

Christian Education

Year 8

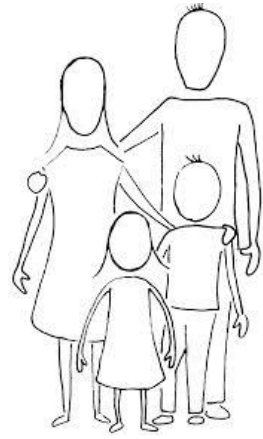
Student workbook



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Week 1: Love within a family



How do we show love to members of our family?

Encouraging words

Which family member would you like to encourage?

What will you say?

Spending time

Which family member would you like to spend some quality time with this week?

What will you do together?

Gifts

The best gifts are the ones you make yourself. Who will you make a gift for? _____

What will you make?

Acts of service

The best acts of service are those which are done without being asked. Who will you help?

What will you do?

Hugs and high-fives

Which family members will you give a hug or a high-five this week? _____

Week 2: Loving the body of Christ

Read Colossians 1:18.

What is the meaning of the word 'church' in this verse?

Who is the head of the church? _____

Who is the body? _____

Use this diagram to explain Ephesians 4:16 and Romans 12:5?



Read Acts 2:42-43. What did the early Christians do when they met together?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What is the main purpose of meeting together?

Make 5 smaller words from the word FELLOWSHIP.

Week 3: Loving unbelievers

What does it mean to be 'in the world but not of the world'?

How were tax collectors regarded by people in Jesus' day?

Why were they hated?

How do you think Matthew felt before he met Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus chose Matthew?

What did Jesus say in Matthew 9:13?

Imagine that you were sitting with your friends and some other young people came up and offered you drugs. What would you say to these people?

Week 4: Loving people of other religions

Why should everyone be allowed to follow the religion of their choice?

How should we speak to people of other religions about our faith?

How did Paul share his faith in the city of Athens?

Christians believe that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, but we cannot force people into accepting Jesus. Why not?

Read the following article about the control of religious freedom in China.

In China there are two types of churches: the official church and the underground church, (house churches). Many are drawn to house churches because they resent the control exerted by the Communist Party over officially approved ones. The appointment of pastors has to be vetted by the government. They cannot preach to people under 18. They cannot declare allegiance to any particular denomination. Most house churches take precautions. They avoid preaching about issues relating to politics and social problems. To avoid drawing unwanted attention from officials (and getting too cramped) they try not to let their congregations grow larger than a few hundred members. Those that do, often split into separate churches. In Beijing, members of unregistered churches are usually younger than 40.

<http://www.economist.com/news/china/21696534>

Why do most Chinese Christians worship in the underground church?

Why do members of the underground churches take precautions?

Week 5: Loving your enemies



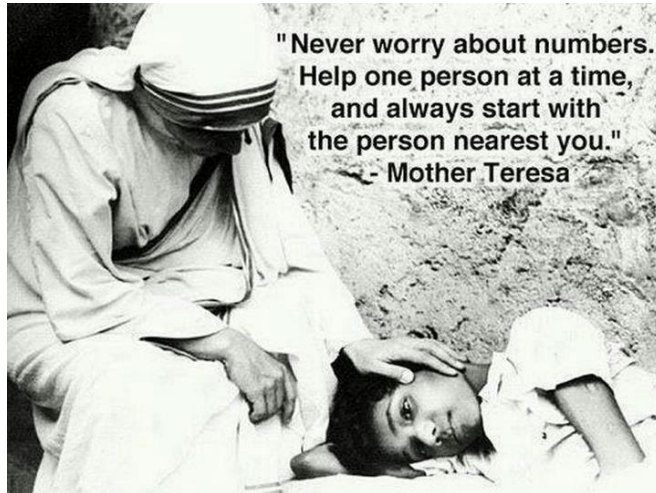
1. How does Jesus want us to treat those who have wronged us?

2. Why does Jesus expect us to forgive those who hurt us? (Rom 5:10)

3. God wants us to show mercy to our enemy. What do you think it means to show mercy?

Matthew 7:12

Week 1: Sharing with others



Name three countries that can produce more than enough food for their population.

What often happens to the surplus?

What prevents poor countries from receiving the surplus?

Why is it that some countries cannot produce enough food for their population?

What do you think God would want people to do about the food crisis?

Is it true to say that God has not provided enough food for the whole world? _____

How can we help to provide for those who have little?

Week 2: Food from God's Garden

What did Adam and Eve and the animals eat for food before the Fall?

How did some plants change after the Fall?

Why did they change?

Name some seeds that we eat.

Why are seeds so important?

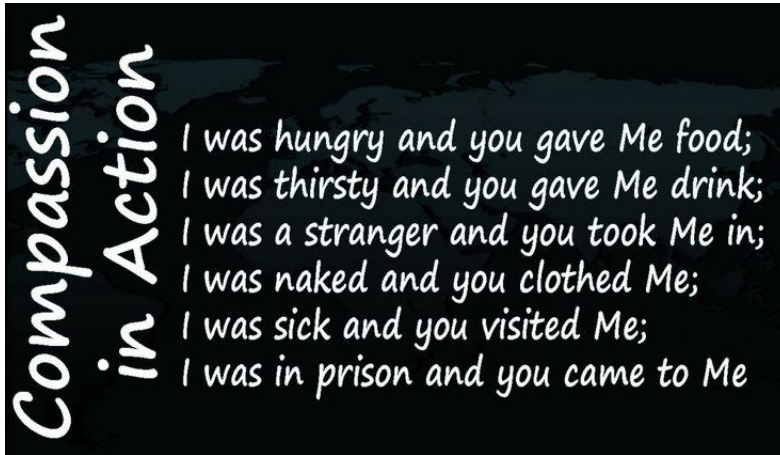
What did God say to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:29?

Here is a list of plant foods. Some are straight from nature and some are processed. Organize the list so that the healthier foods appear on the left and the less healthy ones on the right.

Coconuts, wheat crackers, pineapple, carrots, potato crisps, mango, cabbage, orange, white bread

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Week 3: Everyone can give



Write a reflection on these verses from Matthew 25:35-36.

Think about why it is important for Christians to help people in need.

What is the meaning of “compassion in action”?

A short play

Work in a group of four to plan how the following could be acted out. You can make coins or notes from paper.

Collector: Can you please give a donation?

Two well-dressed people: “There you are,” (in turn, give a small coin or one note)

An old person, who is obviously poor: “There you are.” (empties his pockets and gives the last of his money)

Week 4: God provides



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.

He provides _____ (verse 2)

He provides _____ (verse 3)

He provides _____ (verse 4)

He provides _____ (verse 5)

He provides _____ (verse 6)

John 10:14-15 (GNB)

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. As the Father knows Me and I know the Father, in the same way _____

And I am willing to _____

Week 5: God our Father cares for us



Why would you say that the person jumping off the platform is putting trust into action?

Who is the person putting trust in? _____

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in _____.

People who do not believe in God might put their trust in _____

Matthew 6:25-27

Jesus said, "Do not _____. Isn't life worth more than _____ and _____? Look at the _____. They do not sow seeds or gather a harvest yet your Father in heaven takes _____ of them. Aren't you _____ more than the birds?"

Week 1: Jesus died for you



Praying in the Garden

Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane at night to pray. Jesus was in great sorrow while praying. He prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, _____
But not what I want, but what you want. The disciples were so sad that they _____. While Jesus was speaking to the disciples, _____ came with a crowd of soldiers, armed with swords and clubs.

Jesus on trial

The men who arrested Jesus made fun of Him. They took Him to Pilate who asked, “_____.”
(Luke 23:3)

Pilate sent Jesus to Herod who _____
_____ (Luke 23:11)

Pilate sent Jesus back to Pilate, but Pilate could not find _____
_____ (Luke 23:14)

So Pilate asked the crowd what he should do with Jesus. The crowd cried, “_____” (Luke 23:21)

Week 2: The love of Jesus



Who is the man kneeling at the feet of Jesus? _____

Who are the three people on the left? _____

Why does Thomas only now believe that Jesus is alive? _____

The meaning of the scars

The scars were absolute proof that Jesus was _____

The scars remind us that Jesus died for _____

The scars remind us of the LOVE of Jesus.

Romans 5:8 _____

John 15:13 _____

Week 3: Our love for Jesus



Who is the man by the fire, talking to the lady? _____

What is the lady saying? _____

How does he reply? _____

What happens next?

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing. Peter was among them.

Jesus asked Peter, " _____?"

(John 21:15)

Jesus answered, " _____."

Jesus asked this _____ times. Peter had denied Jesus _____ times.

Jesus showed Peter that he was forgiven, and that now he would be working for Him.

What does this show us about the love of Jesus?

Week 1: The Fruit of Patience

Patience is yielding all my life's plans and goals into complete submission to God, realizing that He has a perfect time for my goals to be met.

What are some of your plans and goals in life that will require patience?

Suggest a more patient way of acting in the following situations?

1. You are angry at your little sister for using your things.

2. You want Mum's permission to visit a friend, but she is not home, so you decide to go anyway.

3. You are saving for a birthday present for Mum, but you realize that you must have a digital game that your friends have, so you use the birthday money.

Describe how we can we learn patience from:
Olympic athletes

Good musicians

Good artists

Draw something that requires patience. Write a caption.

Week 2: The Fruit of Kindness

Kindness is doing to others what you would want them to do to you.

How do you like to be treated by others?

How could you show kindness in these situations?

1. A person does not have friends because they brag so much.

2. One of your team players is not performing well.

3. Your teacher is carrying a huge armful of stuff.

4. Mum is trying to cook dinner and look after your little brother who is getting into everything.

Explain what can we learn about kindness from:

Grandparents

Animal rescue workers

Nurses

Draw a picture of an act of kindness. Write a caption.

Week 3: The Fruit of Goodness

Goodness is doing what is right in order to please God.



What would Jesus do?

You are offered an easy way out of a problem but you know that this is not what God wants?

You want something really badly but you have to do wrong to get it.

You are offered something that would not be helpful to your growth in the Christian life.

What did Jesus do when He was tempted? (Matthew 4:10)

What can we learn about goodness from these people in the Bible?

Moses

Mary

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is _____

Think about these things.

Week 4: The Fruit of Self-control

Self-control is doing what you know you should and stopping yourself from doing what you shouldn't.

Self-control is giving your anger to God and thinking loving thoughts instead.

Proverbs 13:3 _____

What does controlling the tongue mean?

How can anger, or a bad temper, cause others to be hurt?

What is the best way to handle your bad feelings so that others are not hurt?

Self-control is also about not being greedy. What did Jesus say about this? (Luke 12:15)

List some *things* that tempt people to be greedy.

Choose one of the words on this hand and explain how we can use it to have self-control.



Week 1: In six days

List the events in the Creation week:

Day 1 _____

Day 2 _____

Day 3 _____

Day 4 _____

Day 5 _____

Day 6 _____

Day 7 _____

Where does the seven-day week come from?

Evolutionists say that the Earth is made from star dust. Why could this not be true according to Genesis 1?

What would you say to someone who believed in the 'Big Bang'?

Colossians 1: 16 For through Him (Jesus) God created everything in heaven and on earth...

John 1:1-3 Before the world was created, the Word already existed; He was with God and He was the same as God. Through Him God made all things; not one thing in the creation was made without Him.

John 1:14 The Word became a human being and full of grace and truth, lived among us.

Who was the Word? _____

Was Jesus involved in the creation of the world? _____

Week 2: The heavens declare God's glory



How did light exist before God made the sun, moon and stars?

Why did God make the moon? (Psalm 104:19)

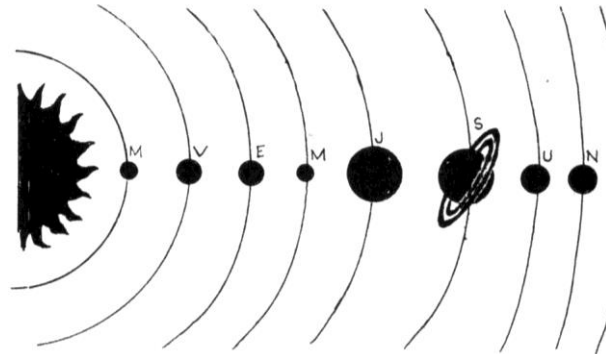
How do we know that the stars did not appear by accident? (Psalm 145:4)

When we look at the sky we are reminded of the greatness of God. Such a great God is still concerned about us, (Psalm 8:3-4). How does this make you feel?

In Genesis 1, what is the statement made each time a Creation day was completed.

If there was evening and morning every time before the creation of the next day, what does that tell us?

Week 3: God is in charge of His creation



Name the planets starting from the one closest to the sun to the most distant.

Job 26:7 says, _____

What did ancient people think held up the earth?

Isaiah 40:22 says "God sits on His throne above the _____

of the earth. What does this tell us about the shape of the Earth?

We do not have to worry about what could happen in the future to the sun, moon, stars, the Earth or other planets because _____

Week 4: God created male and female

What does the Bible say about Christian marriage?

Genesis 2:21-24

While Adam was sleeping God took out one of the man's _____ and formed _____ out of the rib. That is why a man leaves his father and mother and _____

Genesis 1:27-28

God created them male and female, blessed them and said, " _____
_____."

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be _____ by all and husbands and wives should be _____ to each other.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands _____ your wives just as Christ loved the church and _____

Ephesians 5:22

Wives _____ to your husbands as to the _____

Marriage is a partnership. What does this mean?



Week 5: Beliefs about Creation

John 5:46 Jesus said, "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me."

Which books did Moses write?

Many people today do not believe that the book of Genesis, (written by Moses) is actually true. How could this affect their belief in Jesus?

Mark 10:6 Jesus said, "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female."

Why would this verse be a problem to those who believe that human beings came into the world millions of years after the beginning of the world?

If someone said to you that the Genesis Creation account is just a parable, what would you say to them?

God is a Powerful God

Name three miracles that are recorded in the bible.

These miracles are not fairy stories. If God is powerful enough to perform these miracles, is He powerful enough to create the world in six days?

Week 1: Is it right or wrong?

How do we tell if something is wrong?

We may appear to others to be doing the right thing, but our motive might be wrong. A motive is the reason for doing something.

What is the motive for the following actions? (Choose from these words: revenge, pride, fear, selfishness, jealousy)

1. You are doing this *good* thing to make yourself look good in the eyes of others.

2. You are doing something that looks as if you are helping someone, but really, it's for your own gain.

3. You are doing something good just to show someone up, so that you can look better than the other person.

4. You are choosing NOT to include someone because they can do things better than you.

5. You are choosing NOT to do something or NOT to help someone because in the past they didn't help you, or they hurt you.

6. You are acting in a certain way just because you want to be 'in' with the crowd.

Right motives from God

W _____ W _____ J _____ D _____ ?

Is it true, kind, helpful and honouring to God?

Week 2: Guidance through Conviction & Circumstances

Conviction is a deep-down sense of the right thing to do that comes from the guidance of the Holy Spirit and a clear conscience.

God spoke to Moses in the burning _____.

God spoke to Saul by a blinding _____.

God spoke to Elijah through a still _____.

What is the still small voice in the lives of Christians?

We can hear God's still small voice when we p ___ and r ___ the
B ____.

God can also show us the way to go through **circumstances**.

If we pray about our future, God can b ___ the paths that are not right for us and o ___ the doors that are right for us.

Read Psalm 31:14-15 and as a response, write a prayer telling Father God that you trust Him to guide your future.



Week 3: Guidance through confirmation



1. What is Gideon holding? _____
2. Gideon wanted proof from God that he had been chosen to save Israel from the Midianites. How did God send him a sign?

3. God's word can be a sign to us when we want to know which way to go. If we want God to give us guidance through His word, what must we do?

Psalm 119:11 says "I have _____ God's word in my _____."

If we know God's word in our hearts, God can bring to mind a passage of Scripture that applies directly to our situation.

Write any Scripture passage that you have memorized.

Week 4: Dreams, visions & angels

Choose three events in the Bible where God spoke to people through dreams, visions or angels.

Here are some to choose from:

Old Testament: Jacob, Joseph, Pharaoh, Gideon, Solomon, Daniel

New Testament: Joseph, the Magi, Pilate's wife, Peter, Paul, John

Week 1: Jesus came to serve



Jesus came to:

1. Preach the Good News to the _____
2. Heal the broken _____
3. Set the captives _____
4. Heal the _____
5. Cancel all _____

What does it mean to be spiritually blind?

How does Jesus cancel all debts?

How can we carry on the ministry of Jesus here on Earth?

Week 2: Jesus, the healing servant



Why did Jesus wait before going to Bethany?

How did Martha show her faith in Jesus?

Who believed in Jesus' power to heal?

Why did Jesus want to show them God's power to raise the dead?

True or False

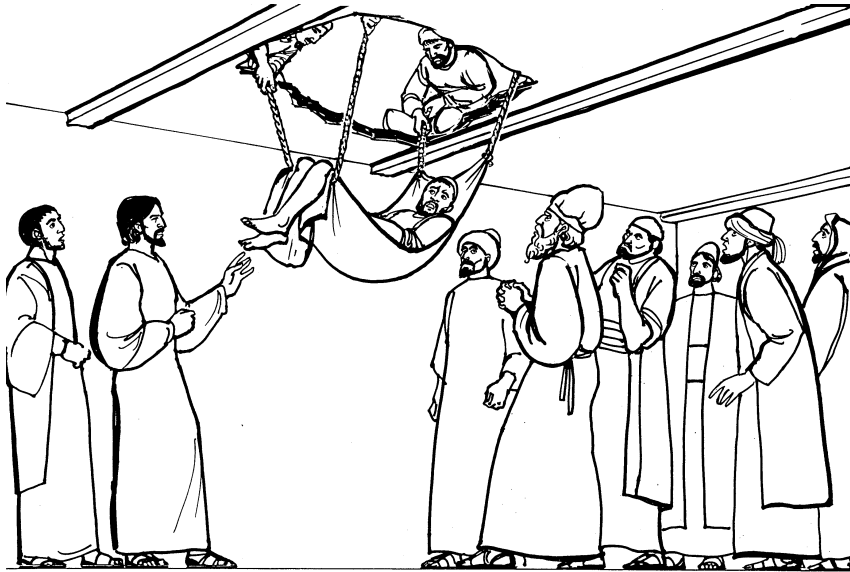
Jesus performed miracles in order to impress people.

Mary and Martha believed in Jesus' power to heal.

The disciples always understood why Jesus did things.

We will always understand how God is working in our lives.

Week 3: Jesus still heals today



What was wrong with the man on the stretcher?

Why did his friend bring him to Jesus?

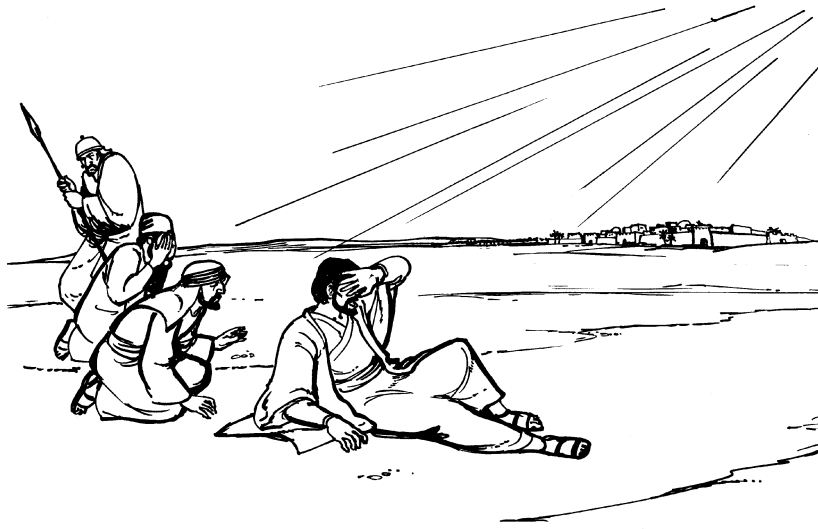
What was the house like and how did they get up on the roof so easily?

Draw a picture of the house from the outside.

What did Jesus say about the faith of the four friends?

Luke 18:27 The things which are _____ with men are
_____ with God.

Week 4: Paul, a servant of Jesus



Acts 9:1-19

Saul was a Pharisee who _____ Christians. He was on his way to _____ where he hoped to _____ Christian men and woman. As he was coming near the city a _____ from the sky flashed all around him. He fell to the _____. Then he heard a _____ say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you _____ me?" It was the voice of _____. Jesus told Saul to get up and go to the city. He got up but could not _____. He was led by the hand to Damascus where he and his helpers stayed in a house for several days. Saul did not _____ or _____ anything. Then the Lord told a man called a Christian man, Ananias, to go to the house where Saul was. Ananias was afraid because Saul killed Christians. But the Lord said to go anyway, because He had chosen Saul to _____ Him. Ananias went to the house and prayed for Saul.

List three things that happened to Saul after Ananias prayed?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Week 1: God cares for our bodies

How did Jesus show that He cared for peoples' physical bodies while he was on Earth?

According to James 5:14-15, what are we instructed to do if we are sick?

In John 3:1-2 John prays for others to be in good _____

If God created a perfect world, why is there sickness and suffering in the world today?

When will all sickness and suffering disappear?

While on this Earth, what can we do to maintain good health?

What should we do if we get sick or have a physical disability?

1 Peter 5:7 _____

Week 2: Looking after our bodies

Draw pictures in the boxes on the right to illustrate the eight rules for good health.

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| Nutrients | |
| Exercise | |
| Water | |
| Sunlight | |
| Toxin-free | |
| Air | |
| Rest | |
| Trust in God and think happy thoughts | |

Take the first letter of each of the above rules, and you will have a good way to remember the eight rules: _____

Week 3: Smoking, drugs and alcohol



Why do people smoke?

Why shouldn't people smoke?

What's the difference between recreational drugs and drugs that the doctor gives?

Why are recreational drugs dangerous?

How can alcohol harm young people?

What would a good response be if you were offered cigarettes, recreational drugs or alcohol?

1 Cor 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are _____

Week 1: Leaders and followers

“Everyone is, or will become a leader.” What does this statement mean?

Name a leader that you know and like. Say why you like that leader.

What qualities do we see in Jesus as a leader?

What does it mean to be a good follower?

Who should we follow?

What is honesty?

Why is honesty important in leadership?

What is discernment?

Why is discernment important in leadership?

Week 2: Qualities of good leaders

List some qualities of good leaders.

What do good leaders do?

What is humility?

Why is it important that a good leader be humble?

What kind of leader would you like to have leading you? (Tick the right answers)

One who listens to what people are saying and tries to understand their opinions

One who tries to impress with boastful speech

One who organizes affairs efficiently

One who dismisses people without cause, just because they see someone else they think could do it better

One who cares for, and wants the best for the people they are leading

One who tells the truth

Week 3: Evil leaders

Why is Queen Jezebel an example of one of the most evil leaders in the Bible? What did she do?

Why was Adolf Hitler one of the most evil leaders in modern history? What did he do?

What were the similarities in leadership between Queen Jezebel and Adolf Hitler?

What does the Bible tell us about the attributes of a good government? (Prov 8:11&16; Prov 17:7; Prov 17:23; Prov 20:26; Prov 28:2-4)

What do you think changes a young man or woman from being a regular person doing relatively normal things to becoming an evil leader?

What should Christians do if they are asked to obey government laws that go against what the Bible says? (Acts 5:29)

List some examples of laws passed by governments around the world today that go against what the Bible says.

Week 1: Jesus came to us

How did Jesus show His humility in the way He came to us?

How did God confirm to both Mary and Joseph that the pregnancy was of the Holy Spirit?

What prophecy from Micah 5:2 was fulfilled at Jesus birth?

How did the shepherds know what to do?

How did the Wise Men know what to do?

In which month was Jesus actually born? _____

In which country was He born? _____

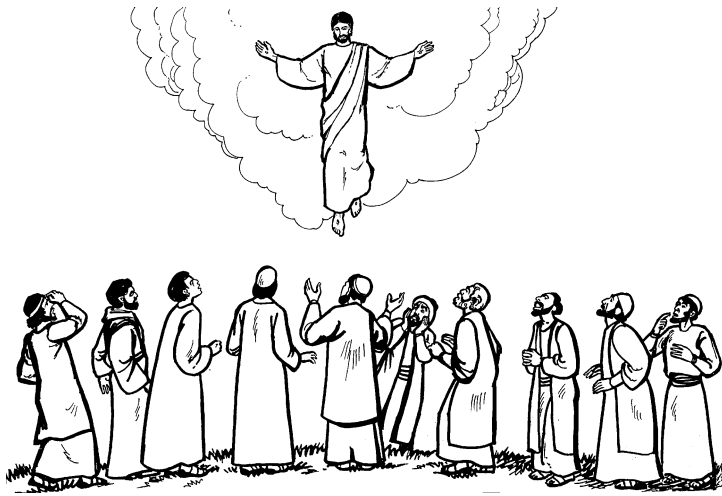
Where did the idea of the modern Santa Claus originate from?

What was the original St Nicholas famous for?

What is the real reason for celebrating Christmas?



Week 2: Jesus will come again



Acts 1:10-11 They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as He went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and said, "Why are you standing looking up at the sky? Jesus will come back in the same way that you saw Him go to heaven."

Before Jesus died, He told His disciples about the signs that believers can watch for, showing that Jesus' return is close.

Read Matthew 24:3-14. What are some of the signs?

Read verses 24:23-27. How will the coming of Jesus surprise some people?

Read verses 29-31 Why will it be wonderful for some and not good for others?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 What will happen to those who love Jesus?

Read Matthew 24: 36-44 Why will it be like the days of Noah?

What is the most important thing to remember? (Matthew 24:44)

Week 3: Lord and King of your life



Nicodemus was a bit different to the other Pharisees. Instead of wanting to trick Jesus with his questions, he was truly searching for the truth. He wanted to know how to get to heaven.

What did Jesus say? (John 3:3)

What does this actually mean?

Nicodemus had kept all the laws of the Scriptures. Why wasn't he good enough to get into heaven on his own merits?

How does the Holy Spirit come to live in a person?

God's free gift that we do not deserve: g _ _ _ _

We need this to accept the free gift: f _ _ _ _

We can accept Jesus as our Saviour, but how do we make Him Lord and King of our lives?

