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WITNESSING FOR JESUS

After Jesus arose from the dead, He came back to talk with and comfort His disciples. The last thing Jesus told His disciples before He went back to heaven was to go everywhere and preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15). Jesus meant for them to tell the good news to everyone of how He had lived and died for the sins of His people and that He would come again. Jesus wants people to know the “good news” so they can live forever with Him.

The Bible, from beginning to end, is the story of how God saves His people. When you believe God’s Word (the Bible) and trust Jesus as your Savior, you have eternal life.

That life is in you now helping you to do good and to be all that God wants you to be. You have love for God and others.

Studying this LIFEPAC®, you will learn more about ways of showing and telling others of Jesus and His love. A study of Jesus’ command in Mark 16:15 will help you know what Jesus expects of His people. Jesus gave us a good example of how to show and tell others about God. The apostle Paul also showed us how to witness for Jesus. As you study Jesus’ and Paul’s examples, you will learn how you can be a better witness to others.

OBJECTIVES

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC.

When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Tell what command Jesus gave to all of His disciples.
2. Explain why you should keep Jesus’ commandment.
3. Tell of different ways that you can witness.
4. Say eight Bible verses from memory.
5. Put the meaning of the Bible verses into your own words.
6. Define sin.
7. Explain God’s plan for saving us.
8. Describe ways of showing love.
9. Describe Jesus’ examples of love and witnessing.
10. Describe some of Paul’s methods of witnessing.
11. Write endings to stories.
12. Write original stories of your experiences.

VOCABULARY

Study these words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFE PAC.

anointed (u noin' tud). Given power by the Holy Spirit to serve God.

apostle (u pos' ul). One of the disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the Gospel.

captive (kap' tiv). Person held as a prisoner.

grace (grās). The unearned love and favor of God.

persecute (pèr' su kyüt). To trouble a person constantly or put to death because of believing in Christ.

publican (pub' lu kun). A Jew who collected taxes from Jews for the Romans.

quote (kwõt). To repeat the words of a book or another person.

redeem (ri dēm'). To free or save from sin and death because of sin.

sacrifice (sak' ru fīs). To offer an animal to God to take away sin. Jesus' life and blood given to save His people from death for their sins.

sin (sin). To break God's law in thought or act. To do and think what God has said not to do, or not to do what God has commanded.

witness (wit' nis). To show and tell what you know of Jesus and the Gospel.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFE PAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fär; let, ēqual, tèrm; it, ĩce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thĭn; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

I. A LIVING WITNESS

Since the time when God created man, God asked man to love and obey Him. Jesus told His disciples they were His friends when they did what He told them to do (John 15:14). He said that they showed their love for Him by keeping His commandments (John 14:15). One commandment Jesus gave His disciples was to go everywhere and preach the Gospel (the good news).

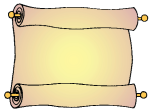
Review these objectives. When you have finished this section, you should be able to:

1. Tell what command Jesus gave to all of His disciples.
2. Explain why you should keep Jesus' commandment.
3. Tell of different ways that you can witness.
4. Say eight Bible verses from memory.
5. Put the meaning of the Bible verses into your own words.
8. Describe ways of showing love.

Restudy these words.

persecute
redeem
sacrifice

sin
witness



Read 1 Samuel 15:5–22 and Acts 9:1–22.

LOVING GOD

We can tell people about Jesus in many ways. Before you start telling though, you must be sure that you love Jesus and are living for Him. When we love Jesus, we love God who sent Jesus into the world. If you love God, you will try to do what He tells you to do.

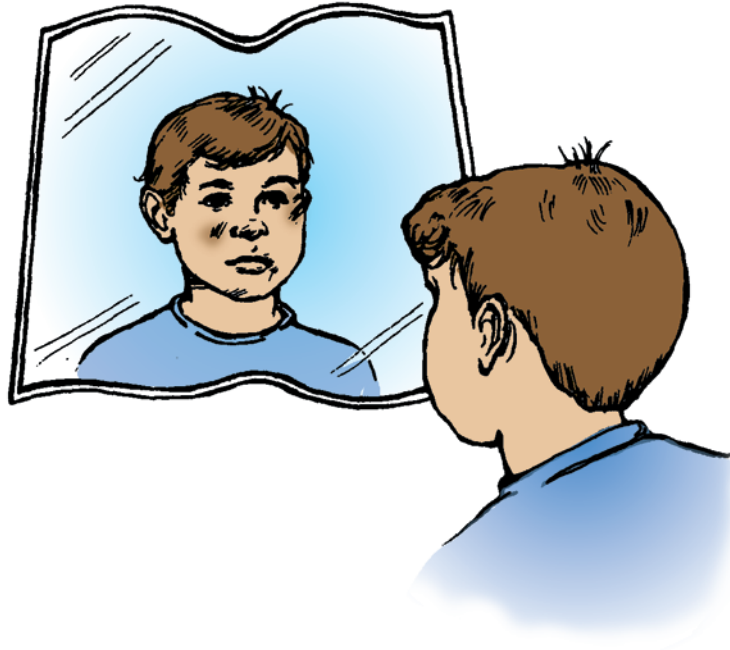
Obeying God. 1 Samuel 15, tells about King Saul's disobedience to God. Saul disobeyed God and then said he did it to show his love for God. Saul disobeyed and then lied about it.

God had told Saul and his army to kill the wicked king and all the wicked people of Amalek. God commanded Saul to kill all of the animals, too. King Saul killed most

of them and pretended that he had saved some of the animals for a **sacrifice** to God. God told Saul that He would rather have Saul listen and obey Him than to burn animals for a sacrifice to Him.

God has commanded us to obey our parents. Suppose you disobeyed your parents and then lied about it. Do you think you would make God happy by putting all of the money you had in your bank in the Sunday school offering? You might say, "I'm giving all of my money to God because I love Him." God says to you that listening and obeying is the way to show that you love Him. *Listen* to His command (Colossians 3:20), "Children, obey your parents in all things..." and then *obey* the command.

✧ Romans 2:13 and James 1:23 and 25 make it very clear that you must not *just* listen to the Bible, but that you must do what it says. ✧



The Bible is like a mirror. It tells you what you are like.



“Be ye doers of the Word.” James 1:22-23

If you only listen to God’s Word and do not do it, you are like a person who looks in a mirror and sees that he needs to wash his face and comb his hair, but does nothing about it. He just walks away from the mirror and forgets what he saw. The Bible is like a mirror. It tells you what you are like. If you forget what the Bible says, you will keep on going your own way instead of God’s way. This disobedience is **sin**.

God wants us to listen and obey—to hear His Word and then do it. Jesus said (John 14:15), “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”



Answer these questions.

- 1.1 How do we show that we love God? _____
- 1.2 How did Saul disobey God? _____
- 1.3 What are Jesus’ disciples supposed to tell others? _____



Match these words with the words that describe them.

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| 1.4 _____ | Gospel | a. those who obey his |
| 1.5 _____ | Jesus’ friends | commandments |
| 1.6 _____ | follower of Jesus | b. sin |
| 1.7 _____ | King Saul | c. disciple |
| 1.8 _____ | disobedience | d. disobeyed God |
| 1.9 _____ | obedience is better than | e. good news |
| | | f. sacrifice |



Learn this verse.

- 1.10 Memorize John 14:15. Write it here from memory. Then say it to a friend. _____



Friend check _____
name

Living a new life. God sent Jesus to die for you and God gives His Holy Spirit to help you live a new life. When you feel sorry for all the times that you have done wrong and disobeyed God, you can know that God’s Holy Spirit is working to change your heart. When God changes your heart, you will want to live for Him. All of Jesus’ disciples (those who follow Him) must have this change in their hearts and lives. People will not listen to your words about Jesus if