

Welcome to the Family

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

The best way to use this book is to go through it a chapter at a time WITH the student. **Don't** assign the chapter to a student to do on their own. Go through it with them, reading the questions and drawing the answer out of the student.

You'll find that this book is an incredible discussion starter. And . . . it's grounded in the reading of scripture. So go through each chapter with a student and then assign them the assignment at the end of the chapter for them to do on their own throughout the week.

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I, _____, became a
part of God's family on ___/___/___ at _____ a.m./p.m.
when I was at _____ .

I began this booklet on ___/___/___ and

I will finish it by ___/___/___ .

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Welcome to the Family! Hopefully, you have already heard these words. Let's hope these words were also accompanied by a big hug. The commitment you have made is the most important one you will ever make, because it determines your future here on earth as well as in heaven. The booklet you are about to go through is designed to help you understand some of the things God has for you. You will see what it means to talk to God, how the Bible fits into your new life, why God asks you to go to church, and begin to understand that God wants to make a difference in your life.

When you finish this booklet, hopefully you will continue to grow in your new relationship. The exercises you will do are tools to help you. As you go through this booklet, remember it is not the booklet that makes you grow, but your use of the principles you learn in it. These principles will be the foundation for your new life.

Being a Christian does not mean God solves all your problems or changes everything around you. It means you are a different person, involved in a new relationship with God!

Finally, if there is anything you read or hear that is confusing, please don't hesitate to ask. Your new family wants to help you!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

When we asked Jesus to come into our life and forgive our sins he made a commitment to us. Over the next several weeks we will begin to discover that although many things around us are the same, we are a different person on the inside. This lesson will help us understand the changes that have taken place inside us and learn of God's commitment to us.



SOMETHING HAPPENED INSIDE US

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

What do the words “in Christ” mean?

What does the verse say a person becomes when he is “in Christ?”

What do you think it means when it says we are “a new creation?”

What does it say happens to the “old?”

What could be the “old?”

What does it say happens to the “new?”

What could be the “new?”

SOMEONE IS LIVING INSIDE US

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

I CORINTHIANS 6:19

According to the verse, what is our body?

What is a temple?

Whose temple are we?

From whom does the verse say we received the Holy Spirit?

What do you think is meant by, “you are not your own?”

With what price were we bought? (Read I Peter 1:18,19)

What does it say we should do with our body?

What does it mean to “honor” something?

How can we honor God with our body?

When does the Holy Spirit come to live inside us? (Read Ephesians 1:13,14)

WE CAN KNOW WE ARE FORGIVEN

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
I JOHN 1:9

What does it mean to “confess?”

What does the verse say God will do if we “confess our sins?”

From the verse, what two words are used to describe God? What do they mean?

How does knowing that God is “faithful and just” affect our confidence in his forgiveness?

What does the verse say God will do with all of our unrighteousness?

What does the word “purify” mean?

What do you think is “unrighteousness?”

Based on the verse, how can we be sure that God purifies us?

WE CAN KNOW GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

... God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

HEBREWS 13:5

What two things does God say he will never do?

How long is never?

What do the words “leave” and “forsake” mean?

According to the verse, how long will God be with us?

WE CAN KNOW WE ARE SAVED

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I JOHN 5:11,12

What do the verses say God has given to us?

According to the verses, where is this life found?

What do the verses say about the person who has the Son?

What does it mean to “have the Son?”

What do the verses say about the person who does not have the Son?

From the verses, who has eternal life?

ASSIGNMENT

Taking what we've learned from this study, write two letters. Write one letter from God (your Heavenly Father) to you, telling of his commitment to you in this new life. Write the other letter from you to God, telling of your commitment to him, and how you feel about this new relationship. Use these two pages for your letters.

My Dear Child,

I love you,

Your Heavenly Father

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you Heavenly Father,

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