

Purpose

These studies will help will help teens to discover why it is important to have Jesus as Lord. It will teach them to make decisions about making Jesus Lord in various areas of their life.

A disciple is a learner and a follower. As they learn to make Jesus Lord, they will learn about Jesus Christ and how to become more like Him. When that happens, they one day will be able to say like the Apostle Paul said:

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate 18 Or *reflect* the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

Help them to understand that God cares more about what is being developed in their life than what they say in the studies. We just need them to commit to allowing Jesus to start working in their life and see His amazing miracles.

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Begin each Bible study with prayer.

Keep a journal for your Bible study.

Apply each Bible study to your life.

- Ask God to show you how to act on what you’re learning from His Word.
- Obey Him in your relationships, in your thoughts, motives, attitudes, and actions.
- Talk over the reflections with other Mentors who can encourage and advise you.

Get Ready... Get Set!

Discovering Jesus' Credentials

Can you recall the first day you started something new(a class, a sport, a musical instrument, etc.)? How did you feel?

Name one talent you have that you're really proud of.

How long have you been doing it? How did you get to be good at it? Write a short paragraph that describes your learning process from the point you started until now.

Did you learn on your own, or did someone teach you?

Who contributed to your learning process?

Coaching Credentials



Having Jesus as Lord of your life is kind of like having a teacher or coach to help you be the best person you can be. What did Nicodemus say that Jesus was? John 3:2

Jesus Christ wants to teach you everything you need to know about being a student of Jesus. But is He really qualified to be Lord of your life.

CREDENTIALS #1--He Created You.

Read John 1:1-18 substituting "Jesus Christ" for "the Word"(Jesus is the Living Word of God). Compare that passage to Colossians 1:15-16 and describe how Jesus was in on the creation of the world and, more specifically, your creation. Since Jesus created you. He knows how you work best. Read Psalm 139:13-16. What does Jesus know about you?

Jesus made you, and He knows all about you.

CREDENTIALS #2--He Identifies With You.

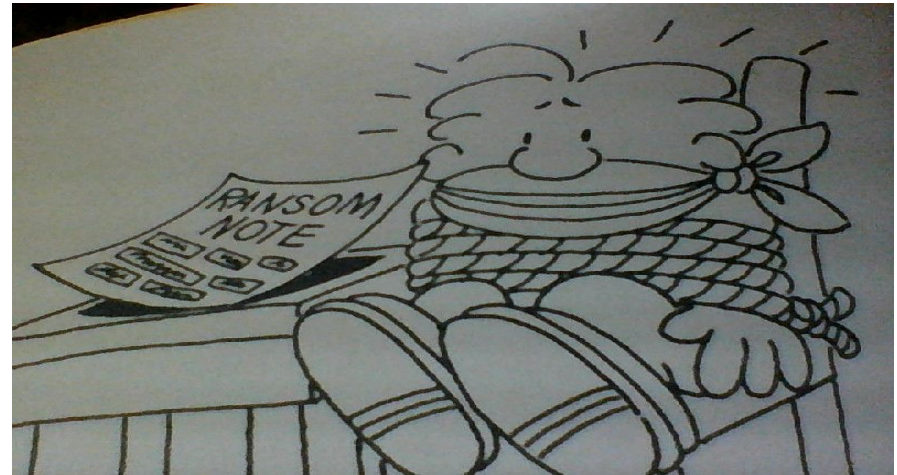
Picture in your mind a story where the two main characters from Star Wars movie the evil ruler(Darth Vader), and a fearless young man(Luke Skywalker). The people in the country where this story takes place have been starved, cheated, and oppressed by the evil ruler. Fearless young man has grown up with the evil ruler conspiracy and He decides to save his people by overcoming this evil ruler. If you want to know the end of the story, read John 1:14.

Jesus came to earth as one of us. Through His death, He crushed Satan's rule on this earth forever. And because He lived here for 33 years. He know what we go through every day. "We have a high priest(Jesus) who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, and we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are". Hebrews 4:15 also Luke 4:1-13 and find out how Jesus faced the same temptations you have. Jesus had struggles just like you have.

CREDENTIAL #3---He Redeemed You.

Redeemed means to "rescue." How did Jesus rescue you?

1 Corinthians 6:20; Romans 14: 9



Another definition for redeem is "to recover ownership by paying a specified sum," or "to ransom." You belonged to God, but now you have been captive by this evil ruler-Satan. If a gang kidnapped your best friend, how much would you pay as a ransom to get him/her back ?

What ransom did Jesus pay for you?

Jesus has paid to regain ownership of your life with his very life, so He has the right to the Lord(owner) of your life who is full grace and truth. Jesus redeemed you at an expensive price.

Making Jesus your Lord(owner of your life) means you need to examine some very specific areas of your life: dating, sex, parents, attitudes, habits, thoughts, friendships, temptations, and material possessions, etc.

Two things help in getting prepared for this decision: desire and decide.

Step #1: Desire

Psalm 63:1

This kind of desire comes when we get desperate! When we get tired of running our own lives, God will give us a desire to do it His way. Are you to the point where you are willing to let go and let God take over?

The more we see who Jesus really is, the more the desire develops in us to please to worship Him. You will begin to see Jesus more clearly the rest of the decision to making Jesus Lord. But right now, evaluate where you stand as far as wanting Jesus to be the Lord of your life:

Are you tired of running your own life? _____

Why? _____

What things do you know about Jesus that cause you to want to give yourself to Him as Lord?

What doubts do you have about making Jesus the Lord of your life?

Write a prayer to God about your decision.

Step #2: Decide

Acts 22:10; Acts 26:19-20

When Paul realized who Jesus was, he said: What shall I do, Lord?"

Make your own commitment by faith.

Memorize: Psalm 63:1

No Pain, No Gain

Looking at the costs and benefits

You have to lose something in order to gain something else. In this Bible study, you will take an honest look at the price you are willing to pay. On the other hand, you will also discover many benefits to having Jesus as the Lord of your life.

Paying the Price

Look up Matthew 16:24-26, Paraphrase these verses in your own words.

Those are pretty strong words, aren't they?

Cost #1--Deny Yourself

What does it mean to deny yourself? It means that you get rid of your "I, me, mine," approach to life--by making a sold-out commitment to Jesus Christ. The world teaches, "Look out for number one." But Jesus says to forget yourself because:

- He has taken over the responsibility of looking out for you. You don't have to worry about yourself.
- He wants to motivate you to be your very best for Him. You don't have to get hung up on yourself.

Name one specific way that you are still looking out for number one.

Cost #2--Take Up Your Cross.

Philippians 2:5-11 gives us a good example of someone who took up His cross. How? Jesus took up His cross by becoming an obedient servant to His Father. How can you carry your cross?



Be willing to endure suffering. What kind of suffering? The same kind of suffering you endure to get your body into shape. You must be willing to withstand some pressure (and even pain) to produce good results.

How do you respond to suffering? James 1:2-4

What does God promise to do when you suffer? 1 Peter 5:10

What is the result of suffering for Christ? Romans 8:17

Cost #3--Follow Jesus

When you follow Jesus you:

- Enter a relationship with Him and become His companion
- Go in the same direction as Jesus
- Submit to His authority in your life (What would Jesus do?)
- Obey Him now and in the future.

Good Deals

So there are costs if you want to follow Jesus. But there are good deals as well. Many times we ask: "What do I have to give up before I can be a follower of Jesus? Can I still smoke, drink, and mess around with

girls/boys if I decide to follow Jesus? There are many bad examples all around us, and it's tempting. A better question would be, "What activities do I have the privilege of giving up in order to follow Jesus and get in on all the good deals He has for me?"



Here are some of the good deals Jesus has to offer:

Good Deal #1--You will make good decisions.

When you **choose Jesus** over those bad deals, He is soooooo excited and gives you specific guidance to difficult decisions. Proverbs 3:5-6. As you think of one big decision you are facing right now, how do these verses apply to your decision?

Good Deal #2--You Will Have Satisfaction.

How do your mouth and body feel when you are really thirsty?

Jesus is your spiritual thirst quencher. Read John 4: 10-14. What does He say about Himself?

In what way do you need satisfaction right now?

Good Deal #3--You Will Lead A Victorious Life.

1 Corinthians 15: 57 Jesus gives us victory. Think of a time when you were victorious. How did it feel?

What victories are in store for those who make Jesus Lord?

Romans 5: 17

Good Deal # 4--Your Future Has Hope.

Lots of things make life tough these days: broken homes, low grades, and people betray, leave, also hate you, to name a few. Name one thing that is discouraging you.

What does 2 Timothy 2:11-12 say will happen if you hang in there?

No matter how bad things look right now, you have a bright future.

Good Deal #5--Your Character will Change.

Read Romans 8:28-29. Being “called according to His purpose” is another way of saying “ He is Lord of my life.”

What will happen as a result of Jesus being your Lord?

“Conformed to the likeness of His Son” means you will begin to have His character qualities. What are some of Jesus’ qualities that you would like to develop?

Reread Matthew 16:24-26 By making Jesus Lord, you “lose your life” (so to speak)because you turn everything over to Him. But in doing you gain real life and all the positive benefits that God wants you to enjoy.

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE? Experiencing Jesus’ greatness

Have you ever thought about the difference between someone who is successful and someone who is not? Name someone you know who is really successful.

How do you think that person became successful?

Making Jesus Lord means that you have chosen to become someone special because Jesus is special. Why is He so special? For starters, He is God.

When the Bible refers to God, He might be called the Father, the Son(Jesus) or the Holy Spirit. God is three persons in one, and one person in three. That sounds kind of mind boggling, isn’t it?

The word to describe all three persons of God is the Trinity, or Godhead. Let’s look at some illustrations to get a rough understanding of the Trinity.



Each side of this triangle is equal, but distinct from the other two sides. Like a person can be a father, son, and husband at the same time, God has three identities in one.

Or imagine you are taking your Chemistry exam and see the following question. What would your answer be ?

Which of the following has the chemical compound H₂O?

- A. Water
- B. Steam
- C. Ice
- D. All of the Above.

If you really want to know what a person is like, you don't just look at his outward appearance. You look deeper inside to see what kind of character he has. Is he dependable? Honest? Loving? If he is a loving son, he will be a loving husband and a loving father.

God is like that. His character as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is same--just expressed differently. Let's look at some of His qualities.

Quality #1--God is great.

Take a map of the world and spend several minutes pinpointing and listing some of the countries you have never seen?

God created the universe. Our galaxy is only one of many, many galaxies contained in the universe that God made. Our solar system is one of many in our galaxy. Planet Earth is one of planets in our solar system. So your state is a small part of a planet in a galaxy that is only a small part of the universe that God created. Get the picture? Here's how Psalm 145:3 says it: "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom." Look at Isaiah 40 and list some of the ways God is great.

vs 12 _____

vs 15-17 _____

vs 21-22 _____

vs 23 _____

vs 25-26 _____

Quality #2--God is consistent.

He never changes. You could pull out some of your childhood pictures to see how you have changed. But your changes haven't all been physical, it's also emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. List a few things you have noticed in these areas.

But God never changes. He can't mature the way we do because He is already perfect. He told Moses, "I am who I am" Exodus 3:14, which means I am the self-existent One who never changes.

His truth is consistent. Think of a time when you said something you wanted to take back. Then read Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; 45:23; and John 14:6. What do these vs tell you about God's truth?

His purpose is consistent. Read Numbers 23:19 and Hebrews 7:21. Why is it that God never needs to reverse His plans?

Quality #3--God is Holy.

Read Isaiah 6:1-8 What is holiness? What was Isaiah response?

"Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is." A. W. Tozer

What does God want us to be? Why?



To be “holy” means to be set apart”. God has set apart because you belong to God. Romans 6:11 and Ephesians 2: 1-6 tells who you are set apart for and what you have been set apart from.

How did God set you apart from sin? What needs to be your response?

Ephesians 4: 25-5:8 You are deciding to put off the old self dead in sin; instead to come alive, be holy, and be a light in Christ.

Total Confident Growing in Faith

What does it take to reach your full potential in a sport?

What does it take to reach your full potential as a follower of Christ?

Some common answers maybe practice, obedience, etc.

God has great plans for you. Look at Jeremiah 29:11 and write down what tells you about those plans.

In God’s eyes, you are a person of great value. How important does God think you are? Matthew 10:29-31

God’s Faithfulness

You recognize the value of your life when you begin to exercise your faith and understand Jesus’ plans for you. But how can you develop that kind of faith? The first step is to try to understand God better, because God is the source of faith.

“Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples. For great is His love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord.” Psalm 117

God’s faithfulness causes His love and mercy to continue towards you.

What does Lamentations 3:22-23 reveal about God’s faithfulness towards you?

The two words, “never fail” describes God’s faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 1:9

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Thessalonians 3:3

1 John 1:9

God's faithfulness to us should inspire faith in us. Let's say you really need some help in algebra, and a fellow student offers to meet you after school and help you. If he didn't show up, how would you feel?

If he missed two or three appointments, would you keep trying to meet with him?

But if he made it every meeting and helped you, wouldn't you begin to think, Hey, here's someone I can count on? Faith in God develops in the same way, God proves to you that He can be trusted, and you begin to have faith in Him.

How has God proven Himself trustworthy to you? Give a specific example.

How can you give Him additional opportunities to prove Himself faithful?

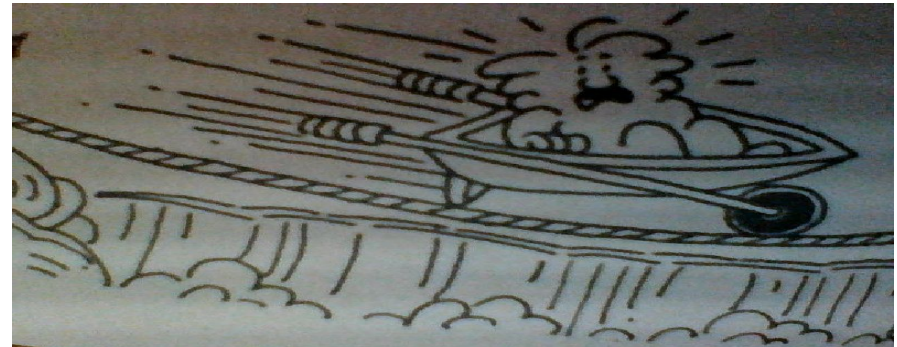
When God says He will do something, He always does it. And because God is faithful, you can develop faith in Him.

Our Faith

What is the biblical definition of faith? Hebrews 11:1

An example of what faith is not.

A man walks across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. People applaud. He walks across it again with a wheelbarrow. People get really excited. Do those people have faith that the tightrope walker knows what he is doing? You might think so. But suppose the guy asks for a volunteer to go across the Falls in his wheelbarrow. That is the test of how much the people believe in him. Genuine faith isn't sitting back and watching others. It is developed only when risk is involved.



When you sit down in a chair, do you worry about whether or not it will hold you up? Of course not. Why? Based on the evidence and your experience, a chair's purpose is to hold you up when you sit on it. As long as you're standing up, you are not expressing any faith. Faith comes when you sit down, relax, and put all your weight on the chair.

We all have faith in many things. But what is really important is the object of your faith.

Jesus is the only object of your faith who will never let you down.

Faith is confidence.

Hebrews 11:1

“what we hope for”

“what we do not see”

How can you “be sure” of such things?

Faith is Believing In Your Mind.

Hebrews 11:6. What are the two things you must believe intellectually in order to have faith?

What is God’s response when you meet those requirements?

Abraham was known for his faith. Read Romans 4:18-21. What does it mean to be “fully persuaded”?

Are you fully persuaded that God can do what He promises? Why or Why not?

Faith in action.

Read Mark 11:24. According to that verse, how does faith become an action?

Without action, faith does not exist. Faith is total trust in God. He wants us to act on what we believe.

Reread Romans 4:20-21 How can your potential and God’s glory fit together according to these verses?

How can you reach your maximum potential and give glory to God through your life?

Romans 10:17 _____

Hebrews 11:8 _____

Hebrews 13:7 _____

1 Peter 1:6-7 _____

2 Peter 1:5-9 _____

For Real

Knowing The Truth

People talk about Jesus in a lot of ways. You probably hear a lot of negative rumors about Him at school. Most of them probably aren’t true, but they can stir up some doubts about His faithfulness. Let’s look at some of the rumors about Jesus and examine the proof so we can know for sure that Jesus was who He said He was.

Rumor #1--Jesus Was Merely A Good Teacher.

Proof #1--Jesus is more than just a good teacher. Only one person has ever fulfilled the Old Testament(OT) prophecies referring to the “Messiah”--Jesus. Fulfilled prophecies by Jesus.

<u>Prophecy</u> <u>Happened?</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>	<u>What</u>
Ps 16:9-11	Acts 2:25-32	
Ps 22:1	Matt.27:46	
Ps 34:20	Matt.27:35	
Ps 22:16-18	Luke 23:33	
	Jn 19:33-37	
Ps 110:1	Acts 2:34-36	
	Heb. 1:3	
Isa. 53:7	Luke 23:8-9	
Isa. 53:9	Luke 23:33, 50-53	

These are only a few examples. Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies from the OT. So He is obviously much more than a good teacher. In C.S.

Lewis' classic book. Mere Christianity (MacMillan), he says: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher, he would either be a lunatic, or a liar or else he would be the devil of Hell; you must make your choice."

Rumor #2--The Prophecies that Jesus fulfilled were written during or After the time of Jesus.

Proof #2--In Evidence That Demands a Verdict(Here's Life), Josh McDowell points out that the Greek translation or the Hebrew scripture(known as the Septuagint) was completed by the year 250B.C. So there had to be at least a 250 year gap between the written prophecies of Christ and their fulfillment. Read 2 Peter 1:20-21.

What further proof does that passage provide regarding prophecies?

Evidence clearly indicates that Jesus was born many years after the prophecies about Him were written.

Rumor #3--Jesus Wasn't Really God. He Was Just A Great Religious Figure.

Proof #3--Like C.S. Lewis said, no great religious figure would ever have made the claims Jesus made. What were some of Jesus' claims, and what evidence did He provide to prove He was telling the truth? Look up the following passages, and decide if Jesus supported His claims to be God.

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Evidence</u>	<u>Your Observations</u>
John 6:35	John 6:1-14	
John 7:37	John 2:1-11	
John 8:12	John 9:1-25	
John 11:25-26	John 11:38-44	
Someone else believed Jesus' claims to be God--His Father. Read Matt. 3:16-17. What indications did God the Father provide?		

Read Matt. 14: 25-32. What did other people say about Jesus?

Rumor #4--Jesus Is Equal To Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha, And Other Great Religious Leaders.

Proof #4--If you go to the graves of Mohammed, Confucius, or Buddha, you will find their bodies enshrined there. But that's not true of Jesus Christ. His grave is empty. Why? Because Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven to be with the Father. Jesus prophesied His resurrection. Rephrase Luke 18:31-34 in your own words.

Jesus' tomb was empty. Read Matt 27:57-28:7. What proof of Christ's resurrection do those verses provide?

Jesus appeared to people after His death. Read the following passages and make a list of those who saw Jesus alive after His death.

Matt 28:1,8-10

Matt 28:16-20

Luke 24:13-16,28-31

Luke 24:34

Luke 24:36-43

John 20:14

John 20:26-28

John 21:1-14

1 Cor. 15:3-8

Because of the proof of His resurrection, there can be no comparison of Jesus to other religious leaders.

Rumor #5--Jesus Was A Jew Who Died 2,000 Years Ago, He Doesn't Have Anything To Do With My Life Today.

Proof # 5--This is up to you. From your personal experience, how can you prove that Jesus is who He said He was and that He is still active today?

Trust and Obey

We can learn from the example that Christ has set for us. The one factor that allowed Jesus to be who He was and do what He did was His obedience His Father.

- Jesus was obedient in baptism(Matt 3: 13-17)
- Jesus was obedient in every detail of His life (John 6:38)
- Jesus was obedient in death(Matt. 26:36-46)

Determine from the above passages what motivated Jesus to obey His Father.

Define obedience as you see it expressed through Jesus' life.

The greatest factor that will allow you to discover power and purpose in life is your obedience to God. When you make Jesus Lord, you become obedient to Jesus Christ and do what you know He wants you to do. And you experience some positive results of your obedience.

Matthew 7: 24-27 Rewrite this parable to apply to your own life.

Read John 14:23 What does that verse mean to you?

Read John 14:21. You will know Jesus better and better.

Read 1 John 5:3-4 You will be an overcomer. What promises does these verses hold for those who keep God's commandments?

Name one area of your life where it is really tough for you to be obedient to Jesus Christ.

Remember Matthew 6:33 Basketball(any sports) or studies or friends which are important but are they more important than Jesus. Also, focus on how your obedience to your parents will help you obey Jesus.

Go For It!

Changing your attitudes



A guy on the team cused you because he was ticked off with you. You felt like punching him.

What would you do in a similar situation?

Why?

Your attitude determine your actions just b like v your genes determine what you look like.

Attitude Check

Do you recognize any of the following attitudes?

"I hate school."

"Gotta make my move on that girl!"

"My teacher came from Mars."

"This stuff taste like dog food."

"My parents have no right to tell me what to do?"

If you are guilty of these thoughts (or worse), you need a change of attitude.

Philippians 2:5

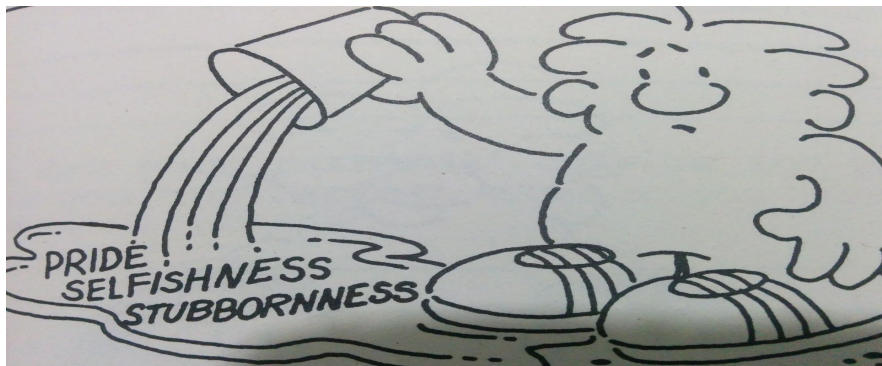
Attitude #1--Jesus Didn't Strive For Ambition And Success.

He gave up His own desires and goals for His Father's desires and goals. Read Philippians 2:3. What two negative attitudes are named there?

How do you struggle with those attitudes?

What positive attitude should replace those negative ones?

Jesus made "Himself nothing". That means He poured out His own desires just like a glass of water. We need to put out our attitude of pride, selfishness, conceit, stubbornness, and defensiveness. Which of these attitude do you need to get rid of?



Emptying yourself may cost you your hopes, dreams, and desires, but will be fully filled with God's hopes, dreams, and desires.

Attitude #2--Jesus Gave Up His "Rights" To Serve Others.

What does Philippians 2:7 say about Jesus "rights"?

What else can you learn about Jesus attitude from Mark 10:45?

Many servants in Old Testament times were hired. They were paid wages and had certain rights. But the New Testament introduces the concept of a bond servant--someone who had no rights and was only the property of a master who could treat him however the master wished. Jesus was a bond servant. He voluntarily gave up His rights in order to glorify God and to serve men. If you look up Philippians 1:1 and 2 Corinthians 4: 5, you will discover that the Paul called himself a bondservant. Who was his master?

People in our society think they have rights. Do you? Defend your answer.

How do you develop Jesus' attitude? By giving up your "rights". Since your last Life Change sheet was about parents, here are some practical ways to apply a servant attitude to your parents.

1. Look at life from your parents' perspective.

How does your father feel about his job right now? His friends? His age? His relationship with your mom?






What about your mom? How does she feel about her life? Her feelings of self-worth? Your dad? Is she ever lonely?

2. Ask your parents advice for problems you are facing. What do you need their advice about right now?

Name a recent bad decision you might not have made if you had consulted your parents first.

3. Show appreciation for your parents.

Here are some suggestions to get you started.

-  Take them out to dinner and you pay/make a meal.
-  Write a poem on a card to encourage them
-  Clean up your room
-  Remember their birthdays and anniversary
-  Sweep and mop the house

What will you do this week to show appreciation for your parents?

4. Pray for your parents. Record your prayer requests for your parents.
5. Ask forgiveness from your parents when you do something wrong. If there are some tensions between you both, you need to go to them and tell them you're sorry. Practice saying this out loud: "I was wrong.(Explain how.) Will you forgive me?" After you rehearsed your apology several times, ask for your parents forgiveness and record what happens.
6. Tell your parents you love them. People are different. Your parents might respond positively, negatively, or indifferently when you say, "I love you." But either way, it's important that they know you love them. Pray about their response. Record their response.

You can tell if you have a servant's attitude by the way you react when someone treats you like a servant.

Attitude #3--Jesus Gave Up His Life For Death On The Cross. Read Philipians 2:8. Jesus struggled to be "obedient to death" in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:28). The Bible pictures Jesus with "sweat... Like drops of blood" as He was struggling to obey His Father. Read Matthew 26:39. Did Jesus want to die?

Why did He decide to willingly give up His life?

You will never learn to live until you learn to die.

Attitude #4--Jesus Knew He Would Be Victorious.

Read Philipians 2:9-11. What two things did God do as a result of Jesus' attitude?

What two things should we do to imitate as a result of Jesus' attitude?
1 Peter 5:5-6

You must go through the cross to get to the Resurrection.



Everything you do costs something(time, money, energy,etc.). The real question is whether or not you want to pay the price. If a football team wants to get to the state championship in April, they must practice in sweltering heat of June. If a student wants to make the grades to get in one of the best colleges, he has to give up certain activities and study every night. If you want to set your sights on developing attitudes that will

make you more like Christ, you must humble yourself before Jesus as Lord. Then His exciting promise is that He will exalt you, lift you up, and make you a winner in life.

Power From Above The Holy Spirit

Power Facts

Jesus is willing to give an edge in the game of life to whoever chooses to follow him. He will dwell in that person through His Spirit inside of them. What good does that do? Jesus said that “when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.”(John 16:13-14).

Having the Holy Spirit is like having “extra ability”(as you face the test of living for Christ each day. Check out His promises to you in Ephesians 3:20-21: “Now to Him(Jesus) who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power (the Holy Spirit) that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” The Holy Spirit gives you the power to live a Christian life.

What do you really know about the Holy Spirit? Let’s look at some of the power facts” about Him.



Power Fact #1--The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third person in the Trinity.

Matt. 28:19-20; Jn 14:26; 1 Cor.12:13

Power Fact #2--The Holy Spirit Has Been Working Since The Beginning Of Time.

How do the following verses confirm the Holy Spirit’s early ministry?

Genesis 1:2

The Lord speaks to His chosen people, Read Haggai 2:5

Power Fact #3--The Holy Spirit’s Work Was Evident in the Life Of Jesus.

Luke1:35 _____

Luke4:1 _____

Luke 4:14-21 _____

John1:32 _____

Romans 8:11 _____

Hebrews 9:14 _____

Power Fact #4--The Holy Spirit Inspired The Bible.

Read and summarize the following verses.

John 16:13 _____

Acts 1:16 _____

2 Peter 1:21 _____

Does the fact that the Holy Spirit was the source of knowledge for all of the Bible writers give you more confidence in God’s Word? Why?

Power Fact #5--The Holy Spirit Helps Us To Believe in Christ.

Read John 14:15-17. How does the Holy Spirit bring us to Christ?

Can unbelievers possess the Holy Spirit?

How can we grieve the Holy Spirit? What is blasphemy mean?

Matthew 12:31-32

Power Fact #6--The Holy Spirit Comes To Live Inside Of You.

Read Acts 2:38 When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

John 7:37-39 _____

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 _____

2 Corinthian 3:6 _____

Galatians 4:6-7 _____

Ephesians 1:13-14 _____

Power Fact #7--The Holy Spirit Changes Your Life.

Helps us to become more like Christ.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 _____

John 14:26 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

Romans 8: 13-16 _____

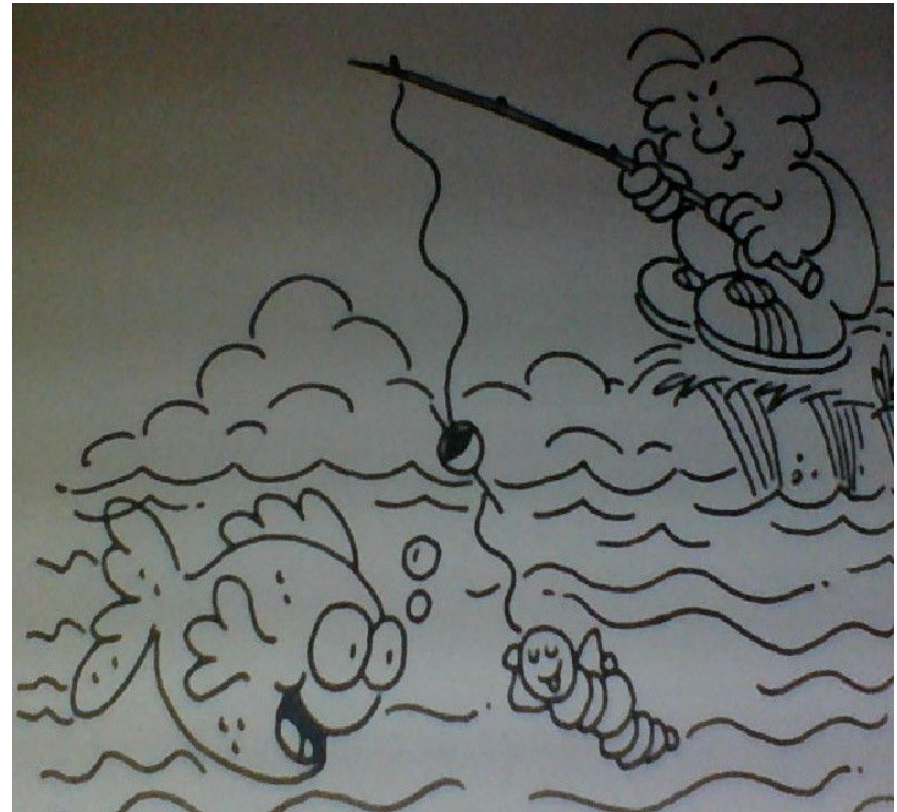
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 _____

Galatians 5:22-23 _____

Philippians 3:3 _____

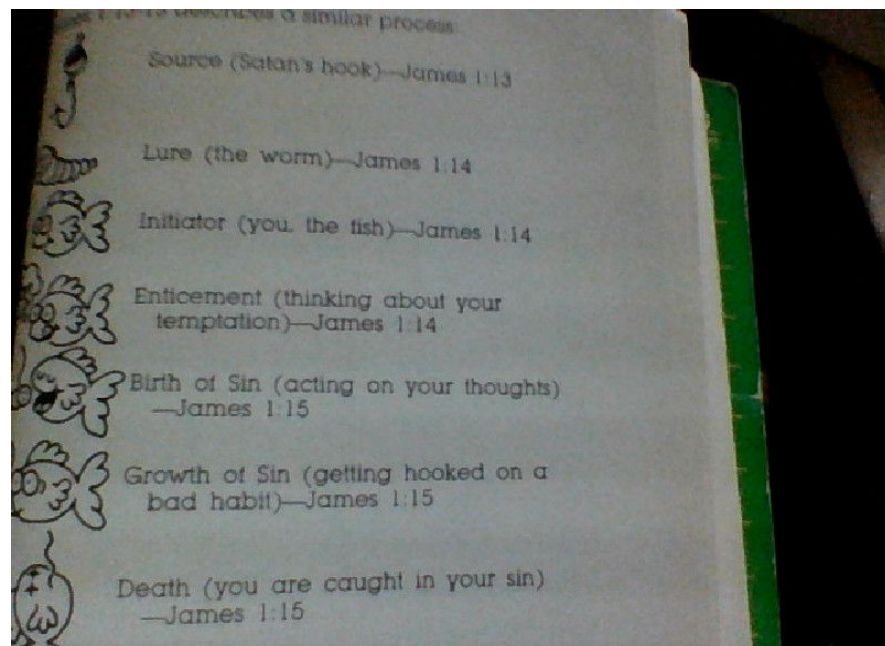
When you receive the Holy Spirit you become the temple of God for others. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18; James 1:13-15

Imagine you are a fish and you see an absolutely gorgeous worm dangling down in the water. You swim up to look at the worm. Hmmmm, You think, it looks pretty good, but I'd better stay away. I've been told that there is usually a hook tied to a string which is tied to a pole at the end of that worm.



You swim away, but you can't get that big, juicy worm out of your mind. You keep imagining how good that worm would taste, so you swim back and look at it again. You think, No, looks good but I'd better pass. Yet you continue to swim around it and around it again---kind of checking out the situation. The more you swim, the tastier that worm looks. You think, I can just feel it going down my throat and how good it will taste. Finally, chomp--you take the bait, you're hooked, and you're dead.

Reread James 1:13-15 with Illustration:



You can't control the source (Satan). Sometimes you can't even control the lure (bait) he tosses at you. But you can control your thoughts about it. "Set your minds on the things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2 & Rom 6:23).

Satan's Thoughts

Death

Evil Actions

God's Mindset

Eternal Life

Godly Actions