

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #8 – “Change in a Pharisee”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: A changed life shows you belong to God.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Fruit of the Spirit”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #8 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

John 3:3 – “. . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

Remove-A-Word – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Begin removing the words, a phrase at a time, saying the verse again after each phrase is removed. Continue until all the pieces are removed from the board. Let the children volunteer to say the verse alone.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #7 – #12: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

LIFE OF CHRIST #8 – “Change in a Pharisee”

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #4. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #8. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #8. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionary. (See attached page.)
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: (*In person*) *I Dare*, Week #8 - **OR** - (*Online*) *Doctor in the Pygmy Forest*, Week #12

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below **or** the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"Deer Hunt" – You will need 12 trees and two deer. (See attached pattern.) Back them for the flannelboard, and cut them out. When you place the figures on the board, hide the deer behind two of the trees. Divide the class into two teams. Explain that the latter part of November and early in December is Deer Season in various areas of the U.S.A. It is when many people go in the woods hunting for deer. In the review game, they will hunt for deer too. When a child answers a review question, he may choose any tree on the board. If he finds a deer behind it, he will earn 100 points for his team. All trees without a deer are worth 50 points. When the last question is asked, the team with the most points wins the game. – By Rita L. Lobdell. *GIVE & TAKE*, November/December 1995.

Review Questions – Life of Christ #8

1. **When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, what were the people doing inside the Temple?** (Selling animals to be used in sacrifices and cheating people)
2. **What did Jesus do to the money-changers tables?** (He flipped the tables over and dumped the money on the floor)
3. **What kind of person is a Pharisee?** (A Jewish religious leader, someone who studied the Bible, someone who claimed to obey God's laws but often didn't)
4. **What was the name of the Pharisee who wanted to talk to Jesus one night?** (Nicodemus)
5. **What unexpected thing did Jesus tell Nicodemus?** ("Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God")
6. **What question did Nicodemus ask that showed he did not understand what it meant to be born again?** ("How can a man be born when he is old?")
7. **What did Jesus mean by saying a person must be born again?** (He must be born of the Spirit, born into God's family)
8. **Jesus reminded Nicodemus of a story about people who were bitten by poisonous snakes. How were those people healed?** (By looking at a brass snake on a pole)
9. **How was Jesus lifted up like the brass snake on a pole?** (When He was lifted up on the cross to save us from our sins)
10. **How do we know that Nicodemus was born again?** (His actions showed there was a change in his life)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

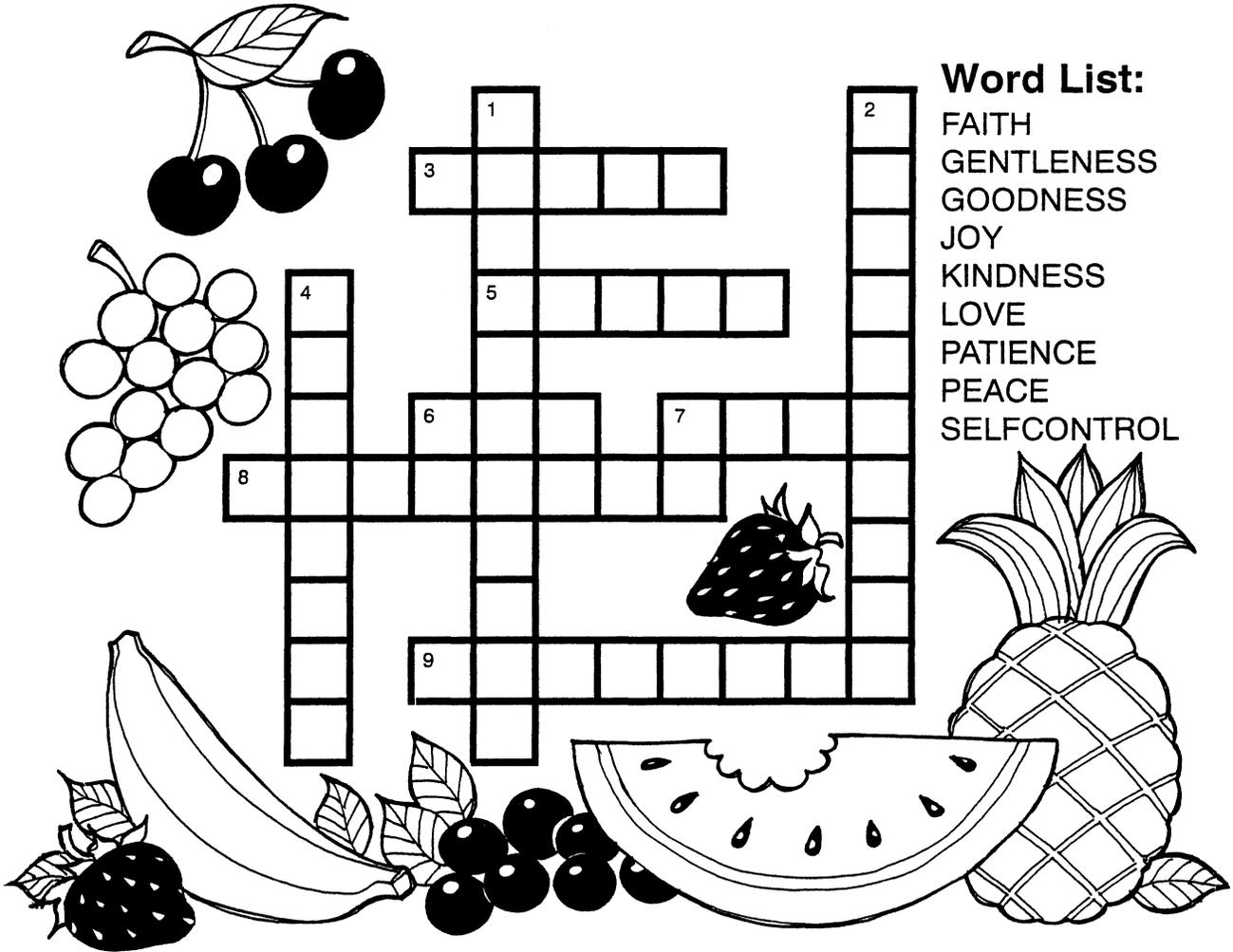
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #8

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #8

Fruit of the Spirit



Word List:

- FAITH
- GENTLENESS
- GOODNESS
- JOY
- KINDNESS
- LOVE
- PATIENCE
- PEACE
- SELFCONTROL

Across:

- 3. To be silent or opposite of war.
- 5. To believe.
- 6. Happy, cheerful.
- 7. Opposite of hate.
- 8. To be nice to someone.
- 9. A state of being good.

Down:

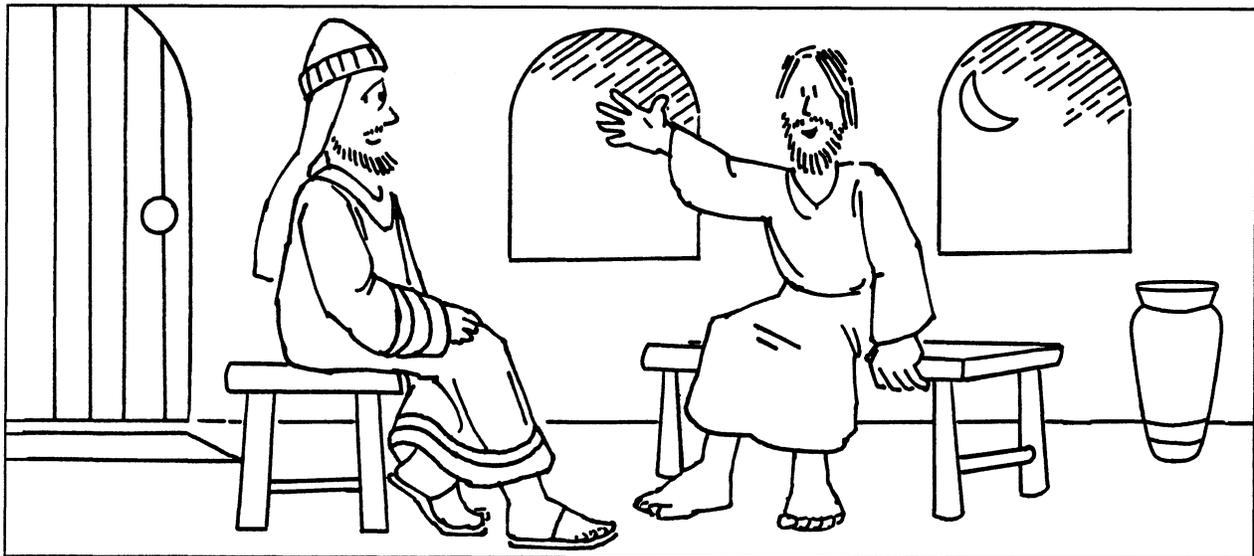
- 1. Control of one's emotions or actions.
- 2. Not harshness but _____.
- 4. Endurance, calmness.

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #8

Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Jesus told him that to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born of water and the Spirit.

Circle 10 things different in the bottom picture.



**“... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”
John 3:3**

Life of Christ #8
CHANGE IN A PHARISEE

John 3:3

“ . . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Introduction:

(Show a map.) When you are planning a trip, there are often many ways to get to your destination. In our lesson today, we'll hear Jesus tell a man that there is only one way for him to become a part of God's Kingdom. Let's look at the verse that reminds us of that one and only way.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

John 3:3 – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

“ . . . ” – These three dots mean there are more words to the verse that we're not going to learn.

“Except a man be born again,” – Unless a person is born again: Jesus wasn't talking about a baby being born into the world a second time. He was talking about being born into God's family. The Bible tells us the spirit is dead in sin until a person believes on Jesus as their Saviour. When you believe in Jesus as Saviour, the spirit is made alive and that person is “born again” into God's family.

“he cannot see the kingdom of God.” – Anyone who has not believed on Jesus as Saviour is not a part of God's family. He will not be with God in His Kingdom someday unless he is “born again.”

Repetition:

Remove-A-Word

After having the children repeat the verse a few times, begin removing the words, a phrase at a time, saying the verse again after each phrase is removed. Continue until all the pieces are removed from the board.

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #8

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

John 3:3 – “. . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Bible Lesson Involvement Help

Flashcard 2-1:

Have children repeat the name “Nicodemus.”

Flashcard 2-2:

Have children say the memory verse together.

Have children hold up two fingers, one finger at a time, indicating the two births.

Have children shrug shoulders and ask, “*How can these things be?*”

Flashcard 2-4:

Have children shield eyes with their hand and look up, as if looking at a snake on a pole.

Bible Learning Game (To Change Your Life)

By Linda D. Ruth

Children form a circle. Choose two children (if class is small, just use one child) to stand in center. Children walk around the circle, singing to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?”:

“God wants to change your life,

Change your life, change your life.

God wants to change your life,

If you belong to Him.”

A child not inside the circle then names a change God may want to make in a boy’s or girl’s life. It could be: “Tell the truth,” or “Obey right away,” or “Be kind,” or “Be willing to share,” etc. Children in center say together, “God can help you (repeat whatever change was suggested).”

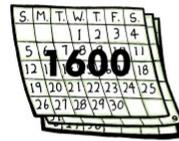
Then choose two additional children to stand in circle. Play again until everyone has stood inside the circle.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #4



Learning about the Bible



Let's take a minute to review what we have been learning about the Bible. **(Place figure #1.)** How many men did God use to write the Bible? Yes, there were about 40 men. **(Place figure #8.)** These men, who were guided by God to write the Bible, were all different. One was highly educated; another was a shepherd. Two were powerful kings; one worked in the king's court. Some of the other men were from different backgrounds, such as a prophet (a man who speaks for God), a soldier, a tax collector, a doctor, a fisherman, and a Jewish church leader. How many years did it take them to write the Bible? Yes, a period of 1600 years. **(Place figure #9.)** Just think about this. About 40 men from various backgrounds wrote the Bible over a period of 1600 years without talking about it with each other, and each book agrees with the other ones. This is truly a miracle! This shows us that the Bible is truly is God's Book. You and I should honor the Bible by taking care of it. Don't throw it or stack other books on top of it. Just as we should treat Jesus differently from other people because of who He is, we should treat the Bible differently because it is God's Word. Next week, we will learn how the Bible is divided into books.

LETTER FROM THE LUTTMANNS

GO AND TELL BOX – WEEK #8

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of a copier.

What do you think this picture of a copy machine has to do with *going and telling*? (Let the children share their ideas.)

Let's read a letter from Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy (Show their picture.) to find out how a copier can help a missionary.



Dear Boys and Girls,

Thank you so much for your prayers and your gift through your missionary offerings. We have been busy in our office working on several new songs and stories for people to use in Bible clubs just like the one you are in.

One of the things I (Mr. Tom) do in ministry for Bible Visuals International is to travel to meetings and help people learn about our Bible materials, missionary lessons, and songs. Many people do not know about the wonderful teaching materials we have available to help them teach the children.

Our newest project is the release of the life story of Elinor Young. The artist is working on the artwork and we are excited about these lessons that are called, "*Beautiful Feet Upon the Mountains.*"

As more people learn about the Bible teaching materials, they see how they can use it to help them teach children about God's Word. As we are able to sell more materials, we will be able to print others in color so that they will be more exciting to children.

We are praying for you. We pray that you will have listening ears to the Bible lessons. We pray you will have hearts that will respond in faith and obedience to what you learn.

With our love and thanks,

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #8

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank You for helping Mr. Tom print new, bright-colored Bible visuals for teachers to use in teaching children.

Dear God, help Mr. Tom meet new people involved in teaching children so that he can show them the Bible materials and songs.

Dear God, help Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy teach their children and the children in their church to love Jesus.

LOC REVIEW GAME
Deer Hunt





**A changed
life shows
you belong
to God.**

- Anyone bitten by snake would look at the brass snake on pole and he would live

- Jesus to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up serpent in wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

- Jesus was the Son of Man. When would Jesus be lifted up like that snake on a pole?

FLASHCARD 2-5

- Jesus would be lifted up when He died on the cross. Jesus would make the only way for people to be saved from punishment of sin

P, E

Romans 5:8 – **"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

- God sent Jesus because He loves us

G

- Just as those bitten needed to look at snake to live, each person needs to believe in Jesus to be forgiven

FLASHCARD 2-6

- 3 years later, Jesus died on cross. Nicodemus took His body down from cross and helped to bury Him

- When you believe, He gives you the new life He was telling Nicodemus about. You will be born again

- The Bible doesn't say if Nicodemus received new life, but he knew Jesus spoke the truth

- Nicodemus had learned how to have that new, born-again life

- Do you know how you can have that new, born-again life?

INVITATION

John 3:18 – **"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already...."**

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over **MT**

A CHANGED LIFE SHOWS YOU BELONG TO GOD

R – Review PAS verse

John 3:3 – **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

O – Overview PAS examples

1.
2.
3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #8

John 2:12-25; 3:1-16; 19:39-42;
Numbers 21:5-9

- Have you ever wanted something new?

- Maybe a new bike, new video game, new place to live, new school to go to?

- Maybe wanted to change yourself with new hair color or new skill.

- Do you know Jesus can give you something new. He can give you a new life – the most wonderful kind of life there is!

- That's what a man in our Bible story is going to find out. Listen...

- Do you remember the miracle Jesus did at the wedding in Cana?

- After that, Jesus and disciples traveled to Jerusalem

- It was time for the Passover – a Jewish celebration when they remembered how God rescued their people from being slaves

- When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, He went to the temple, the beautiful building used to worship God

- In temple, Jesus found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves used in sacrifices

- God had told His people that an animal must be killed for a sacrifice

- The blood of the animal would cover their sin and remind them how serious sin is to God

- Blood of animal could never forgive sin once and for all. Year after year, more animals would be sacrificed

- Now men were bringing animals into temple and selling them

- Jesus must have seen that the people selling animals were cheating people

- What they were doing was sin

S, PAU

Romans 3:23 – **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."**

1.
2.
3.

- The people selling animals and cheating people were sinners

- As Jesus watched this, He took rope and began to braid it together to make a whip

- Suddenly, He snapped the whip over the heads of the animals

- Jesus ran behind, herding them out of the temple gates

- Jesus did not stop there. He rushed over to the tables where the money changers kept money. He grabbed containers...

- And dumped money all over the floor
- Then He flipped the tables over
- Jesus, "Get these things out of here! Do not make My Father's house a house of business!"
- Everyone there that day knew that Jesus said this temple belonged to His Father, God, and He had authority to make sure what happened there was right

FLASHCARD 2-1

- One of the people who might have been there was a Jewish man named Nicodemus. He was a Pharisee
- Pharisee was a Jewish leader, an important man who studied the Bible and said he believed it. A Pharisee claimed to obey God's laws although they often didn't obey
- As Passover continued, Jesus did miracles throughout city
- Many people saw the miracles He did and believed Jesus was the Promised One
- Nicodemus was amazed by everything he saw and heard
- Nicodemus wanted to do right, but his life had not been changed

- Although he was very religious, he did not truly belong to God
- MT – A CHANGED LIFE SHOWS YOU BELONG TO GOD**
- Nicodemus wanted to obey God, but he didn't have that new life. He had not been changed on inside
- Nicodemus decided he needed to talk to Jesus

FLASHCARD 2-2

- One night, Nicodemus went to place where Jesus was staying
- Nicodemus to Jesus, "We know that You are a teacher who has come from God, because no one can do miracles You do unless God is with Him."
- Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- Jesus' answer was probably not what Nicodemus was expecting to hear
- A man must be born again to be in God's kingdom? What was Jesus talking about?
- Nicodemus asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?"
- "Can he go back a second time into his mother's belly and be born?"

MT, PAS – A CHANGED LIFE SHOWS YOU BELONG TO GOD

- John 3:3 – "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- Jesus, "Truly, truly, unless a man is born of water and also of the Spirit, he cannot go into the kingdom of God."
- Jesus was saying that a person must have two births: 1st when a baby is born into world from mother's belly. 2nd happens through God's Holy Spirit
- Jesus continued, "Don't be amazed that I say to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows and you hear the sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. That's the way it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- Jesus meant that being born the 2nd time is not something you can see. It's like the wind – it's real but you can't see it
- When God's Spirit give you new life, you can't see it happening, but it is real
- Jesus told Nicodemus about that new life, but Nicodemus still didn't understand

FLASHCARD 2-4

- Story happened when Israelite people were traveling to land of Canaan, the land God promised to give them
- Their leader then was Moses
- People complained. Said they had been brought to wilderness to die. Were tired of bread God was giving them
- Because of complaining, God sent fiery serpents; poisonous snakes went all over camp biting people
- Many people were dying
- People asked Moses for help and he went to God
- God told Moses to make a snake out of brass and hang it on pole