

Journey Journal



HARRISBURG
BAPTIST CHURCH



September 5-9

Why should I Study God's Word?

Memory Verse:

**Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.**

Psalm 119:105

-Monday-

If you are a Christian, God's Word should be a BIG part of your life. You should spend time reading it and studying it. You should pay attention to the ways God's Word encourages you and corrects you.

Read the verse for the week, Psalm 119:105.

Have you ever walked down a dark path holding a flashlight? _____ If you haven't, imagine what it would be like.

Were you glad you had the flashlight? _____

Describe how it would feel to walk down a dark path with no light. _____

God's Word, The Bible, is the light we can use to guide us through life. When times are dark and difficult, the things we learn in the Bible guide us and comfort us.

Pray that God will help you set apart a time to read the Bible each day and that He will show you how to use His Word as a guide for your life.

-Tuesday-

Can you remember our verse for the week?

Fill in the blanks:

Your _____ is a _____ to my feet and a _____ for my path. _____ 119:105

Read 2 Timothy 3:16.

This verse says that all scripture is God- _____. That is not a way we usually describe something. What do you think that means? _____

This verse is explaining that God authored or wrote the Bible. It means that we can trust that what the Bible says is what God says.

Have you ever heard somebody say that something in the Bible is not real or true? _____

Say a Prayer. Thank God for the Bible. Ask God to help you trust that what the Bible says is truth. Ask Him to help you have the discipline to study the Bible so that you will know what it says.

-Wednesday-

Begin your Bible Study time by praying:

What are three things you need to ask God to help you with today? _____

Read James 1:22

What does this verse say you need to do?

It tells us that it's not enough to just listen to what God's Word says. We have to DO what it says.

How much time do you spend each week at church?

Circle one: 1 Hour 2 hours 3 or more hours

You have spent a lot of time listening to God's Word and reading it and learning about it. How much time do you think you spend doing what it says? What are some things you need to DO?

Say a prayer: Ask God to show you how to live out His Word.

-Thursday-

What is our Memory Verse for the Week? _____

Can you fill in the blanks?

_____ is a lamp _____
and a _____ to _____. Psalm 119:105

Read Hebrews 4:12:

What words are used in this verse to describe God's Word? Circle 2:

Living

Dead

Sharp

Dull

This verse tells says that God's Word judges the thoughts and attitudes of the _____.

Have you ever heard a Bible verse or Sunday School lesson and realized that you have had a bad attitude about something or that there is a sin that is a really big part of your life? _____

Pray and ask God to use the Bible to show you ways that you can be more like Him.

-Friday-

Can you write the memory verse for this week?

Good job!

Let's review some things we learned this week.

Are happiness and joy the same thing? _____

No they aren't. Being happy depends on what is happening.

Being joyful depends on GOD working in your life. Having joy does not mean that we won't ever be sad. It means that even in difficult times we know we can depend on God and trust in Him and have an attitude of thankfulness for the things He has done for us.

What are some things about God that make you joyful?

Don't list things he has given you. Think about who He is and WHAT He is like. List two things. _____

Pray and thank God that we are able to talk with him anytime whether we are happy or sad.

September 12-16

The Fruit of the Spirit.

Memory Verse:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

-Monday-

This week we will begin learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. Before you can have these things you must have Jesus as your Savior.

Let's review the ABC's of becoming a Christian we learned at VBS.

A—Admit to God that you are a sinner.

Read Romans 3:23

Circle the correct answer below:

Some people have sinned

All people have sinned

The Bible teaches us that **ALL** people have sinned. God has never sinned; but, we have. He is Holy and we are not.

Look up Romans 6:23 and fill in the blanks.

For the wages of _____ is _____, but the _____ of God is eternal _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Isn't that amazing? We all deserve death; but, God has given you a way to have eternal life. We can trust in Jesus!

Say a prayer and thank God for making a way for you to be forgiven for your sins.

-Tuesday-

Once we know we are a sinner we should turn away from our sin and turn to God.

B—Believe that Jesus is God's only Son

Do you think you could ever be GOOD enough to get into Heaven without Jesus? The Bible says you can't be. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Can we be saved by our "works" (that means the good things we do)?

Yes

No

The answer is NO!

Read Acts 4:12 and fill in the blanks.

_____ is found in no one else, for there is no other _____ under heaven given to men by which we must be _____.

Jesus NEVER sinned. But remember what we learned yesterday in Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is _____. Jesus died for OUR sins. And since HE never sinned, when we have him as our Savior, God looks at us as if we are sinless and forgiven. Then, we can live forever in Heaven.

We need JESUS!!! Pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be a sacrifice for our sins.

-Wednesday-

C—Confess faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord

Can you list the ABC's of Becoming a Christian?

A _____ **B** _____ **C** _____

Read Romans 10:9.

What does this verse say you have to “confess with our mouth”? _____

Now read Romans 10:13. It tells us that if we call on the name of the Lord we will be _____.

What does it mean to be saved? _____

Spend time praying:

If you are not a Christian yet and you think it is time to ask Jesus to be your Savior, go find your mom or dad or another adult and ask them to pray with you.

If you are already a Christian, ask God to help you remember the ABC's so that you can always be ready to tell a friend about Jesus.

-Thursday-

Can you fill in the blanks for this week's Bible Verse?

But the _____ of the _____ is _____, joy, peace, _____, kindness, goodness, _____, gentleness, self-control; against such _____ there is _____ law.

Galatians ____: _____

The Bible teaches us that if we really trust Jesus as our Savior there will be signs that we have a healthy relationship with him. Another way of saying that is that we will "bear fruit". Just like a healthy fruit tree bears (or makes) good fruit.

Read John 15:1-5

In these verses we learn that:

Jesus is the _____.

We are the _____.

If we remain in him we will bear _____.

Say a prayer. Ask God to show you whether or not you are really "bearing fruit" of his work in your life.

-Friday-

You have learned a lot this week. Before we move on to learning more about the Fruit of the Spirit next week, let's review.

What is the reference for our memory verse this week?

Can you list the fruit of the spirits?

What are the ABC's of Becoming a Christian?

A = _____

B = _____

C = _____

What is something you learned in your devotional time this week? _____

Spend time talking to God. Ask Him to use your devotional time each day to help you appreciate and love The Bible.

September 19-23

LOVE

Memory Verse:

**Dear friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God. Everyone who loves
has been born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love, does not know God,
because God is love.**

1 John 4:7-8

-Monday-

We are going to continue to look at the Fruit of the Spirit. What was the first quality listed in Galatians 5:22-23?

Yes, it was LOVE. That's what we'll be learning about today.

Write this week's memory verse.

Who does this verse say we should love?

Is it always easy to love others? YES NO

It's not always easy to love others, even other Christians. We can't do it on our own. But, that is one of the signs that God is working in our lives. In fact the verse tell us that if we can't show love, we must not even really know who God is because He IS love. Wow!

Pray and thank God for loving us. Ask Him to help you love others and find ways to show it.

-Tuesday-

Fill in the blanks:

Dear friends let us _____ one another for _____ comes from God. Everyone who _____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not _____ does not know God, because God is _____. I John 4:7-8

Did you notice that a certain word is repeated several times in this verse? How many times did you write the word love? Circle one: 3 7 5

5 times! Do you think that this verse is trying to tell us that something is important? Love must be really important. Let's learn some ways to show love.

Read I John 3:16-18. These verses tell us that we shouldn't just say we love. We should also SHOW others that we love them.

What is one way these verses say we should show love to others (hint: read vs. 17 again).

Pray and ask God to help you understand what you read in these verses. Ask Him to help you show love.

-Wednesday-

Yesterday you read I John 3:16-18. Open your Bible and read those verses again.

Those verses tell us that Jesus gave his life or “laid down his life” for us and we should do that for others. One way we can do that is by sharing our material possessions.

Material possessions = stuff. What stuff do you have that you can share or give to others?

Now think about John 3:16. It says: “God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. “

Out of his LOVE for us, God gave us his Son, Jesus.

Spend some extra time praying today. Ask God to show you whether or not you show LOVE to others. Ask God to show you ways to share your “stuff” with people who need help. Thank God for showing His love for us in so many different ways, mainly by sending Jesus.

-Thursday-

Have you memorized our verse for the week?

Dear _____ let us love _____ another for _____ comes from _____. Everyone who _____ has been _____ of God and _____ God. Whoever does not _____ does not know _____, because God is _____. I John 4:7-8

Now read Matthew 22:36-39.

In verse 37 Jesus says to love God with all of your _____, _____ and _____.

We should love God with all of our HEART, SOUL and MIND. Then verse 39 says: " Love your neighbor as _____" The answer is YOURSELF.

You may think it sounds funny to think about how much you love yourself. But, think about it this way. Don't you always want the best for yourself? That's what you should want for others. Being sure that others get the best means that you have to put others first.

Are there people on your soccer team or in your class at school that are difficult to love? Pray and ask God to help you treat them with kindness and love regardless of how they treat you.

-Friday-

Let's review what we've studied this week.

Can you write this week's memory verse? _____

Remember that this verse teaches us that love comes from GOD! The more we learn to be like God by following what His Word teaches, the more love we will show.

What is one thing you learned in our study about love this week? _____

Find your mom or dad or a grandparent and have them read I Corinthians 13 with you. This chapter is called The Love Chapter. Talk with them about how important love is, and how you show your love for God and each other within your family. Ask your parent or grandparent to pray with you.

September 26-30

JOY

Memory Verse:

**You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal
pleasures at your right hand.**

Psalm 16:11

-Monday-

Take a minute to write down the memory verse for this week.

Fill in the missing word from the memory verse:

“You fill me with _____ in your presence.”

“Joy” is the answer. What do you think Joy means?

You may think that joy is the same thing as happiness.

What makes you happy? _____

You may have filled in that blank with the name of a friend or a family member or something you enjoy doing like soccer or video games.

In our next devotional we will learn about the difference between joy and happiness.

Pray. Thank God that we can be joyful because of Him!

-Tuesday-

Fill in the blanks:

You have made known to me the _____ of _____;
_____ fill me with _____ in your presence, with
_____ pleasures at your _____ hand. Psalm ____:____

This week we are learning about JOY. It is not the same thing as happiness even though the two things are similar. Happiness depends on our circumstances. We are happy when things are going our way. JOY is a type of gladness that comes from God.

How can you show your joy to others? _____

When you are a Christian, you have Joy as a Fruit of the Spirit. Look back through your journal and find the page that has Galatians 5:22-23 on it. Review the Fruit of The Spirit by listing them below.

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

Pray and ask God to show you how he gives you joy each day.

-Wednesday-

Read John 15:9-14.

In this chapter of John, Jesus is teaching about how following His commands produces fruit and shows that we love Him. Read verse 11 again and fill in the blanks.

I have told you this so that my _____ may be in you and that your _____ may be complete.

John 15:11

How do you think that following God's commands leads to having joy? _____

One reason is that we must be focused on God's Word in order to follow His commands. Focusing on God makes us spend a lot less time thinking about ourselves. That helps us to be more joyful in every circumstance.

Can you think of a time that things have not gone your way? _____

Is it always easy to trust God and be joyful? _____

Spend time talking to God about helping you have a desire to follow His commands in order to know Him better and have joy in every situation.

-Thursday-

Can you say our memory verse for the week? Turn to it in your Bible or your journal and read it out loud three times. Now, try to say it without looking.

Read Psalm 66:1-6 and fill in the blank:

Shout with _____ to God, all the earth! Psalms 66:1

This verse and all of Psalm 66 is a song that was used in worship a long time ago. Have you ever noticed that one of the times our joy shows most is during worship?

When God is at work in our lives we want to praise Him and thank Him for what he has done for us.

In Psalm 6:1-6 you can read about some of the things God has done. Write down a short prayer to God. Be sure to thank Him for something HE has done in your life. Tell Him why you have JOY.

Dear God,

Amen

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