NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

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SESSION 1:

BORN AGAIN
WHO
IS
JESUS?
HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!

I tell you the truth. Unless one is born again, he cannot be in God's kingdom.
- John 3:3

A person's body is born from his human parents. But a person's spiritual life is born from the spirit.
- John 3:6
THE PROBLEM OF SIN

For all have sinned and come short of God's glory.
-Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death.
-Romans 6:23
You cannot brag that you have been saved by the works you have done.

-Galatians 2:9
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

-Isaiah 53:6
But Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this way God shows His love for us.
-Romans 5:8
RECEIVING JESUS

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.
- John 1:12

How do you receive Jesus?

• Repent of your sins (Acts 3:19)
• Place your faith in Christ (John 3:16)
• Live for Jesus (Romans 10:9)

You might say this prayer

Dear God, I know that I have sinned and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died for my sin. Forgive my sin and put me right with you. I will follow Jesus as my Lord and obey him in all that I do. In the name of Jesus, Amen.
YOU ARE CERTAIN YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

-1 John 5:11-13

YOU ARE A DIFFERENT PERSON

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17
THE DAY I RECEIVED JESUS AS MY SAVIOR

Where I was reborn: ____________________

When I was reborn: ____________________

Describe how it happened:

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SESSION 2:

THE BIBLE
WHAT IS THE BIBLE?
BIBLE QUIZ

1. The Bible has two sections, the _______ testament and the _____ testament.

2. There are ______ books in the Bible. The Old Testament has _______ books, and the New Testament has ______ books.

3. The longest book in the Bible is __________.
   a. Psalms  
   b. Genesis  
   c. Luke  
   d. Revelation

4. The shortest book in the Bible is __________.
   a. Obadiah  
   b. Micah  
   c. 2nd John  
   d. Jude

5. The Bible is __________ by God (2 Timothy 3:16).

6. The first book in the Bible is __________.

7. The last book in the Bible is __________.

8. The first book in the New Testament is __________.
THE OLD TESTAMENT

OLD TESTAMENT FACTS

- Written mostly in Hebrew
- First book written 1200 years before Christ
- The history of the nation of Israel: the rise, the split, the fall, and the rebuilding
- Contains the law used to govern the nation Israel
- Many prophecies about Christ written hundreds of years before his birth
- Important people
  - Abraham: Father of Israel
  - Moses: Leads people out of slavery
  - David: Greatest king
  - Elijah: Greatest prophet
- The Bible that Jesus read
NEW TESTAMENT FACTS

- Tells the story of Jesus—His birth, death, resurrection, ascension, and return.
- Tells about the rise of the church.
- Written between 35 and 100 A.D.
- All books written by the disciples, or close friends of the disciples.
- Important People
  - Jesus: The Son of God and Savior of the World
  - 12 Disciples: The close followers of Jesus
  - Other disciples: the men and women who followed Jesus and helped start the church
  - Paul: the apostle that preached to the gentiles
PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

The purpose of the Bible is to bring you into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

Inspired: God is the source of Scripture.

Teaching: Tells you how to live

Reproof: Tells you when you are wrong

Correction: Tells you how to get right

Training: Needs to be part of you daily
MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

I have hidden your word in my heart that I may not sin against you.
-Psalm 119:11

Why memorize Scripture?

- To keep yourself from sin (Ps. 119:9)
- To help guide you into right decisions. (Ps. 119:105)
- To prepare you for those who doubt your faith. (1 Peter 3:15)
Like Newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 2:2-3

THE BIBLE...

.  READ IT
.  HEAR IT
.  MEMORIZE IT
.  OBEY IT
.  STUDY IT
.  THINK ABOUT IT
.  PRACTICE IT
SESSION 3:

PRAYER
WHAT IS PRAYER?
PEOPLE WHO PRAYED

1 Kings 18:36-39
WHO PRAYED?
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WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF HIS PRAYER?
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Daniel 6:10-16
WHO PRAYED?
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Acts 10:30-33
WHO PRAYED?
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WHAT IS PRAYER?

PRAYER IS COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

IT INVOLVES TALKING.....

.....AND LISTENING
WHEN DO WE PRAY?

Match the verse with the time

ACTS 2:42 ALONE

MATTHEW 6:6 ALL THE TIME

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 AT CHURCH
HOW DO WE PRAY?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

- **A** Adoration  Praise God for who He is
- **C** Confession  Ask God's forgiveness for your sins
- **T** Thanksgiving  Thank God for the things He has done for you
- **S** Supplication  Humbly bring your needs before God
PLANNING TO PRAY

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

-Mark 1:35

Times in the day when I can pray:

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A special time in the day that I can spend alone with God praying and reading His word:

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SESSION 4:

THE CHURCH
WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
THE CHURCH IN ACTS

READ ACTS 2:42

What four things did the church do?
1. ____________
2. ____________
3. ____________
4. ____________

READ ACTS 4:32

How did the believers get along?
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Read Acts 11:20-21

What happened at Antioch?
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FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE BODY

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
--Romans 12:4-5

What are some things that are done at church?

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What are some things that I can do?

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BAPTISM

Christian Baptism is the *immersion* of the believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Baptism is *symbolic* and public

- Being immersed in the water symbolizes your being cleansed from sin. (1 Peter 3:21)
- Being lowered into the water is a symbol of the burial of Christ. You are burying your old self. (Col. 2:12)
- Being raised from the water is a symbol of the resurrected Christ. You have a new life in Him. (Col. 2:12)
- Baptism is a symbol of the Holy Spirit coming upon you as a new believer. (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Baptism is a public symbol of you becoming a part of God’s church. (1 Cor. 12:13)

*Peter Replied,*" Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*--Acts 2:38*
THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act where believers remember the death of Jesus and anticipate His return.

- The bread and juice symbolize the body and blood of Jesus. (Matt. 26:26-30)
- We should only take the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-32)

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

--1 Corinthians 11:26
SESSION 5:

SHARING YOUR FAITH
HOW DO I SHARE MY FAITH?
BE AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

HOLINESS
Hebrews 12:14

OBEDIENCE
John 14:23

LOVE
1 John 3:11
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
Galatians 5:22-23
*Match the fruit with the example*

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<td>PEACE</td>
<td>You are happy about knowing Jesus</td>
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<td>PATIENCE</td>
<td>You read your Bible every day</td>
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<td>You don't hate people who are different than you</td>
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<td>SELF-CONTROL</td>
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WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

• INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH
• PRAY FOR SOMEONE IN NEED
• HELP SOMEONE IN NEED
• BRING A FRIEND TO A CHURCH ACTIVITY

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

--Matthew 18:19-20
HAVE A PLAN

1. Everyone has sinned - Romans 3:23
   
   *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*

2. Our sin keeps us from God - Romans 6:23
   
   *For the wages of sin is death...*

3. Jesus took away our sin - Romans 5:8
   
   *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

4. You need to receive Jesus - Romans 10:9
   
   *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*