful to His promise.

When we live under the control of the Holy Spirit (grace) rather than the flesh (law), we see how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives. The “fruit” that we see Him produce is known as the “fruit of the Spirit.”

THE NEXT STEP

To make this lesson concrete, help your son or daughter draw a mural of the Christian life. Include in your drawing the freedom from bondage that comes in Christ and then illustrate the struggle to go back to the bondage of the law. Illustrate the freedom again and then what that freedom produces – the fruit of the Spirit.

It can be tricky drawing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self control. They are all abstract concepts, so you’ll have to get creative. Maybe it’s a picture of what joy looks like on a daily basis when you know you are saved. Maybe kindness looks like showing love to people who don’t agree with your Christian faith.

Get out the paint, the markers, the pencils, etc. Allow your teenager to make it as big as he or she chooses. Have fun with it! You may even want to hang it up in his or her bedroom or in your hallway as a daily reminder for your son or daughter.

This might start a meaningful conversation between you and your teenager on the struggle with being totally free and what the fruit of the Spirit looks like in daily life.

REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. True or False. Christian freedom is the ability to do whatever we want.
(The answer can be found in the **memory verse**.)
2. List three reasons why we can't do anything to earn our salvation.
(The answer can be found under **A Word Picture**.)
3. True or False. Casting out Hagar is a picture of banishing sickness from our lives.
(The answer can be found under **A Word Picture**.)
4. How many years did Sarah wait for the birth of Isaac after the birth of Ishmael?
(The answer can be found in the **first part of the lesson**.)
5. Multiple choice. The story of Hagar and Sarah is called:
A. hyperbole B. mixed metaphor
C. parallelism D. a word picture
(The answer can be found under **A Word Picture**.)
6. Multiple choice. Hagar and Sarah are pictures of what respectively?
A. Greed and contentment B. Law and grace
C. Pride and humility D. Weakness and strength
(The answer can be found under **A Word Picture**.)
7. Why will we always struggle in our Christian lives?
(The answer can be found under **The Struggle**.)
8. Why did Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away? In your own words, explain how this incident is a picture that applies to the Christian life.
(The answer can be found in the **first part of the lesson**.)
9. Multiple choice. If you're living your life in the flesh, what will dominate your life?
A. Hatred and envy B. Wrong desires
C. Pride D. All the above
(The answer can be found under **Fruit of the Spirit**.)
10. Multiple choice. Which words best describe our surrender to God?
A. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
B. Every man according to his conscience.
C. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
(The answer can be found under **Fruit of the Spirit**.)

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Lesson 6: **Who's Steering Your Ship?**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 5:24-25**

IN A NUTSHELL

I need to keep in step with the Spirit, not with my flesh.

SUMMARY

There are two ships vying for our investment: the ship of the flesh and the ship of the Spirit.

The ship of the flesh doesn't produce the good things the Spirit produces. According to Galatians 5, the flesh produces sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like. The Spirit, however, produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

THE NEXT STEP

To help your teenager absorb this lesson, point out some flowers in the yard, plants in the garden or even sprigs of grass. Show your son or daughter that what grows from the grass seeds is grass or what grows from the tomato seed is a tomato plant. Ask them if you can plant grass seeds and expect roses to grow. Can you plant roses and expect daffodils?

Now you can get in a discussion with your teenager – what you sow is what you reap (Galatians 6:7-8). If you sow deception, you will reap deception. If you sow joy, you will reap joy. Just like you can't get roses from grass seeds, you can't get peace from hate seeds.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Multiple choice. What word describes frequent arguing with others?
 - A. Debauchery
 - B. Factions
 - C. Discord
 - D. Orgies

(The answer can be found under **Check Your Walk**.)

2. Fill in the blanks. A man _____ what he _____.
(The answer can be found in **Galatians 6:7-8**.)

3. Fill in the blanks. Since we live by the spirit, let us _____
_____ with the _____.
(The answer can be found in the **memory verse**.)

4. True or False. Gentleness means "quietness."
(The answer can be found under **Check Your Walk**.)

5. Define impurity.
(The answer can be found under **Check Your Walk**.)

6. True or False. It's possible to flirt with the sin but not actually do anything wrong.
(The answer can be found under **Check Your Walk**.)

7. Why won't it work for you to rely on your own efforts to do good?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)

8. What is your responsibility in relation to being good?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)

9. True or False. Idolatry only means bowing down to statues.
(The answer can be found under **Check Your Walk**.)

10. If you "feed" your new nature, what will come naturally?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)

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Lesson 7: **Before the Beginning**

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 1:3-4**

IN A NUTSHELL

God had a plan for me before the world began.

SUMMARY

Ephesians 1 is filled with blessings that God gives the elect in Christ Jesus – He calls us to salvation, justifies us, glorifies us, conforms us to the likeness of Jesus Christ, is for us not against us, freely meets our needs, owns us and strengthens us! What a list!

The elect (believers chosen by God for salvation) were predestined to know God as believers before the foundations of the world. It is a tricky concept for humans to understand – and that's just it. We are human, so we will never be able to completely understand the mind of God.

Realizing we were chosen by God, not on the basis of anything we have done (because we were chosen before the foundations of the world) gives us the capability for humility in worship. When we realize we can't offer God anything, not even our own ability to come to Him apart from His calling, it allows us to see our huge need for a Savior and therefore, our huge Savior.

THE NEXT STEP

Question six in **Review It** is a good discussion starter. It asks the teenagers to identify the one thing in the list that isn't a blessing of the elect. From there you can ask them, "Beyond the options in question six, what *are* the blessing of the elect?" The blessings go beyond those listed in Ephesians 1, so see if your son or daughter can come up with some on his or her own. Then have a prayer time with your son or daughter, thanking God for how deeply He blesses His children.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. True or False. The elect are an important part of God's plan.
(The answer can be found under **What is Election?**)
2. True or False. We must focus on physical, earthly values in order to experience the blessings of the elect.
(The answer can be found under **Blessings of the Elect.**)
3. Glorified means to be what?
(The answer can be found under **Blessings of the Elect.**)
4. True or False. Faith is not important in our accepting or believing the doctrine of predestination.
(The answer can be found under **What is Predestination?**)
5. In your own words, explain election.
(You can find help for this under **What is Election?**, but it should be in the students own words.)
6. According to the lesson, which is *not* a blessing of the elect?
 - A. We are glorified.
 - B. God is for us, so who can be against us?
 - C. We are called.
 - D. We are enlightened.(The answer can be found under **Blessings of the Elect.**)
7. Who are the elect?
(The answer can be found under **What is Election?**)
8. In your own words, define predestination.
(The answer can be found under **What is Predestination?**, but the student should answer in his or her own words.)
9. In your own words, explain your responsibility to witness in relation to election.
(The answer can be found under **On the Street.**)
10. According to the lesson, to experience the blessings of salvation we must what?
(The answer can be found under **On the Street** and other parts of the lesson.)

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Lesson 8: **There IS a Difference**

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 2:4-5, 7**

IN A NUTSHELL

When I trust Christ, I am given a new nature and a new citizenship.

SUMMARY

Ephesians 2 gives us a picture of life before and after salvation.

Before salvation we were:

1. Dead in our transgressions and sins (Ephesians 2:1)
2. Following the ways of the world (2:2)
3. Living under the ruler of the kingdom of the air [Satan] (2:2)
4. Fulfilling the wicked thoughts, cravings and impulses of our flesh and mind (2:3)

After salvation we are:

1. Alive with Christ (2:5)
2. Raised up with Him and seated with Him in the heavenly realms (2:6)

THE NEXT STEP

It is noted in the lesson that the blessings of a life in Jesus Christ go beyond the moment of salvation and our present living. In order to move this "idea" into *praise* in your teenager's life, allow him or her to start a praise wall. When he or she sees something new or afresh (whether through experience or Scripture reading) about God and how He spiritually blesses His children, have them write it down on the designated paper or canvas. Over time there will be too many praises to contain! Your son or daughter will have a place to go as a reminder of all the things he or she personally learned about the character of God, and it will help your teenager be more thankful!



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1. Fill in the blanks. *We were dead in _____ and _____ (Ephesians 2:1).*
2. True or False. God chooses to shower us with blessings because we love Him.
(*The answer can be found in this week's **memory verses**.*)
3. Fill in the blanks. Paul reminds the Gentiles that they were ... _____ *from citizenship in*
_____ ... (*Ephesians 2:12*).
4. What word is repeated often in these lessons because it's so vital to every aspect of our Christian lives?
(*The answer can be found in the **Map It Out** section.*)
5. List four phrases from the lesson that describe our condition before salvation.
(*The answer can be found under **Before Salvation**.*)
6. True or False. Christ Jesus abolishes the commandments.
(*The answer can be found under **After Salvation**.*)
7. Fill in the blanks. Before salvation, we were sinners by _____, _____, and
_____.
(*The answer can be found under **Before Salvation**.*)
8. List two phrases that describe our condition after salvation.
(*The answer can be found under **After Salvation**.*)
9. Fill in the blank. ... *I have loved you with an _____ love ... (Jeremiah 31:3).*
10. List four aspects of the new relationship between Jews and Gentiles.
(*The answer can be found under **After Salvation**.*)

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Lesson 9: **Hey, God! I Need ... Your Will.**

Memory Verse: **Romans 8:26-27**

IN A NUTSHELL

I should always pray according to God's will.

SUMMARY

When you pray, sometimes it can feel like your words are falling on deaf ears. However, you can be assured that no matter how small the request or praise, God hears your prayers. Sometimes it takes longer for God to respond than you'd like; nonetheless, He hears His children.

Paul's prayers illustrate the importance of praying according to God's will. Paul prayed for believers to:

- Have the Spirit of wisdom and to know and understand the blessings of God
- Know the hope to which God has called them
- Know the riches of God's inheritance in the saints
- Know God's incomparably great power for those who believe
- Be strengthened with power through God's spirit
- Know the love that surpasses knowledge
- Be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God
- Have Christ dwell in their hearts through faith

Those are some specific, meaty prayers Paul prayed for his fellow brothers and sisters. It's no doubt that the churches Paul wrote to felt gratitude for Paul's intercession on their behalf.

THE NEXT STEP

If you read enough of Paul, you'll begin to see that he doesn't spend a lot of time praying for unbelievers. The bulk of his prayer time is spent in supplication for his brothers and sisters in the Lord. Take some prayer time with your teen to specifically ask God to work in the lives of the believers you know at church, in the workplace and at school. Focus on their spiritual renewal and Christian walk. You can use some of Paul's prayers to help direct your own.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. When does God's will become clearer?
(The answer can be found under **Praying for God's Will**.)
2. True or False. The apostle Paul showed concern for others in his prayer at the port town of Miletus.
(The answer can be found in the **first part of the lesson**.)
3. True or False. Prayer isn't important, because God will meet your needs anyhow – no matter how you pray.
(Explain your answer.)
(The answer can be found under **Praying for God's Will**.)
4. In the story at the beginning of the lesson, why didn't the father give his daughter the fluids she thought were juice? Does God answer our prayers when we pray in general terms? Explain your answer.
(The answer can be found in the **first part of the lesson**.)
5. True or False. When you pray, God decides what to do and then lets you know His will.
(The answer can be found under **On the Street**.)
6. Fill in the blanks. Paul realized the value of praying for his daily _____ and _____ needs. And he knew how to pray for _____ needs.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)
7. List at least two qualities of Paul's prayers.
(The answer can be found under **Praying for God's Will**.)
8. What verse specifically mentioned in the lesson tells us that God supplies all our needs? Find it in your Bible and read it to your leader.
(The answer can be found under **Praying for God's Will**.)
9. What is a good way to keep from being selfish in your prayers?
(The answer can be found in the **first part of the lesson**.)
10. True or False. Paul prayed that his fellow believers would eat no meat on the Sabbath.
(The answer can be found under **Praying for God's Will**.)

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Lesson 10: **Heir Today ...**

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 4:1-3**

IN A NUTSHELL

God's offer of salvation is open to anyone who believes, Jew or Gentile.

SUMMARY

While humans are rebellious by nature and have a bent toward sin, God is long-suffering. From the garden to the flood to the Tower of Babel, God has proved Himself patient and faithful to His people. Although His hatred for sin never changes, God withheld His wrath until His own Son Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself in His sacrifice on the cross.

Through the death of Christ we have become fellow heirs with Christ and have a responsibility to be humble, gentle and patient, to bear with one another and desire unity among the children of God. But you can't put those characteristics on in your own strength. You need the Holy Spirit's power to do it.

THE NEXT STEP

In the lesson you've seen five ways to act like a child of God – humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another and unity. Have your teenager choose one word from the list and do a word study with them.

One online resource might prove helpful to you. Try visiting www.mybibletools.com.^{*} Click on the "Do word study" tab near the top of the page. In the "enter word" section near the top of the page, type in your chosen word, for example, "gentleness." Before clicking enter, choose from the list below the search area for your desired outcome. For example, you can click on "ALL, multiple" to lead you to several Bible versions all containing the word "gentleness" to get an overall feel for how the word is used in Scripture. Or you can narrow it down to a specific version. Who knows – your teenager may get into it and even use the Greek study tool at the top! Have fun with a new way to learn the biblical meaning of words!

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REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Or where they can be found in your teenager's Journey manual, anyway; you didn't expect us to do all the work for you, did you?)

1. True or False. Bearing with one another means to love those who wrong us.
(The answer can be found under **The Responsibility**.)

2. Whose house did Peter go to?
(The answer can be found under **The Appointment**.)

3. Fill in the blanks. It's easy to be _____ when you have no reason to be _____.
(The answer can be found under **The Responsibility**.)

4. Define *the Church*.
(The answer can be found under **The Church**.)

5. Name five things (not necessarily mentioned in the lesson) that cause disunity in your youth group. What do you think could be done to solve these problems?

6. God gave mankind these three tests. According to the lesson, what was the outcome of each test?
(The answer can be found under **God's Long-Suffering**.)

7. Multiple choice. Paul described the Athenian idolatrous practices as:
 - A. Ignorance
 - B. The period of indulgence
 - C. A new Babylon
 - D. The evil age
 - E. None of these(The answer can be found under **God's Long-Suffering**.)

8. True or False. When God gave mankind up to their sinful desires (Romans 1:24), He turned His back on them forever.
(The answer can be found under **God's Long-Suffering**.)

9. Why is gentleness often confused with weakness? Is the comparison valid? Why or why not?
(The answer can be found under **The Responsibility**.)

10. In your own words, define *humility*.

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Lesson 11: **Everyone Has a Gift**

Memory Verses: **Ephesians 4:30-32**

IN A NUTSHELL

When I trusted Christ, the Holy Spirit gave me a gift to use for His work.

SUMMARY

Each believer is given a spiritual gift to use to edify the body of Christ. While some gifts may be more “up front and center” and others more “behind the scenes and out of sight,” all are of equal value to the church and seen equally by God. Some people may preach and others serve or teach, but all are needed for the church to function.

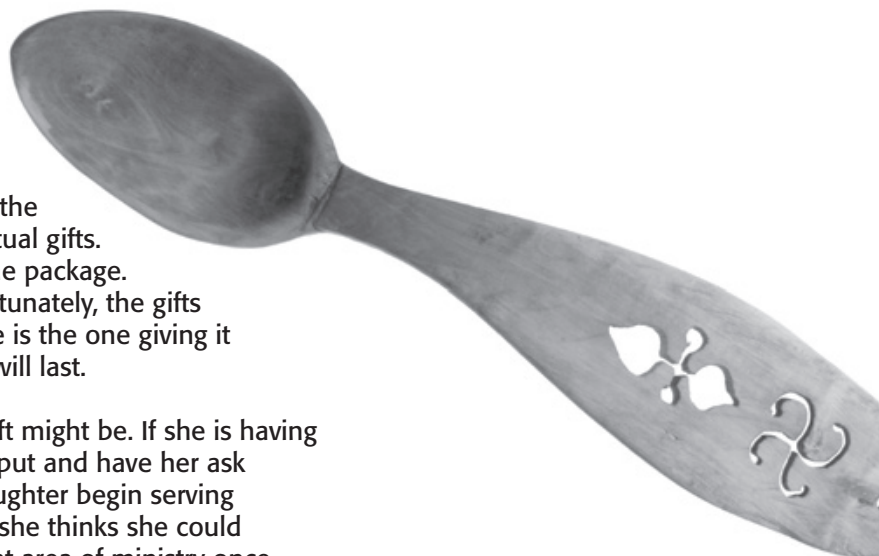
Talents and spiritual gifts are different from each other. A talent is a natural gift God gives. A spiritual gift is something you use to build the church. For example, a talent may be singing, but the spiritual gift might be serving.

The second half of Ephesians 4 switches gears to compare the “old self” (sinful nature) to the “new self” (godly nature). When we trust Christ, we are to “put on” the new self – it gives the image of changing coats. It’s not easy to always live the way we should as Christians. That’s why Christ’s death was necessary – we receive His righteousness and God views us as perfect. However, sins can keep us from being effective and can lead to trouble and consequences here on earth.

THE NEXT STEP

Did you ever go on vacation and buy a spoon as a remembrance of your trip? They are nice to look at if you are a spoon collector. But in reality, they are pretty worthless to you unless you open the package and use it. The same can be said of spiritual gifts. Once you get one, you don’t want to leave it in the package. It is meant to be opened, explored, and used. Fortunately, the gifts the Holy Spirit gives don’t wear out. As long as He is the one giving it to us, we never have to worry about how long it will last.

Ask your teenager what she thinks her spiritual gift might be. If she is having trouble figuring out what it might be, give your input and have her ask the input of others. But also suggest that your daughter begin serving the church in all kinds of capacities to see where she thinks she could best be used. Encourage her to get plugged in that area of ministry once the niche is found.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Or where they can be found in your teenager's Journey manual, anyway; you didn't expect us to do all the work for you, did you?)

1. Why does the Holy Spirit give us spiritual gifts?
(The answer can be found on the **first page of the lesson**.)
2. True or False. Only certain Christians who have experienced a special call from God have spiritual gifts.
(The answer can be found on the **first page of the lesson**.)
3. How are the talents and spiritual gifts different? How do they overlap?
(The answer can be found under **Where God Wants You**.)
4. Fill in the blanks. Romans 6:11 expresses the idea [of putting off the old self] this way: ... *count yourselves dead to _____, but _____ to _____ in Christ Jesus.*
(The answer can be found in **Romans 6:11**.)
5. Which of these people were not listed as gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church?
 - A. Pastors
 - B. Evangelists
 - C. Prophets
 - D. Teachers
 - E. Elders(The answer can be found in the **first section of Lesson 11**.)
6. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual gifts are not meant to _____, but to _____ and _____ the body of Christ.
(The answer can be found under **Where God Wants You**.)
7. True or False. We can choose our spiritual gifts.
(The answer can be found on the **first page of the lesson**.)
8. Taking off the "old self" and putting on the "new self" is like what?
(The answer can be found under **The Old Self and New Self**.)
9. Fill in the blank. Our _____ grieve the Holy Spirit.
(The answer can be found under **The Challenge**.)
10. What opportunities do you have to use your spiritual gifts in your church? Discuss this with your leader.

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Lesson 12: **Life – Do Not Use Until You've Read the Instructions**

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 6:12-13**

IN A NUTSHELL

When I trusted Christ, God gave me armor and instructions for using it.

SUMMARY

In Ephesians 5-6, God gives us some pretty amazing “equipment” for walking the Christian life. In these chapters we learn:

- About the Holy Spirit and His power
- About living like children of God
- About our relationships with others
- About living the victorious life
- About the weapon's we have to defend the gospel and offend the enemy

It's good to know that God doesn't just give advice for winning the Christian life; He gives tools and weapons to assure victory. They aren't the kinds of weapons you'd expect because all of them are rooted in faith.

THE NEXT STEP

Review the last eleven lessons with your teenager to tie the themes of Galatians and Ephesians together. Pick one or two of the questions from each lesson to ask them. Congratulate your son or daughter for keeping up with a Bible study for the last three months and encourage them in their journey to daily “put on the full armor of God.”



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Or where they can be found in your teenager's Journey manual, anyway; you didn't expect us to do all the work for you, did you?)

1. True or False. Dependence upon the Lord has nothing to do with wearing the whole armor of God.
(The answer can be found under **The Weapons of War**.)

2. What are the four relationships that are similar to our relationship with God?
(The answer can be found under **Our Relationships With Others**.)

3. Multiple choice. Which of these is not a defensive weapon?
 - A. Breastplate of righteousness
 - B. Helmet of salvation
 - C. Sword of the Spirit
 - D. Shield of faith(The answer can be found under the **lists of defensive and offensive weapons**.)

4. Who makes it possible to win the battle against Satan?
(The answer can be found under **The Victorious Life**.)

5. What piece of the armor of God helps us defeat Satan's lies?
(The answer can be found under **Our Defensive Weapons**.)

6. According to Ephesians 5:19, how are we to speak to other Christians?
(The answer can be found in **Ephesians 5:19**.)

7. True or False. From the moment of your salvation, you are indwelt and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
(The answer can be found under **The Power of the Holy Spirit**.)

8. Name the two offensive weapons. How do we use them?
(The answer can be found under **Our Offensive Weapons**.)

9. Fill in the blanks. Romans 8:18: *I consider that our present _____ are not _____ comparing with the _____ that will be revealed in us.*
(The answer can be found in **Romans 8:18**.)

10. Why are we sometimes unsuccessful in our battle against Satan?
(The answer can be found under **Special Note**.)