

# THE GOSPEL

## GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

The word *gospel* means “good news.”  
It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



**GOD RULES.** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to recite Genesis 1:1 from memory or read it from his Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 and Colossians 1:16-17.



**WE SINNED.** Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God (Romans 3:23). The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death (Romans 6:23).



**GOD PROVIDED.** Read John 3:16 aloud. God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read Ephesians 2:8-9.



**JESUS GIVES.** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



**WE RESPOND.** We can respond to Jesus. “The ABCs of Becoming a Christian” is a simple tool that helps us remember how to respond when prompted by the Holy Spirit to the gift Jesus offers.

### ADMIT

Admit to God that you are a sinner. The first people God created chose to sin and disobey God. Ever since then, all people have chosen to sin and disobey (Romans 3:23). Tell God you messed up and you are sorry for doing your own thing and turning away from Him through your thoughts, words, and actions. Repent, turn away from your sin. (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9) *Repent* doesn't just mean turning from doing bad things to doing good things. It means turning from sin and even from your own good works and turning to Jesus, trusting only in Him to save you.

### BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son and receive God's gift of forgiveness from sin. You must believe that only Jesus can save you and you cannot save yourself from your sin problem—not even by praying to God, going to church, or reading your Bible. Your faith or your trust is only in Jesus and what He did for you through His life, death, and resurrection. (Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

### CONFESS

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Tell God and tell others what you believe. If Jesus is your Savior, you are trusting only in Him to save you. Jesus is also Lord, which means He is in charge and calling the shots in your life. You can start following Him and doing what He says in the Bible. You are born again into a new life and look forward to being with God forever. (Romans 10:9-10,13)

**OLD  
TESTAMENT**

**GENESIS**

**EXODUS**

**LEVITICUS**

**NUMBERS**

**DEUTERONOMY**

**JOSHUA**

**JUDGES**

**RUTH**

**1 SAMUEL**

**2 SAMUEL**

**1 KINGS**

**2 KINGS**

**1 CHRONICLES**

**2 CHRONICLES**

**EZRA**

**NEHEMIAH**

**ESTHER**

**JOB**

**PSALMS**

**PROVERBS**

**ECCLESIASTES**

**SONG OF SONGS  
SONG OF SOLOMON**

**ISAIAH**

**JEREMIAH**

**LAMENTATIONS**

**EZEKIEL**

**DANIEL**

**HOSEA**

**JOEL**

**AMOS**

**OBADIAH**

**JONAH**

**MICAH**

**NAHUM**

**HABAKKUK**

**ZEPHANIAH**

**HAGGAI**

**ZECHARIAH**

**MALACHI**

**NEW  
TESTAMENT**

**MATTHEW**

**MARK**

**LUKE**

**JOHN**

**ACTS**

**ROMANS**

**1 CORINTHIANS**

**2 CORINTHIANS**

**GALATIANS**

**EPHESIANS**

**PHILIPPIANS**

**COLOSSIANS**

**1 THESSALONIANS**

**2 THESSALONIANS**

**1 TIMOTHY**

**2 TIMOTHY**

**TITUS**

**PHILEMON**

**HEBREWS**

**JAMES**

**1 PETER**

**2 PETER**

**1 JOHN**

**2 JOHN**

**3 JOHN**

**JUDE**

**REVELATION**



# REVIEW QUESTIONS

## SESSION 1

1. Who wrote to the believers in Rome? (*Paul, Romans 1:1,7*)
2. What had Paul been called to do? (*Be an apostle and share the gospel, Romans 1:1*)
3. Who had the prophets promised would come from the family of David? (*Jesus, Romans 1:2-3*)
4. Who was constantly praying for the church in Rome? (*Paul, Romans 1:9-10*)
5. Fill in the blank: Paul said he was called to share the gospel with the wise and the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Foolish, Romans 1:14*)
6. What was Paul not ashamed of? (*The gospel, Romans 1:16*)
7. Fill in the blank: The gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for salvation to everyone who believes. (*Power, Romans 1:16*)
8. How do followers of Jesus live? (*By faith, Romans 1:17*)

## SESSION 2

1. Which Old Testament person did Paul use as an example to help the Romans understand faith? (*Abraham, Romans 4:13*)
2. Fill in the blank: Abraham believed that God created from nothing and can bring the \_\_\_\_\_ back to life. (*Dead, Romans 4:17*)
3. Fill in the blank: Abraham became the \_\_\_\_\_ of many nations. (*Father, Romans 4:18*)
4. How did God prove His love for us? (*Christ died for us while we were still sinners, Romans 5:8*)
5. Fill in the blank: Instead of being enemies of God, believers have been \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (*Reunited/Reconciled, Romans 5:10*)
6. Which man did death and sin enter the world through? (*Adam, Romans 5:12-14*)
7. Which man did salvation enter the world through? (*Jesus, Romans 5:17*)
8. What helps us see our sin and need for grace? (*The law, Romans 5:20*)

## SESSION 3

1. There is no judgment for \_\_\_\_\_ for those who follow Jesus. (*Sin, Romans 8:1*)
2. Who did God send as a sin offering to pay the price for sin? (*Jesus, Romans 8:3*)
3. What does the Holy Spirit help believers resist? (*Sin, Romans 8:13*)
4. Who helps us when we are weak? (*The Holy Spirit, Romans 8:26*)
5. What does the Holy Spirit do when we don't know what to pray? (*He prays for us, Romans 8:26*)
6. Fill in the blank: All things work together for the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who love God, to those who are called for His purpose. (*Good, Romans 8:28*)
7. Who is sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for us? (*Jesus, Romans 8:34*)
8. Fill in the blank: Nothing created can \_\_\_\_\_ God's people from His love. (*Separate, Romans 8:39*)

## SESSION 4

1. Fill in the blank: Believers were once dead in their \_\_\_\_\_. (*Sin, Ephesians 2:1*)
2. Who, in His great love, made believers alive with Jesus? (*God, Ephesians 2:4-5*)
3. Fill in the blanks: You are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_. (*Grace, faith; Ephesians 2:8*)
4. Can we be saved because of our good actions? (*No, Ephesians 2:8-9*)
5. What did Paul tell the believers to put on? (*The armor of God, Ephesians 6:11*)
6. Fill in the blank: Put on the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ like you put sandals on your feet. (*Peace, Ephesians 6:15*)
7. Fill in the blank: The sword of the Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (*Word, Ephesians 6:17*)
8. Fill in the blank: Paul said he was an \_\_\_\_\_ in chains. (*Ambassador, Ephesians 6:20*)

## SESSION 5

1. Which king conquered Jerusalem? (*Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 1:1*)

## REVIEW QUESTIONS (ALL SESSIONS)

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2. Name one of the Israelite men taken to Babylon to train to serve the king. (*Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego [also known as Belteshazzar, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah]; Daniel 1:6-7*)
3. What did Daniel not want to eat? (*The king's food, Daniel 1:8*)
4. What did Daniel ask to eat instead of the king's food? (*Vegetables, Daniel 1:12*)
5. How many days did Daniel ask the chief official to feed him vegetables? (*10 days, Daniel 1:12*)
6. What did they drink for those 10 days of the test? (*Water, Daniel 1:12*)
7. After 10 days, who looked healthier—Daniel and his friends OR the other men? (*Daniel and his friends, Daniel 1:15*)
8. Who gave Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knowledge and understanding in everything they learned? (*God, Daniel 1:17*)

## SESSION 6

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar build? (*A large gold statue, Daniel 3:1*)
2. What did the king order the people to do when the music played? (*Fall down and worship the gold statue, Daniel 3:5*)
3. What did the king say would happen to anyone who did not bow down and worship the gold statue? (*They would be thrown into the fiery furnace, Daniel 3:6*)
4. When the music played, who did not bow down and worship the statue? (*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel 3:12*)
5. How did the king feel when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down and worship the gold statue? (*He was furious, Daniel 3:13,19*)
6. How many times did the king order the furnace be heated? (*Seven times hotter than normal, Daniel 3:19*)
7. When the king looked inside the furnace, what did he notice? (*There were four men inside walking around, Daniel 3:25*)
8. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire, what did everyone notice? (*They were not harmed; they did not smell like the fire; Daniel 3:27*)

## SESSION 7

1. How many administrators did the king appoint to oversee the leaders? (*Three, Daniel 6:2*)
2. When the other officials tried to find things that Daniel did wrong, did they find anything? (*No, Daniel 6:4*)
3. According to the new law, how long was no one allowed to pray to anyone except the king? (*30 days, Daniel 6:7*)
4. What would happen to anyone who broke the law? (*They would be thrown into the lions' den, Daniel 6:7*)
5. How many times a day did Daniel pray to God? (*Three, Daniel 6:10*)
6. Did the new law stop Daniel from praying to God? (*No, Daniel 6:10*)
7. Was there any way for the king to rescue Daniel? (*No, Daniel 6:14-15*)
8. Who rescued Daniel by sending an angel to close the lions' mouths? (*God, Daniel 6:22*)

## SESSION 8

1. Who was the king of Persia in today's Bible story? (*Ahasuerus, Esther 1:1*)
2. Who was the queen at the beginning of today's Bible story? (*Vashti, Esther 1:9*)
3. Why did the king become angry at the queen? (*She refused to come visit his party like he ordered, Esther 1:12*)
4. What did the king decide to search for? (*A new queen, Esther 2:2,4*)
5. Who had adopted Esther? (*Her cousin Mordecai, Esther 2:7*)
6. What did Mordecai tell Esther not to tell anyone? (*That she was Jewish, Esther 2:10*)
7. Who was chosen to be the new queen? (*Esther, Esther 2:17*)
8. What plan did Mordecai overhear when he was sitting by the King's Gate? (*A plan to kill the king, Esther 2:21*)

## SESSION 9

1. Who wanted to get rid of the Jewish people? (*Haman, Esther 3:6*)
2. How did Haman plan to get rid of Mordecai and the Jews? (*He convinced the king to sign a new law, Esther 3:8-9*)
3. Why was Esther hesitant to go see the king? (*It was against the law to go see the king if he had not asked you to come, Esther 4:11*)



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4. How many days did Esther, Mordecai, and the Jews fast and pray for Esther? (*three days, Esther 4:15-17*)
5. What did the king do to show that Esther was welcome to enter and see him? (*He held out his scepter, Esther 5:2*)
6. What did Esther invite the king and Haman to? (*A banquet, Esther 5:4*)
7. What did Esther ask the king at the second banquet? (*To spare her life and the life of her people, Esther 7:3*)
8. What did the king do to help Esther and her people? (*He signed a new law, Esther 8:5-8*)

### SESSION 10

1. Who wrote a letter to the churches in Galatia? (*Paul, Galatians 1:1-2*)
2. What group of people did Paul want to share the gospel with in Jerusalem? (*The Gentiles, Galatians 2:2*)
3. Name one of three men who agreed that Paul had been called to share the gospel with the Gentiles. (*Peter [Cephas], James, John; Galatians 2:9*)
4. Who refused to eat with the Gentiles when he visited Antioch? (*Peter, Galatians 2:11-12*)
5. Who joined Peter and refused to eat with the Gentiles? (*Barnabas and the other Jews, Galatians 2:13*)
6. Fill in the blank: We are not justified by the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Law, Galatians 2:16*)
7. Fill in the blank: We are justified by our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. (*Faith, Galatians 2:16*)
8. What did Paul say that the law showed us? (*Our sin and need to repent, Galatians 3:19*)

### SESSION 11

1. Fill in the blank: Serve each other with \_\_\_\_\_. (*Love, Galatians 5:13*)
2. Fill in the blanks: Listen to and follow the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Holy Spirit, Galatians 5:16*)
3. True or False: Paul warned the believers not to practice idolatry, hatred, strife, envy, and jealousy. (*True; Galatians 5:19-21*)
4. Name one of the fruit of the Spirit. (*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; Galatians 5:22-23*)
5. Whose work should we examine? (*Our own; Galatians 6:4*)
6. Fill in the blank: Do not grow \_\_\_\_\_ of doing what is good. (*Tired, Galatians 6:9*)
7. Fill in the blank: Work for the \_\_\_\_\_ of all, especially other believers. (*Good, Galatians 6:10*)
8. Name a time a kid your age needs the Holy Spirit to help him resist sin and obey God. (*Answers will vary.*)

### SESSION 12

1. If someone needs wisdom, who should they ask? (*God, James 1:5*)
2. How does God give wisdom? (*Generously, James 1:5*)
3. Fill in the blank: Be \_\_\_\_\_ to hear. (*Quick, James 1:19*)
4. Fill in the blank: Be \_\_\_\_\_ to speak. (*Slow, James 1:19*)
5. Fill in the blank: Be \_\_\_\_\_ to get angry. (*Slow, James 1:19*)
6. Fill in the blank: Don't only listen to God's Word, you should \_\_\_\_\_ it. (*Obey, James 1:22*)
7. Fill in the blank: Scripture says to love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself. (*Neighbor, James 2:8*)
8. Name a way someone's actions can show that she knows and loves God. (*Answers will vary.*)

### SESSION 13

1. What did James say will control a horse? (*A bit in its mouth, James 3:3*)
2. What did James say will control a ship? (*A rudder, James 3:4*)
3. What did James say could do a lot of damage even though it is a small part of the body? (*The tongue, James 3:5-8*)
4. What does God give to the humble? (*Grace, James 4:6*)
5. Who will flee if we resist him? (*The devil, James 4:7*)
6. Fill in the blank: It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to know the right thing to do and to not do it. (*Sin, James 4:17*)
7. Fill in the blank: Do not \_\_\_\_\_ about others. (*Complain, James 5:9*)
8. Who should we pray for? (*Each other, James 5:16*)



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