

FAMILY TALK BACK QUESTIONS

1. Have each person identify some place he or she has seen "Enmity" (hatred or the war between good and evil, Christ and Satan)
2. Share an example of something you have done when you were on Satan's side (selfishness).
3. Do you do more good things than bad things? Explain.
4. Specifically, how does a person change from Satan's side to God's side.
5. What are examples of "wages" you've earned? What are examples of gifts you've received?
6. After a person joins God's side, does he or she ever do things that make it seem as though he or she is still on Satan's side? Explain
7. Whose side are you on - Christ's or Satan's? How do you know?



NEXT TIME: THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS.



Lesson 1.

SALVATION AND THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

Name: _____

WELCOME. We are glad that you have chosen to take a part in these Bible Studies. This course will help you get to know more about the Bible and the One who wrote it. It will also prepare you for baptism. Today we begin with one of the most important topics, salvation and what Jesus has done for us.

The Bible tells us that when God created the world, all that He created was perfect. But it doesn't take too much to work out that something has gone very wrong. Where did all this pain and suffering come from? What does sin and salvation mean? And why is the solution all about Jesus?

WHERE DID THIS 'EVIL' COME FROM?

The Bible tells us that God created a perfect angel, which makes sense for everything God makes, is perfect. Write out in your own words what happened to this 'guardian cherub' or angel?

Ezekiel 28:14-15 (p 599) _____

God did not create evil or the devil. He created a perfect angel who gradually turned himself into the devil. Satan actually began his career as one of heaven's leading angels, standing next to the throne of God. But then he sinned. He turned his heart against God. How did this happen?

Ezekiel 28:17 (p 599) _____

Most people picture the devil as someone with horns and a tail holding a pitch fork. The Bible isn't so silly. In Scripture we understand that God's great enemy was one of the most beautiful and wisest of the holy angels. In fact this in the end turned out to be his very down fall. What do you notice about this in the following text? What word is used 5 times?

Isa 14:12-14 (p 489) _____

Satan wanted to be God. And there is only enough room in this universe for one God. In fact there is only enough room in your life for one God. So what happened in heaven? What happened to Satan?

Rev 12:7-9 (p 882) _____

Satan and Jesus (Michael) and the followers fought a war, but the devil was not strong enough. He lost his place in heaven and was cast down to earth.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

The Bible tells us that Satan is out there trying to get us to follow him. (He is described like a hungry lion looking to eat and destroy you!!). But because of Jesus we now have another choice – it's a choice of life....eternal life.

In your own words write what **1 John 5:11-12** (p870) means _____

This could be broken down into a mathematical formula.

Me + _____ = _____

Me - _____ = _____

Can you see how important this is!!

What does Joshua 24:15 invite us to do _____

Everyone has a choice they can make. After thinking about what Jesus has done for you, Who are you going to follow? Whose side are you on?

God's side **Satan's side.**

I hope that you choose to follow God.



How does the Bible say we are saved?

Ephesians 2:8-10 (p 827) _____

The Bible makes it clear, it is only by His grace and faith in Jesus that one can be saved. We don't earn salvation, it is not by works. No matter what we do no matter how hard we try, we cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus saves by the grace of God. And notice that this salvation is a free gift!! As with any gift, we can choose to accept it, or choose to ignore it.

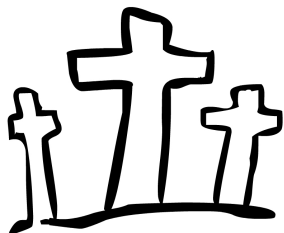
MOST RELIGIONS SPELL SALVATION WITH TWO LETTERS ____ ____.

You have to do something to have salvation.

CHRISTIANITY CAN BE SPELT DIFFERENTLY ____ ____ ____ ____.

Jesus has done it all. It is because he has done it all and His love for us, that we want to follow Him. (We are saved by Grace, and created to do good things).

WRITE IN YOUR OWN WORDS HOW A PERSON GETS ETERNAL LIFE?



Draw Below What Happened To Lucifer Who Became Satan.



SIN INFECTED US ALL

Satan was cast out of heaven and was now on earth. A earth that God had just created with a beautiful garden, and with Adam and Eve in it. This couple that God made were allowed to go anywhere in the garden except for one place. God limited the devils sphere of influence to one tree in the garden, "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." God said you can go anywhere, you can do anything just don't go near that tree, and don't eat of its fruit. One day however Eve wandered over to the tree, the devil in the form of a serpent tempted Eve to eat the fruit. Write in your own words what happened next!

Genesis 3:1-7 (p 9) _____

Adam and Eve took the fruit ate it, and the world was never the same again. Sin, or evil - had entered the world, it had entered into man. The original sin of Adam and Eve introduced chaos into what had been a perfect world. The perfect relationship that man once had with God was now broken. Did this broken relationship affect only Adam and Eve?

Read **Rom 3:23 (p 795)** (and also see Romans 5:12 (p796)) and answer the following question.

How many people have sinned? (Circle the correct answer.)

- a. Nobody.
- b. Everybody.
- c. About half of the people
- d. Everybody except me.



JESUS IS THE ONLY ANSWER

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DRAWING AS YOU READ THE TEXTS BELOW.

US

GOD

Isa 59:2 (p 520) tells us that our sins (or iniquities) separates us from God. We just read from Romans 3:23 that all have sinned and _____, _____ of the glory of God.

What are the wages of sin? **Romans 6:23 (p 797)**_____.

It is a hopeless picture, until we see what Jesus did. What does the rest of the verse say? _____

What does Christ's death do to our relationship with God?

1 Peter 3:18 (p 864) _____

Sin separates us from God, while Christ's death draws us back. His death on the cross means that we no longer need to be separated for God, we can once again have union with the life giver.

How does one receive this gift of God? **John 3:16 (p 750)** _____

Because of his love for us, Jesus died on the cross in our place. Now we can put our faith and our trust in Him, or Believe in Him and have eternal life.

Believe