

THEME LESSONS

Cadets Edition





Lesson 2

Repent and Believe

Mark 1:14-20

Rob Foster had put a lot of work into introducing his new team to Centerville, but now it was up to the team to prove themselves by their playing skills. Would the people of Centerville think they were worth coming back to watch again?

John the Baptist's task of getting people ready for Jesus was about done. Jesus was beginning His ministry in Galilee. Would the people follow Him now instead of John?



6 Jesus did not choose His followers because of their power, influence, or wealth. In the Bible, many ordinary people responded to His call to repent and believe. How about you? Will you follow Jesus and repent and believe?

Find these people who became followers of Jesus.

Let's Talk About It

1 Jesus needed some men to help Him in His ministry. What kind of person do you think He should look for?

2 As He began looking for special workers, Jesus bumped into John the Baptist (John 1:35-42).

- Who was with John when he pointed out Jesus?
- What did one of them do next?

3 Jesus selected 12 men for His team. Four of these men were selected in Mark 1:14-20.

- Who were the four men selected and what do we know about them?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "I will make you fishers of men"?
- How long did it take these guys to decide to follow Jesus?

4 Jesus' ministry included a lot of teaching. What two things did He repeat often (Mark 1:14-15)?

5 What do we do when we repent (see Ezekiel 18:30)? In what do we believe (John 4:42)?

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doctor	N	M	A	S	O	L	Y	D	O	U	T	U	N	A
beggar	R	O	T	C	E	L	L	O	C	X	A	T	E	M
soldier	E	T	C	O	T	R	E	T	U	L	L	I	M	S
outcast	I	H	E	H	A	U	T	D	O	R	A	T	R	T
children	D	E	M	O	N	P	O	S	S	E	S	S	E	D
mothers	L	R	T	A	X	C	O	L	M	G	X	O	H	O
prostitute	O	S	E	A	T	S	O	L	D	A	B	R	S	C
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7 People had a tough time understanding what Jesus meant when He said, "The kingdom of God is near." What do you think Jesus meant by it?

8 In the words of the Cadet hymn, "Living for Jesus," we pledge (or promise) to give ourselves to Him, strive to please Him in all that we do, and own (have) no other master. What do these promises mean for our lives?



Let's Remember

"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15b



A New Teaching!

Mark 1:21-34

When your mother gives you a chore that you don't want to do, like taking out the trash, you do it anyway. Why? Because your mother has "authority." She has that authority because she is your mother. Besides obeying your parents, you also have to obey your teachers, ministers, and even your Cadet counselor. These people have positions of authority.

But what if a total stranger told you to take out his trash? You'd probably respond with something like, "Sorry, I don't have to do what you say," and walk away. A stranger has no authority to tell you what to do.

Once a simple carpenter's Son told people what to do and how to live. Many of them listened. He even commanded evil spirits to come out of people, and they too obeyed Him. That man was Jesus, and if anyone ever spoke with authority, it was Jesus!

Let's take a look at Jesus and His authority.



Let's Talk About It

- 1 What does it mean to have authority?
- 2 A school bully and a college professor both claim to have authority. They are probably talking about two different things. What is the difference?
- 3 We don't know exactly what Jesus looked like. He probably wasn't a big muscular man. Yet He acted with authority. How did He show His authority in verses 21-27?
- 4 Revelation 12:7-9 tells us how the demon inside the man know who Jesus was. Look up this passage and fill in the missing words.

*And there was _____ in _____.
 Michael and his angels _____ against
 the _____. The great _____
 was _____ down — that ancient
 _____ called the _____, or
 _____, ... was hurled to the _____,
 and his _____ with him.*

Where had Jesus and the demons met before?

- 5 Did the people who were watching know who Jesus was (vs. 27)? What was their reaction (vs. 32)?
- 6 In what other way did Jesus display His authority that day (vs. 29-31)?

- 7 These are just a small sample of the authority and power of Jesus. Christians all over the world today feel His power. How does having Jesus in your heart give you power at school, at home, or with your friends? How is Jesus' power evident at a Cadet meeting?



Let's Remember

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Mark 1:22

Jesus has authority over all of creation. Fill in the name or title of the person who has authority over the person listed. The letters in the shaded column will spell out what we must do.

Person	Person in Authority					
Cadet		U				
Employee				S		
Child				T		
Legal secretary		Y				
Student					H	
Teammates		O				
Army major		G				
Baseball players		M				



Lesson 4 Share the Good News

Mark 4:1-20

Jeremy and Derek were best buddies. They went everywhere together — including Cadets. Both of them had accepted Jesus into their lives and were trying to live for Jesus in all they did. Jeremy was always going out of his way to tell everyone he met that he was a Christian and that Jesus had changed his life.

Derek had no trouble telling people how his favourite football team was doing and he loved talking about the great vacation his family took, but he just couldn't bring himself to tell people about Jesus. He really wished he could be more like Jeremy. Let's see what Jesus had to say about it in today's lesson.

Let's Talk About It

- 1 Jesus told the crowd a *parable*. What is a parable?
- 2 Jesus told a story about a farmer planting seed. As he threw this seed around, it fell on different types of soil. What were the four types of soil?
- 3 Did those listening understand what Jesus was telling them in His parable? Who or what do the parts of this story represent?
 - ✦ Who is the farmer?
 - ✦ What is the seed?
 - ✦ The four different places where the seed lands really stand for different kinds of people. Describe each of these types of people.
- 4 What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us in this parable?
- 5 "Sowing seed" is an important part of the Christian life. How can you witness (share your faith) to your friends? Families? Neighbours?
- 6 Why is it difficult for you to tell others that you love Jesus and have put your faith in Him?
- 7 Fill in the missing words to read God's promise to us in Romans 8:18.

I _____ that our _____
 _____ are not _____
 _____ with the _____
 that will be _____ in us.



Let's Remember

Are you more like Derek or Jeremy? Do you eagerly talk about your sports or computer game victories, and yet hesitate to talk about your relationship with Jesus Christ? Remember that if you don't share the gospel of salvation with your friend or family member, they may never become a Christian. Then, instead of enjoying heaven for eternity, they will face an eternity of suffering.

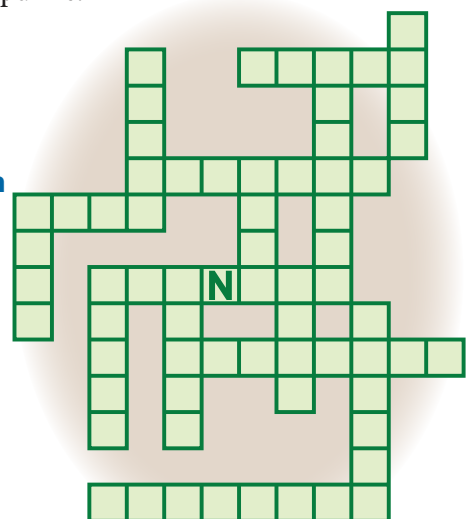
Let this verse be your motto:



I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

There are many ways you can tell your friends and family about Jesus. We have listed a few of them below. Fit them into the puzzle.

- help
- show
- tell
- share
- words
- actions
- explain
- witness
- proclaim
- announce
- love
- talk
- model
- teach
- inform








Lesson 5

Who's Afraid?

Mark 4:35-41





-  You are walking alone in a dark woods and you hear a branch snap nearby!
 -  You are baby-sitting your sister and your parents won't be home until much later. You hear a strange noise in the basement.
 -  You were assigned to read three pages in social studies. You know you should have done it, especially when the teacher says, "Take out a piece of paper and number it from one through ten."
- Fear! It strikes everybody. Jesus wants to tell us something about it.


Let's Talk About It


- 1 Share some things that make people afraid. What happened the last time you were really afraid? How did you overcome this fear? Do adults ever become afraid?
- 2 The Sea of Galilee is about twelve miles long and seven miles wide. Located in a valley, it was one of the best fishing lakes around. Jesus had just finished a long day of teaching and needed to get away. Jesus and His disciples took a boat to the other side of the lake. While they were out on the lake, a storm came up. Describe the storm (vs. 37).
- 3 What was Jesus doing while the storm was raging (vs. 38)?
- 4 The disciples seemed to have some good reasons to be afraid. How did they handle their fear?
- 5 How did Jesus show His mastery over nature?
- 6 What did Jesus then say to His disciples (vs. 40)?
- 7 What do we learn about the disciples from vs. 41?
- 8 Fear seems to be part of life, and yet Scripture tells us that fear is unnecessary. Jesus made it clear to the disciples that even though they thought they were in danger, it was unnecessary for them to be afraid.

We can work on eliminating our fears by doing the four things which are written below in code. Fill in the correct letters and learn what you can do to get rid of your fears. (Hint: Every letter in the code is one letter too far in the alphabet.)


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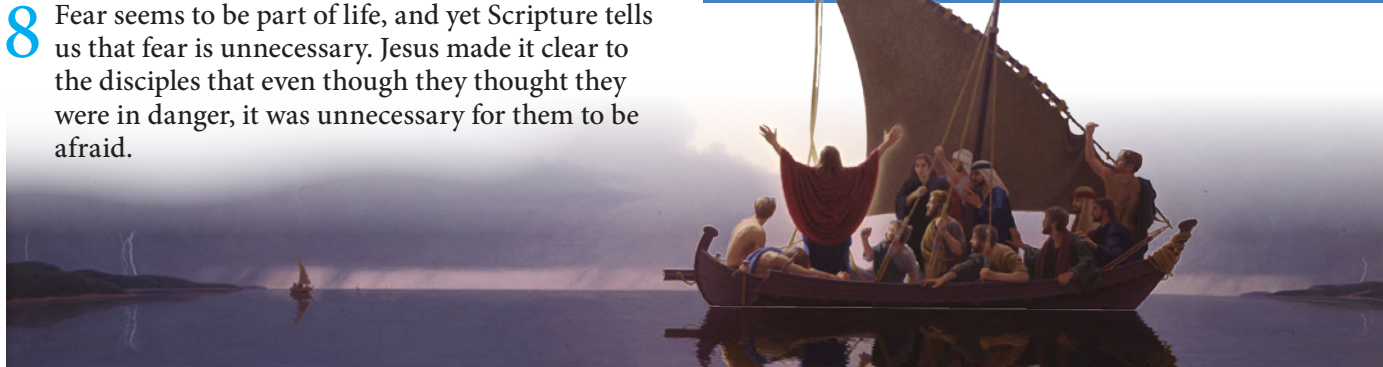

_ C _ F _
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Let's Remember

"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Mark 4:40





Lesson 6

It's a Fight!

Mark 5:1-20

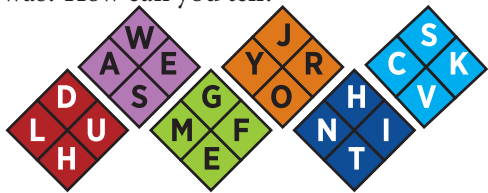
"It's a fight!" These words are heard at almost every school, playground, and neighbourhood. It's difficult to avoid the ugly scenes of a fight these days.

In today's lesson, Jesus got out of a boat and found His worst enemy waiting to meet Him. They exchanged words. It looked like there would be a fight!

Let's see what happened.

Let's Talk About It

- 1 What was unusual about the man who came to meet Jesus (vs. 2)?
- 2 Satan's purpose is to destroy God's creation. How was he destroying this man (vs. 3-5)?
- 3 Fill in the puzzle to fill in the missing words of verses 6-7. How did the man behave when he saw Jesus? Do you think that Legion (the evil spirit's name) knew who Jesus was? How can you tell?



When he saw _____ from a distance,

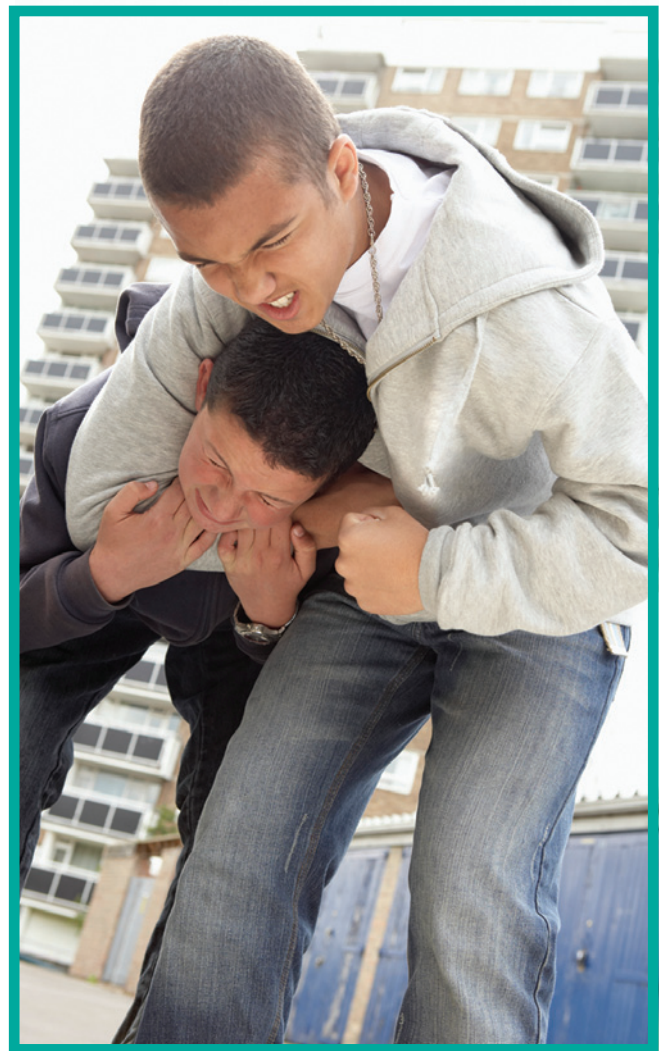
_____ in front of

him. He _____ at the top of his

_____?

_____ to God that you

won't _____!"



- 4 What did he ask Jesus and what was he afraid of (vs. 7, 10, 12)?
- 5 What else did Legion destroy after Jesus sent him out of the man (vs. 13)?
- 6 Describe the man after Legion left him (vs. 15).
- 7 What was the healed man's request (vs. 18)? Did Jesus grant this request? Why or why not?
- 8 List evidence showing that Satan still has power today. Remember Satan's destruction was guaranteed when Jesus rose from the dead. What promise do we have when we see Satan's power around us (1 John 4:4)?

Let's Remember

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4





Lesson 7

The Doctor is In

If you watch TV for 30 minutes, you feel as though you've seen more advertisements than anything else. They all want you to purchase their products. Everyone, that is, except those in the medical profession. Outside of their names in the yellow pages, few doctors advertise their services.

In many ways, Jesus was a doctor. He didn't heal people in the same way doctors do today. He didn't use X-rays, pills, casts, or surgery. Like most doctors today, Jesus didn't advertise. In fact, often He instructed His patients not to tell anyone how they were healed!

Let's learn about five of Jesus' patients from the book of Mark.

Let's Talk About It

1 Read Mark 1:40-45.

- a. What disease did this patient have? What do you know about this disease (Leviticus 13:45-46)?
- b. How did this patient show faith in Jesus?
- c. Jesus warned him not to tell anyone he was healed. Did the patient obey?

2 Read Mark 2:2-12.

- a. What was wrong with this man? How did he get to Jesus?
- b. In what two ways did Jesus heal this man?
- c. How did the people react (vs. 6,7,12)?

3 Read Mark 5:25-34.

- a. Jesus' patient had been sick for 12 years. What was wrong with her?
- b. What was unusual about the way she was healed?
- c. Why was she healed (vs. 34)?

4 Read Mark 5:21-24,35-43.

- a. This patient was no longer sick; she was dead. How do we know this (vs. 35,38)?
- b. How did Jesus show His power?
- c. What were His orders to this family?

5 Read Mark 7:32-37.

- a. What was wrong with this man?
- b. What did Jesus do to heal him?
- c. How did the people react?



6 These five people had a lot in common. They all had been sick and were healed by Jesus. Each had a hard time not telling the wonderful things that Jesus had done. The greatest thing they had in common, however, was their in Jesus Christ. (Fill in the five letter word.)

7 Jesus cared for people. He disliked disease; it reminded Him of the results of sin in the world. He healed a lot of people during His three-year ministry, but He came to do more than heal physical illness. He came to bring freedom from sin. How did Jesus make this possible?

Who can overcome the power of sin and what must he do to be healed from his sin? Fill in the answer by writing in the letter that fits between the two given below each blank.

NP MO KM XZ GI DF VX GI NP
 AC DF KM HJ DF UW DF RT SU GI ZB SU
 IK DF RT TV RT HJ RT SU GI DF
 RT NP MO NP EG FH NP CE John 5:5

Let's Remember

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
 Mark 2:17





Lesson 8

The Bread of Life

Mark 6:30-44; 8:1-21

Have you ever invited four or five friends over for dinner only to have your mother inform you that she didn't have enough food to feed them? If your mother is like mine, she would say something like, "I need to know ahead of time when you invite that many people for a meal!"

Jesus did something like that twice to His disciples. Both times He was preaching to over 4,000 people, and when He was finished preaching, He told the disciples to feed the people. Imagine the look on the disciples' faces. "You've got to be kidding! That would take a miracle!"

That's exactly what Jesus had in mind.

Let's Talk About It

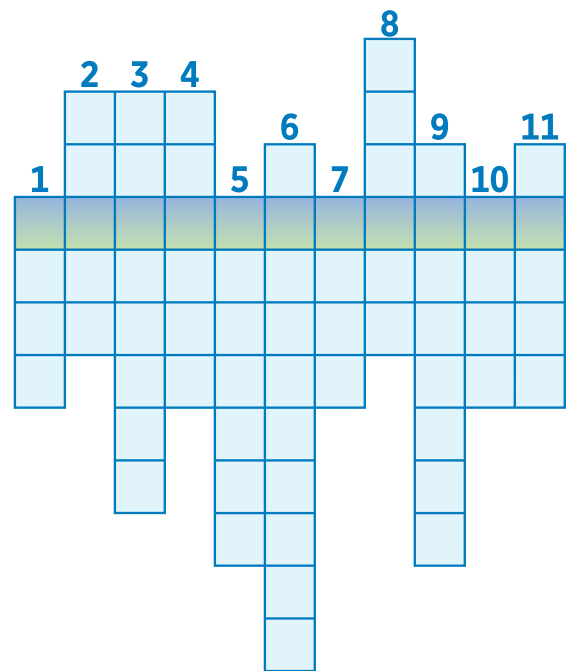
- 1 What is a miracle?
- 2 Fill in the chart (on the right) with appropriate facts for the first miracle recorded in Mark 6:30-44. (Using an NIV Bible is recommended. The numbers in () indicate the column where the answer is to be written.)

Jesus tried to escape the crowd by using a (1) _____. When the crowd followed, He had (6) _____ on them; they were like sheep without a (3) _____.

He asked His disciples to feed them, but they wanted to send the people to the (9) _____ for food because it would cost the disciples 200 (5) _____ to feed them all. The disciples found five (4) _____ and two (10) _____, which Jesus used to feed the people. Following the miracle, the disciples collected (8) _____ baskets full.
- 3 Finish the chart with facts from the second miracle dinner recorded in Mark 8:1-10.

The crowd had been with Jesus for (2) _____ days and had no food left and Jesus was moved to (6) _____. With a few fish and bread, He fed about (7) _____ thousand men. Following this miracle, the disciples collected (11) _____ baskets.

- 4 What did Jesus do on both occasions before breaking and distributing the bread?



- 5 Jesus started out with food that would scarcely feed the twelve disciples and ended up with leftovers. He performed these miracles to teach us a lesson, not to impress the crowd. After this miracle, Jesus called Himself the "Bread of life." What do you think He meant by that (John 6:32-44)?
- 6 What do you think is the meaning of the miracle?
- 7 God still gives us bread today. What is the bread? How does He pass it out?

Let's Remember

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35





Lesson 9

Washing Your Hands

Mark 7:1-23

Ryan’s mother is fussy about clean hands. “Be sure you wash your hands before you eat!” She must have said it a million times. When Ryan sits down to eat, she always checks for dirt. “I don’t want you to eat any germs,” she says. Clean hands are sanitary. Washing our hands before eating makes sense.

Hand washing was very important to the Jews when Jesus was on earth. Your hands could be dirt-free, but by Jewish law, you had to ceremonially wash your hands before eating, praying, or after coming in contact with a foreigner. This ceremonial washing showed that your heart was pure. According to the Jewish leaders, it was sinful to skip this ceremony. They were about to learn a lesson.

Let’s Talk About It

1 Jesus’ disciples sat down to eat with ceremonially unwashed hands. Fill in the missing words from Mark 7:5 to see what the Pharisees (the Jewish leaders) did when they noticed.

So the Pharisees and _____ of the _____ Jesus, “Why don’t _____ live according to the _____ of the _____ instead of _____ their _____ with ‘_____’ hands?”

2 Instead of doing what the Pharisees expected Him to do, Jesus used this incident to teach them (and us) a lesson. He began by calling them hypocrites.

- ▶ What is a hypocrite?
- ▶ How were the Pharisees hypocrites?

3 Now that Jesus had their attention, He wanted to point out the error in their beliefs. What did Jesus mean in Mark 7:15?

4 What goes into a man doesn’t make him unclean; but what comes out does. Give specific examples for the items Jesus refers to in verses 21-22.



5 How can we be made clean from these evil things inside us (1 John 1:9)?

6 Your life shows whether or not your heart has been cleansed. Jesus said, “By their fruit you will recognize them” (Matthew 7:20). How clean are you? Are these clean things in your heart? (Unscramble these words and find them in the word search.)

nettcon _____	G C B B Y U A U
shonte _____	V F O R G I V E
rashe _____	T S E N O H H A
ruep _____	L U F H T U R T
egorvif _____	F P Y Q M E Y K
frutthul _____	P U M B L W N J
blumeh _____	R R L U S T Z T
	K E R A H S E O

Let’s Remember

“Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of the man that makes him ‘unclean.’” Mark 7:15





Lesson 10

Follow Jesus

Mark 8:27-38

Can you imagine being a concert violinist without ever practicing? Or making it big in professional sports without hours and hours of hard work and practice? Or going all the way through high school and college successfully without ever studying?

“Good things don’t come easy.” Most people would agree with that, especially if they follow Jesus Christ. Jesus talks about hard work in today’s lesson. Let’s take a look.

Let’s Talk About It

- 1 What did Jesus ask his disciples in verse 27? What were some of the responses?
- 2 Jesus got specific in verse 29 and asked a more direct question. What did He ask? What was Peter’s response?
- 3 Jesus predicted some of the things that would happen to Him because He was the Christ. What did He tell His disciples (vs. 31)?
- 4 How did Peter react to Jesus’ predictions (vs. 32)? What was Jesus’ response to Peter?
- 5 List the three requirements for those who wish to follow Jesus (vs. 34).
- 6 The word *cross* is mentioned a lot in the New Testament. What did it mean for Jesus to “take up His cross” (vs. 31)?
- 7 Jesus tells us to take up our cross and follow Him. Let’s see if we can figure out what that means from these verses.

John 14:15 (Cadet verse)

Matthew 22:36-39

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Peter 2:21,23

- 8 “Taking up our cross” means standing up for Jesus in front of our friends. This can be very hard to do. Many times Satan gets us to act ashamed of Jesus when we know we shouldn’t. What do these verses tell us?

Mark 8:38
Romans 8:31-32

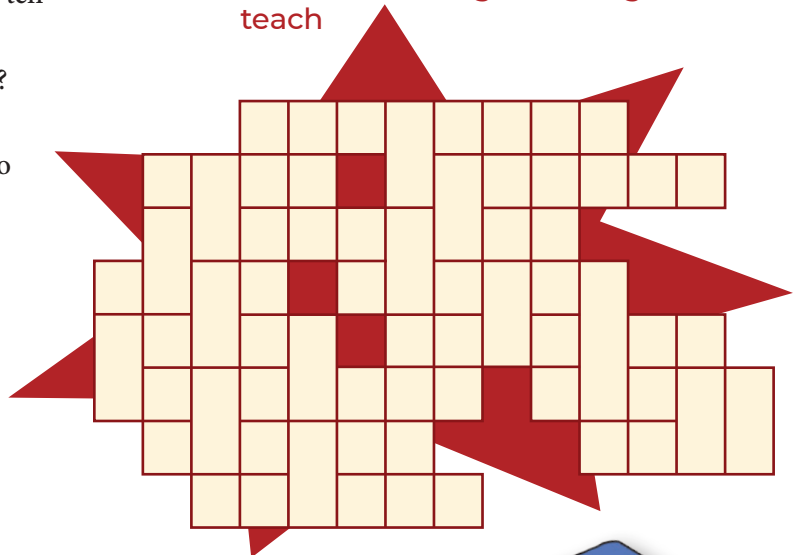


9 The Bible helps us learn how we should live as followers of Jesus. Fit these characteristics of Jesus that we should imitate into the puzzle. All the words read left to right. Some words share the same letter, so those boxes are stretched to show that letter fits for both words.

kind
love
pray
serve
teach

gentle
humble
submit
forgive

witness
selfless
truthful
righteous



Let’s Remember

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34





Lesson 11

I'm the Greatest

Mark 9:33-37

Who's the greatest? Some think that the fastest, the strongest, and the ones who scored the most points are the greatest. If LeBron James would say that he's the greatest player in the history of basketball, some people might consider him conceited. Others would agree with him and say that he's just telling it like it is.

Most sports depend on someone or some team being "number one." Without competition and a battle for the championship, most people would lose interest in sports. As a result, athletes grow up wanting to be "number one."

The desire to be "number one" is found in many areas. People like being important; they feel good when they know they are better than someone else. Jesus talks to us about this. Let's take a look.

Let's Talk About It

- 1 Name the person who you think is one of the best ever in your favourite sport. Why did you select that person?
- 2 If you were going to select the greatest student, what would that person be like?
- 3 Define what the word *pride* means. What is the opposite of pride?
- 4 While the disciples were walking to Capernaum to meet Jesus, they were arguing among themselves. Fill in the missing words from verse 34 to see what they were arguing about.

But they _____ because on the way they had _____ about _____ was the _____.
- 5 Jesus had to straighten these guys out. He defined *greatness* quite a bit differently. What can we learn from Jesus in John 13:5,12-17 and Mark 9:35 and 10:42-45 regarding greatness?

Let's Remember

You have discovered a big difference between the dictionary definition of greatness and Jesus' definition. Who is the greatest person in your cadre? He is not necessarily the one with the most merit badges or the



strongest boy. The great guys in your cadre are those who humble themselves and, in the name of Jesus, become servants of all.

Find these qualities of greatness in the word search.

last	helps	servant
cares	loves	humility
gives	serve	unselfish

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 E L M P T C N C G
 V H O S E P A M I
 R E A V L R V U V
 E L H O E U R S E
 S P V S F S E T S
 H S I F L E S N U

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." Mark 10:43-44





Lesson 12

I Want More

Mark 10:17-31

In the past few years, there have been many “reality” TV shows, most involving contestants competing to win lots of money. On “Survivor,” people wanting to win the game do things — especially lying — to other contestants that would otherwise be unacceptable. On “Amazing Race,” people do things that are dangerous or gross to win. Many people want to compete on these shows, and would do just about anything to win lots of money. Millions of people dream of being rich so they can buy anything they want.

Just think what you could do with a lot of money! You could get a top-notch new bike every year. You could buy whatever computer and video game system along with any games you wanted. You could swim in your own indoor swimming pool! You could have the sports car of your dreams waiting for you when you get old enough to drive. Sounds great, doesn't it? Let's take a look!

Let's Talk About It

1 Mark 10:17-22 gives an account of a rich young man who asked Jesus what he had to do to receive eternal life.

- ▶ Was this man as religious or good as he said (vs. 20)?
- ▶ What was he missing and why did he leave sad?

2 How hard is it for a rich man to get into heaven (vs. 25)? Can a rich man be saved (vs. 27)?

3 Solomon ranks as one of the wealthiest people who ever lived. What is his warning and his advice in Proverbs 23:4-5? in Ecclesiastes 5:10?

4 In Luke 12:15, Jesus gives us a stern warning about things we value. What is this warning?



5 Is it a sin to be rich?

6 Real wealth is not found in having lots of things or money. What does Jesus say real wealth is (Matthew 6:20-21)?

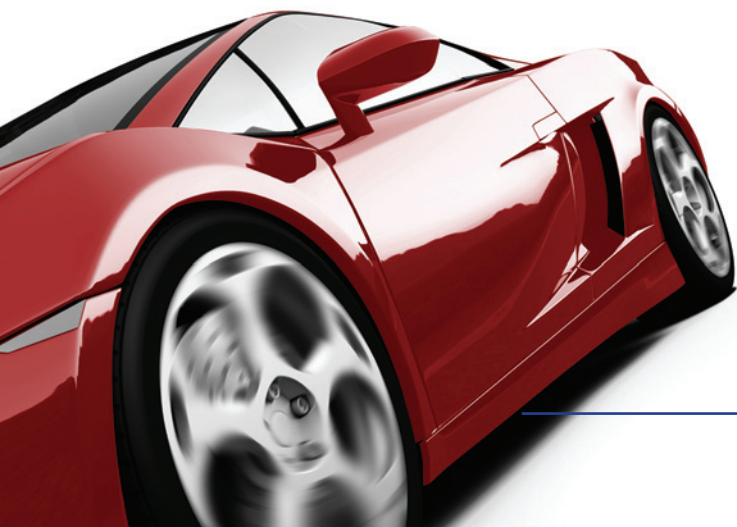
How do we get this kind of wealth? Use the code to find some ways. Can you think of other ways to store treasures in heaven?



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Let's Remember

“You shall have no other gods before me.” Deuteronomy 5:7





Lesson 13

Salty Christians Are Reverent and Obedient Mark 9:50

Miguel Cabrera steps into the batter’s box with runners on first and third. The outfielders each take three steps backward. When it comes to playing baseball, Miguel Cabrera gets respect.

Getting that respect took time. Cabrera had to prove that he could consistently hit with power. He, like all baseball players, had to earn respect.

Jesus calls believers “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). Our Cadet Code helps us understand what that means. Showing respect is part of being “salty.”

Let’s Talk About It

1 The respect that is given to Miguel Cabrera on the baseball field is a little different than the kind of respect that “salty” Christians give to God. Showing respect is like showing reverence. What does it mean to show reverence?

2 Is it possible to show respect for objects? If so, how would you show respect for these things:

- ▶ clothes and toys
- ▶ school property
- ▶ campground/forest
- ▶ your body

3 The almighty powerful God expects His children to revere and respect Him. What are some instructions on how we can do that (Exodus 20:3,7)?

4 Read Leviticus 24:10–16. What did the people of Israel learn about showing reverence to God? Do you think God feels the same way today?

5 How do people show lack of respect to God during the Bible lesson? during prayer? during church?

6 God doesn’t have to earn respect. He demands it. He also demands that we show reverence and respect to other people. What does He tell us in Romans 13:1–2? List some people in authority and discuss some common ways people show lack of respect for them. How should we show respect for them?

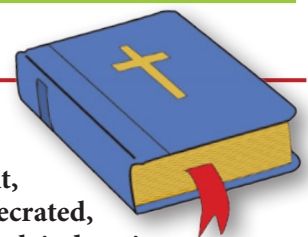
7 Find out what reverence and obedience have to do with each other by using the code to fill in the missing words.



By _____
 to God and His _____, we are being _____
 _____ to His _____
 to _____ Him and _____ love _____
 _____.

Let’s Remember

God demands that we be “salty” Christians. To be salty Christians, we must be reverent, obedient, compassionate, consecrated, trustworthy, pure, grateful, loyal, industrious, and cheerful.





Lesson 14

Salty Christians Are Compassionate and Consecrated

As soon as the club was dismissed after reciting the Cadet landmarks, Jon and Brandon headed to their cadre room. Jon muttered to Brandon, “Well, I can say all the words, but I sure don’t have a clue what they all mean. Like compassionate and consecrated. Do you think compassionate has something to do with being a good compass reader?”

Brandon thought a moment, “Nah, that doesn’t sound right. Let’s see if Counsellor Bob can explain it to us.”

Let’s Talk About It

1 To understand what compassion is, read each passage and answer these questions: What did Jesus see? How did it make Him feel? What did He do?

MARK 1:40-41

Mark 6:34

MARK 8:2-8

Luke 7:12-13

2 The following words are all related to showing compassion. Find them in the word search.

aid	pity	assist
care	mercy	sympathy
help	serve	tenderness

S S E N R E D N E T
 C A Y H T A P M Y S
 R A C P I L I T C I
 E P R A E H T D A S
 S H E H R R Y O L S
 R E M I S E R V E A

3 Finish the following:
To be compassionate means to ...



4 To be consecrated means to be set apart or dedicated to the service of God. What is being consecrated in these passages?

Romans 6:13

ROMANS 12:1

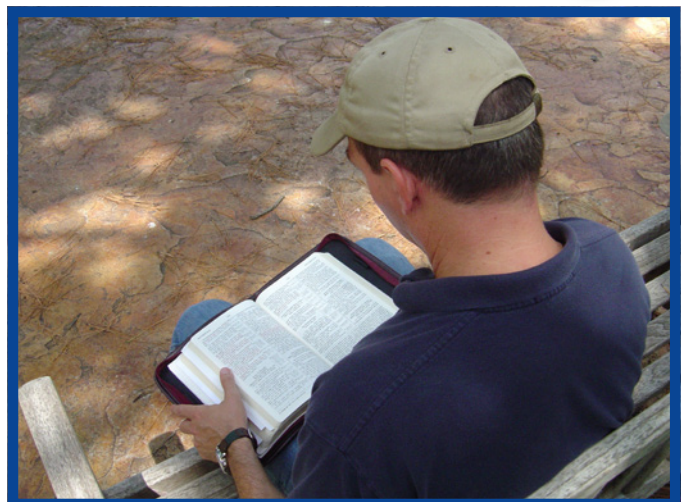
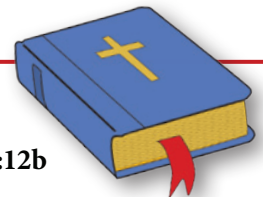
5 Look up the definition of “consecrated” in the Landmarks section of your *R•P•B Guidebook*. Rewrite this definition on paper replacing the words *he* with *I*, *his* with *my*, and *him* with *me*.

6 From what we’ve just learned about being consecrated, do you think you need to make any changes in your life to make it consecrated to God?

Let’s Remember

Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12b





Lesson 16

Salty Christians Are Grateful and Loyal *Luke 17:11-19*

“Brandon, you should have heard my mum! She was really ticked at me for not saying ‘Thank you’ when she picked me up after ball practice at school yesterday. She’s my mum, so I didn’t think I needed to say that every time she does some little thing for me.” Jon complained.

“I know what you mean. Every time I forget to say ‘thanks’ around the house, I get yelled at by my dad. And lately he says that I’m not being loyal to my sister because I don’t want to take her with me to the park.” Brandon replied.

Counsellor Bob overheard the two boys, “Hey guys, it sounds like you two have a bit of a problem with understanding what it means to be grateful and loyal. Do you remember they are part of your Cadet Code? Let’s check out what the Bible says about them.”

Let’s Talk About It

- 1 Read the story of the ten lepers who came to Jesus in Luke 17:11-19.
 - a What did they ask of Jesus and how did He respond?
 - b Why was Jesus disappointed?
- 2 In what way is sin like leprosy? What is the cure for sin, and how do we get it?



3 Our Cadet pledge starts out, “Thankful to God for His gifts to me...” What gifts has God given you? Use the code to find out why God wants us to express our thanks to Him.

	1	2	3	4	5
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●	C	G	L	E	A
●	N	H	V	C	U
■	T	E	O	B	D

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4	5	1	2	5	4	3	2	1	4	1	1	2
2	1	5	5	4	4	Hebrews 12:28						

4 How can we show God that we are truly grateful for ...

- our parents
- our possessions
- our country
- our friends
- what Jesus Christ has done for us

- 5 The remainder of the Cadet pledge helps us understand how we can show thanks to God. What does it say?
- 6 Define “loyalty,” and then complete the following sentence: Loyalty should be a natural result of gratitude because ...
- 7 Why is it important that we show thanks through good works (Matthew 5:16)?
- 8 What does the Bible say about good works?

John 15:5

Ephesians 2:10

Hebrews 11:6

Let’s Remember

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4





Salty Christians Are Industrious and Cheerful

“Do you call this picked up? Mario, I’ve asked you three times to pick up your room. Get up here now and do it right!”

These words, no doubt, sound familiar. Mario hates cleaning his room. Even though he knows he has to do it once each week, he puts it off. Kenneth, on the other hand, quickly does anything that his parents ask. He’s a hard worker, but you’ve never heard anyone complain as much as Kenneth does.

Scripture talks to us about getting the job done. It also talks to us about our attitude. Let’s take a look.

Let’s Talk About It

- 1 What does it mean to be industrious (Ecclesiastes 9:10, Colossians 3:23–24)?
- 2 What do these verses from Proverbs tell us about our chores around the house? About our homework? About our after-school jobs?

Proverbs 13:4 **Proverbs 21:5**
Proverbs 20:13

- 3 Our Cadet Code ends with the word *cheerful*. See if you can come up with five different endings to the sentence: Happiness is ...

- 4 Read the following three statements. If you think the statement is true, write a T on the line; if it is false, write an F.

___ *Happy, joyful, glad, and feeling good* all mean the same thing.

___ It is possible to be happy and sad at the same time.

___ A smile means that someone is feeling good.

- 5 What does the Bible say about true happiness in these verses?

Psalm 144:15 *Proverbs 16:20*
Proverbs 3:13 **Proverbs 29:18**
Proverbs 14:21 **1 Peter 3:14**

- 6 God loved us so much that He sent His own Son to take the punishment for our sins. As Christians, what is our response to that (Psalm 100)?



- 7 What do you think it means to be cheerfully industrious (see Ephesians 6:7–8, Colossians 3:17)?
- 8 The Cadet Code tells what we have to do to remain salty Christians. Recite that code and find the words hidden in the word search puzzle in the next column. (You don’t need to find the “A”.) When you’ve finished, write out the unused letters to find a verse to remember.

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E T A N O I S S A P M O C
G Y R D T B O R T H Y N E
L R L U O R E D A A L S L
T U A S S V H D L E E E A
R N F T E T T H I W O C R
D S H R E I W P C E B R T
H E E I E F L O O A N A R
D N W O I E U T R H D T G
T E R U P L H L A T D E N
E S T S U M S C A N H D T
D J O Y F U L S O N G Y S

Let’s Remember

... [_____] _____

Psalm 100:1–2

Write down every good thing you can think of for the following categories:

- School
- Work at home
- Church
- Brothers and sisters
- Parents
- Cadets



Lesson 18

The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34

Kyle didn't know what to do. He had so many things to do after school and so little time to do them. He had to practice his horn and do his homework. He wanted to finish his pinewood derby car, and all his friends played baseball every night after school. Kyle knew he wouldn't have time to do everything. He had to decide which activity was most important and start there.

The Old Testament is full of laws. In addition to the Ten Commandments, there are pages and pages of religious laws. One time a lawyer approached Jesus and asked Him to select the most important of all the laws. Check out Jesus' answer.

Let's Talk About It

1 When Jesus responded to the lawyer, He did more than select the most important commandment. Which two commandments did He mention (Mark 12:29-31)?

2 The Bible suggests many ways to help us understand how we can show our love to God. How can we show love to God according to these verses?

Psalm 97:10

Matthew 25:34-36

Mark 9:41

John 14:15

3 Let's discover more about Christian love by reading the story in Luke 10:30-36. Answer true or false for these statements.

- The priest was wrong for not helping the injured man.
- The Levite was wrong in not helping the injured man.
- The Samaritan was foolish to put himself in danger to help the injured man.

4 Answer true or false for these neighbourly statements. Find the underlined words in the word search, and write out the unused word search letters in order on the lines below for a special message.

- My neighbour lives next door to me.
- My neighbour lives in Toronto, Ontario.



- My neighbour is a first-grader at school who keeps bugging me.
- Every girl in my school is my neighbour.
- The kid who jabs me with a compass in math class is my neighbour.
- My sister is my neighbour.

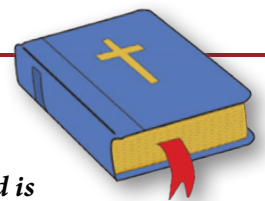
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 A N V O D P Y O G C A R U R
 N E R I A R E T S I S R I G
 H O B S L O R A S T N Y G O
 T U S R C L A S S S E G L F

5 Finish the sentence, "Love is ..." Compare your answer to the Bible (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, John 15:12-13).

Let's Remember

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Mark 12:30-31





Lesson 19

Attitude Check

Mark 12:41-44

Josh and Tony were sitting together during church one Sunday. As the offering plate was being passed down the rows, Josh leaned over to Tony and wondered, “Do you think God cares how much money we put in the offering plate?”

Tony replied, “No, I think He cares more about how much we keep in our pockets.”

Let’s Talk About It

1 Fill in the missing words from Mark 12:41-44.

_____ sat down opposite the place where the _____ were put and _____ the crowd putting their _____ into the _____ treasury. Many _____ people threw in _____ amounts. But a _____ came and put in _____ very _____ coins, worth only a fraction of a _____. Calling his _____ to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the _____, this poor _____ has put _____ into the _____ than all the _____. They all _____ out of their _____; but she, out of her _____, put in _____ — _____ she had to _____ on.”

- a Compare the offerings of the rich people and the poor widow.
 - b What point did Jesus make to His disciples regarding the gifts of these people?
- 3 What does 2 Corinthians 9:7 says about our giving to God?
- 4 When we give to God, what makes our gifts acceptable to Him (2 Corinthians 8:12)?
- 5 How is God generous to us (Ephesians 1:4-8)?



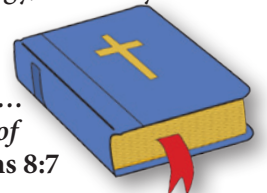
6 How can we change our giving attitudes from grudging to cheerful, willing, and generous?

7 What other ways can you think of to be generous in God’s name? How many of these are you doing?

Let’s Remember

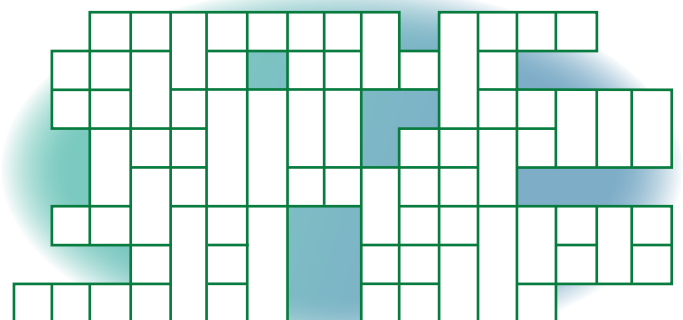
Would you serve leftovers to a guest? No! You would serve your guest your favourite special meal. Let’s not just give God our leftover time, energy, or money. Let’s give Him our best.

Just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
2 Corinthians 8:7



Review the lesson by fitting the words below into the puzzle. All the words in this puzzle read left to right. Some words share the same letter, so those boxes are stretched to show that letter fits for more than one word.

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|-------|--------|---------|----------|-------------|
| glad | money | praise | willing | generous |
| time | energy | service | attitude | offering |
| gifts | giving | sharing | cheerful | sacrificial |





Lesson 20

Be Prepared

Mark 14:27-72

Next-door neighbours Jason and Angela are good friends and spend hours playing basketball together. They are pretty evenly matched so their one-on-one games are great fun. They go to the same church, but attend different schools. One day Jason came home from school with his classmate Dylan, the star player on their school's team. The two boys relaxed in the backyard with a snack.

Angela was shooting hoops in her driveway. As she played, she overheard Dylan and Jason talking. He heard Dylan tell Jason that his neighbour looked and played basketball like a wimpy girl. Angela expected Jason to defend her, but was shocked to hear Jason's reply.

"Yeah, she's okay for a girl! I can beat her any day. I only play with her because she lives next door, not because she's any good. Besides there's no one else around here to play with."

As he finished saying this, Jason looked up and saw Angela looking back at him with a hurt expression. When he saw that Angela had heard him, he realized how nasty he had been and felt terrible. He had betrayed his friend.

Let's Talk About It

1 Share a time when someone told you about something that was going to happen to you. Did you believe them?

2 Jesus told Peter about something that was going to happen. What was it (Mark 14:30)? How did Peter respond (vs. 31)? What actually happened (vs. 66-71)?

3 How did Peter react when he realized what he had done (Luke 22:61-62)?

4 After Jesus' resurrection, Peter rejoiced in knowing the power of Christ's forgiving love. For the next 30 years, he preached that good news wherever he went.

God, through Peter, has a lot to tell us. Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. What are the instructions Peter gives us? Use the fish code to find your answers.



- ▶ _____ your _____
for _____.
- ▶ Be _____.
- ▶ Set your _____ fully on the _____ to be given you when _____ is revealed.
- ▶ Do not _____ to _____
_____ you had when you lived in ignorance.
- ▶ Be _____ in all you do.

5 Peter has one last piece of advice in 1 Peter 5:8. What is it and why does Peter think it is so important?

Let's Remember

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8





Lesson 21

Wearing a Cross

Mark 15

Many people wear cross necklaces or earrings. They are always in style. Some are simple and others are fancy jewellery with diamonds in them.

But the most famous person to wear a cross wasn't in style. He was on the way to His death. Jesus wore a cross on His back. The soldiers nailed Him to it and placed Him where everyone could see Him. Some of the people made fun of Him (Matthew 27:39), some thought Him a common criminal (John 19:23-24, 31-34), and some wept for Him (Luke 23:27). But some were impressed — especially one man.

Let's Talk About It

1 Complete the word search using these words or phrases from Mark 15. The words in the phrases are in the puzzle separately. Tell what you know about each word or phrase.

P E S O N O I R U T N
 I I I A T R U C R U C
 S F L H D N O M I S M
 S R Y A C U R T A I N
 E D E A T O M B H O R
 N D A I C E B K I E F
 K Z L O D A X R I D L
 R T T G R L U R I N G
 A B H A H T O G L O G
 D E B E N O T S T O N
 Y H P E S O J E W S E
 U R C R U C I F Y F I

dead	tomb	Simon
stone	Joseph	Pilate
Barabbas	darkness	Golgotha
soldiers	centurion	crucify Him
torn curtain	King of the Jews	

2 What did Jesus say in verse 5? Why (Isaiah 53:7)?

3 Why did the Jewish leaders want Jesus killed (Mark 15:10)? Knowing their reason, why did Pilate have Jesus put to death (vs. 15 and John 19:12-16)?



4 What does it mean to mock? How did the soldiers and the Jews mock Jesus (Mark 15:17-19, 29-32)?

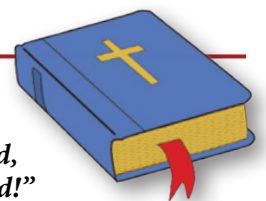
5 Why didn't Jesus use His power to come down from the cross (Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 9:22)?

6 How did those who watched Jesus die feel afterwards (Luke 23:48)?

7 What did the centurion say about Jesus after He died (Mark 15:39)? What prophecy of Jesus does this fulfil (John 12:32)? Do you think this prophecy has been completely fulfilled? Are you included in that prophecy? What is your reaction to the crucifixion of Jesus?

Let's Remember

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"
 Mark 15:39





Lesson 22

Hard to Believe!

Mark 16

Ripley's Believe It or Not! is a book filled with hard-to-believe facts. One man ate 27 chickens in one sitting. A woman had almost 100 children.

Some people have accused Christianity of being hard to believe. They point to the resurrection of Jesus and don't believe that someone could rise from the dead.

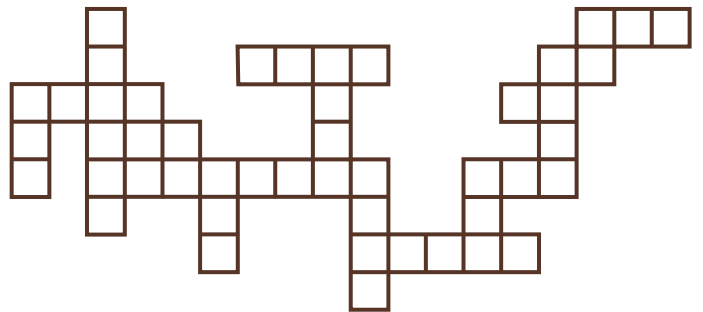
Even the disciples found this hard to believe. When Mary Magdalene told them she had seen Jesus alive, they doubted her. Thomas didn't believe it until he actually saw and touched Jesus.

Many people today still don't believe. But the evidence is clear in the Bible — Jesus is risen!

Let's Talk About It

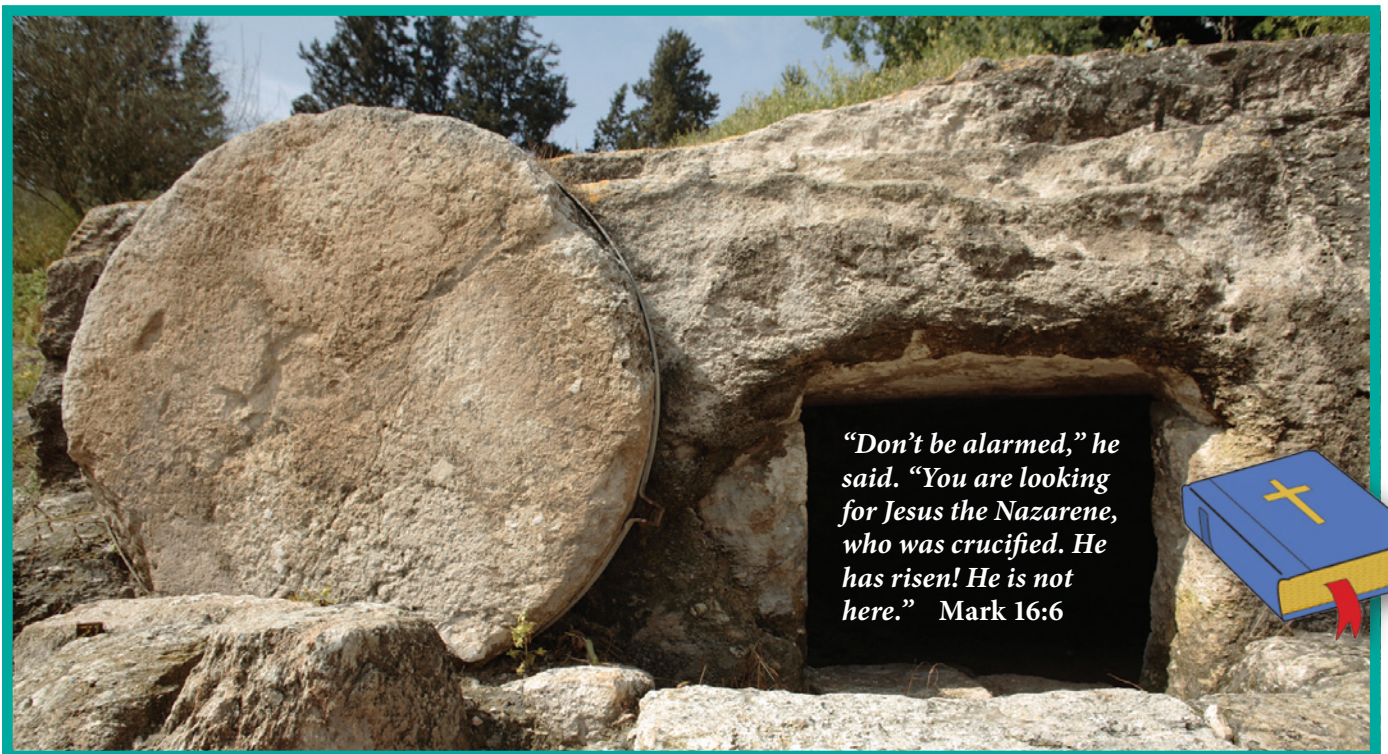
- 1 Read Mark 16:1–14 and John 20:1–9. List the evidence that Jesus is risen.
- 2 On what day did Jesus arise (vs. 2)? Why is that important?
- 3 Who was the young man in verse 5? What was he doing there (Matthew 28:2)? What did he say to the women?

- 4 How did the disciples react when people reported that they had seen Jesus (Mark 16:11,13)? What convinced them Jesus was alive? What did Jesus say about those who believe without seeing Him (John 20:29)?
- 5 Why is Jesus' resurrection so important (1 Corinthians 15:17–22)? How would your life be different if it had never happened?
- 6 What was Jesus' last command to His disciples (Mark 16:15)? Did they follow His command (vs. 20)? Write the words of verse 15 on the lines below and then fit them into the puzzle. Be sure to use the NIV Bible.



- 7 Forty days after Jesus arose, He left again. This is called Ascension Day. Where is Jesus today (vs. 19)? How did He get there?

Let's Remember



"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here." Mark 16:6



Lesson 23 Be On Guard

2 Peter 3:1-18

Another Cadet season is ending. We have worked hard on badges and projects, made new friends, and learned a lot about Jesus' ministry on earth. We saw His power over sickness, demons, and even death. We learned from His teachings and discovered how to be salty Christians by following our Cadet Code. Through Peter's life, we saw how easily Satan can get us to do wrong when we are not focused on God.

We learned why Jesus had to die and what it means to follow Him. We found out why it was important to us that He rose again. Through it all, we discovered that God is working in us. Let's wrap up this season by looking at Peter's final words to us.

Let's Talk About It

- 1 After His resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days with His friends, and then He ascended into heaven. But Jesus had told His disciples about the end times and His return. When is Jesus coming again (Mark 13:32, Revelation 22:12)?
- 2 Describe the time frame that God uses (2 Peter 3:8).
- 3 What do we know about the day when Christ comes again (vs. 10,12)?
- 4 As Christians, what do we look forward to (vs. 13)?
- 5 What should Christians be the most concerned about while we wait for Jesus' return (vs. 17, Mark 13:33-36)?



JESUS IS COMING AGAIN



6 What suggestions does the Bible give for living prepared lives? Use the code to find out or look it up in 2 Peter 3:11-12, 14, 18.

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4	A	E	I	O	U
3	B	C	D	G	H
2	K	L	M	N	P
1	R	S	T	W	Y

We are to make every effort to live _____, _____ lives, and to be found _____, and _____, and at _____ with God. We need to _____ in _____ and _____ of God.

7 Think about what Jesus means to you and how you can let Him know. Finish the statement, "Because of what Jesus Christ did for me on the cross, I ..."

Let's Remember

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come."
Mark 13:33

