



PART OF A 5-YEAR CYCLE

# following **JESUS** HANDOUTS



ACCOMPANIES THE **FOLLOWING JESUS** YOUTH CHALLENGE TEACHERS' GUIDE

24 hour

## BREAKING NEWS

### The boy whose lunch fed the 5,000

(John 6:1-14)

- ◀ About 20,000 of us followed Jesus out to a desolate place, it was getting late and we were all hungry
- ◀ The disciples looked really worried and starting asking around to see who had food—that's when I told them about my five loaves and two fish
- ◀ One of them, Andrew, actually brought me to Jesus and I gladly gave Him everything I had
- ◀ He broke it up, had it distributed and amazingly it fed everyone—we even had 12 baskets leftover
- ◀ When everybody saw this they said, "Surely this must be the prophet"

24 hour

## BREAKING NEWS

### The paralytic man who was let down through the roof by his friends

(Mark 2:1-12)

- ◀ Word got around that Jesus was back in Capernaum but it was almost impossible to see Him
- ◀ I was keen to see Him because He was my only hope since I couldn't walk
- ◀ That didn't deter my friends—although they couldn't get in the house where Jesus was, they got me in through the roof
- ◀ Describe being let down through the roof, the reaction of the crowd and seeing the face of Jesus
- ◀ He said to me, "Son, your sins are forgiven ... rise, take up your bed and walk?" So I did and here I am, standing on my own two feet. It's amazing!

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## BREAKING NEWS

### Bartimaeus just minutes after Jesus gave him his sight back

(Mark 10:46-52)

- ◀ I was sitting begging at my usual spot here in Jericho and I heard a large crowd and a lot of commotion
- ◀ When I heard it was Jesus I started shouting to get His attention
- ◀ Everybody told me to be quiet but I didn't listen—in fact it just made me shout more because I knew Jesus was my only hope
- ◀ The next thing the people told me was Jesus was calling me
- ◀ I went over to Him and He asked me what I wanted Him to do
- ◀ I didn't have to think long—I asked to have my sight back
- ◀ He said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well," and immediately I could see! I can see everything, it's just wonderful!



# KEY EVENTS

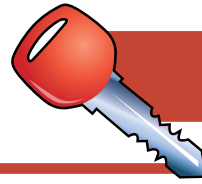
## IN JESUS' LIFE



REFERENCE



KEY EVENT



NOTES

John 19:17-18

Acts 1:9

Philippians 2:9-11

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

# AN INVITATION



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(John 3:16)

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 3:16)

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(Luke 9:23)

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# MIXED-UP *disciples*

Unscramble the names of the disciples below and find them in the word search.  
If you need help look up Matthew 10:2-4

TEEPR \_\_\_\_\_

TAHWETM \_\_\_\_\_

RAWDEN \_\_\_\_\_

OSTMAH \_\_\_\_\_

ESAJM \_\_\_\_\_

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NSMIO \_\_\_\_\_ (The zealot)

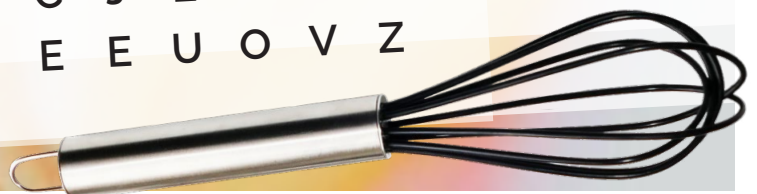
IIPPLH \_\_\_\_\_

MJESA \_\_\_\_\_ (The younger)

WOATBEMOLRH \_\_\_\_\_

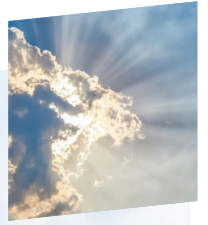
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# Faith test BAROMETER



Look at the list of fears below and place a number in the box beside each statement to rate how difficult you would find it to react in the right way in such a situation. (10 = this would really test my faith; 1 = I wouldn't be scared at all.)



Your teacher at school asks you to speak to the class about your views on evolution.



Your Pastor asks you to do the Bible reading at next Sunday morning's service.



Your doctor says he is very concerned about a spot on your skin. He does further tests but says that it will take several weeks before the results are back.



You are watching a movie in a friend's house when a bad scene comes on. You know you should say something.



Someone in your family dies unexpectedly.



Most of your friends are dating and asking you when you will get a boy/girlfriend. You want to wait until you are older but lately they have been teasing you quite a lot.

# PETER'S DENIAL AND JESUS' RESTORATION

## GROUP 1

### Peter denies

(Matthew 26:74)

Guilt due to sin

Unsure of relationship

Feels worthless

Ashamed of denying Christ

### Jesus restores

(John 21:15-17)

### Group 1 verses:

2 Peter 1:1  
John 21:17  
Acts 3:12-13  
Mark 16:7

## GROUP 2

### Jesus restores

(John 21:15-17)

What we should know  
when we feel like Peter

Cleansing and forgiveness

Right relationship with  
Jesus again

Still valued by Jesus

Bold in proclaiming Christ

### Group 2 verses:

1 Peter 3:15  
1 John 1:9  
Matthew 10:29-33  
1 John 1:7





# Peter

failures and victories

PSALM 51:5

JOHN 1:41-42

MATTHEW 14:22-32

MATTHEW 16:13-17

MATTHEW 26:69-75

JOHN 21:15-17

MATTHEW 16:13-17



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# Case Study

## Ah Yee of China

Teacher Wang was getting angrier and angrier. Her class of thirteen-year-olds held their breath when Miss Wang went into one of her tirades. Ah Yee looked at the floor and prayed that this would soon pass without another confrontation.

"And I've learned that some of you are regularly attending Christian meetings," Miss Wang screamed. "You will have a bleak future if you continue to be Christians! Anyway, there is no God! You all know it is illegal to be instructed in religion in this country until you are eighteen. And you know that if you are found out, the school will close its doors on you. When you grow up you will never get a good job if you are a Christian! Ming Su. Are you still attending these Christian children's meetings?" Her voice was cracking with animosity. "Yes, teacher Wang," Ming Su answered boldly. "I am a Christian and I always will follow the ways of Jesus!"

In a fit of rage, she grabbed him by his hair and flung him against the wall. He fell in a crumpled heap to the floor. Everyone gasped.

"I warn you all," teacher Wang continued screaming, "if you do not stop attending these Bible classes, you will meet the same fate and be expelled from this school. And you won't be able to go to any other school!"

Fear filled Ah Yee's heart as she accidentally made eye contact with Miss Wang.

As the bell rang, Miss Wang concluded, "Tomorrow I want to know who of you are continuing to go to Christian meetings. You are going to have to choose between these Bible classes or expulsion from school."

Ah Yee breathed a sigh of relief and sent a quick prayer of thanks to the Lord that she had at least one more day before having a confrontation with teacher Wang.

The class all helped Ming Su get himself together off the floor and they slowly headed to their homes.

At dinner Ah Yee told her parents what had happened in school that day. Her mother was a long-time Bible Woman leading the house fellowship where some of the local Christians

worshipped and where the children's Sunday school classes were held.

Her mother asked, "Ah Yee, did you study your maths after school?" Ah Yee nodded. "But I didn't have any time to hand copy any song sheets for tonight's meeting."

"That's fine. Let's pray that you'll do excellently in the maths exam tomorrow and that maybe Miss Wang will forget her ultimatum."

They bowed and talked passionately to the Lord of Heaven and Earth for wisdom. Ah Yee pleaded with her Heavenly Father that He would help her get good grades so her teacher could not blame Bible classes for her poor performance. But she added that if it came to a decision, she wanted strength to follow Jesus.

The next day began like most school days. When the bell rang, the children all gathered in the playground and stood in serried rank. For a good 15 minutes they chanted the words: "I love the Communist Party! I love the Communist Party!" over and over again. Ah Yee was rarely enthused by these daily exercises but today her mind was only on that maths exam. When the moment arrived, she answered the first four questions without any problem. But her mind suddenly drew a blank when she arrived at the fifth question. She closed her eyes and silently pleaded for God's help. When she opened her eyes, the answer seemed so simple.

But even though Ah Yee achieved a high grade in the exam, teacher Wang still demanded that she stop going to the Bible classes.

After school an angry Miss Wang gave her the ultimatum. "Ah Yee, you must choose between quitting Sunday school classes or leaving school!"

Ah Yee quickly prayed for wisdom. Finally, she decided that she would cease her studies and quietly said her good-byes to teacher Wang.

Later while she and her mother attended an Open Doors' training seminar, Ah Yee explained, "I am going to spend the rest of my life teaching children in China about Jesus Christ."

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# JOHN'S experience

In the book of Acts, we read of John continuing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel. But a lot of horrible things happened to him.

Acts 5:17-18

He was \_\_\_\_\_  
together with some other disciples.

Acts 5:40

He was \_\_\_\_\_  
and forbidden to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 12:2

His brother James was \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 1:9

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to the island of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Checklist for prayer

- For help to obey Him
- For forgiveness for the times you have let the Lord down
- For a closer relationship with Jesus
- For boldness to tell others about Jesus
- For difficult situations at school, home, etc
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# JOHN'S LIFE

Use the symbols to discover the missing words

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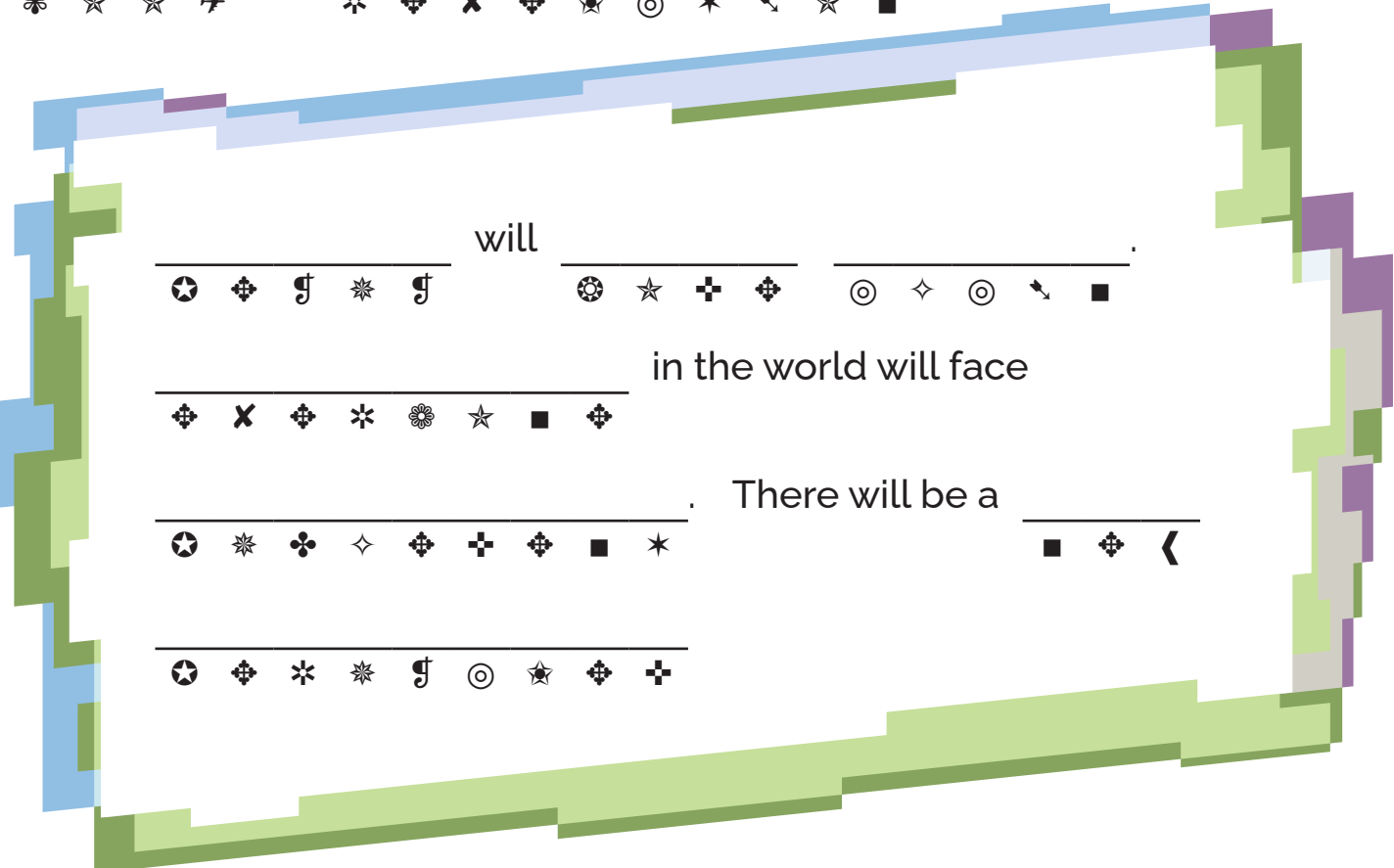
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means \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

3 James and John were \_\_\_\_\_.

4 John \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

of \_\_\_\_\_.



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\_\_\_\_\_ in the world will face \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

# JUDAS



# Bible Search

## SECTION 1

Look up the verses and find the names used to describe Judas.

Matthew 10: 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 6:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Even though he spent much time with Jesus and the disciples, he would still 'taryeb' Him \_\_\_\_\_  
 He looked like a t \_\_\_\_\_ f \_\_\_\_\_ but he wasn't.  
 Perhaps you hang out with the C \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_, but are you a C \_\_\_\_\_?

## SECTION 2

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He often 'dreaht' \_\_\_\_\_ the things Jesus said, but he did not 'papyt' \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Judas listened each day to Jesus' teaching but it would seem that he chose to ignore the truths. Read the following passages and discuss what lessons in the text Judas should have learned but didn't.

Luke 16:1-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 6:19-34 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 26:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss the consequences for someone who hears the Gospel but does not repent of their sin.

## SECTION 3

Read John 12:1-8 and find out the following ...

Area \_\_\_\_\_ Home of \_\_\_\_\_  
 What did Mary do? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What was the value of the ointment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR LEADERS

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Luke 6:16 **traitor**

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John 17:12 **the son of destruction**

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Luke 16:1-13 **Faithfulness instead of dishonesty; love for God instead of money.**

Matthew 6:19-34 **Instead of gathering possessions on earth he should have been laying up treasure in Heaven .**

Matthew 26:24 **He should have learned that he would be unable to live with the consequences of his sinful actions .**

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### SECTION 3

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Area **Bethany**

Home of **Lazarus**

What did Mary do? **Poured expensive ointment on Jesus feet.**

What was the value of the ointment? **Three hundred denarii (equivalent of one year's wages).**

What complaint did Judas make? **The ointment should have been sold and given to poor.**

What did most people think Judas was complaining about? **He saw it as a waste of money.**

What was the real reason he was upset? **He wanted the money to go into the disciples' moneybag so that he could help himself to it.**

What tragic situation did Jesus warn about in Mark 8:36? **You could gain everything in the world and still lose your own soul.**

# WRONG CHOICES: DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES

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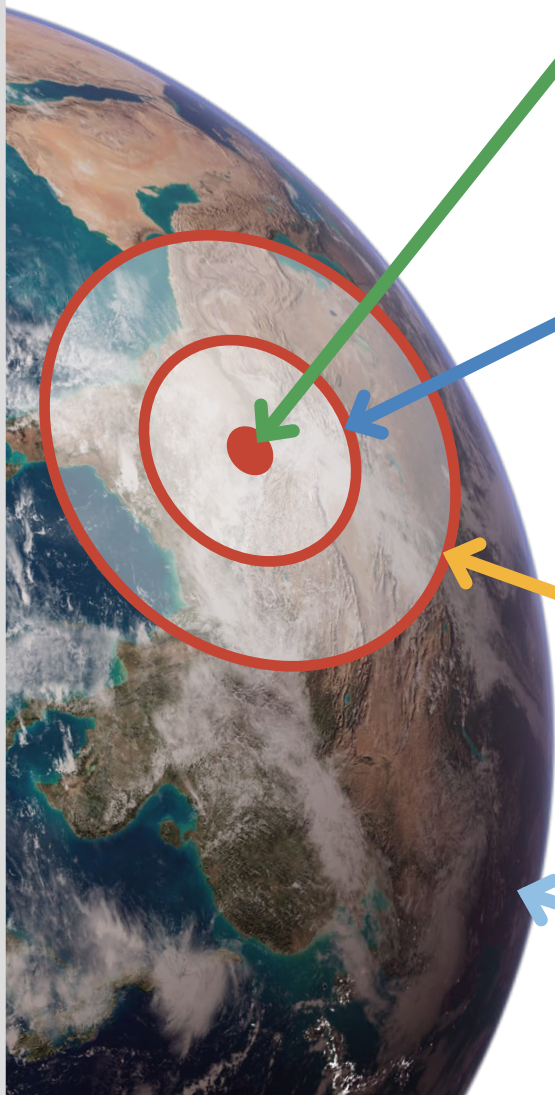
# Obeying the **commands of Jesus**

**ACTS 1:8**

Where should they go?

What did this mean for them?

What could this mean for you?






# Outline

## for a GOOD TESTIMONY

*While your testimony will centre on the time you were saved, you should also explain what your life was like before and after you trusted the Lord. We can think about it under the headings "introduction", "before", "during", "after" and "conclusion".*

### Introduction

**Find an interesting beginning—maybe a verse or a short story.**

### Before

**What was your life like before you were saved?**

- Speak a little bit about your home background. Did you attend church or children's meetings? Were your parents Christians?
- Explain that you had sin in your life. Don't go into detail. Be careful not to boast about sinful things.
- What events led up to you becoming a Christian? What prompted you to think about it?

### During

**How did you actually become a Christian?**

- Explain the circumstances. Were you at a meeting? Did a friend witness to you? What happened?
- How did you feel?
- What did you do? Explain how you asked the Lord to forgive you for your sins and how you trusted in Him. (This is the most important bit so don't leave it out!)

### After

**What has life been like since becoming a Christian?**

- Talk about the difference it has made.
- Be honest. Explain that it is not always easy.
- Be positive. Speak about the benefits of being a Christian – sin forgiven, peace, joy, purpose in life, future in Heaven, etc.

### Conclusion

**Finish with a challenge to your listeners to trust Christ for salvation.**

# Checklist for a good testimony



- If in a meeting, keep to your allocated time
- Decide in advance (with prayer) what you are going to say and keep to it
- Don't share personal information that would cause you to have regrets
- Don't speak negatively about other individuals
- Don't use hard words or clichés
- Where possible use Bible verses
- Don't spend too much time on unimportant details
- Project your voice clearly so that people can understand you
- Be chronological—if you jump around with different dates people will become confused
- Don't glorify sin you are ashamed of
- Don't worry if it is not very exciting—just be sure not to exaggerate
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# Sharing your TESTIMONY

TAKE HOME EXERCISE

Use this sheet to write out your testimony. The points under the headings "before", "during" and "after" are summarised to help you remember. When you have written out your testimony, read these lists again and tick off all the points you have included.

## MY TESTIMONY

**Introduction** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Before** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**During** \_\_\_\_\_

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**After** \_\_\_\_\_

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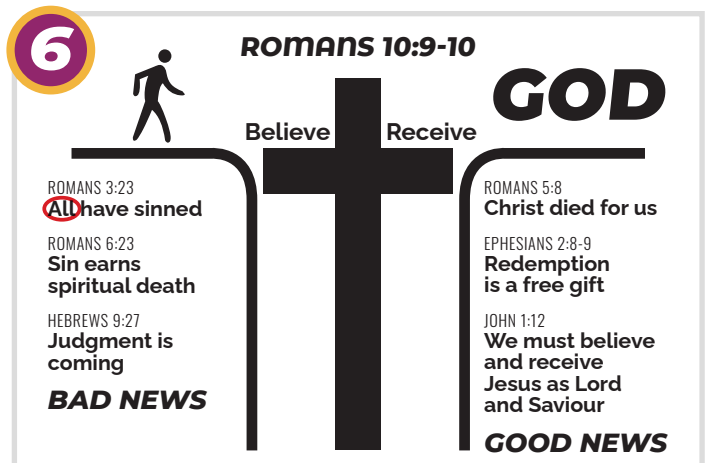
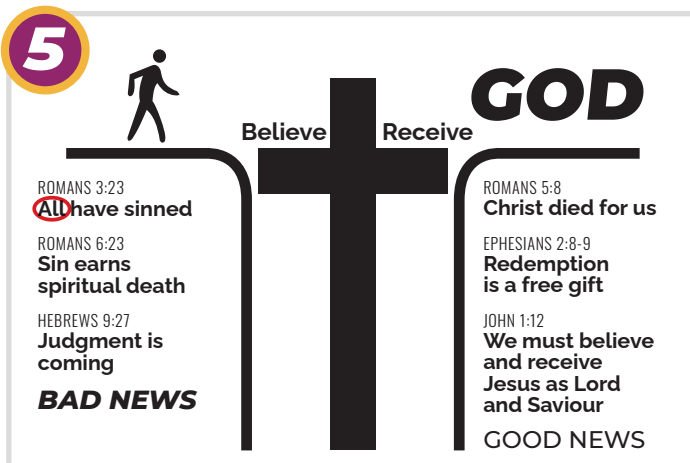
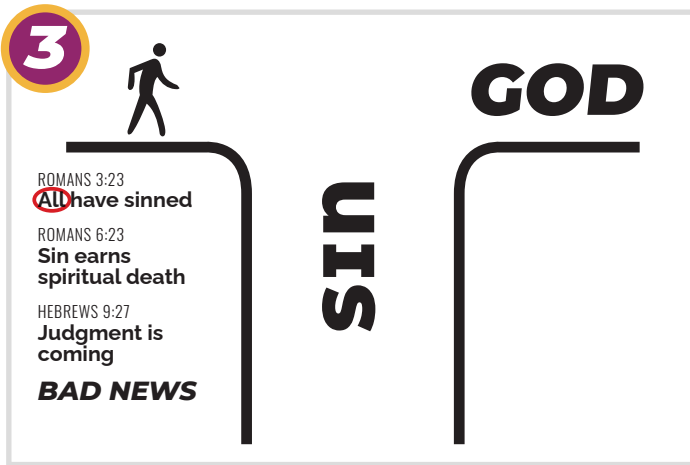
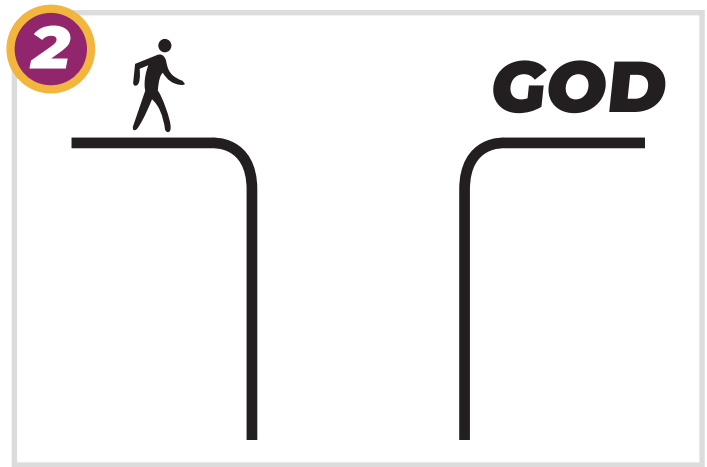
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**Conclusion** \_\_\_\_\_

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# SHARING THE GOSPEL

<b>Romans 3:23</b> (Romans 5:12, James 2:10)	<b>THE FACT OF SIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All have sinned and failed on their own to achieve God's standards</li> <li>■ Sin is acting independently of God</li> <li>■ Sin is disobeying God's law</li> </ul>
<b>Romans 6:23</b> (Ephesians 2:8-9)	<b>THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Sin must be paid for</li> <li>■ Sin brings death and separation</li> <li>■ You are unable to save yourself</li> <li>■ The final end of sinners is hell</li> </ul>
<b>1 Peter 2:24</b>	<b>WHAT GOD HAS DONE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ God sent His Son into the world</li> </ul>
<b>Acts 3:19</b> (Acts 16:31)	<b>WHAT YOU MUST DO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Repent of your sin (Luke 13:3)</li> <li>■ Believe in Jesus and be saved</li> </ul>
<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>WHAT GOD PROMISES TO DO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Forgive</li> <li>■ Give eternal life</li> </ul>





# ~~OBJECTIONS~~

people raise to following Jesus

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER PEOPLE WHO SAY ...?

**1** "There is no God."

Psalm 53:1

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**2** "My friends would laugh at me and leave me out of things."

Matthew 16:26

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**3** "If God loves us He wouldn't send us to hell."

John 3:16

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**4** "Christianity is a bit boring, not cool at all."

John 10:10

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**5** "I'm OK the way I am."

Romans 3:23

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**6** "Maybe when I am older."

2 Corinthians 6:2

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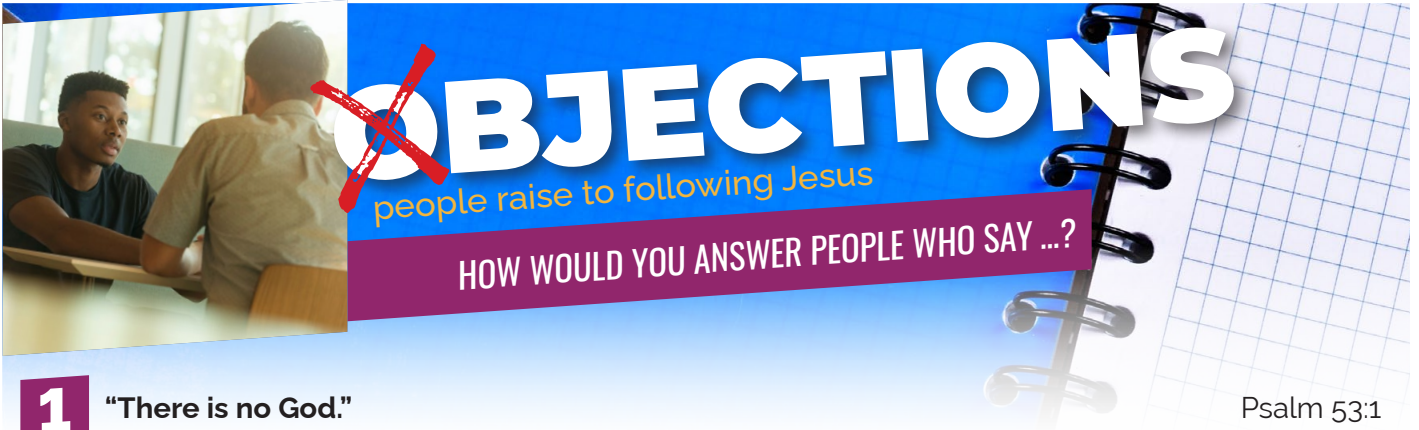
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**1** "There is no God."

Psalm 53:1

**We know there is a God because of:**

- 1) creation** (Psalm 19:1) **2) Christ** (John 8:28-30)  
**3) conscience** (Romans 2:15a) **4) changed lives** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**Ask the question, "What if you are wrong?" There is too much at stake. One day it will be too late.**

**2** "My friends would laugh at me and leave me out of things."

Matthew 16:26

**Jesus was mocked and rejected but went to the cross for us** (Mark 15:16-20).  
**Yes it will happen—the Bible tells us to expect it** (2 Timothy 3:12).  
**But it is worth it** (Matthew 5:10, Romans 8:18).

**3** "If God loves us He wouldn't send us to hell."

John 3:16

**Hell does exist, Jesus warned people very clearly** (Matthew 25:41).  
**While God loves us He must also be just and punish sin** (Romans 6:23).  
**God in His love has provided salvation for us so that we can escape hell** (John 3:16).

**4** "Christianity is a bit boring, not cool at all."

John 10:10

**Christianity is a very exciting and challenging life which gives purpose to life** (Jeremiah 29:11).  
**Jesus came to give real life which results in real joy and contentment** (John 10:10).  
**What the world offers leaves us empty and guilty—sin has serious consequences** (Ezekiel 18:4).

**5** "I'm OK the way I am."

Romans 3:23

**No, you are not! We all have sin, which separates us from a Holy God** (Romans 3:23).  
**All our good works are like filthy rags in God's sight** (Isaiah 64:6).  
**We all need God's salvation for this life and eternity** (Hebrews 9:27).

**6** "Maybe when I am older."

2 Corinthians 6:2

**If God speaks now don't reject Him as He may not speak again** (Genesis 6:3).  
**Don't know when our life will end (James 4:14) or when Jesus will come again** (Matthew 24:42).  
**"Now is the day of salvation"** (2 Corinthians 6:2).

**7** "I couldn't keep it."

John 1:12

**Yes, you are right but God can keep you** (John 10:28).  
**Sin will no longer rule us** (Romans 6:14).  
**The Holy Spirit will be our helper when we trust Christ** (John 14:16-17).



DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE TO

# FOLLOW JESUS?



Decipher the words using the code below, look up the verses and fill in the blanks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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Bible Reference	No	Yes
Rcurfvnaf 2:4-5 E _____	_____	Alive
Tnyngvnaf 4:5 _____	Disobedient children	Become a member of _____
Znggurj 20:28 _____	A slave in bondage	_____
Wbua 3:18, Ebznaf 5:1 _____	You are condemned to eternal punishment	_____
Ebznaf 5:10-11 _____	_____ of God	_____ to God
Wbua 10:27-29 _____	Live in uncertainty	_____

**The key to freedom is:**

Wbua (2 x 4) : (490 ÷ (the number of disciples + 2) + 1)



# WHAT can I give?

## MONEY: LUKE 8:1-3

Consider Ryan and Emma. Both are young Christians who have part-time jobs. When Ryan gets paid each week he saves some money for the new phone he wants to buy. He also spends some on magazines, snacks and occasionally a new computer game. If he has any money left, he puts it in the missionary offering at the youth meeting. Emma believes that a tenth of her income belongs to the Lord, so each week she sets aside one tenth of her pay and then decides what she wants to do with the rest. Sometimes she even gives some more money to the missionary she supports.

- According to 2 Corinthians 9:7, how might we have a wrong attitude in our giving?
- What sort of giving pleases the Lord?
- Read Malachi 3:8. How is it possible to rob God?
- Why do missionaries need financial support from people like Emma?
- Who was more like Mary and why?

## TIME: MATTHEW 27:55-56

Consider Ben and Joshua. Both are good athletes and are often chosen to represent their schools. Every minute Ben has is used to train—he wants to do really well in sport. Joshua trains hard too. He doesn't want to let the team down, but he makes sure he allocates time to be involved in the youth meeting and in his local church. In the summer Ben played sport nearly all the time, while Joshua gave some time to help in outreach to children.

- In what ways are Ben and Joshua similar?
- How are they different?
- According to Ephesians 5:16, why is it important to make the best use of time?
- How should you use your time (Galatians 6:10)?
- What good advice does Ecclesiastes 12:1 have for young people?

## ACTS OF LOVE: MATTHEW 27:59-61, JOHN 19:25

Consider Sarah. She attended a small school in a country area. Most of the teachers were Christians. There was a large Christian Union. It was easy to be a Christian there. Then Sarah had to leave primary school and move to secondary school. There were fewer Christians there. The other students did not think much of her Christian standards and often teased her. It was very hard for her. Sarah eventually stopped going to the Christian Union and did not attend church and Bible class as regularly as she had done previously. Gradually her interest in Christian things began to fade because the going was tough.

- What difficulties did Sarah face when she changed schools?
- Look up John 15:20. Should Sarah have been surprised that things were difficult for her?
- How was Sarah different from Mary?
- What things could Sarah have done which might have helped her stay loyal to the Lord?



## SCENARIO

# 1



At Hannah's church, a missionary is explaining how €4.50 per week is enough to pay fees to train a pastor in Uganda. Hannah wants to commit to helping, but will have to explain to her mum and dad who are not Christians and who have insisted she gets a part-time job so that the money she earns can contribute towards the cost of going on the school ski trip. How will they react when she tells them she wants to give part of her earnings away, and how will she convince them that she should?

## SCENARIO

# 2















Ian is an excellent rugby player, good enough to have had a trial for the Junior International team. His coach says he cannot miss any training sessions during the summer if he is to be selected, but Ian has planned to help at his church's summer camp. Ian talks to his best friend about the issue, and then tells the coach what he has decided. What will Ian do?

## SCENARIO

# 3



Rachel and her brother Aaron are both Christians. Their elderly neighbour has been in hospital but is now home again. Their mum suggests that they should call with her each day for a while, just to spend some time with her and do any little jobs she needs done, but Rachel is not so sure. Both of them are studying for exams at the moment, and anyway the old lady's family should be able to look after her. Aaron feels it's a good idea and a way to show practical Christian love—but how will he convince Rachel?

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<b>John</b> 	devoted	suffered	Revelation	second coming
<b>Judas</b> 	Iscairiot	betrayed	pretended	tragedy
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# LET'S

# LOOK

# BACK



Decode the words to complete the sentences.

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LESSON 1 Why follow \_\_\_\_\_ ?



LESSON 2 Peter (Part 1): \_\_\_\_\_ forever



LESSON 3 Peter (Part 2): Failures and \_\_\_\_\_



LESSON 4 John (Part 1): A devoted \_\_\_\_\_



LESSON 5 John (Part 2): Looking \_\_\_\_\_



LESSON 6 Judas (Part 1): \_\_\_\_\_ to follow



LESSON 7 Judas (Part 2): On the road to \_\_\_\_\_



LESSON 8 Andrew (Part 1): \_\_\_\_\_ others to Jesus



LESSON 9 Andrew (Part 2): Sharing the \_\_\_\_\_



LESSON 10 Mary (Part 1): \_\_\_\_\_ from sin



LESSON 11 Mary (Part 2): \_\_\_\_\_ to serve



LESSON 12 Being a \_\_\_\_\_ follower

