

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,

The Awana Youth Ministries™ Team

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On the Rock

Understanding Basic Bible Doctrines

Lesson 1: **What Exactly Is Doctrine Anyway?**

Memory Verses: **1 Timothy 4:13, 16**

IN A NUTSHELL

You need to study the Bible to have a firm foundation for your faith.

SUMMARY

Doctrine can be a scary word, like something only pastors and theologians can understand. But doctrine simply means "learning." It's the knowledge you need to build a strong foundation for your faith.

Paul knew how important it was to pass on what he knew to Christians in the churches he helped and also to Timothy, his protégé in the faith. He told Timothy to ground himself in doctrine so when problems or false truths come up, his (and our) faith won't falter.

THE NEXT STEP

Pick one of the topics in ***On the Rock*** and study it in depth with your teenager. Write down what you find out in outline form so you can refer back to it as a reference. Enjoy the time you have studying and shaping your child's biblical worldview.



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. Have you ever heard someone teaching doctrine that disagreed with the Bible? What was it?
(The answers will vary.)
2. According to 1 Timothy 4:13, what was Timothy supposed to pay attention to?
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
3. What do you think that means?
(The answers will vary. They may include things like finding a Scripture verse to support everything I believe, asking others to back up their statements with Scripture, making sure I'm growing spiritually.)
4. When Paul tells Timothy how to "save" himself in 1 Timothy 4:16, what is he talking about?
*(The answer can be found under **How Important Is Doctrine?**)*
5. Where should you go to find sound doctrine?
*(The answer can be found under **How Do We Know What We're Supposed to Know?**)*
6. Once you find sound doctrine, how should you go about understanding it?
*(The answer can be found under **How Do We Know What We're Supposed to Know?**)*
7. Use a Bible dictionary or other resource and write down the definitions of the words Paul uses in 2 Timothy 3:16 to explain what the Bible does for us.
(The answers will be in the Bible dictionary. One is already provided in the lesson.)
8. Why aren't all parts of the Bible the same? In what ways are they the same?
*(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)*
9. Write about a time when your faith was stretched because you didn't understand what the Bible had to say.
(The answers will vary.)
10. True or False. Once you've completed this book, you'll know everything you need to know about doctrine.
*(The answer can be found under **How Do We Know What We're Supposed to Know?**)*

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Lesson 2: **The Bible**

Memory Verses: **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

IN A NUTSHELL
The Bible is God's
inspired Word.

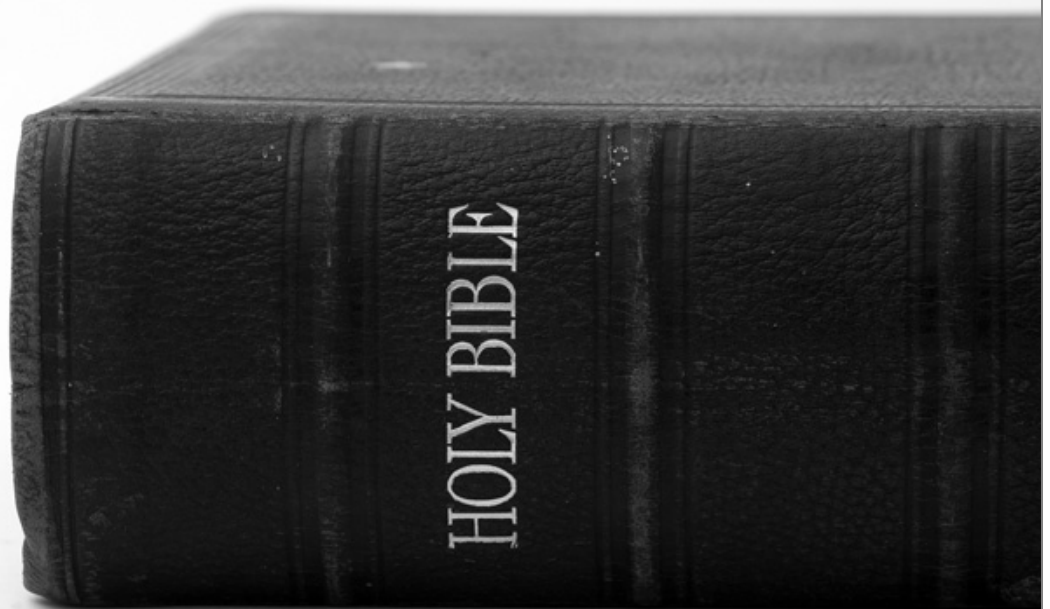
SUMMARY

The Bible was completed about 2,000 years ago. God chose over 40 different men to write the Bible by giving them the information He wanted written. God used the personalities of the authors and what they saw and heard, but the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guided the process so the end result was absolutely true and exactly what God wanted.

God gave us the Bible so we could learn about Him and ourselves. In the Bible we learn that we are sinners and that there is a Savior to save us from our sin. Only a loving God would make sure His creation, specifically humans, would know about His plan for His creatures.

THE NEXT STEP

Ask your teenager to think of a few of his favorite verses. Since this lesson is about the Bible and how it's a gift, have him write down the verses, why they are his favorites and what each teaches him.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Explain the process of biblical revelation in your own words.
*(The information can be found under **How God Gave Us the Bible.**)*
2. This lesson mentions that the men who wrote the Bible represented 20 different occupations. We've listed two: king and fishermen. Look in a Bible dictionary or other reference book and find at least six other occupations held by biblical writers.
(The answer can be found in a Bible dictionary.)
3. True or False. Everything the Holy Spirit told the Bible writers to write was entirely new information to the men.
*(The answer can be found under **How God Gave Us the Bible.**)*
4. Because the Bible was given to us by the Holy Spirit, we can know that it is without _____ and without _____.
*(The answer can be found under **How Important is Doctrine?**)*
5. Which of the following statements is accurate?
 - a. *Things are true because they are in the Bible.*
 - b. *Things are in the Bible because they are true.**(The answer can be found under **Why God Gave Us the Bible.**)*
6. What two messages are the main focus of the Bible?
*(The answer can be found under **Why God Gave Us the Bible.**)*
7. List four things the Bible can do for you. Don't just repeat what the lesson says; write down what the Bible does for you personally.
*(The answers will vary but **Buckle It In** can help.)*
8. True or False. We can find out everything we need to know about God by studying His creation.
(The answer can be found on page 10.)
9. During what three periods of time did, does or will God speak directly with people?
*(The answers can be found under **God's Word Through History.**)*
10. True or False. God's revelation is complete. God is not giving new revelation to humanity.
*(The answer can be found under **God's Word Through History.**)*

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Lesson 3: **God**

Memory Verses: **Isaiah 40:28**

IN A NUTSHELL

God is the
omniscient,
omnipotent
Creator.

SUMMARY

God is an infinite being with limitless attributes. He didn't develop His attributes over time; He has had them forever. Often times, God's love or justice is mentioned, but He has many more attributes that He has revealed to us. His omnipotence is seen when God shows his power over creation or in our lives. His truth is seen when people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. His immutability is seen when we read about Him in His Word and He still is the same today – over 3,000 years later. God is also totally sovereign, and in control over all things. Knowing it is God who ultimately reigns, we can have peace in the everyday occurrences of our lives.

THE NEXT STEP

This week go out for ice cream (or another treat your teenager enjoys) with your son or daughter to discuss his or her perceptions about God. See if the perceptions align with Scripture and show your teenager some Bible passages to enforce what he or she is saying or to persuade in another direction if he or she needs direction.



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1. True or False. God predicts the future.
*(The answers can be found under **Now Let's Switch Gears.**)*
2. Find an example of anthropomorphism and quote or describe it.
*(The answers will vary, but you can find help under **Map It Out.**)*
3. Why didn't God tell us everything there is to know about Himself?
*(The answer can be found under **Now Let's Switch Gears.**)*
4. Find an example of God's omniscience in the Bible and describe it. Give the reference.
(The answers will vary.)
5. List the references for three verses that describe God's love.
(The answers will vary.)
6. True or False. God the Father's omnipotence makes Him stronger than God the Son.
*(The answer can be found under **Now Let's Switch Gears.**)*
7. Define immutability in your own words.
*(The answers will vary but **Now Let's Switch Gears** can help.)*
8. True or False. Because God is omnipresent, we know that everything is part of God.
*(The answer can be found under **Now Let's Switch Gears.**)*
9. God is sovereign over you. Write down what that means to you personally.
(The answers will vary.)
10. Why do you think that God has dealt with man differently in various times of history?
*(The answer will vary but help can be found under **God Through History.**)*

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Lesson 4: **The Lord Jesus Christ**

Memory Verse: **John 1:1, 14**

IN A NUTSHELL

Jesus Christ is
perfect man
and perfect
God.

SUMMARY

Many people fail to recognize that the entire Bible is about Jesus Christ. Some assume that just Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (the four Gospels written about Jesus' time on earth) are the only books directly about Him. In reality, all of Scripture points to a Savior to come or a Savior who was here or a Savior who is coming again.

Jesus is totally God. Everything that is true about God is totally true about Jesus. Not only is Jesus totally God, but He is also totally man. In order for Christ to be the fulfillment of the covenant, He had to be both God and man.

THE NEXT STEP

The ***Buckle It In*** section is about Jesus' three roles: prophet, priest and king. The students should explain how and why Jesus fulfills each of these roles. Go for a walk with your daughter and talk about these roles. Ask her how she found the verses she did in order to support her answers. Ask her how she sees Christ functioning as a prophet, priest and king in her own life.



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. Everything that is true about God the Father is true about God the Son.
*(The answer can be found under **God the Son/God the Man.**)*
2. Why was it necessary that the Lord Jesus be completely man?
*(The answer can be found under **The Means.**)*
3. Describe in your own words what God promised to Abraham in the covenant He made with him.
*(The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Means.**)*
4. Describe in your own words what God promised to David in the covenant He made with him.
*(The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Means.**)*
5. Why was it necessary that the redeemer be completely God?
*(The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Means.**)*
6. Read Romans 5 and write down a verse (other than Romans 5:19) that explains how death was passed to us through Adam and life is passed to us through Christ.
(The answers will vary.)
7. This lesson covers why Christ had to die. But why was it necessary that He rise again? You should know this by now, but if you don't, you can talk to your leader to get the answer.
(The answers will vary but should include the fact that He must be alive to give us life.)
8. Why don't you have to work for your salvation?
*(The answer can be found under **The Death and Resurrection.**)*
9. True or False. Jesus Christ became the Son of God when man sinned and God realized that man needed a redeemer.
*(The answers can be found under **A Historical Look at Jesus Christ.**)*
10. There are five things listed in this lesson that Jesus Christ is doing at this time. Pick two that give you the most comfort and explain.
*(The answers will vary but help can be found under **A Historical Look at Jesus Christ.**)*

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Lesson 5: **The Holy Spirit**

Memory Verse: **John 16:7-8**

IN A NUTSHELL

God ministers
to us through
the Holy Spirit.

SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and is just as much God as God the Father and God the Son.

The Holy Spirit's ministries include restraining, convicting, regenerating, indwelling, baptizing, sealing, filling, giving wisdom, comforting, praying, giving gifts and giving understanding.

The Holy Spirit gives believers the strength to not sin. Even after we are saved, we will still struggle with sin and often fail. But with the power of the Holy Spirit, we now have the ability to deny ourselves and walk away from sin.

In order to be filled with the Spirit, a believer should be in the Word of God, praying regularly and in fellowship with other believers.

THE NEXT STEP

Question seven in the **Review It** section asks the reader to consider the sealing by the Holy Spirit. Share a time with your son when you saw the Holy Spirit's working in your life even when you were not asking for it or wanting it. Perhaps it was a time in your life when you were caught in sin. No need to go into the details with your child, but honesty about your own journey will help your child know that he is not alone. Or perhaps it was a time in your life when you had victory and knew it was the Holy Spirit protecting you and guiding you when you didn't have the strength to succeed on your own.

If this conversation leads to a time of prayer, use the opportunity to thank God for His working in your and your teenager's lives.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. How does 1 Corinthians 2:10 show that the Holy Spirit is omniscient?
(*The answer isn't in the lesson but you can find it in the verse referenced.*)
2. How do we know the Holy Spirit is a person and not an "it?"
(*The answer can be found under **Who Is the Holy Spirit?***)
3. What ministries of the Holy Spirit are primarily for nonbelievers?
(*The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Holy Spirit's Ministry.***)
4. Another term that means regeneration is _____.
(*The answers can be found under **The Holy Spirit's Ministry.***)
5. Which ministries of the Holy Spirit happen once-for-all at salvation?
(*The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Holy Spirit's Ministry.***)
6. True or False. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not something that you feel or something you do.
(*The answers will vary but help can be found under **The Holy Spirit's Ministry.***)
7. Describe in your own words what it means to be sealed by the Holy Spirit.
(*The answers will vary but **The Holy Spirit's Ministry** can help.*)
8. How does a Christian get wisdom from the Holy Spirit?
(*The answer can be found under **The Holy Spirit's Ministry.***)
9. What phrase does Paul use in Romans 8:26 to describe how the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in prayer?
(*The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.*)
10. What is your spiritual gift? _____
(*If you don't know, talk to your pastor or leader about filling out a questionnaire that can help you discover your gift.*)

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Lesson 6: **Angels and Satan**

Memory Verse: **1 Peter 5:8**

IN A NUTSHELL

Angels were created by God to serve Him – Satan is an angel who rebelled.

SUMMARY

Angels, like everything else, were created by God. God rules over them. Angels are spirit beings with no physical bodies, although they can take the form of a human to carry out God's plans.

There are two types of angels, cherubim and seraphim. The cherubim guard the garden of Eden, the ark of the covenant and the throne of God. The seraphim worship God.

Some angels rebelled, like Lucifer (now Satan), and were cast out of heaven.

Since Satan's fall, he has tried to take as many people with him as possible. He's a liar and the ruler of this world. While God is ultimately in charge, God allows Satan to have influence. While this may not make sense, God has an ultimate plan that we can't always see.

Even though Satan tries to influence us, we need to remember that he's already been defeated. When Jesus died and rose again, Satan lost the battle he so desperately wanted to win.

THE NEXT STEP

This week's *On the Street* section encourages your child to check out what Ephesians 6 says about the armor of God. Find ways this week to ask your son if he is wearing "the belt of truth" in school or "carrying the sword of the spirit" with him to the mall. Use the times he leaves the house to remind him what spiritual equipment he has.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. List and describe the two types of angels.
(The answer can be found under **Angels**.)
2. What two words define Lucifer's decision to rebel against God?
(The answer can be found under **Bad Angels**.)
3. Other angels who rebelled with Lucifer are now _____.
(The answer can be found under **Bad Angels**.)
4. Describe in your own words what Satan was doing in Mark 4:15.
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
5. What is the believer's defense against Satan?
(The answer can be found under **Our Defense**.)
6. True or False. Because God has allowed Satan to have power on earth, he can take away our salvation.
(The answer can be found under **Our Defense**.)
7. What two events defeated or will defeat Satan for all time?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)
8. True or False. Lucifer fell at the same time that Adam and Eve did.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)
9. Read Job 1. What was Satan trying to prove with his attack on Job?
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
10. True or False. Satan rules over hell as king.
(The answer can be found under **What Satan Is Up To**.)

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Lesson 7: **Humanity**

Memory Verse: **Romans 3:10-11**

IN A NUTSHELL

Man is sinful
and without
hope apart
from Jesus
Christ.

SUMMARY

The Bible teaches us that humans were created by God and for God. God created us to know Him, love Him and be loved by Him. But man rebelled. Because man disobeyed, he ruined God's perfect relationship with His creation.

Ultimately there needed to be some way to reconcile man to God. Because man is unable to measure up, and because by nature man is utterly depraved, God had to do everything in order to gain us favor in His sight. So God sent Jesus, His Son, to live the life that we cannot. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, taking the punishment for our sin and securing eternal life for all believers.

THE NEXT STEP

Buy a newspaper, if one isn't delivered to your home, and look at some of the headlines with your teenager. You will quickly notice the depravity of man. In addition to break-ins and murders, there is also lying and deception. Humanity is a mess apart from the saving grace of God. Spend some time in prayer asking God for wisdom to interact with the world as well as the compassionate heart of Christ to love people the way that He did.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
(The answer can be found under **Man's Origin.**)
2. Why did God create humans? What was His purpose?
(The answer can be found under **Man's Purpose.**)
3. If you had been in the garden of Eden, would you have been too smart to fall for Satan's trick? Why or why not?
(The answer can be found under **Man's Sin.**)
4. Using a Bible dictionary or word study, look up the meanings of the words in Colossians 3:5, 8 and write the listed sins in your own words.
(The answers will vary and can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
5. Sin is _____.
(The answer can be found under **Man's Sin.**)
6. If the punishment of sin is death, why didn't Adam and Eve drop dead when they sinned?
(The answer can be found under **The Results of Sin.**)
7. Jesus Christ is totally man. Why didn't He inherit the sin nature that Adam passed on to all people?
(The answer can be found under **The Remedy for Sin.**)
8. True or False. Perfect obedience of God's law will save a person from death.
(The answer can be found under **The Remedy for Sin.**)
9. Why can't we contribute to our own salvation? List at least two reasons.
(The answer can be found under **The Remedy for Sin.**)
10. True or False. God was upset when Adam and Eve sinned because it meant that His plan for humanity was ruined.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)

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Lesson 8: **Salvation**

Memory Verse: **John 14:6**

IN A NUTSHELL

Salvation can only be obtained by God's grace through our faith in Christ's sacrifice.

SUMMARY

Jesus defined salvation to a God-fearing Jew named Nicodemus in a late-night encounter. "Born again? I have to go back inside my mother and be born?" Nicodemus asked. Jesus answered this question by saying, "You need to be born with water and the Spirit."

We may laugh at Nicodemus, but in reality, salvation can be confusing to someone on the outside looking in.

Even after salvation, Christians have a problem with sin. When someone is born again, sin is still present in his life. However, the ability to not sin is also there and so is the power of the Holy Spirit to resist sin. While our old nature and new nature will be in conflict until Christ returns, our salvation is secure because we've trusted that He died for our sins and rose again.

THE NEXT STEP

Do a role-play with your teenager. Pretend that you haven't trusted Christ and are seeking answers. Let your teenager "witness" to you. This will help you and her see how well she understands and can communicate her faith to others. Continue the conversation to discuss the security of your salvation. Read John 10:27-29 together and spend some time praying and thanking God for His unshakable salvation.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. True or False. God never would have created Adam and Eve if He knew they were going to sin.
*(The answer can be found in the **Introductory** section.)*
2. Sin separates us from God. The only way to bridge that separation is _____.
*(The answer can be found in the **Introductory** section.)*
3. Was Nicodemus saved when he went to talk with Jesus Christ?
*(The answer can be found under **How It Works**.)*
4. List at least three terms for the nature we are born with.
*(The answers will vary and can be found under **The Old Nature**.)*
5. When Jesus was talking with Nicodemus, what did He use as an illustration of His death on the cross?
*(The answer can be found under **The New Birth**.)*
6. Why do Christians sin?
*(The answer can be found under **Two Natures**.)*
7. In Philippians 2:12, Paul tells us to work out our salvation. What does he say in the very next verse about how this happens?
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
8. What does this mean?
*(The answer can be found In the Scripture referenced and help under **Buckle It In**.)*
9. True or False. It is only since Christ's death on the cross that we are saved by faith.
*(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact**.)*
10. When we get to heaven, we will not only be innocent, we will be _____.
*(The answer can be found under **Buckle It In**.)*

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Lesson 9: **The Church**

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 4:16**

IN A NUTSHELL

The Church is
all believers
united in the
Body of Christ.

SUMMARY

The church can mean two different things. The Church (capital C) is the term for all believers everywhere. The church (little c) refers to the local body of believers that gathers regularly as an assembly.

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and should be the focus of her teaching and worship. The Bible describes the church as the Body of Christ, the bride of Christ and the building of Christ.

The Church is made up of sinful people and therefore isn't perfect. However, it is a privilege to belong to God's Church. Our responsibility to our local church is to support the other members with our service.

THE NEXT STEP

Take your child out for dinner and ask him if he feels he has the ability to offer his time serving your local church. If he does not, ask him why and try to find a way to change that. Cold feet could be the root of the issue. See if you can find ways to encourage him to ask his Journey leader or pastor for opportunities to serve.

If he is already serving, encourage him to continue using his gifts on a regular basis.



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1. True or False. Peer pressure is a bad thing.
(The answer can be found in the **Introductory** section.)
2. Explain the difference between the church and the Church.
(The answer can be found under **The Definition of the Church.**)
3. How does the church you attend participate in worship, instruction, fellowship and evangelism?
(The answers will vary.)
4. True or False. Today, Gentile believers in Christ are part of the Church and Jewish believers in Christ are a part of Israel.
(The answers will vary and can be found under **The Beginning of the Church.**)
5. In what ways is the Church like a body?
(The answer can be found under **Descriptions of the Church.**)
6. In what ways is the Church like a marriage?
(The answer can be found under **Descriptions of the Church.**)
7. In what ways is the Church like a building?
(The answer can be found under **Descriptions of the Church.**)
8. What is your spiritual gift? How are you using it in your church?
(The answers will vary.)
9. True or False. In the garden of Eden, the Church as the Body of Christ consisted of just Adam and Eve.
(The answer can be found under **The Church in History.**)
10. Read Colossians 1:24-27. What phrases does Paul use that show that the Church is something new that didn't exist in the Old Testament or when Jesus Christ was on earth?
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)

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Lesson 10: **The Future**

Memory Verse: **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

IN A NUTSHELL

Christ will return for His Church before judging the world and setting up His kingdom.

SUMMARY

For the nonbeliever, the future can be a scary topic. However, for the believer, nothing could be more comforting. As members of the Church, we will meet Christ in the air before He returns to judge the sinful world. His defeat of Satan is already assured – at the end of the millennium, it will be completely accomplished.

The five reasons for believing in a pretribulation rapture:

1. The early church believed the rapture could happen at any moment.
2. The first 69 of the 70 weeks prophesied by Daniel were completed when Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The last year has not yet occurred but will happen during the seven year tribulation.
3. The church is not destined to face God's wrath.
4. Throughout history, God has delivered those who trusted Him before He brought punishment on the world.
5. The Holy Spirit is the restrainer of evil and cannot be taken out of the world unless the believers He indwells are also removed.

THE NEXT STEP

Gather some index cards and write down some questions over the material in this lesson and the previous nine lessons. Come up with a review game where each correct answer leads to a reward (gift certificates, extra curfew minutes, more dessert, etc.)



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. Define *pretribulational* in your own words.
(The answer can be found in the **Introductory** section.)
2. Define *premillennial* in your own words.
(The answer can be found in the **Introductory** section.)
3. True or False. The first use of the word *rapture* in the Bible is in 1 Thessalonians 5:6
(The answer can be found under **The Rapture**.)
4. Could the rapture take place today? Why or why not?
(The answer can be found under **Five Reasons to Believe in a Pretribulational Rapture**.)
5. There are six references to the 1,000 years of the millennium in Revelation 20. Read that chapter and write down at least three other things we find out about the kingdom in that passage.
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
6. What is the major difference between the rapture and the second coming of Christ?
(The answer can be found under **The Millennium**.)
7. True or False. Since Christ will reign over the world during the millennium, there will be no sin.
(The answer can be found under **The Millennium**.)
8. Believers will stand before Christ in judgment at _____.
(The answer can be found under **Buckle It In**.)
9. The unsaved will be judged at _____.
(The answer can be found under **Buckle It In**.)
10. What happens to Satan at the end of the Millennium?
(The answer can be found under **The Millennium**.)

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Lesson 11: **Heaven and Hell**

Memory Verses: **John 5:28-29**

IN A NUTSHELL

All those who trust in Christ will go to a perfect heaven – all those who don't will go to hell.

SUMMARY

Heaven and hell are very real places. Which one we spend eternity in depends on whether or not we have trusted Jesus Christ for our salvation.

In Scripture, heaven refers to three things:

1. The sky above
2. Space, where the stars are
3. The place where God dwells

Heaven is full of endless joy and praise and worship of God. Hell, on the other hand, is a place absent from the love of God. Hell is miserable and full of suffering.

THE NEXT STEP

The *On the Street* portion of this lesson encourages your child to remember their unsaved friends in light of the horrific reality of hell. Allow your son or daughter to invite a friend over for a meal and to share the message of the gospel or begin a deeper friendship to gain trust in hopes of sharing the gospel in the near future.



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. After we die, if we don't go to heaven, our family members can pray for us and we'll eventually get there.
*(The answer can be found under **What Happens at Death.**)*
2. 1 Corinthians 15:51 says: *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.* What does the word *sleep* refer to in this verse?
*(The answer can be found under **What Happens at Death.**)*
3. What event is 1 Corinthians 15:51 referring to?
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
4. What is the only way you can get to heaven?
*(The answer can be found under **Heaven.**)*
5. Describe the three types of heavens mentioned in the Bible.
*(The answer can be found under **Heaven.**)*
6. Look up Nehemiah 1:9. Which of the three heavens do you think this verse is referring to?
*(The answer can be found in the verse mentioned, but help can be found under **Heaven.**)*
7. True or False. When a person is in hell, he or she has to obey Satan.
*(The answer can be found under **Hell.**)*
8. What word did Jesus use for heaven when He was on the cross?
*(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)*
9. We can know that heaven will be a wonderful place because of God's _____ for us.
*(The answer can be found under **Heaven.**)*
10. Who is one unsaved person you will talk to about heaven and hell? (You can describe the person if you don't want to use a name.)
(The answers will vary.)

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Lesson 12: **Faith**

Memory Verse: **Galatians 2:20**

IN A NUTSHELL

Christians are saved by faith and live by faith.

SUMMARY

The word *faith* comes from a Greek word meaning "persuasion or trust."

God has always used faith as the means for salvation. Even Abraham was justified by faith. He also lived by faith. As believers, it is easy to think we are saved by faith but must work at our sanctification. According to Scripture, not only is it faith that saved you, but it is also faith that enables us to grow spiritually. Believers must put their trust in what Christ has done, not in what they do.

THE NEXT STEP

The *On the Street* section in this lesson asks the students to write a 300-word essay on how living by faith helps them deal with the everyday choices and temptations they face. As parents, your influence is most important to your child's spiritual development. Take time to write an essay on the same topic and share it with your teenager. Ask your son or daughter to share his or hers with you too.



REVIEW IT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. The word *faith* comes from a Greek word that means _____.
(The answer can be found under **Definition of Faith.**)
2. True or False. Faith is a theory you develop to explain something you don't understand.
(The answer can be found under **Where Faith Comes From.**)
3. Where do we get our saving faith?
(The answer can be found under **Where Faith Comes From.**)
4. How do we get our saving faith?
(The answer can be found under **Where Faith Comes From.**)
5. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to obey God through _____.
(The answer can be found under **Living by Faith.**)
6. Peter compares faith with what mineral?
(The answer can be found under **Making Sense of All This.**)
7. Name five people referred to in Hebrews 11 and write down what they did.
(The answer can be found in the Scripture referenced.)
8. True or False. Abraham was saved because he obeyed the law.
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)
9. The word *just* in Romans 1:17 means _____.
Who is this referring to?
(The answer can be found under **Fast Fact.**)
10. The "salvation" mentioned in Philippians 2:12 is not referring to when you get saved and receive eternal life. What is it referring to?
(The answer can be found under **Living by Faith.**)