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Jesus



Even before he was born Jesus was already very special.

An angel told Mary his mother,
Luke1v32 He will be called _____

Jesus was born so that he could save people from everything that keeps them away from God.

Luke2v10 This is g ____ n ____ which will bring g ____ j ____

Luke2v11 Your s _____ was born C _____ the L _____

When Jesus was 12 years old he had already begun his special work.



Read about it in *Luke2v41-52*

Jesus changed people's lives by the things that he did and said.

Luke5v15 Crowds of people came _____

Jesus died on the cross to break the power of everything that keeps us from God.

Luke18v31-33 Did Jesus know what was going to happen? _____

Luke22v41-44 Was it easy for him? _____

Jesus rose from the dead, and met and talked with his followers.

What did he do to show he was really alive? *Luke24v36-43* _____



Jesus went back to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit.

This means we can be filled with p _____ *Luke24v49*
and j _____ *Luke24v52*

Jesus promised that he will come back some day.

What is it going to be like? Read *Luke12v35-40* and see

Which part about Jesus has been particularly special to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

Read *John 1v1-3* where Jesus is described as 'the Word'.
In what way is Jesus different from us?



Key words: *John 14v6*.

Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life;
no one comes to the Father except by me'.

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Church

Church means a get-together of called-out people.

Matthew 4v18-22 Jesus said that those he called would learn to _____

Jesus did not come to call those who think they are good enough but those who know they are not.

In *Mark 2v13-17* there are both kinds of people. Who joined Jesus? _____

Jesus leads the church like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep.

Read *John 10v14-16, v27-30*

John 10v3 the sheep _____
as he _____ and he _____

Jesus wants the church to be full of love and togetherness.

What will happen if it is?

John 13v35 everyone will know _____

John 17v23 the world may know _____

Jesus wants the church to be holy.

If someone in the church does wrong and refuses to put it right, what should be done?

Matthew 18v15-17 _____

Jesus expects the church to make a difference in the world.

What difference can the church make when it is like _____ and _____ ?

Matthew 5v13-14 _____



Jesus expects the church to lovingly care for people in need.

How many ways of caring are there in *Matthew 25v35-40*?



Jesus expects the church to take the Good News to all the world.

Luke 24v47-49 the message must be preached to _____
I myself will send on you _____



Which part about church has been particularly special to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

How many different kinds of get-togethers are there in your church? What are they each for?



Key words: *Matthew 16v18*.

Jesus said, 'I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it'.

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Worship

Worship is recognising who God is.

1) Recognising Jesus *Matthew 14v33*. Then the disciples in the boat worshipped Jesus “_____” they exclaimed.

2) Recognising Father *John 4v23*. The time is coming, and is already here... when people will _____

3) Recognising the Holy Spirit *Mark 3v28-30* Why was Jesus talking like this about recognising the Holy Spirit? v30 _____

Children can have a special ability to worship.

Matthew 21v16 “You (God) have trained children and babies to offer perfect praise.” What were the children doing? *verse 15* _____

We worship when we show God that we love him.

The woman in *Mark 12v41-44* gave _____

The woman in *Mark 14v3-9* gave _____

Why were they both special to Jesus? _____

Worship expresses our joy and thankfulness.

Luke 24v52 They _____ him, and... filled with _____ and spent all their time in the temple _____

Jesus has given us a special way to worship him together.

Luke 22v19,20 What has he asked us to do? _____

Why? _____

The Holy Spirit gives us a gift which helps us in worship.

Mark 16v17 Believers... will speak _____



Jesus teaches us how to worship.

In *Matthew 6v1-16* Jesus teaches about three ways of worship. What are they? *v1-4* _____ *v5-15* _____
v16-18 _____ He shows that it is not just what you do that is important but how you do it and why you do it.

Which part about worship has been particularly helpful to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.


Worship is often thought of as singing. How many other ways of worship have you noticed in this study?



Key words: *John 4v23*.

The time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants.

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Following Jesus

Loving one another shows that you follow Jesus.

When we love one another, who sees that we are following Jesus? *John 13v35*

Togetherness with *everyone* who loves Jesus shows that you follow Jesus.

John 17v21 Jesus prayed for people who believe in him that they _____

Obedying Jesus with the Holy Spirit's power shows that you follow Jesus.

John 14v15,16 If you love me you will _____
I will ask the Father and he will give you _____

Being baptised shows that you follow Jesus.

Matthew 28v19 Jesus said, Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my d _____ ;
b _____ them...and t _____ them.

Giving up your own ambitions shows that you follow Jesus.

Luke 9v23 Jesus said, If anyone wants to come with me he must _____ , take up _____ , and _____ .

**Helping others into Jesus' kingdom
shows that you follow Jesus.**

Mark 1v17 Jesus said, Come with me
and I will teach you _____

Mark 16v15 Jesus said to his followers,
Go throughout _____
and preach the Good News to

**Caring for the needs of others shows that you follow
Jesus.**

Matthew 20v26,27 Jesus' followers should be s _____
because Jesus came to s _____

**Which part about following Jesus has been
particularly special to you? Tick the box**



Something to think about.

What things help you to stay close to Jesus?



Key words: *John 8v12*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will have the light of life and will never
walk in darkness.'

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Family

Families are God's idea.

Mark 10v6,7 For this reason (see v6) a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife and the _____ will become _____.

God wants families to stay together.

Mark 10v9 Man must not _____ what God has _____



God wants children to honour their parents.

See in *Matthew 15v3-9* what Jesus said about people who try to get out of honouring their parents.

Growing up means making more decisions for yourself while still honouring your parents.

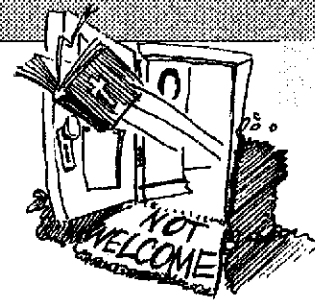
Luke 2v43 they (parents) _____ but the boy Jesus _____

Luke 2v49 Didn't you know that I had to be _____

Luke 2v51 So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth where he was _____

When someone in a family decides to follow Jesus, others may not like it.

Luke 12v53 _____
will be against _____



Living for Jesus is even more important than pleasing your family.

Luke 14v26 Whoever comes to me cannot be my disciple unless he _____

When families are broken, the Good News of Jesus can bring them together again.

It was said of John the Baptist that by telling about Jesus he would bring _____ again.

Luke 1v17

Which part about Family has been particularly helpful to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

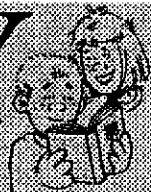
What things should you do and what things should you not do if you are going to honour your parents as God wants?



Key words: *Matthew 12v50.*

Jesus said, 'Whoever does what my Father in heaven wants him to do is my brother, my sister and my mother.'

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Death and beyond

Jesus rising from death shows that death is not the end.

Luke 24v5,6 Why are you looking among the _____ for one who is _____. He has been _____.

After death people will be judged by God.

John 5v28,29 Some will rise and _____ others will rise and _____

Jesus has opened the way to heaven.

John 3v36 Whoever believes in the Son has _____ Whoever disobeys the Son will _____, but will remain under God's punishment.

God does not want anyone to miss eternal life.

John 3v16 Who does God love? _____ Who can have eternal life? _____ who believes in him.

Jesus takes us through death to be where he is.

John 14v3 I will take you _____ so that you will be _____

Luke 23v43 Today you will be _____

Heaven is the enjoyment of all that God has for us.

Matthew 25v34 Come and _____
which has been prepared for you ever since the
creation of the world.'

Heaven will more than make up for life's hard times.

Luke 6v22,23 Happy are you when people _____
Be glad and dance for joy because _____ is
kept for you in heaven.

**Jesus understands and feels with us the pain
when someone we know dies.**

John 11v33-35 Jesus saw her weeping - his heart _____
_____, he was _____. Jesus _____

**Which part about death and beyond has been
particularly special to you? Tick the box**



Something to think about.

Read the story of the great feast in
Luke 14v15-24. What does it teach you about heaven?



Key words: *John 11v25,26*

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me will live, even though he
dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will
never die."

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Jesus' Kingdom

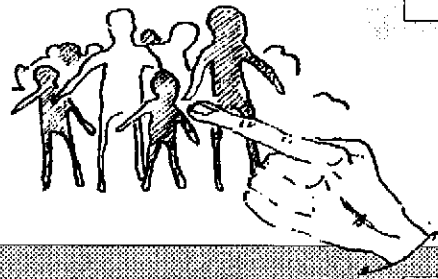
Jesus told the Good News that his Kingdom is near.

Matthew 4v23 How did he do it? t _____, p _____

and h _____. *Mark 1v15* What did he tell people to do? _____

Jesus' Kingdom is designed with children in mind.

Mark 10v13-16 the Kingdom of God _____



Jesus' Kingdom pushes out Satan's Kingdom.

Matthew 12v28 When Jesus drove out demons, he said it proves that the Kingdom of God _____



Jesus' Kingdom is growing and we have a part in that.

Mark 4v26-29 What are we like? _____

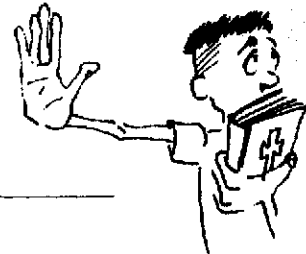
When the Good News of Jesus' Kingdom is taken to the whole world, Jesus will return.

Matthew 24v14 this Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all mankind and then _____

When Jesus returns, his Kingdom will come completely.

Matthew 25v34 To those who have lived for his Kingdom he will say, 'Come and possess the Kingdom which has been prepared for you since _____'

To live for Jesus and his Kingdom is more important than anything else in the world.



Matthew 6v33 Be concerned _____ with the Kingdom of God.

Which part about Jesus' Kingdom has been particularly special to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

In *Matthew 13* Jesus tells a number of stories about his Kingdom. What lessons can you see in them to help you live for Jesus' Kingdom?



Key words: *Luke 12v32.*

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.

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The Devil (Satan) and Evil Spirits (Demons)

The Devil is and always will be totally evil.

John 8v44 He was _____

There is no _____ in him, he is _____

The Devil always wants to take God's place.

He tried to get Jesus to follow him

Matthew 4v1-11

What did Jesus say? *Matthew 4v10*



Jesus' death defeated the Devil.

When talking about his death Jesus said, 'now the ruler of the world will be _____',

John 12v31

When we go to people with the Good News of Jesus' Kingdom, the Devil gets pushed out.

Jesus sent 72 out with the Good News of His Kingdom.

When they came back they said *Luke 10v17* _____

Jesus said, 'I saw Satan _____

Luke 10v18

What did Jesus give power to overcome? *Luke 10v19*

There will come a time when Satan and his demons are removed for ever.

Matthew 25v41 Jesus speaks about an eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his demons.



Evil spirits spoil and destroy people's lives.

You can see the kind of things they do in these examples of people that Jesus set free from evil spirits:-

A man *Mark 5v1-20*, a woman *Luke 13v10-17*, a boy *Mark 9v14-29*, a girl *Mark 7v24-30*.

When Jesus told spirits to leave people they did.

Matthew 8v16 How did Jesus get the evil spirits to leave?

Jesus gives his followers the authority to set people free from the power of evil spirits.

Mark 3v14 I have chosen you _____
I will also send you out _____
and you will have authority to _____

Which part has been particularly helpful to you?
Tick the box



Something to think about.

In the fight against the Devil and evil spirits, how can we make sure that we win?



Key words: *John 10v10*.

Jesus said, 'The thief (Satan) comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness'.

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Father

God wants us to know him as *Father*

Jesus said, "When you pray, say,
'Our *Father* in heaven' "



We know that Father loves us because:

He cares for all sorts of people.

Matthew 5v45 He makes the sun to shine on _____
and gives rain to _____

He gives good things to his children.

Read *Matthew 7v9-11*



He will provide what we need.

Luke 12v31 'Be concerned with his Kingdom, and he will
provide you with these things.'

What things? See v22 _____

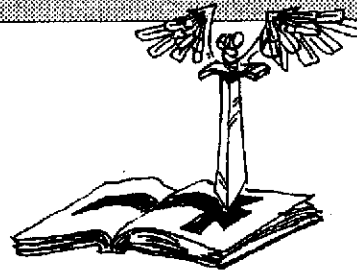
He shares his Kingdom with us.

How does God feel about sharing his Kingdom?

Luke 12v32 _____

He gives us the Holy Spirit.

John 14v16,17 What does the Holy Spirit show us?



He forgives us completely for the wrong we have done.

In *Luke 15v11-32* Jesus gives us a picture of what God is like in the story of a father whose young son went away and then came back.

He wants us to enjoy being with him.

To the older son who had stayed at home, the father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and all I have is yours.' *Luke 15v31*

Which part about Father has been particularly special to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

Why do some people have the wrong ideas about what God is like?

How can we get to know God as he really is?



Key words: *John 1v18.*

No one has ever seen God.

The only Son who is the same as God and is at the Father's side - he has made him known.

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Being different

Jesus wants us to make a difference in the world by being different in the way we live.

Matthew 5v13-16 Jesus says that we are like _____ and _____. Can you think what difference these things make in life? _____

Jesus wants us to be different by loving those who are against us.

Luke 6v27-28



_____ your enemies
_____ to those that hate you
_____ those who curse you
_____ for those who ill-treat you

Jesus wants us to be different by giving to people without wanting anything back.

Luke 6v30 Give _____ who asks you for something, and when someone takes what is yours, _____
_____ *6v35* Lend and _____

Jesus wants us to be different by serving and caring for others.

How do people who don't know God lead?

Matthew 20v25-28 By having p _____ and a _____

How do we lead? By being a s _____

Jesus wants us to be different by being friends with people whatever their background.

Matthew 9v9-13 Why was Jesus being a friend to those people? _____

John 4v9 Why was the woman surprised at Jesus talking to her? _____

Luke 10v30-37 Who showed the kind of friendship that Jesus wants? _____



Jesus wants us to be different by always speaking the truth.

We should not have to promise to tell the truth for people to know what we are saying is true. They should know that whenever we say ____ or ____ we mean it. *Matthew 5v33-37*

Which part about being different has been particularly special to you? Tick the box



Something to think about.

Have you made a start at all these ways of being different for Jesus?



Key words: *Mark 10v45*.

For even the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.