

CHRIST-CENTRED LIFE

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KNOW GOD





Unless the person knows what to do they will never be able to be with God.

What do you need to do to be with God? Romans 10:9



Can the person get to the other

side?

Draw over the dotted line.

Answer: Believe in Jesus

Read Acts 17:24-31 to find out if the following things about God are true. If they are draw another tin below and label it.

- God made everything (verse 24)
- God is generous (verse 25)
- God wants a relationship with you (verse 27)
- We exist because of God (verse 28)
- God needs nothing (verse 25)
- God is a fair judge (verse 30)

²⁴ "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, He doesn't live in man-made temples, ²⁵ and human hands can't serve His needs—for He has no needs. He Himself gives life and breath to everything, and He satisfies every need. ²⁶ From one man He created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and He determined their boundaries. ²⁷ "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him—though He is not far from any one of us.²⁸ For in Him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.' ²⁹ And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. ³⁰ "God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now He commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to Him. ³¹ For He has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man He has appointed, and He proved to everyone who

this is by raising Him from the dead."



The more we know and believe about God

the easier it is for us to live a life that pleases Him. <u>THE EXTRAVAGANT LOVE OF GOD</u>

Scratch out a word to make the sentence write/right. God is the (potter/clay) and I am the (potter/clay).

We can't use what we know about love to explain God's love for us. We don't think like Him and we don't act like Him (Isaiah 55:8)



God, our potter, reveals His love for us through the Bible and the life of Jesus.



And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

If you are the cupcake and God's love is the cream, colour the one that would show God's love for you. Cross out the others.



God shows His love for us in many different ways like through the Bible, creation and most importantly His son, Jesus, dying on the cross for us.



How has God shown love to you?

How have you shown love to God?

Jesus told His disciples a story to help them understand how God loves us like a father. Not like any father we know but the perfect father. Let's read Luke 15:11-24 to find out more about God's love for us.

(Find the verses that show God's acts of love and highlight them.) Jesus told the following story: Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son told his father 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed. Then the son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴ About the time his money ran out a great famine swept over the land and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local God waits for farmer to hire him and the man sent him & celebrates into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pig food looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. 17 "When he finally came to his

senses he said to himself 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say "Father I have sinned against both heaven and you ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy

of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."'²⁰ "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion he ran to his son embraced him and kissed him.²¹ His son said to him 'Father I have sinned against both heaven and you and I am no longer worthy of being called God loves us like your son.'22 "But his father said to the servants

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'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost but now he is found.' So the party began. **Number the pictures in the correct order as in the story**.





Sin entered the world at the moment Adam and Eve chose to listen to the serpant and eat from the tree that God had told them not to. Read the story in Genesis 3.

From that day on all people started to sin.

Romans 3:10 ¹⁰ As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one.



Draw a black mark for every time you have made a mistake or sinned. This verse

teaches us that every single person will have black marks on their hearts because NOT ONE of us are perfect.

Romans 3:23 ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.



<u>GOD'S GLORY</u>

Our sin separates us from being with God. No matter how hard we try we CANNOT meet God's standard on our own.

The price we should pay for sinning is death or separation from God forever... **BUT**... God instead gave us a free gift. Through Jesus we are given the gift of eternal life!



Romans 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

And this free gift isn't given to us once we do everything right. It is given while we are sinners.

Romans 5:8⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

This free gift is $J \equiv S \cup S$ dying in our place

for <u>our</u> sins so that we can be forgiven.

Romans 10:9-10 ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Re-write in your own words what Romans 10:9-10 says you must do to be saved from your sin.

SAVED FOREVER (Baptism)

Before Jesus had started His ministry He went to the Jordan river and asked John to baptise Him. John immedialtey recognised that Jesus was the one God had promised would come



to save the world and so he tried to talk Jesus out of it. He thought it was better for Jesus to baptise him instead! Let's read what Jesus replied.

Matthew 3:15 ¹⁵ But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize Him. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

What does this verse say God requires? ____

Does it please God if we are baptised? (Matthew 3:17) _____

Does being baptised save us from our sin? ____

Romans 10:9-10 ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Being baptised doesn't save us, only Jesus can do that!

So if being baptised in water doesn't save us why do we do it?

- God requires us to.
- It pleases God when we obey Him.
- We get to physically show others the decision we have made and what that means for us spiritually.
- It's a moment where we get to tell everyone that we choose following Jesus over sin.

Baptism is like a picture of what happens when we get saved.

The water is God's judgement.	Draw the water
Going under is like	Draw a person going under the water
Jesus dying for our sin	
	Draw a person coming up again
Coming up again is like	
us being without sin	
because we believe	
in Jesus.	

<u>HOPE</u>

God loves us so much that He chose for His son, Jesus, to die for our sin. This was a gift from God. Nothing we do, can give us this gift or take this gift away. Once we have chosen to believe in Jesus we are *saved*. Being saved means we have a confident hope and expectation that one day we will live with God in Heaven forever.

When the anchor is down the sailor doesn't have to worry about sailing the ship. He knows he can trust the anchor to keep the ship in one place. Hebrews 6:19 explains the hope we have in being with God, is like a strong and trustworthy anchor.



Colour ONLY the letters "H" "O" "P" and "E" to find out who we should put our hope in.

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We should put our hope in __

When we want something we can say things like "I wish I had" or "I wish I was". A wish is nothing like having hope in God.



Imagine you are spinning this spinner.

We can wish for these things but we won't know for sure if we will get them or if they will last. Anything can happen.

Imagine you are spinning this spinner.

When we put our hope in Jesus we know for sure that the promises He makes will come true. We can have a confident hope.



Here are some of the things we can confidently hope in God for.

God keeps on blessing me. From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16
God has good plans for me. For we are God's handiwork, created in Jesus to do good works, which He prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2:10
My salvation is secure in Jesus. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28-30
God loves me so much. May you understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. Ephesians 3:18
My suffering has meaning. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems & trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. Romans 5:3-4
God fills me with joy. I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy & peace because you trust in Him. Romans 15:13

The little boats have things we might be wishing for.

Can you match them to the hope we have in Jesus (verse on the anchors)





THE HOLY SPIRIT



This boy is helping a friend who has fallen and hurt his knee. Draw something in his hand that could help.

God wants us to help others. The Bible tells us that God has sent the Holy Spirit to help us with the jobs He wants us to do! Read the passage out of John 14:16-17

John 14:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (Helper), who will never leave you.¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.

• Who is the "Helper" that God promises to send us in the verses above?

Let's see how God fulfills His promise to send the Holy Spirit...

We can read all about the day God sent the Holy Spirit to earth on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2



Acts 2 (NLT)

2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.





The Bible often uses these images when talking about the Holy Spirit.



BUT God did not only make that promise to the Apostles. This promise is also for us, the believers! We receive the Holy Spirit when we invite Jesus into our hearts.

PDo you have the Holy Spirit living in you?

So now what? What do we need the Holy spirit for? Remember we said that God has jobs for all of us to do? These jobs are God's chosen purpose for us. But we don't do these jobs all on our own! **The Holy Spirit helps us**.

Acts 1:8 (NLV)

⁸ "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes into your life. You will tell about Me in the city of Jerusalem and over all the countries of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."



to say and do things, wisdom to know what to say, guidance to make good choices and so much more.



Sometimes God equips us with power to do a specific job? These are called SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Wow! There are so many!

Read through the following three examples from the Bible of people who used Spiritual Gifts. Circle the correct one at the end of each passage.

In Genesis 40 we read about how Joseph interprets dreams for people around him, including Pharaoh! As a result of these accurate interpretations, Pharaoh makes Joseph the second man in charge of Egypt.

Did Joseph have the gift of HEALING / KNOWLEDGE / GENEROSITY?

In Matthew 8 a soldier approached Jesus and asked Him to heal his servant who was very sick. Jesus was about to go to the soldier's house and perform the healing but the soldier stopped Him and said "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed."

Did the soldier have the gift of MIRACLES / HELPING / FAITH?

In the book of Acts, we read about a man named Barnabas. He met a man named Paul who used to hate Christians and have them killed. But Barnabas tries to convince the Lord's people to follow Paul's ministry because he has become a Christian. Because of Barnabas' encouragement the people followed Paul and the church grew!

Did Barnabas have the gift of ENCOURAGEMENT / PASTORING / TONGUES?



HOLINESS



The Bible tells us in Matthew 5:14 & 16 that we are the light of the world.

Just like this torch, if our hearts are filled with sin we won't be a good light that shines.

Something is very wrong...Why is the torch not working? There's rubbish inside of it! Sometimes our hearts can also be filled with rubbish, this rubbish is called SIN.





Have you ever sinned before?

Tick one of the boxes.





Write down some of the things you have done wrong.

Unscramble the letters to finish the verse.



The torch is working ! What do you think is

inside the torch now? Circle the correct item.





JEŚUS

God is holy. That means He is perfect, He never sins and He is set apart from everyone else.

God is telling us that we must be holy too. It is impossible for us to be holy without Jesus.

Believing in Jesus is the only way our sin can be forgiven. Jesus is the only one that can change us to become more like Him in



With Jesus we can shine a light to others so they can know and love God too.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is inspired or breathed by God. That means that every word that is written in the Bible is chosen by God to be there. Let's see if we can find out what God's purpose is for giving us a book filled with messages from Him.

Look up the verse 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) and fill in what is missing.

All scripture is inspried by God and is useful to

and make US in our lives.

_____ when we are wrong and

teaches us to

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God uses the Bible to prepare and equip His people

to do every good work.

The Bible is not a book to study so you become clever. Rather it is God's living message to us to change our heart to be

more like Jesus.



For the word of God is alive and powerful. Hebrews 4:12

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to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.



Let's look at some of the reasons why we read the Bible. Use the pictures to help you remember what they are.

The Bible shows God to me.



Jeremiah 29:13 ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

The Bible is one of the many ways we can find God. We don't just learn information about Him, He actually reveals Himself to us.

The Bible makes my mind new.



Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

We need to fill our thoughts with God's thoughts and not with other people's opinions. The Bible helps us do this.

The Bible helps me stand against evil plans.



Ephesians 6:13,17 ¹³Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Jesus used verses from the Bible to stand against the devil when he tried to tempt Him in the

desert (Matthew 4:1-11). We should do the same.

The Bible is my foundation.



Matthew 7:24-27 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."

What the Bible says about God, what we should do, who we are to Him and so much more are the things we should trust in and build our lives on. These things are strong and unchanging.

The Bible gets me ready for good works.



2 Timothy 3:17 God uses the Bible to prepare and equip His people to do every good work. God has already chosen good things for you to do for Him, like loving others or telling others

about Jesus. The Bible helps get us ready to do them.

The Bible shows me my heart.



Hebrews 4:12b The word of God exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

God uses the Bible to show us the sin in our

hearts and amazingly, He helps us be more like Him.

The Bible helps me not sin.



Psalm 119:9 How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

Not only is God so amazing that He shows us our sin, but He also forgives us of our sin. Then by using the

Bible as a guide on what choices we make, He also helps us to stop sinning.

These pictures help us remember why the Bible is important. Make the person look like you and then draw as many of them as you can remember. Tell someone what each of them mean.



GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH US

Tick the boxes next to the things you and your friends like

doing together:

 \Box Meeting up to have a milkshake

Chatting at break

Being on the same soccer, netball or hockey team

Playing cards or a board game

Chatting on the phone

Sending funny text messages

Going on an outing or school camp

Sitting next to each other on the bus

Sharing and swapping lunch



God is our loving Father and He loves it when we spend time with Him just like we spend time with our friends!

Read John 15:13-15

¹³ No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I tell you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants that I own anymore. A servant does not know what his owner is doing. I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father.

Unscramble the rope letters and fill in the answer below. The scripture shows us that Jesus wants us to be His:

Hinerds

Jesus is our friend. And just like with our friends, we can spend time chatting to Jesus and getting to know Him. Imagine someone walks around with you the whole day and you just ignore them. Jesus is always with us so be a good friend and just TALK to Him!

Join the columns to complete each way that we can spend time with Jesus.

Reading the	praise & worship
Talking to Him	Bible
Singing songs of	in a journal
Writing our thoughts & prayers	quiet time
Setting aside some	through prayer

Read Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I know that nothing can keep us from the love of God. Death cannot! Life cannot! Angels cannot! Leaders cannot! Any other power cannot! Hard things now or in the future cannot! ³⁹ The world above or the world below cannot! Any other living thing cannot keep us away from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Unscramble the words to remember what God is saying to you!



Even though Jesus is this amazing King of all kings, He still wants us to talk to Him like He is our friend. If we chat to our friends and tell our friends everything then we should also chat to Jesus about everything too!



Prayer is the conversation we have with Jesus

and the Bible says we can pray any lime &

anywhere!

Fill in the word PRAY in the spaces below:

Therefore, when you sin: ______. When you don't sin: ______. When you are feeling down: ______. When you are happy: _____. When you are thankful: _____. When you need something: _____.

_____ about everything and anything. The Lord knows what you want before you ask for it, He just wants to know that you are relying on Him to provide it. You don't need fancy words to _____, just talk to Him! Another way to be close to Jesus is through worship.

1 John 4:19 tells us that "We love Him because He loved us first."

Worship is NOT just singing songs about God, it is our way of showing God that we love Him.

Worship is our lives in action for Tesus!



Worship is our *response* to God's love and mercy for us!

Worship is God's purpose for us!

God loves us being creative in our worship. So everyone's worship is different!

Here are some examples of how we could choose to worship



Write down something that you can do this week to glorify God and worship Jesus.

THE CHURCH

Draw a line to all the tools that these people will need to do their jobs.



without using any of theses tools? (Circle the correct answer)





Did you know that the church also has a job to do? Think of the church like a big ship. It has a mission/purpose that it needs to do There are many jobs to do on a ship and one person cannot do them all alone, so one person cannot do everything God has asked the church to do.



The Bible tells us that the Church is not actually a building, but a group of people that believe Jesus is their Saviour.



WE ALL HAVE TO PLAY OUR PART IN GOD'S CHURCH We need to use the gifts God has given us, then together the church will complete the mission/job God has given us.

What is the mission of the chur



GENEROSITY

Think of all the things that God has given you. Doesn't that make you realise how much He loves and cares for you?

Look up the verse Psalm 24:1(NLT) and fill in what is missing.

"The earth is the	and	in it.
The world and all it's	belong to _	·



Close your eyes and put your finger on the pictures, open your eyes and see which one you landed on. Who gave you this? What would God want you to do with this?

E.g. God gave me friends to teach about Jesus, food to share with those that are hungry, taxi money so I am not too tired to help others etc.

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 11-13 (NLT) and answer the questions below.

¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when you take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹²So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

Why does God enrich us in every way? (verse 11) _____

What do people do when we take gifts to those that need? (verse 11)_____

What 2 good things result from us giving?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

God has given us everything we have and He wants us to be generous to others so that they may know how great He is!

Our generosity can help people give glory to God.

Here are 4 ways we can be generous:

1



<u>Money</u>

Read Mark 12:41

What did the widow give? _____

How can you be generous like this widow?

I will give money to help:

2. <u>Tithing</u>.



Read Malachi 3:10

The Old Testament says give a tenth of your money back to God. So if you



have R10 you give God R1. (R100 you give R10) Tithing is an instruction from God. When we are obedient to God the Bible says He will bless us. If God has given us this instruction, do you think we need to do it? ______ Do you think God is only talking to adults? _____

Decorate an old jar and label it "Tithe" for you to collect your money in to bring to church.



3. Your time.



Read Luke 10:38-42

It was good for Martha to work hard but it was even better for her to stop

what she was doing and just spend time with Jesus

like Mary was.

Spending time with God should be the most important time of your day. Of course we include God in everything we do during the day but God wants us to put time aside when we do nothing else but focus on Him. God also wants us to be generous with our time to do the things He has asked us to.

Set time aside for God: (e.g. 7am pray; 10am encourage someone)

am:	pm:
am:	pm:
am:	pm:

4. With everything that we have.

Read Matthew 14:13-21

This young boy left home for a day out. He had

_fish and _____ loaves.



Is that enough to feed 5000 people? ____

Yet it did, and there was left overs! If we are generous with everything that we have, God can use it.



JOINING THE MISSION

Many people do not know how wonderful God is nor that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. God doesn't want to force them to believe. Instead He chooses us to show others how great He is. God doesn't want you to wait until you are older to tell others about Him, He wants you to tell others about Him now. Fill in the speech bubbles of things you can tell others about Jesus.

I love Jesus because	I learnt that
Jesus is	
I Be	lieve in Jesus because

Sometimes we think we can't be part of God's mission and that others must do it instead. This is not true. God wants YOU to help others know and love Him too.



Read Matthew 5:16 (NLT) and fill in the missing words:

¹⁶ Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that will ______ your heavenly Father.



Remember you can't shine without Jesus. Ask Him to help you.

It's time to start shining. Colour in the light bulb each time you help someone get closer to Jesus.

Tell others about Jesus Matthew 28:19



¹⁹Go and make disciples of all the nations.



Being kind

Ephesians 4:32



³²Be kind to each other, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.



Write an encouraging letter Proverbs 17:17



¹⁷A friend loves at all times.

Feed the hungry

Matthew 25:35



³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.



Pray for others. Thessalonians 5:17

¹⁷ Never stop praying.



Pray for the police, nurses and teachers. Romans 13:1



Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

Help Dad or Mom without being asked.





Exodus 20:12

¹² Honour your mother and father.



Spend time with the aged Leviticus 19:32



³² Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged.
Fear your God. I am the Lord.

