

Lesson 1

OUTLINE



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John 3:16



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Lesson 1



Ask God to teach you what He wants you to know as you study this lesson.



This lesson addresses basic principles each student must believe to fully understand God's Word.



RELATIONSHIP

The book of Revelation is in the Bible which is God's Word. Because God is Spirit, the Bible is a spiritual book. Anyone who wants to fully comprehend Revelation must understand our invisible God.

Only a child of God can fully understand the Word of God.



These little boxes contain information for using and understanding the lesson better.



God is spirit; and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. I Corinthians 2:14



Always read the Bible verses highlighted in the yellow boxes. Better yet, look them up for yourself in your own Bible.

The best way to understand God is to know Him personally, as your heavenly Father. Being a child of God is different from being a child of man. But, just as we are born with a natural or human father, we can be born again spiritually with God as our Father.

Jesus Christ, God's Son, said...



That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again." John 3:6,7

Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

In God's plan God does all the work and we receive all the benefit.

How is it possible for a natural man to be born again spiritually? By believing. Believing is not hard, it is simply knowing something is true. Believing is receiving the truth. According to God's plan when we believe the gospel truth about Jesus Christ we become children of God.

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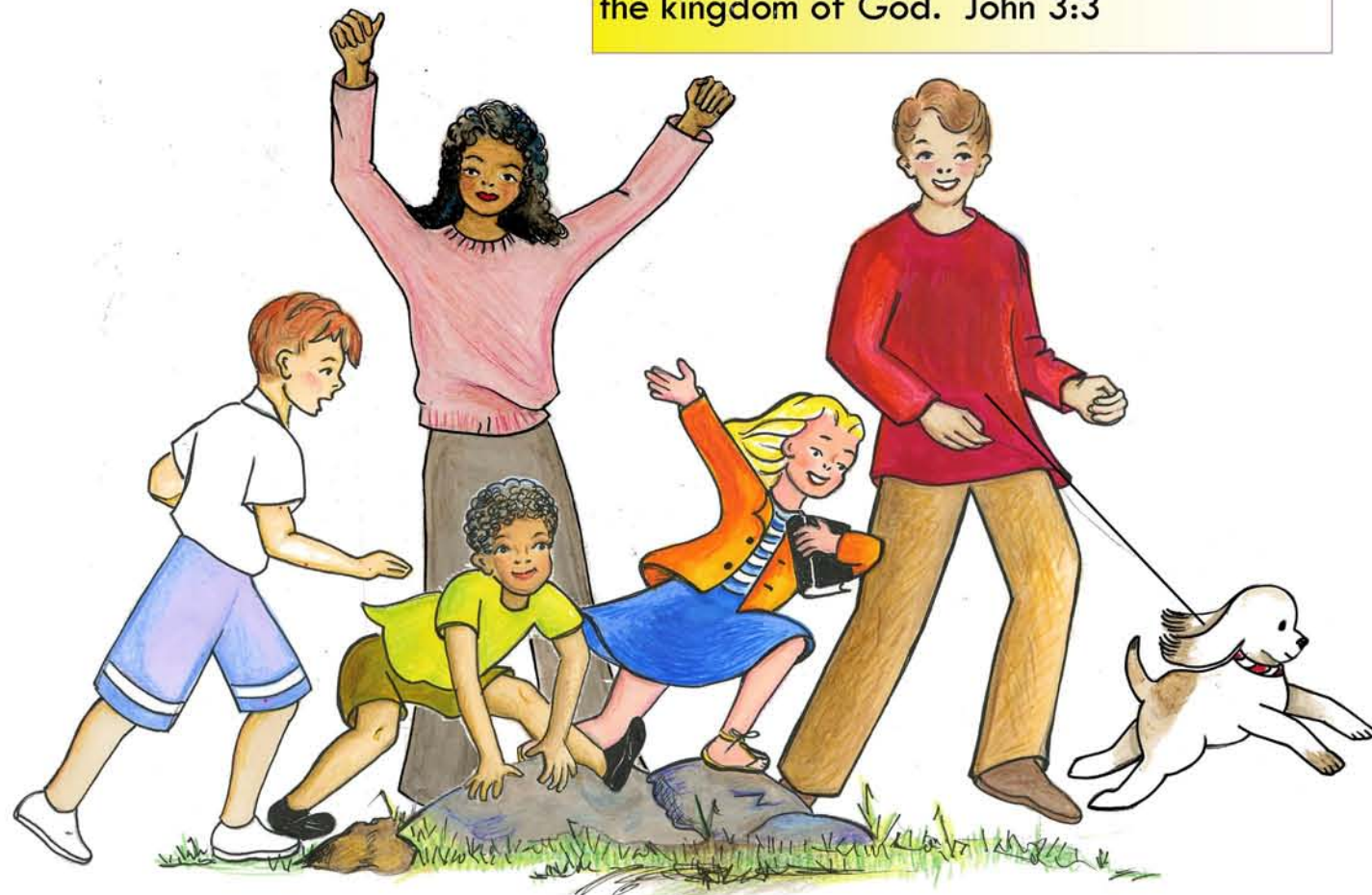
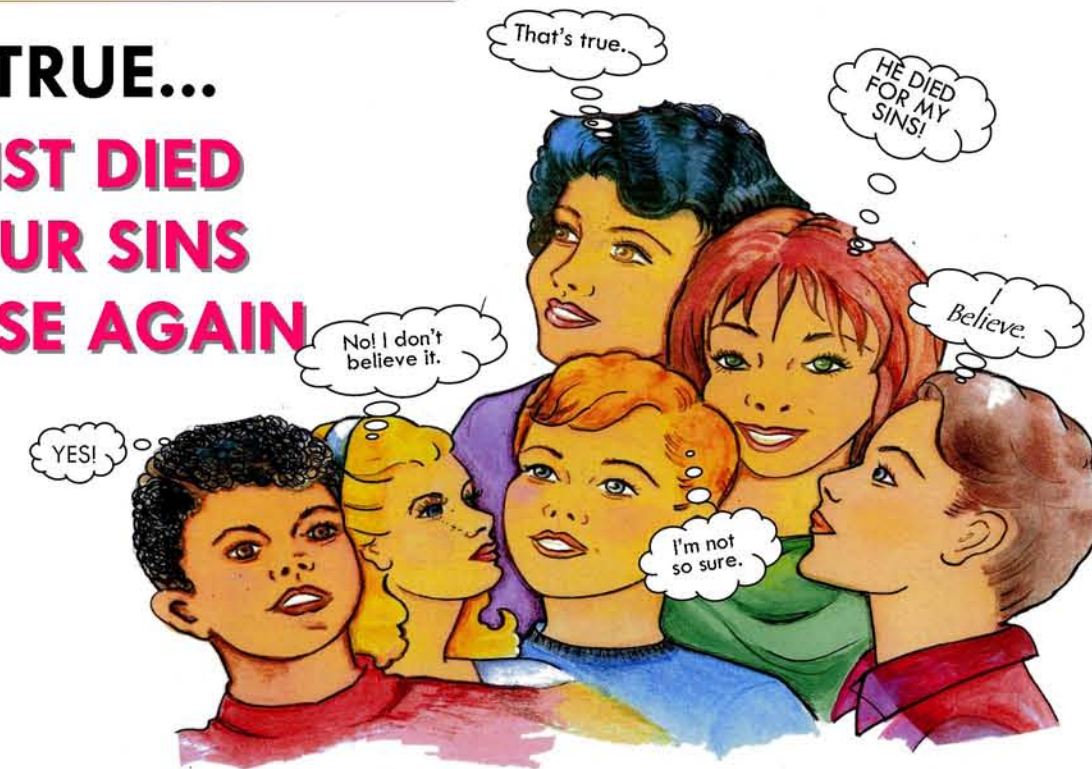


Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:1,3,4

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

Gospel Truth

**IT IS TRUE...
...CHRIST DIED
FOR OUR SINS
AND ROSE AGAIN**



The bad news is that a giant sin barrier existed between God and man.

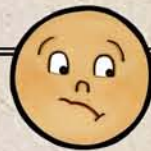


The word gospel means "good news". To see how really good the news is, let's look at some bad news first.

Sin is bad news for the entire human race.



BAD NEWS



Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven. Romans 4:7

THE BEGINNING OF TIME

Desperate Man

The entire Human race—helpless

EARTH—After a disastrous day in Eden Garden an immovable barrier of sin stood between man and God. Man could not climb over it, or dig under it to reach God.

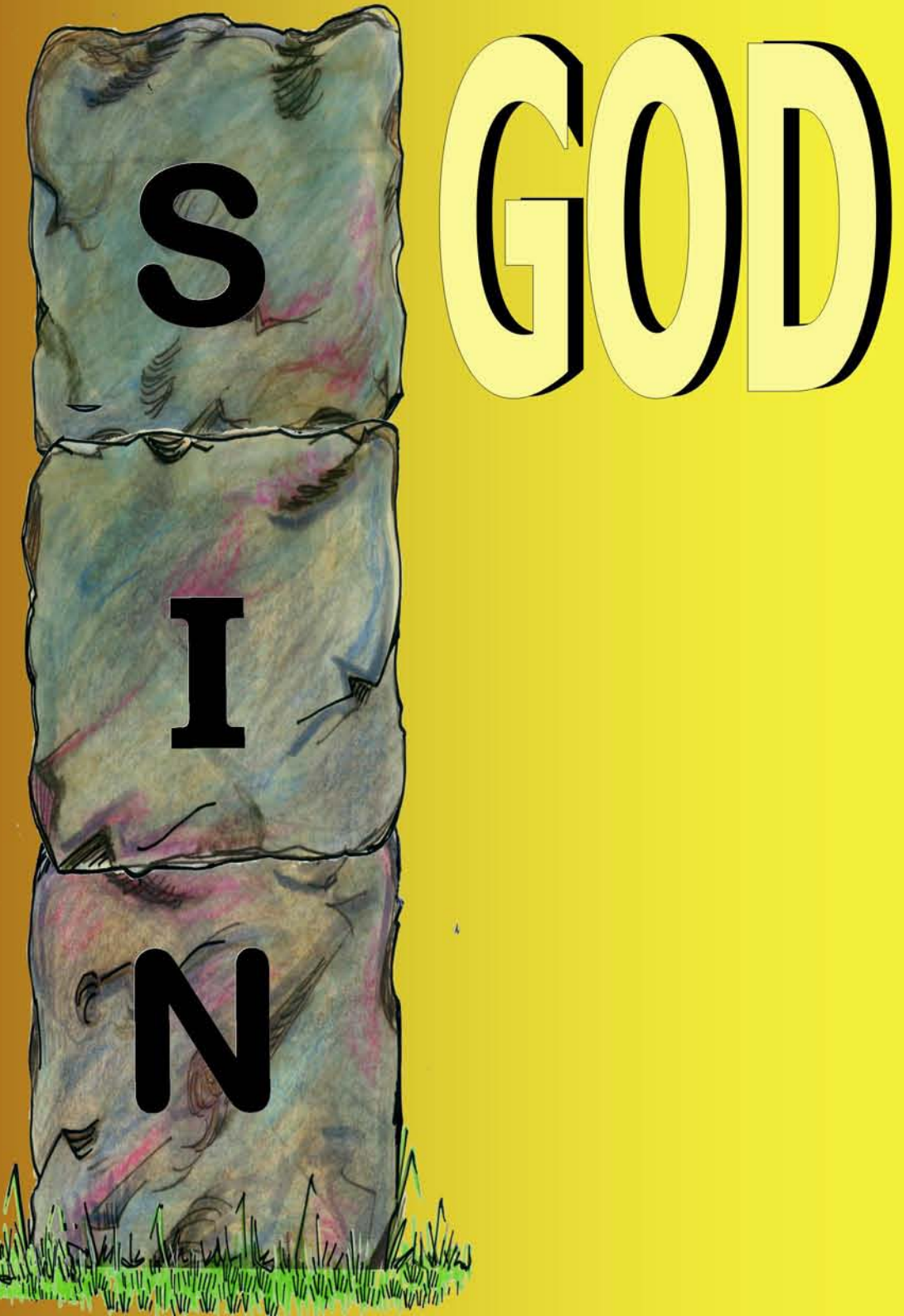
Man could not clean up sin before God saw it. God and man were totally separated. We were all ruined and helpless. Sin kept us, like orphans, from the loving home God planned for His children. It was a desperate situation.

Jeremiah 2:22
"Although you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, the stain of your iniquity is before Me," declares the Lord God.

Isaiah 53:6
All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.



There is none righteous, not even one. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:10, 23





Understanding the bad news about sin makes us ready to hear the good news of the gospel. The good news is: God loves the human race so much He sent His beloved Son to completely remove the sin barrier—FOREVER. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, never sinned. He deserved no punishment. Yet, He was nailed to a cross and died in our place to pay the penalty for our sins. Christ’s resurrection three days later, proves sin and death are conquered. That is extra good news.



God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

At infinite cost to Himself, God provided the way for every child of man to become a child of God. Jesus died in your place for your sins and rose again. Will you believe it and become God’s child?



But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12



Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. John 14:6

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved. Acts 16:31

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. Ephesians 2:8, 9





Music

Now I Belong to Jesus



NORMAN J. CLAYTON,

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1. Je - sus my Lord will love me for - ev - er, From Him no pow'r of
 2. Once I was lost in sin's deg - ra - da - tion, Je - sus came down to
 3. Joy floods my soul, for Je - sus has saved me, Freed me from sin that

e - vil can sev - er; He gave His life to ran - som my soul -
 bring me sal - va - tion, Lift - ed me up from sor - row and shame -
 long had en - slaved me; His pre - cious blood He gave to re - deem -

CHORUS

Now I be - long to Him! Now I be - long to Je - sus, Je - sus be -

longs to me. - Not for the years of time a - lone, But for e - ter - ni - ty.

Activity

The Sin Barrier Is Removed.



Paste fold here so the cross covers the sin barrier.



Now the whole world can come to God because Jesus Christ was the sacrifice for our sins.

Will you become God's child by believing Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again?