

# **How to become one of God's family**

This is a Bible study book to help people learn about God and what he wants for us. It will help you think about why it's good to be in God's family, and it will tell you how to join God's family.

## **Bible Study 1**

### **What will God do for everybody?**

After Jesus died and came back to life again, his followers told lots of people about him. One of his followers was Paul. Paul went around to a lot of places, and one day he went to a town called Athens to talk to the people there. Those people at Athens thought that there are lots of gods. Whenever people talked about that place they said, "There are lots of gods in Athens. There are even more gods than people in Athens."

Those Athens people did not know that there is only one true God. They did not know that he made everything – the sky and the ground too. Today lots of people are like that Athens mob. They do not know the one true God. They are lost, just like the Athens mob.

This Bible Study shows us what God will do for us and for everybody.

#### *God's Word – Acts 17:22-31*

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood up and talked to the council mob at Athens. He said, "I can see that you

Athens mob think a lot about gods. <sup>23</sup> I walked around this city, and I saw a lot of statues that you set up, to show respect to a lot of gods. And I saw a stone table that you set up, and you wrote on it, 'This is for that god that we don't know.' Look, you don't know that God, but you show respect to him anyway. Listen, I do know him, so now I want to tell you all about him. I'll tell you about that God that you don't know.

<sup>24</sup> He is the God that made all the world, and he made everything in the world. He is the boss over everybody everywhere. He is boss up in the sky, and he is boss down here on the ground. So nobody can build a house big enough for him to live in. <sup>25</sup> And he doesn't need us to do anything for him. You see, he is the one that makes us alive, and he gives us our breath, and he gives us everything we need.

<sup>26</sup> At first he just made one man, then later he made all of us from that man. All of us in every tribe everywhere were born into that man's family. And God gave each tribe their own country, and he planned where they will live and how long they will live there.

<sup>27</sup> He did that so that we can look for him, and maybe we can find him. But really, he is not very far away from any of us. <sup>28</sup> That old story is true that says, 'He is with us all the time. He is the one that makes us alive, so that we can walk about and do things.' And even one of your own Athens people wrote something about him. He wrote, 'We are his kids.'

<sup>29</sup> So, if it is true that we are God's kids, we shouldn't just dream up something and then make a statue like that from gold or silver or stone, and say, 'My god looks like this.' No way. Nobody can make any sort of statue that is anything like God.

<sup>30</sup> You see, at first people didn't know about God, but at that time he didn't worry about it. Now it is different. Now he says to all of us, that we have to turn around and stop doing bad things. <sup>31</sup> And if we don't stop doing bad things, he will give us big trouble. He is going to have a big court, and all of us will have to stand in front of the judge. He has already set the date for that. It will be a fair court, and he has picked one man to be the judge. That man died, but God made him alive again. God did that to show everybody that he picked that man to be the big judge."

*Think about these questions then write the answers.*

1. Paul saw that the people of Athens thought a lot about something. What was it? (See verse 22)
2.          The Athens people set up a stone table for one god. Who was that stone table for? (See verse 23)
3.          Who did Paul want to tell them about? (See verse 23)
4.          Look at verse 24 – what did God make?

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5. We all belong to different tribes. Where did we all come from? (See verse 26)
6. We all belong to different tribes. How did God set things up for us? (See verse 26)
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7. God gave each tribe their own country to live in and he planned how long they will live there. Why did he do that? What does he want us to do? (See verse 27)
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8. Is God far away from us or is he close to us? (See verses 27 and 28)
9. Who makes us alive so that we can do things? (See verse 28)
10. Look at verse 29. What does it tell us that we shouldn't do?
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11. Look at verse 30. What does God say people have to do?
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12. God says to turn around and stop doing bad things. Who is he talking to? (See verse 30)
13. What will happen to people that don't stop doing bad and that don't turn to God? (See verse 31)

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14. Who is the man that is going to judge all of us people? (See verse 31)

15. Look at verse 31 and also look at 2 Peter 3:9, which says:

“God is not slow to do the things that he promised to do. Some people think that he is being slow, but no, he is quietly waiting for you people. He doesn’t want anyone to die for ever. He wants everyone to turn around. He wants them to stop doing bad things and turn to him.”

Does God want us to die and stay dead for ever because we have done bad things?

16. Do you want to stop doing bad things and turn to God? If you do, why do you want to do that? Or if you don’t want to stop doing bad things and turn to God, why don’t you? Write here which way you want to go, and say why you want to go that way.

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17. Think about the whole story to answer this question: What does God want all of us to do?

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## **Bible Study 2**

## **Jesus can save us, even if we are really bad**

God loves us. Even though we all did bad things and we are really no good, he can save us anyway. And he can make us really live properly.

That is the message in the story about Zakias. He was a government boss and his job was to get tax money from people and give it to the government. He often cheated people and took their money and kept it for himself. So people did not like him. But Jesus visited Zakias at his house.

And why did Jesus visit him? Because Jesus wanted to be his friend. You see, Jesus wants to be everybody's friend, so he came to save people. You know, we went wrong, and we do bad things, and we got lost, but Jesus can save us.

### *God's Word – Luke 19:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to a town called Jericho. He went into that town and started to go through it. <sup>2</sup> A very rich man lived there. His name was Zakias. His job was to get tax money from the people and give it to the government, and he was the boss over some other tax men too. Sometimes tax men cheated people and kept some money for themselves, so nobody liked them.

<sup>3</sup> Zakias wanted to see Jesus, but he was a short man, and there were a lot of people around Jesus, and they got in his way and blocked him, so he couldn't see Jesus. <sup>4</sup> So he ran up the road ahead

of Jesus and climbed up into a tree, and he saw Jesus from up high in that tree.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus got to that tree, he looked up and saw Zakias, and he said to him, “Zakias. Come down here. And hurry. I want to go and stay at your house today.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Zakias was very happy, and he came down quickly, and he took Jesus to his house.

<sup>7</sup> But when the other people saw this, they were angry with Jesus. They said, “Look. He has gone to stay with a bad man. He shouldn’t do that.”

<sup>8</sup> But later, at his house, Zakias stood up and said to Jesus, “Listen, sir, this is what I am going to do now. I am going to split up all the things I own into 2 heaps, and I will give one heap away to poor people. And as well as that, I’m going to give money back to those people that I cheated. I am going to give them back 4 times as much as I took from them.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus told everybody there, “Listen. Today, right now, God saved this man, and everybody at his place too. You see, this man is one of God’s people now, just like Abraham, because he believes in me just like Abraham believed in God. <sup>10</sup> I am God’s special man from heaven, and I came to earth to look for people that went wrong and got lost, so that I can save them.”

*Think about these questions then write the answers.*

1. Who was Zakias? (See verse 2)

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2. What did Zakias want to do? (See verse 3)
3. What stopped Zakias so that he could not see Jesus? (See verse 3)
4. What sort of things stop people from coming to Jesus today?  
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5. Think about this: Why did Zakias want to see Jesus? What do you reckon?  
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6. What did Zakias do so that he could see Jesus? (See verse 4)
7. When Jesus saw Zakias, what did Jesus say to him? (See verse 5)  
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8. In the story Jesus wanted to be friends with Zakias, so he told Zakias that he wanted to go to his house. You know, Jesus wants to be friends with you and me too. Do you want Jesus to be your friend? Or maybe not?
9. When Zakias heard that Jesus wanted to go to his house, what did Zakias do? (See verse 6)  
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10. The other people saw Jesus go with Zakias to his house. Why did the people get angry with Jesus? (See verse 7)  
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11. Some people said that Zakias was a bad man, but you know, Jesus loved Zakias anyway. That shows us that Jesus loves all people, even if they are bad. But what about you and me? Are we bad people too?
12. Zakias showed everyone that he wanted to turn around, and stop doing bad things, and start living the right way. What did he do to show that? (See verse 8)
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13. Jesus said, “God saved this man, and everybody at his place too.” Why did Jesus say that? (See verse 9)
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14. What did Jesus come to this earth to do? (See verse 10)
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15. Do you want God to save you so that you get real life?
16. Think about everything Zakias did in that story. Zakias used to do bad things, but when Jesus talked to him, what did Zakias do? We all do bad things, so what does Jesus want us to do? (See verses 6, 8, 9)
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## Bible Study 3

## **A young man got lost but he came back to his father**

Whenever people find out that they need God, God is happy and he loves them. No matter how bad they are at first, if they turn around, and they stop doing bad things and they come back to God, he is happy to have them back. He will say that they are not guilty of those bad things they did.

If you come to God like that, then you belong to his family and it is like you come home. But if you stay away from God then you are lost. So turn around and come back to God now!

### *God's Word – Luke 15:11-24*

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus told the people another picture story. He said, “There was a man that had 2 sons. <sup>12</sup> One day, his youngest son said to him, ‘Dad, I want you to give me my part of all the things you own. I can’t wait until after you die to get it. No, I want it all now.’ So his father split up everything he had and gave one part to his youngest son, and he kept the other part for his oldest son.

<sup>13</sup> A few days later, that youngest son sold all those things that his father gave him, then he took the money and went away to another country, far away. In that country he soon spent all that money. He just wasted it on all sorts of things that made him feel good. <sup>14</sup> After a while, he had no money left. At that time, they got short of food in that country, and soon that young man had nothing to eat. <sup>15</sup> So he got a job with a man in that place. He had to look after that man’s pigs.

<sup>16</sup> That young man was so hungry he wanted to eat the rubbish food that the pigs ate, but nobody gave him anything to eat.

<sup>17</sup> At last he started to think properly. He thought, “Those men that work for my dad in his garden back home, they always get enough food to eat. But I am getting so hungry that I reckon I will die in this place. <sup>18</sup> So I will get up now and go back home to my dad, and I will say to him, “Dad, I’m sorry, I went wrong. I did the wrong thing to God, and I did the wrong thing to you. <sup>19</sup> So now I’m not good enough for you to call me your son, so just let me have a job in your garden. I will work for you, and you can just call me your work-man.” ’

<sup>20</sup> So he got up and started to go back to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming along the road. His father felt really sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> Then his son said, ‘Dad, I’m sorry, I went wrong. I did the wrong thing to God, and I did the wrong thing to you. So now I’m not good enough for you to call me your son.’

<sup>22</sup> But his father said to his workers there, ‘Go and get some really good clothes and put them on him. And be quick. And get him a ring for his finger, and get some shoes for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get a fat young cow, and kill it, and cook the meat, so we can all have a big party. <sup>24</sup> You see, my son got himself lost, but now I have found him. I thought he was gone for ever, like he was dead,

but now he came back to me, and it is like he came alive again.’

So those workers did what he told them to do, and they had a big party.”

*Think about these questions then write the answers.*

1. In that story, the youngest son asked his father to give him some of the things his father owned. Then what did his father do? (See verse 12)

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2. That young man got those things. Then what did he do? (See verse 13)

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3. Suppose you did something like that to your father, how would he feel about you?

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4. That young man went to another country, and after that everyone in that country got short of food. Then what did that young man do? (See verse 15)

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5. After that young man got a job, did he have a good time working there, or not? (See verse 16)

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6. Then who did that young man think about? (See verse 17)

7. Then what did that young man do? (See verses 18, 19 and 20)

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8. Suppose you are the father in that story:
- Do you want your youngest son to come back home, or not?
  - Why do you feel that way about him?
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9. How did that father feel about his son? (See verse 20)
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10. At first that young man thought he was smart, but later he knew he was wrong. After that, how did he think about himself? (See verse 21)
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11. His father said, “I thought he was gone for ever, like he was dead, but now he came back to me, and it is like he came alive again.” (See verse 24) What did his father mean?
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12. That story about that father is a picture story about God. He is our Father in heaven. But maybe sometimes people don’t want to come to God. They think God does not want them. Do you sometimes think like that?
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13. If you want to come back to God, what do you have to do? (See verse 21)
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14. Think about this picture story. What does it tell us about God? How does God feel about people that go away from him and get themselves lost?

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## **Bible Study 4**

### **God can make us like new people**

There was a group of Jewish people called Pharisees. They were very strong about God's old law for Jewish people. They also made up a lot of their own laws and they were very strong about them too. That Pharisee mob did not like Jesus, and they tried to stop him all the time.

Nicodemus was one of that Pharisee mob, but he was different. He wanted to listen to Jesus. But he knew that if he went and talked to Jesus, then his Pharisee mob would get angry with him. So Nicodemus went to Jesus at night so that Pharisee mob didn't see him. He listened to what Jesus said, then he knew he could turn his life around and become like a new person.

#### *God's Word – John 3:1-10, 16-18*

<sup>1-2</sup> One night, a man went to talk to Jesus. His name was Nicodemus. He was a leader of the Jewish people, and he was one of the mob called Pharisees, that were strong for the Jewish law. He said to Jesus, "Teacher, we've been watching you do powerful things, so now we know that God has sent you to teach us. Only somebody with God's power can do those things."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said to him, “Listen, I am telling you straight, people have to get born again, and then they can be in God’s family.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said, “How can a big man like me get back into his mother’s body and get born again?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said, “Listen, I am telling you straight, if anyone wants to be in God’s family, they have to get born again God’s way. God has to make them clean, and he has to put his spirit in them. <sup>6</sup> You see, everybody is born from a human mother, that’s how our bodies get life. But if people get born again from God’s Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit gives new life to their spirits too.

<sup>7</sup> I said, ‘You have to get born again.’ Don’t get shocked by that. <sup>8</sup> You know that the wind goes wherever it wants to go. You hear the sound it makes, but you don’t know where it came from, and you don’t know where it’s going. Just like that, we don’t know how God’s spirit makes people get born again.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said, “What? How can somebody get born again from God’s spirit?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “I am shocked. You are an important teacher here in Israel, and you don’t understand what I’m saying.

<sup>16</sup> You see, God loved all of the people in the world. He loved everyone so much that he sent them his only son, his special son. God sent him to die instead of them, so that if anyone trusts

him, God will not finish them up, but they will live with him for ever.

<sup>17</sup> You see, God sent his son into the world so that he can save the people of the world. He didn't send him to judge people and do payback to them.

<sup>18</sup> If anyone believes in God's son, then God will not say they are guilty. But if anyone does not believe in him, God has already said they are guilty. You see, they do not believe in God's only son, his special son.

*Think about these questions then write the answers.*

1. Who was Nicodemus? (See verse 1)  
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2. You know, the Pharisee mob did not like Jesus. So why do you reckon Nicodemus came to Jesus at night time and not in the day time?  
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3. What did Nicodemus say to Jesus? (See verses 1 and 2)  
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4. Jesus said, "People have to get born again, and then they can be in God's family." What did Nicodemus think that Jesus was talking about? (See verses 3 and 4)  
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5. Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to "get born again" to be in God's family. What did he mean by that? (See verse 5)  
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6. Jesus told Nicodemus about getting born again. Did Nicodemus understand Jesus, or maybe not? (See verse 9)
7. After Nicodemus said that he didn't understand Jesus's message, what did Jesus say? (See verse 10)
8. Why did God send his son and let him die for us? (See verse 16)
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9. God sent his son for us. Now, if we trust him, what will happen to us? (See verse 16)
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10. Look at verse 18:
- a. God will not say we are guilty, if we do what?
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- b. Who does God say *is* guilty?
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11. Would you like to believe in Jesus and get born again?
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12. God says that he gives people new life. Why is this the most the important thing for us to think about? What do you reckon?
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13. Read these 2 verses then answer the questions below:

**Ephesians 5:25b-26:** Jesus Christ loves the people in his church properly. Jesus let people kill him so that he could save us. He washed us properly clean, not just with water in the baptism ceremony, but with his word too.

**1 Peter 1:23:** God gave you new life. It's not like the life you got from your mother and father. That life will end. But when you listened properly to God's message, he gave you new life, like you got born again. Your new life will not end, because God's word will never finish up. It lives for ever.

a. What does God use to give people new life?

b. What does it mean for somebody to "get born again"?

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## **Bible Study 5**

### **We can drink the water that makes us really live**

At the time when Jesus was here on earth, he belonged to the Jewish people. And there were other people living in that country called the

Samaria people. These 2 mobs did not like each other.

Even though they both believed in God they were a bit different in some ways. The Samaria mob had their special site on a mountain called Gerizim, and they showed respect to God there. The Jewish mob had their special site at the city called Jerusalem, and they showed respect to God there.

But in this story, Jesus talked about a new way to show respect to God.

*God's Word – John 4:4-30, 39-42*

<sup>4</sup> On their way to Galilee country, Jesus and his followers had to go through the country called Samaria. <sup>5-8</sup> They walked a long way, then they got to a water-hole. A long time ago, their grandfather, Jacob, dug that water-hole. It was near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. There was a little town called Sikar near that water-hole, so Jesus's followers went into the town to buy some food. But Jesus was tired, so he sat down next to that water-hole and waited there.

In the middle of the day, a woman came from the town and got some water from that water-hole. Jesus said to her, "Can you give me a drink?"

<sup>9</sup> The woman said, "What? You are a Jew, and I belong to Samaria. So why do you ask me for a drink of water?" You see, the Jews were not friends with the Samaria people.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to her, "I asked you for a drink of water, but really, you should ask me for a drink. You don't know who I am, and you don't know

about the good thing that God can give you. If you ask me, I will give you the fresh water that makes people live.”

<sup>11</sup> The woman said, “Sir, this water-hole is really deep, and you haven’t got a bucket. How are you going to get that fresh water? <sup>12</sup> Jacob, our grand-father that lived a long time ago, he dug this water-hole for himself, and for his sons, and for all their animals. They all drank this water. Do you think you are greater than Jacob?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone that drinks water from this water-hole will get thirsty again.

<sup>14</sup> But if anyone drinks the water that I give them, they will never get thirsty again. That water will keep coming up inside them, like a spring of fresh water, and it will make them live for ever.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said, “Sir, give me that water. I don’t want to get thirsty. I don’t want to have to come here all the time to get water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said, “Well, go and get your husband and bring him here.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman said, “I haven’t got a husband.”

Jesus said to her, “That’s right. You haven’t got a husband now. <sup>18</sup> You have had 5 different husbands, and the man you live with now is only your boyfriend. You are not married to him. Yes, it’s true, you haven’t got a husband.”

<sup>19</sup> The woman said, “Sir, you know all about me. I reckon you are one of those men that get messages from God. <sup>20</sup> So tell me who is right, you Jewish people or us Samaria people? My people have always shown respect to God by doing ceremonies on this mountain. But you

Jews say that we have to go to Jerusalem to do those ceremonies and show respect to God. Who is right?”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Believe me, a time is coming when it will not matter if you show respect to God, the father, here on this mountain, or in Jerusalem, or anywhere else. <sup>22</sup> You see, you people try to show respect to God, but you don’t really know him. We Jewish people show respect to God, and we know more about him. And God said that he will use a Jewish person to save everybody. <sup>23</sup> Yes, a time is coming when the people that belong to God will show respect to him properly. And that time is happening now. They will know the true story about God, and they will respect him with their spirits. They are the sort of people that my father is looking for, to show him respect. <sup>24</sup> You see, God is a spirit, and the people that really respect him have to know the true story about him, and they have to respect him with their spirits.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to Jesus, “I know that a special man is coming. He is the man that God promised to send. He is the one called the *Messiah*, or the *Christ*. After he comes, he will tell us everything we need to know.”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am that man. Yes, that’s me, the man you are talking to.”

<sup>27</sup> Then, at that time, Jesus’s followers came back from the town. They saw Jesus and the woman, and they got a shock. He was talking to a woman. They wanted to ask her, “What do you want?” And they wanted to ask Jesus, “Why

are you talking to that woman?” But they didn’t say anything.

<sup>28</sup> The woman left her bucket next to the water-hole and went back into the town, and she said to the people there, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man that told me everything I ever did. Maybe he is the Christ, the special man that God promised to send, the one that we have been waiting for.” <sup>30</sup> The people heard what she said, and they left the town to go and see Jesus.

<sup>39</sup> The people in the town heard the woman say, “He told me everything I ever did,” and a lot of them believed in Jesus. <sup>40</sup> And so they came from the town to see Jesus, and they asked him to stay with them for a while. So he stayed there for 2 days. <sup>41</sup> He talked to them and told them his message, and even more people believed in him.

<sup>42</sup> The town people said to the woman, “We heard what you said about this man, and we believed you. But now we listened to him ourselves, and we know for sure that he is the man that God sent into the world to save people.”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus stayed with the people there for 2 days. Then Jesus and his followers left Samaria and went north to Galilee country.

*Think about these questions then write the answers.*

1. In this story, while Jesus sat near a water-hole, what country was he in? (See verse 4)
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2. While Jesus sat there, who came up to that water-hole? (See verses 5, 6, 7 and 8)
3. What did Jesus ask her for? (See verses 5, 6, 7 and 8)
4. Did the Jewish people like the Samaria people? (See verse 9)
5. What do you reckon? Why did Jesus talk to that Samaria woman? (See verse 10)  
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6. Jesus told that woman about the water that makes people live for ever. What kind of water did she think he was talking about? (See verse 11)  
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7. Who did the woman say dug that water-hole? (See verse 12)
8. But Jesus told her about the water that he can give, and that it makes people live for ever. If somebody drinks that water that Jesus gives, what will that water be like inside that person? (See verses 13 and 14)
9. The woman asked Jesus to give her some of that water that makes people live for ever. But Jesus told her that first she had to do something. What did she have to do? (See verses 15 and 16)
10. What did Jesus know about that woman

and her real problem? (See verses 17 and 18)

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11. How did that woman think that Jesus knew all about her? (See verse 19)

12. That woman was all mixed up about the way to show respect to God.

a. Where did the Samaria mob have a special site? Where did they go to show respect to God? (See verse 20)

b. And where did the Jewish mob say the special site was? Where did they go to show respect to God? (See verse 20)

13. Maybe that woman knew God properly, but maybe not. What was the name of the mob that really did know God and showed respect to him? (See verse 22)

14. What is God like, and how does he want people to show respect to him? (See verses 23 and 24)

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15. Read these 2 verses then answer the 2 questions after you read them.

**John 14:6:** Jesus said, “I am like the track for you. I can take you to my father. And I am the one that says what is true about God. And I am the one that can give people life so that they live



with God for ever. I am the only one that can take people to God.”

**John 17:17:** Jesus prayed to God. He said,

“Make my followers your own special people, that only listen to your true message. Your word is that true message.”

a. Who says what is true about God?

b. Whose word is the true message?

16. Who is the one that people call ‘Messiah’ or ‘Christ’? (See verses 25 and 26)

17. What do you reckon? Why did Jesus’s followers get a shock after they came back and found Jesus talking to that woman that belonged to the Samaria mob? (See verse 27, and also verse 9)

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18. Jesus talked with that woman, then what did she do? (See verses 28 and 29)

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19. After she told her countrymen about Jesus, then what did they do? (See verses 39, 40, 41 and 42)

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*This next question is for the whole of study 5.*

20. Think about Jesus Christ and what he did in that story.

- a. Do you want to know God properly and show respect to him properly?
- b. Do you want God to save you so that you can live with God for ever?
- c. Do you believe that Jesus is the man that God sent into the world to save people?

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*These next questions are for the whole of these studies so far, studies 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.*

In these Bible Studies we started at Bible Study 1, and now we are finishing Bible Study 5. Maybe God already helped you learn more about him.

21. What new things did you learn from these studies?

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22. After you listened to God's word, did he help you trust in him and live his way?

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## **Bible Study 6**

### **God wants to save us so that we will live the right way, and later on we will live with him for ever**

God loves us and if we believe in him, he will save us. It is not about whether we do ceremony. And it is not about whether we do good things. No, God does not look at those things. It is about

his son, Jesus Christ. If we believe in Jesus, God will save us.

If you want God to save you, then you have to tell him truly that you are not good and that you did bad things. And then you have to turn around and follow Jesus and stop doing bad things. And you have to believe that Jesus Christ died instead of you, and that he came back to life again, so he is alive now.

If you do that, then the Holy Spirit will come into you and live in you. That means you will have the spirit of Jesus living in you, and he will give you the power to live the right way, power to win against the devil and to do good things and not do bad things.

One day Jesus will come back to earth again, and then all the dead people that believed in Jesus, they will come back to life, and they will get new bodies. And all the people that believe in Jesus and are still alive, they will get new bodies too. And we will all live with Jesus and God for ever. Maybe you will die before Jesus comes back, it doesn't matter, you will still live with him for ever.

So now read what God's Word says in these little bits from the Holy Bible and think about them. Then write your answers to each question.

## **Part A**

### **How can we live for ever?**

*1. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the questions.*

**Proverbs 27:1:** Don't say that you are really good and that you will do great things tomorrow.

What will happen tomorrow? You do not know. So you can't talk that way.

**Hebrews 4:7b:** A long time ago God's messenger David said this, "Today, if you hear God talking, don't pretend you can't hear him. You have to listen to him."

When do we have to turn to God and ask him to save us? Can we wait until tomorrow, or do we have to do it today?

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*2. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9:** God is really good to you. You believed in Jesus, and God saved you. You didn't do anything good, and you didn't pay God anything, but he saved you anyway. You can't do things to save yourself. Even if you do a lot of good things, you can't save yourself. No way. It is God that saves you. Nobody can say, "I'm really good, that is the reason why God saved me." Nobody can talk like that. No way.

**Titus 3:5:** God saved us, but he didn't save us because we did good things. No. He saved us because he felt really sorry for us. Then his Holy Spirit washed us so that we are really clean inside, and he made us like we got born again as new people.

Can you save yourself by doing good things and trying to live the right way?

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*3. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**Proverbs 28:13:** If you try to trick everyone so that they do not know the bad things you did, that will not work and you will not have a good life. But if you tell God that you did wrong, and if you stop doing bad things, then he will feel sorry for you and he will be good to you.

If we want God to be good to us there are 2 things that we have to do. What are they?

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*4. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**1 John 1:9:** If we tell God that we did wrong things, he will not punish us. He is good, and we can trust him. He will clear away all the wrong things that we did. It is like he will wash us and make us clean inside from all the bad things that we did.

Whenever we go wrong, if we tell God that we did bad things and we are sorry, he will do 2 things for us.

What are they?

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*5. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the questions.*

**Romans 10:9-10:** Yes, you have to really believe that God made Jesus alive again after he died, and you have to tell people that you belong to Jesus. If you believe like that, and if you talk like that, God will save you. If you really believe God, and if you tell everybody that you believe in him, then he says that you are all right, and he saves you.

If you want God to save you, what do you have to believe?

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And if you want God to save you, what do you have to tell people?

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*6. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the questions.*

Think about this picture of Jesus:

**Revelation 3:20:** Jesus said, “Listen! It is like I am standing just outside the door right now, and I am knocking on it, and I am calling out to you. If you hear me and open the door for me, then I will come inside and we will eat dinner together.”

It's like Jesus is standing outside a door and he is knocking and calling out to you. He promised that he will do something if you open that door. What will he do? What do you think that means?

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*7. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**John 1:12-13:** Some people did want Jesus. They believed in him, so God said they can join his family, and be his own kids. Yes, those people are in God's family, but they were not born into it the way kids are born into human families. And they did not come from what a human mother or father wanted. God himself gave them new life and made them his kids.

If you believe in Jesus, what will you become?

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*8. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the questions.*

**1 John 5:11-13:** God tells us that he makes us properly alive so that we will live for ever. You see, if people are joined to God's son, then God makes them properly alive, and they will live for ever. But if people are not joined to God's Son, then they will not live for ever. I am writing this for you mob that believe in the son of God, so that you will know that you will live for ever.

If you are joined to Jesus Christ, what will God do for you?

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Can we know that we will live for ever?

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**Part B**  
**God will give us power to always stay strong for him**

*1. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

Paul wrote this.

**Galatians 2:20:** I turned around to follow Jesus, and now he controls me, and God makes me properly alive. And you know that Jesus died on a cross. Well, I believe in Jesus, so it is like I died there too. But Jesus is alive now, so I'm alive now too. You see, Jesus lives inside me, right here in my body. And he gets me to do the things that God wants me to do. He is God's son. He loved me, and he gave up his life and died for me.

**Ephesians 3:16-17a:** God is very great, and he can work powerfully in you, so I pray that he will do that. I pray that his Spirit will make your spirits strong, inside yourselves. I pray that you will trust Jesus Christ properly, so that he will live inside you.

After you believe in Jesus Christ, who will live inside you?

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*2. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**1 John 4:4:** Listen, my friends, you belong to God, and God's Spirit is in you, so you didn't listen to those people that tell lies about Jesus. They tried to trick you, but you won against them. They belong to the world and they listen to the devil, the boss over the bad spirits. But you belong to God and you listen to him. God's Spirit is in you mob, and God's Spirit is a lot stronger than that bad spirit boss that those people follow.

Sometimes people in this world tell God's people lies about Jesus. Who gives God's kids the power to live God's way and not listen to those people?

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*3. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**1 John 5:4-5:** It is like we got born again as God's kids. And if the people in this world push us to do wrong, it is like we are having a big fight with them. But if we really believe that Jesus is God's son, he makes us strong enough to win that fight. So nobody in this world can make us do things that are wrong, because we believe in Jesus and he makes us strong.

Sometimes people in this world push us to do wrong. What sort of person can stay strong and not do wrong things?

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*4. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

**Revelation 12:11:** Our Christian brothers and sisters won their fight against the devil. You know, Jesus bled and died on the cross for them, and that gave them the power to win against the devil. And they told everybody that true story about Jesus. That's how they won their fight against the devil. And they kept on following Jesus, even though people might kill them. They did not think "I want to stay alive, so I will stop following Jesus".

People can win against the devil. There are 3 things that help people do that. What are those 3 things?

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*5. Read these verses from the Holy Bible, then answer the questions.*

**Matthew 10:32-33:** Jesus said, "If you tell everyone that you are one of my followers, I will tell God, my father in heaven, that you are one of my followers. But if you tell everyone that you are not one of my followers, I will tell God, my father in heaven, that I don't know you, and I will tell him that you are not one of my followers."

If you tell everyone that you follow Jesus, then what will Jesus tell God about you?

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But if you tell everyone that you don't follow Jesus, then what will Jesus tell God about you?

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*6. Read this verse from the Holy Bible, then answer the question.*

God showed John what will happen after Jesus comes back, and he said,

**Revelation 21:7:** "If you win the fight against the devil, and don't listen to him, I will give you lots of good things, and I will be your God, and you will be my own kid."

After Jesus comes back, God will give some people lots of good things and he will say they are his own kids. Who will God do that for? What kind of people will they be?

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