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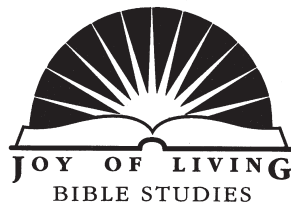
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# Before you begin

An ideal curriculum for home-school, Bible class, Sunday School or personal Bible Study, **Joy of Living Youth Curriculum** is flexible and easy to use. Each lesson covers the same scripture passage as the adult **Joy of Living** Study.

## Age:

This course encourages students of various ages to develop a habit of personal Bible study. Since the study requires reading the Bible and writing answers to the questions, the minimum age should be about 6 years old. Although the questions are geared to about age 10, older students will profit by gaining a basic knowledge of the Bible. Students over the age of 14 may be mature enough to study the adult Joy of Living course.

## The lessons:

The study is divided into weekly units. Each week is divided into three sections:

- a suggested class schedule including craft and game ideas
- leader's lesson sheets (these contain the answers for the lesson completed by the students during the previous week)
- student questions for the next lesson (these are passed out at the end of the class)

Students complete the written lessons at home and are encouraged to do a few questions each day rather than trying to complete all the questions in one day. This will aid the students in developing a pattern of daily Bible Study. The "HARD" and "RISKY" questions are to inspire the student to think and reason and help them dig deeper into God's Word.

## For home-school or personal Bible study:

The curriculum may be used in a variety of ways. Following are a few suggestions:

- Lessons may be completed by the individual student and graded for accuracy. Discussion time is optional, although it is encouraged.
- Students within the same family or group may work on the lessons together. A discussion time with a parent or other adult is suggested.
- Adults may work one-on-one with the student(s) while they complete the lesson.
- Lessons may be used as part of family devotions. Read the portions of scripture aloud and use the questions to prompt discussion of the Bible passage.

## For use with groups:

There is great flexibility in implementing this curriculum. Since each class has its own needs, space, finances, and time frame the class schedule is supplied as a general outline and can be changed to suit specific situations and needs.

Each class session has free time, recreation/snack time, question discussion time, and craft time.

*Remember* - Keep the pace moving to avoid boredom and trouble, while providing continuity.

Suggested time SCHEDULE to be adapted to individual group:

- 15 - 20 min. - unstructured free time
- 15 - 20 min. - game/snack time
- 15 - 20 min. - discussion time
- remaining time for craft

# Helpful Hints for Groups

## Facility/Equipment

- Whatever the class size, access to a gym or large game room is worthwhile for team play and group activities.
- If the church has the room, a separate cupboard for supplies is a plus.
- A volleyball or similar ball is good to have on hand for a variety of games.

## Discussion Time

- Use the counting off system to divide the class into groups for discussion time. (Avoid, if possible, separating into groups according to age or family.)
- Each discussion group should have an adult leader. Older children should not be used (unless absolutely necessary) as leaders or sitters; they are there for fellowship and learning, too.
- With many of the questions there is no right or wrong answer. The questions are to encourage the student to think and reason and to dig deeper into God's Word. However, since discussion time is also a form of teaching, the leaders are given answers on their question sheets to aid them in the discussion, with occasional commentary insights added in brackets.
- As you discuss the lesson be careful not to belittle a student's opinion or idea. Even if the answer is wrong you can encourage the student by saying something similar to, "I like to see that you're thinking, do you think perhaps....(then give the correct answer)" or "I can see that you are thinking about the question, does anyone else have thoughts on this question?"

## Teachers/Leaders/Helpers

- The number of leaders and helpers is determined by the size of the class. The ideal situation is one discussion leader per every 5 children.
- In addition to the main leader, it is helpful to have a game leader, and craft leader.
- Responsibilities are determined within each class structure.
- Parent volunteers may be requested when extra help is needed. If there is a large number of children, the parents have to volunteer only once or twice the entire year.
- Scheduling parents to bring treats is a financial bonus. Keeping cost to a minimum is being a good steward of God's resources.

## Game Time

Although board games, puzzles, hidden pictures, crosswords, coloring, and quiet activities do not keep the attention of active children, they should not be ruled out as alternative game time activities. Ball games, races, or tag games are suggested and favored to holding everyone's interest.

## **Suggestions for obtaining craft ideas & supplies:**

Garage/yard/rummage sales

library craft books

children's magazines

YMCA, Park & Recreation Dept., churches (almost every city has a summer program for children, which includes a craft time; they may have leftover craft supplies they would like to donate)

## **Supplies to have on hand for crafts not in kits:**

glue, glue sticks, glue gun

scissors (at least 1 pair for every 2 students)

paint (tempera-washable)

paint brushes

paper towels

newspapers

construction paper

crayons

colored markers

colored pencils

paper cups, napkins (snack time)

various items to pass in relay races

balls, basketball, nerf, etc.

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## 1-3 John — Game & Craft List

<b>Game</b>		<b>Craft</b>	<b>Page</b>
Week 1	Chain Tag	Milk Carton Bird-feeder	7
Week 2	Bedlam	Book Safe	10
Week 3	Anatomy Shuffle	Blow Art	15
Week 4	No game due to craft	Origami	20
Week 5	Bedlam	Table Trivet	26
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Week 7	Simple Relay	Stencil Mosaic	38

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK ONE

### NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15 - 20 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: CHAIN TAG

Two players are chosen to be “IT”. They join hands and with their free hand try to tag the other players. The first player tagged joins hands between the two “IT”. The remaining players, when tagged, join the tag line between the original two “IT”. Only end players (IT) may tag. It is permissible for a player to break through or go under the joined hands of the line. When the chain has been broken, it must unite again before tagging resumes. The game ends when the last player is caught or when a time limit has been reached. The last two players tagged become “IT”. Set boundary lines to restrict play to a small area.

15 - 20 min. Since there is no lesson for them to discuss, this is a good time to go over the class rules. You may wish to have them share something about themselves, i.e. brothers, sisters, where they live, what they did over the summer, etc.

to end of class CRAFT: MILK BOX BIRD FEEDER

#### MATERIALS

clean empty milk carton

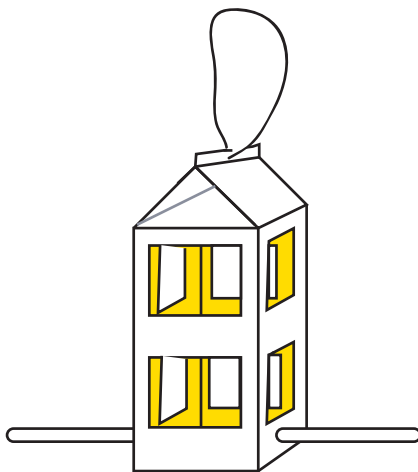
scissors

newspaper

dowel enamel spray paint

birdseed

small zip-lock bag



Cut out the sides of milk carton as shown in the diagram.

Cut or poke out the hole for the dowel rod.

Place birdseed in a baggie and place in bottom of feeder to hold in upright position while painting.

Place feeder on newspapers and spray with enamel spray paint. Allow to dry. Place dowel through the hole.

Poke a hole through the top and hang with fishing line or plastic lacing.

Empty birdseed from bag into bottom of carton (you may wish to have children wait to do this until they get home).



## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 1

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 1 John, chapter 1, verses 1 - 4.

1. What does John say about Jesus in 1 John 1:1a?
2. What does John say about himself in 1 John 1:1b?
3. What senses does John use to back up his testimony?
4. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think John gave his readers so much evidence about Jesus?
5. What is another reason John gives for writing this letter? See 1 John 1:4 for your answer.

### Read 1 John 1, verses 5 - 7.

1. What happens when you shine a flashlight in a dark corner of a room?
2. Galatians 5:19-21 is like the flashlight shining in a corner. From these verses, what is considered sin?

3. **CHALLENGE:** If someone doesn't know what Galatians 5:19-21 says, are they sinning? See Romans 3:23 for your answer.
  
4. Can we be friends of God, and live in darkness? See 1 John 1:6 for your answer.
  
5. What does Galatians 5:22,23 say?
  
6. Before we eat, we wash our hands, even when they look clean. But, as we use the soap and water, we see the clear running water turn dark and realize our hands were dirty. What cleans us from every sin?

**Read 1 John chapter 1, verses 8 - 10.**

1. What does 1 John 1:8,9 say?
  
2. **HARD:** The Greek meaning of the word "confess" means "to say the same thing." (McGee) So, when we confess our sins, what are we really saying?
  
3. What if we don't think we have sinned? See verse 1 John 1:10.
  
4. **PERSONAL:** From verses 5-8, what did you learn about your sin?

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK TWO

### LESSON 1 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: BEDLAM

This game requires four teams of equal size. Each team takes one corner of the room or playing field. The play area can be either square or rectangular. On a signal (e.g., whistle) each team attempts to move as quickly as possible to the corner diagonally across from their corner, performing an announced activity as they go. The first team to get all its members into its new corner wins that particular round. The first round can be simply running to the opposite corner, but after that you can use any number of possibilities: walking backward, wheelbarrow racing (one person is the wheelbarrow), piggyback, rolling somersaults, hopping on one foot, skipping, crab walking, etc. There will be literally mass bedlam in the center as all four teams crisscross. Alert your safety guards to referee the confusion in the middle where the lines cross.

15 - 20 min. discussion LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: BOOK SAFE

### MATERIALS

old hardcover book with about 200 pages  
rubber cement  
Exacto or hobby knife  
pencil  
ruler

Open book to first page, and with the pencil mark 1" from all four sides of the page. Use the ruler to connect the marks to form a rectangle. With the Exacto or hobby knife, cut out the center of the rectangle. Cut through two to four pages at a time, until you have reached the back cover. Brush the rubber cement along the inside edges. Allow to dry. The empty space now becomes a "safe." When placed on a shelf, the book looks like all the others.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 1 - ANSWERS

### Read 1 John, chapter 1, verses 1 - 4.

1. What does John say about Jesus in 1 John 1:1a? [Jesus was in eternity past. He always was. Note: John writes “That which was.” [He uses the past tense of the verb, not the present tense is. Jesus always was; as was God, He had no beginning.] “Christ was alive when the world began.”]
2. What does John say about himself in 1 John 1:1b? [“I have seen Him with my own eyes and listened to Him speak. I have touched Him with my own hands. He is God’s message of life.”]
3. What senses does John use to back up his testimony? 1. Sight; 2. Sound; 3. Touch.
4. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think John gave his readers so much evidence about Jesus? [There were people trying to show that Christianity was not the true faith. John was saying he **knew** the claims Jesus made about Himself being God, eternal life, and that He was the Christ, were true because John was an eyewitness.”]
5. What is another reason John gives for writing this letter? See 1 John 1:4 for your answer. [“We are writing this letter so we all will be full of joy.”]

### Read 1 John 1, verses 5 - 7.

1. What happens when you shine a flashlight in a dark corner of a room? [You see what’s in the corner.]
2. Galatians 5:19-21 is like the flashlight shining in a corner. From these verses, what is considered sin? [“But when you follow your own natural desires there will be evil results. There are impure thoughts, lustful pleasures, idolatry, spiritism, hatred, and fighting. There are jealousy, and anger, arguments, and criticism. People feel that everyone else is wrong except those in their own little group. There will be wrong doctrine, envy, and murder. People will be drunk at wild parties and do all these sorts of things. Let me tell you again what I have told you before. Anyone living that sort of life will not enter the Kingdom of God.”]
3. **CHALLENGE:** If someone doesn’t know what Galatians 5:19-21 says, are they sinning? See Romans 3:23 for your answer. [“Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God’s perfect glory.”]
4. Can we be friends of God, and live in darkness? See 1 John 1:6 for your answer. [No] [“If we say we are God’s friends but live in darkness, we are lying.”]

5. What does Galatians 5:22,23 say? “But with the Holy Spirit in our lives there will be different kinds of fruit. They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faith. People with the Spirit are gentle and have self-control. None of these things are against the Jewish law.”
6. Before we eat, we wash our hands, even when they look clean. But, as we use the soap and water, we see the clear running water turn dark and realize our hands were dirty. What cleans us from every sin? “Also, the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.”

**Read 1 John chapter 1, verses 8 - 10.**

1. What does 1 John 1:8,9 say? “If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves. We are refusing to accept the truth. If we confess our sins, He can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”
2. **HARD:** The Greek meaning of the word “confess” means “to say the same thing.” (McGee) So, when we confess our sins, what are we really saying? [We are agreeing with God that what we did was wrong, and that we have sinned against Him.]
3. What if we don’t think we have sinned? See verse 1 John 1:10. “If we say we haven’t sinned, we make God a liar. For He says we have sinned.”
4. **PERSONAL:** From verses 5-8, what did you learn about your sin? [Some possible answers: “I didn’t know jealousy, or anger was really a sin. I didn’t know I couldn’t have fellowship with God when I didn’t confess my sin. I really didn’t know some of the things I did was considered sin.” Etc.]

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 2

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 1 - 7.

1. What loving term does John call the people to whom he is writing?
2. What is he telling them to do?
3. To stay away from sin is hard to do. But, John tells his readers, there is help. What is that help according to 1 John 2:1b?
4. John asks "How can we be sure that we belong to Him [Jesus]?" Then he gives his readers the answers. How does John answer his own question?
5. According to Matthew 22:37, 39 how can we live and walk as Jesus did?
6. What does Matthew 22:40 say is the result if we follow these two commands?

### Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 8 - 17.

1. Who is the one who walks in the light?
2. **HARD:** What are the four groups of people John is writing to in verses 12 and 13?

3. What are believers to stop loving?

4. What will last forever?

**Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 18 - 29.**

1. **CHALLENGE:** See if you can find the definition of antichrist in the dictionary. What does antichrist mean?

2. Who does John call the liar in verse 22?

3. If you believe Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross in your place for your sins, what does verse 24 tell you?

4. **PERSONAL:** If you are not a believer, would you like to have your sins forgiven? Why not confess them now and ask the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and help you live to please God.

5. What promise is given in verse 25 to those who remain in Jesus?

6. **RISKY:** Who will help the believer stay close to God?

7. What does John 16:13 say?

8. What does John remind his readers to do in verse 28?

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK THREE

### DISCUSSION LESSON 2

15 - 20 min. free time: games, fellowship

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: ANATOMY SHUFFLE

The group pairs off and forms two concentric circles - one member of each couple in the inner circle, the other in the outer circle.

The outer circle begins traveling clockwise, while the inner circle goes counterclockwise. When the leader blows a whistle (or yells, "Anatomy shuffle") and calls out, "hand-ear", the outer circle stops, and the kids in the inner circle must find their partners and place their hands on their partner's ears. The last pair to do so is out. The first body part called is what the inner-circle kids must touch to the proper body part of their partners. The second body part called is what the kids in the outer circle touch with their partners from the inner circle. The leader calls out all sorts of combinations such as:

finger-foot	nose-shoulder
wrist-knee	thigh-thigh
head-stomach	foot-head
elbow-nose	nose-elbow
back-back	

15 -20 min. discuss LESSON 2

to end of class CRAFT: BLOW ART

### MATERIALS

construction paper  
paint, thinner consistency than needed for normal painting  
straws  
newspaper

Place newspaper on working surface. Lay construction paper on top. Drop several small blobs of paint in different areas on paper. Hold straw close to paper without touching it and blow gently to make a design.



## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 2 ANSWERS

### Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 1 - 7.

1. What loving term does John call the people to whom he is writing? “My little children.”
2. What is he telling them to do? “Stay away from sin.”
3. To stay away from sin is hard to do. But, John tells his readers, there is help. What is that help according to 1 John 2:1b? “But if you sin, there is Someone to beg for you before the Father. His name is Jesus Christ. He is all that is good, and He pleases God completely.”
4. John asks “How can we be sure that we belong to Him [Jesus]?” Then he gives his readers the answers. How does John answer his own question? verses 3-6: “We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, ‘I know him’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” (NIV)
5. According to Matthew 22:37, 39 how can we live and walk as Jesus did? “Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.’ The second most important is similar: ‘Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.’”
6. What does Matthew 22:40 say is the result if we follow these two commands? “All the other commands come from these two laws. And all the demands of the prophets come from them, too. Keep only these two and you will find that you are obeying all the others.”

### Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 8 - 17.

1. Who is the one who walks in the light? [The one who loves his brother. This generally means other believers. “A believer is one who delights to do the will of God.” (McGee) There will be times when we don’t like what some people do; and there will be differences of opinions, but to hate them means we are not in the light.]
2. HARD: What are the four groups of people John is writing to in verses 12 and 13? Little children. [Possibly, all believers, regardless of age or spiritual maturity.] Fathers. [Those who have known the Lord for many years; mature Christians.] Young men. [Those who have learned the secret of overcoming the enemy, but have not reached the maturity level of the fathers. “They have learned how to live for God.” (McGee) Little children. [Not the same Greek word as the first “little children.” These are believers who are still infants.]

They are spiritually immature.]

3. What are believers to stop loving? verse 15: “Stop loving this evil world and all it offers you. When you love these things you show you don’t really love God.” [This is not the world of God’s creation. The flowers, trees, sunsets, sunrise, people, etc. God created the world for man’s enjoyment, and God loved the people of the world, but not their sins. The meaning here is the things of the world that separates man’s love for God. The world of Satan.]
4. What will last forever? “This world is fading away. These evil, forbidden things will go with it. But whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever.”

### **Read 1 John chapter 2, verses 18 - 29.**

1. **CHALLENGE:** See if you can find the definition of antichrist in the dictionary. What does antichrist mean? “One who denies or opposes Christ; a great antagonist expected to fill the world with wickedness but to be conquered forever by Christ at His second coming.” (Webster’s)
2. Who does John call the liar in verse 22? “And who is the greatest liar? The one who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Such a person is antichrist [against Christ]. He does not believe in God the Father and in His Son.”
3. If you believe Jesus is God’s Son, and He died on the cross in your place for your sins, what does verse 24 tell you? “See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.” (NIV)
4. **PERSONAL:** If you are not a believer, would you like to have your sins forgiven? Why not confess them now and ask the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and help you live to please God.
5. What promise is given in verse 25 to those who remain in Jesus? [Eternal life.]
6. **RISKY:** Who will help the believer stay close to God? [The Holy Spirit.]
7. What does John 16:13 say? “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not be giving you His own ideas. He will be passing on to you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.”
8. What does John remind his readers to do in verse 28? “Now, little children, stay in fellowship with the Lord. Then when He comes you will know all is well. You will not be ashamed and shrink back from meeting Him.”

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 3

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 1 - 9.

1. Have you ever been told you act, talk, walk, laugh, or even have certain mannerisms (actions) like another member of your family? This could be mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, anyone in your family. Who do you think you are most like?
2. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of characteristic?
3. When we become God's child, God's characteristics begin to grow in us. What characteristic do the members of God's family have? See 1 John 3:7.
4. When someone does something evil, who does John tell us he belongs to?
5. **HARD:** Many people say they are Christians, but they don't change their evil ways. They continue to sin. They continue to disobey God's Law. Read 2 Timothy 2:19. What do you learn from 2 Timothy 2:19b, and 1 John 3:6,9?
6. **HARD:** What does Paul say in Ephesians 1:13,14 about being part of God's family?

### Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 10 - 20.

1. How can you tell who is a child of God?

2. John says we heard the message from the beginning. What message is he talking about?
  
3. What does John tell us is real love?
  
4. What does 1 John 3:18 say shows real love?
  
5. **PERSONAL:** How do you show love?

**Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 21 - 24.**

1. Why will God give a Christian anything he asks for?
  
2. What is God's command to us in these verses?
  
3. Where do we get God's love? See Romans 5:5b for your answer.
  
4. Do you love others all the time? Are you always obedient? Read Philippians 2:13 and find out where you can get help when you need it.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK FOUR

### DISCUSSION LESSON 3

15 - 20 min.	free time - games, fellowship
15 - 20 min.	snack: no game time due to craft
15 - 20 min.	discussion LESSON 3
to end of class	CRAFT: ORIGAMI

From an Origami book with copying privileges, copy those pictures which seem the easiest for children to learn to do. It is very helpful if you can bring in someone whose hobby is origami. If you have no one, simply follow the instructions given in your book.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 3 ANSWERS

### Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 1 - 9.

1. Have you ever been told you act, talk, walk, laugh, or even have certain mannerisms (actions) like another member of your family? This could be mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, anyone in your family. Who do you think you are most like? [It is quite common for family members to pick up habits and characteristics of other family members.]
2. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of characteristic? “Showing the distinctive qualities or traits of a person or thing.”
3. When we become God’s child, God’s characteristics begin to grow in us. What characteristic do the members of God’s family have? See 1 John 3:7. “Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.” (NIV)
4. When someone does something evil, who does John tell us he belongs to? [The devil.]
5. **HARD:** Many people say they are Christians, but they don’t change their evil ways. They continue to sin. They continue to disobey God’s Law. Read 2 Timothy 2:19. What do you learn from 2 Timothy 2:19b, and 1 John 3:6,9? “A person who calls himself a Christian should stay away from wrong.” [2 Timothy 2:19] “So, if we stay close to Him, we won’t sin either. Everyone who sins has never known Him. Anyone born into God’s family doesn’t practice sin. God’s life is in him, so he can’t keep on sinning. This new life has been born into him and controls him. He has been born again.” [1 John 3:6,9]
6. **HARD:** What does Paul say in Ephesians 1:13,14 about being part of God’s family? “You also heard the Good News about how to be saved. You trusted Christ. Then you were marked as belonging to Christ by the Holy Spirit. Long ago the Spirit had been promised to all of us Christians. The Spirit’s seal upon us means that we belong to God. It is His pledge to bring us to Himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our great God.”

### Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 10 - 20.

1. How can you tell who is a child of God? “Now we can tell who is a child of God and who belongs to Satan. Whoever lives a life of sin and doesn’t love his brother is not of God.”
2. John says we heard the message from the beginning. What message is he talking about? “The message to us from the beginning is that we should love one another.”
3. What does John tell us is real love? “We know what real love is from Christ’s example in dying for us. So we also ought to lay down our lives for our Christian brothers.”

4. What does 1 John 3:18 say shows real love? “Little children, let us stop just saying we love people. Let us really love them and prove it by our actions.”
5. **PERSONAL:** How do you show love?

**Read 1 John chapter 3, verses 21 - 24.**

1. Why will God give a Christian anything he asks for? verse 22: “He will give us whatever we ask for. Why? Because we are obeying Him and doing the things that please Him.”
2. What is God’s command to us in these verses? verse 23: “He tells us to believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ. And He tells us to love one another.”
3. Where do we get God’s love? See Romans 5:5b for your answer. “He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.”
4. Do you love others all the time? Are you always obedient? Read Philippians 2:13 and find out where you can get help when you need it. “For God is at work within you. He helps you want to obey Him. And He helps you do what He wants.” [Even when we don’t want to obey God, He helps us to want to obey Him, and then He helps us to do what He wants us to do. Isn’t that awesome?]

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 4

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 1 - 6.

1. How does John address the people to whom he is writing?
2. John gave a warning to believers because of the false teachers already walking around. But he had a test to find out who was a true or false teacher. What test does he suggest you give every teacher?
3. What if the teacher doesn't agree that Jesus wasn't a man?
4. Why don't Christians need to be afraid of these false teachers? See 1 John 4:4b for your answer.
5. **HARD:** Why doesn't everyone recognize (know) the false teachers? You will find your answer in John 14:17,23.

### Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 7 - 17.

1. Where do we get the love we need to love one another?
2. What does this love prove?



3. There is a saying seen in pictures, and printed on cards and plaques. It reads (A man) “asked Jesus one day how much He loved him. Jesus answered `this much’. And He stretched out His arms and died.” Which verses in 1 John 4 tells you about God’s love?
  
4. **PERSONAL:** Have you experienced Christ’s love as quoted in question 3?
  
5. **CHALLENGE:** You know God loves you because the Bible tells you He does. But sometimes, things go wrong and we are disappointed. In as few words as possible, what do you think the following 4 verses are trying to tell you about God’s love?

James 1:17

Hebrews 12:6

Philippians 4:19

Romans 8:28,29

**Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 18 - 21.**

1. What does 2 Corinthians 5:10 say? The day of judgment is when all believers will face Jesus and He will decide if the things the believer did while alive on earth were done in love.
  
2. What does perfect love cast out?

3. Which verse in 1 John 4 tells us why we love?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Who is the liar?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If a person can't love the people he sees, who else can't he love?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is the command God gave?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. **PERSONAL:** Do you love as God commanded? Sometimes it is hard to love others. But, if we ask for God's help, He has promised to give it to us. He will help us to grow in the kind of love that shows you are His child.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK FIVE

### DISCUSSION LESSON 4

15 - 20 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: BEDLAM

This game requires four teams of equal size. Each team takes one corner of the room or playing field. The play area can be either square or rectangular. On a signal (e.g., whistle) each team attempts to move as quickly as possible to the corner diagonally across from their corner, performing an announced activity as they go. The first team to get all its members into its new corner wins that particular round. The first round can be simply running to the opposite corner, but after that you can use any number of possibilities: walking backward, wheelbarrow racing (one person is the wheelbarrow), piggyback, rolling somersaults, hopping on one foot, skipping, crab walking, etc. There will be literally mass bedlam in the center as all four teams crisscross. Alert your safety guards to referee the confusion in the middle where the lines cross.

15 - 20 min. discuss LESSON 4

to end of class CRAFT: TABLE TRIVET

#### MATERIALS

6 non-spring wooden clothespins  
glue  
markers  
varnish and brush

Alternating head and foot, glue clothespins together. Allow time to dry. Write one word on each clothespin to complete a scripture verse: i.e. "In all things give thanks." Other decorations can also be added using the markers, paint, or stickers.

Cover with a coat of varnish. Allow to dry.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 4 ANSWERS

### Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 1 - 6.

1. How does John address the people to whom he is writing? “Dearly loved friends.”
2. John gave a warning to believers because of the false teachers already walking around. But he had a test to find out who was a true or false teacher. What test does he suggest you give every teacher? “Ask if they agree that Jesus came to earth. Ask if they believe He was a man with a human body.”
3. What if the teacher doesn't agree that Jesus was a man? “But if not [if they don't agree], their message is not from God. It is from one who is against Christ. This is the antichrist you have heard is going to come. His hate against Christ is already abroad in the world.”
4. Why don't Christians need to be afraid of these false teachers? See 1 John 4:4b for your answer. “Because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” (NIV)
5. **HARD:** Why doesn't everyone recognize (know) the false teachers? You will find your answer in John 14:17,23. [In order to know false teachings, one must know the Master Teacher Jesus Christ, and God's word. Remember, John is speaking to believers. The world doesn't really want to know God. However, those who are in the world but want a relationship with God are called by Him to confess their sins and receive forgiveness. This done, they too grow in God's wisdom and can recognize false teachers.] “He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive Him. The world isn't looking for Him and doesn't know Him. But you do, for He lives with you now and some day will be in you.” Jesus replied, “Because I will reveal Myself only to those who love Me and obey Me. The Father will love them, too. And We will come to them and live with them.”

### Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 7 - 17.

1. Where do we get the love we need to love one another? [It comes from God.]
2. What does this love prove? “Everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.”
3. There is a saying seen in pictures, and printed on cards and plaques. It reads A man “asked Jesus one day how much He loved him. Jesus answered `this much`. And He stretched out His arms and died.” Which verses in 1 John 4 tell you about God's love? verse 9,10: “God has shown us how much He loved us. He sent His only Son into the world to bring us eternal life. In this act we see what real love is. It is not that we love God but that He loved us. He sent His Son to satisfy God's anger against our sins.”

4. **PERSONAL:** Have you experienced Christ's love as quoted in question 3?
5. **CHALLENGE:** You know God loves you because the Bible tells you He does. But sometimes, things go wrong and we are disappointed. In as few words as possible, what do you think the following 4 verses are trying to tell you about God's love?

James 1:17 "Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God. He is the Creator of all light. He shines forever without change or shadow." [Things we consider good, as well as what God considers good, will be given to us.]

Hebrews 12:6 "Because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son." [Correction for the things we do wrong.]

Philippians 4:19 "And it is He Who will supply all your needs from His riches in glory. He does this because of what Christ Jesus has done for us." [Our needs as God sees them. Not as we see them.]

Romans 8:28,29 "Everything that happens to us is working for our good. We know this is true if we love God and fit into His plans. From the very beginning God knew who would come to Him. He decided that they would become like His Son. That way His Son would be the First, with many brothers." [No matter what happens in our life, we have the confidence God is working it out to make us like His Son.]

**Read 1 John chapter 4, verses 18 - 21.**

1. What does 2 Corinthians 5:10 say? "For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will have our lives laid bare before Him. Each of us will be paid for what he has done in his body. They may be good things or they may be bad." The day of judgment is when all believers will face Jesus and He will decide if the things the believer did while alive on earth were done in love.
2. What does perfect love cast out? [Fear.] "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The man who fears is not made perfect in love." [This means, the one who fears the judgment seat has not grown in love as God commanded. "If you and I love God, love the Lord Jesus, and love one another as brothers and sisters in the faith, then that will give us boldness, and we will not have any fear of the day of judgment." (McGee.)
3. Which verse in 1 John 4 tells us why we love? verse 19: "We love because He first loved us." (NIV)

4. Who is the liar? “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar.”
5. If a person can’t love the people he sees, who else can’t he love? verse 20b: “For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.” (NIV)
6. What is the command God gave? “And God said that one must love not only God but his brother too.”
7. **PERSONAL:** Do you love as God commanded? Sometimes it is hard to love others. But, if we ask for God’s help, He has promised to give it to us. He will help us to grow in the kind of love that shows you are His child.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 5

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 1 - 5.

1. Who does a child of God love?
  
2. This book of 1 John is God's love story to His children. All through this book John has talked about love. Since God loves His children, how can His children know they love God's other children?
  
3. John says it isn't hard to keep God's commandments. Who helps us to obey according to John 14:26?
  
4. **CHALLENGE:** To "contrast" something is to compare one thing to another. What does Jesus say about His burden in Matthew 11:30? What does He say about the burdens man puts on his fellow man in Matthew 23:4?

Matthew 11:30

Matthew 23:4

### Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 6 - 12.

1. **HARD:** Let's pretend your friend Bob tells you he had lunch with A.C. Green, the famous basketball player. This is awesome to you. You never met anyone so famous as A.C. Green, let alone had lunch with him. He has no proof he ate lunch with A.C.. There are no pictures, no one who saw them together, all he has is his word. You have to make a choice. You can believe him or you can say he is fooling around. Write in this space how you think you would respond to Bob.

2. What does John say in 1 John 5:9a about what others tell us?
  
3. What statement does John make in 1 John 5:9b?
  
4. Who is God telling us about in 1 John 5:9c?
  
5. What is the other testimony God is telling us about His Son in 1 John 5:11?

**Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 13 - 21.**

1. Why does John write this book to those who believe?
  
2. How do we know God hears our prayers? See verses 14,15.
  
3. **RISKY:** If we ask God for a million dollars, do you think He will give it to us?
  
4. **RISKY:** If we ask God to give us what we need for each day, will He meet our needs?  
Read Matthew 6:9-13 before you answer.
  
5. What does John say to believers in Jesus about sin? See 1 John 5:18,21.
  
6. But, if we do sin, what does 1 John 1:9 say we can do about our sin?
  
7. **PERSONAL:** Have you confessed your sins and asked Jesus into your heart to help you live for Him? If you have received forgiveness, have you memorized this verse so that when you do sin you can make your confession again?



## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK SIX

### DISCUSSION LESSON 5

15 - 20 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: CHAIN TAG

Two players are chosen to be "IT". They join hands and with their free hand try to tag the other players. The first player tagged joins hands between the two "IT". The remaining players, when tagged, join the tag line between the original two "IT". Only end players (IT) may tag. It is permissible for a player to break through or go under the joined hands of the line. When the chain has been broken, it must unite again before tagging resumes. The game ends when the last player is caught or when a time limit has been reached. The last two players tagged become "IT". Set boundary lines to restrict play to a small area.

15 - 20 min. discuss LESSON 5

to end of class CRAFT: A SPECIAL GIFT

### MATERIALS

small empty cardboard jewelry box, or small blocks of wood  
wrapping paper  
tape  
ribbon

Copy the saying below onto another sheet of paper. Put a border around it. Then reduce it so that it is slightly smaller than the box. Wrap the box, and tie with ribbon. The students can make as many boxes as they wish or have time to make.

### SAYING

"This is a very special gift that you can never see.  
The reason it's so special is, it's for you from Jesus and me.  
If ever you are lonely, or feeling a bit blue,  
you only have to see this gift, to know Christ thinks of you.  
You never can unwrap it. Please leave the ribbon tied.  
For then you'll realize it's filled with Christ's love inside."

## 1 JOHN - LESSON 5 - ANSWERS

### Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 1 - 5.

1. Who does a child of God love? “And all who love **the Father** love **His children too.**”
2. This book of 1 John is God’s love story to His children. All through this book John has talked about love. Since God loves His children, how can His children know they love God’s other children? “You can know you love God’s children by how much you love and obey God.”
3. John says it isn’t hard to keep God’s commandments. Who helps us to obey according to John 14:26? “Then the Father will send the Comforter to you. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you much. And He will remind you of everything I myself have told you.”
4. **CHALLENGE:** To “contrast” something is to compare one thing to another. What does Jesus say about His burden in Matthew 11:30? What does He say about the burdens man puts on his fellow man in Matthew 23:4?

Matthew 11:30 “For the work I ask you to do is easy. And the burdens I give you are light.”

Matthew 23:4 “They [teachers of the law and Pharisees] load you down with demands that cannot be kept. They themselves don’t even try to keep them.”

### Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 6 - 12.

1. **HARD:** Let’s pretend your friend Bob tells you he had lunch with A.C. Green, the famous basketball player. This is awesome to you. You never met anyone so famous as A.C. Green, let alone had lunch with him. He has no proof he ate lunch with A.C. There are no pictures, no one who saw them together, all he has is his word. You have to make a choice. You can believe him or you can say he is fooling around. Write in this space how you think you would respond to Bob. [There will be various answers. Some may say they wouldn’t believe their friend, others would believe without question. The point is they would have to trust their friend because they know he always tells the truth.]
2. What does John say in 1 John 5:9a about what others tell us? “We believe men.”
3. What statement does John make in 1 John 5:9b? “So surely we can believe whatever God declares.”
4. Who is God telling us about in 1 John 5:9c? “And God declares that Jesus is His Son.”
5. What is the other testimony God is telling us about His Son in 1 John 5:11? “And what

is it that God has said? He said He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”

**Read 1 John chapter 5, verses 13 - 21.**

1. Why does John write this book to those who believe? verse 13: “So that you may know that you have eternal life.” (NIV)
2. How do we know God hears our prayers? See verses 14,15. “We are sure He will hear us when we ask in line with His will. We know He is listening when we talk to Him and make our requests. So we can be sure that He will answer us.”
3. **RISKY:** If we ask God for a million dollars, do you think He will give it to us? [Only if it is His will for us to have the money.]
4. **RISKY:** If we ask God to give us what we need for each day, will He meet our needs? Read Matthew 6:9-13 before you answer. [Yes, because His word tells us He will give us what we need.]
5. What does John say to believers in Jesus about sin? See 1 John 5:18,21. “No one who has become part of God’s family makes a practice of sinning. Christ, God’s Son, holds him tight. So the devil cannot get his hand on him. Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.”
6. But, if we do sin, what does 1 John 1:9 say we can do about our sin? “If we confess our sins, He can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”
7. **PERSONAL:** Have you confessed your sins and asked Jesus into your heart to help you live for Him? If you have received forgiveness, have you memorized this verse so that when you do sin you can make your confession again?

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 6

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

### Read 2 John, verses 1 - 13.

1. Have you ever sent a coded message? This could be John's coded message to the early Christians. The lady mentioned could be a very special woman in the church or it could mean the church body. The children mentioned could be physical children of the lady, or it could be the spiritual children of the church. Whoever this person is, we know this is a message for us too.
2. There is a clue in verse 1 as to John's age. What do you think that clue is?
3. Keeping this clue in mind, do you think John is young or old?
4. How long will the truth in our hearts last?
5. What is the rule John is talking about that God gave in the beginning? See John 13:34, 35 for your answer.
6. John tells us in 2 John 7 & 8 we should stay away from false teachers and that we should not act like them, or we could lose our reward. What does 1 Corinthians 4:5 say about a reward we will receive if we follow Jesus?
7. What will happen if you always follow Christ's teachings?

**Read 3 John, verses 1 - 15.**

1. **HARD:** What is different about the greeting in this letter as compared to the greeting in 2 John?
2. What is it John is doing for Gaius?
3. When you are playing on a team, you cheer on your teammates. What does John say in verses 5-7 to cheer Gaius on?
4. Why does John say it is good to take care of missionaries?
5. **PERSONAL:** If you know a missionary, when was the last time you helped them or gave them a contribution?
6. What did Diotrephes do that John called evil?
7. What does John warn us about in verse 11?
8. Sometimes our friends lead us into doing bad things. God wants us to do only good. What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say about the kinds of friends we should have?

**Read Jude, verses 1 - 16.**

1. To whom is Jude writing this letter?

2. **HARD:** Jude wanted to write about the salvation all believers in Jesus shared. But, what does he decide to write instead?
  
3. What does 1 Timothy 6:12 say about this fight?
  
4. The false teachers said it was okay to sin after you believed. But, Jude tells what happened to people who continued to sin after they had trusted God. What warning does Jude give us in the last part of verse 7?

**Read Jude, verses 17 - 25.**

1. How is a Christian supposed to keep from following the unbeliever? See Ephesians 6:18 for your answer.
  
2. **RISKY:** Are Christians supposed to fight with those who are against them? According to Jude 22,23, what are Christians supposed to do?
  
3. Jude ends his letter with a feeling of hope. What do verses 24,25 say?
  
4. **PERSONAL:** Are you asking God to help you keep close to Him? Are you asking His help in everything you do? Why not write a little prayer to Him in this space asking Him to help you stay close to Him?

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK SEVEN

### DISCUSSION LESSON 6

10 - 15 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: SIMPLE RELAY

You will need a ping-pong ball, a large spoon, and a container for each team. With masking tape, mark start and finish lines on the floor. Divide class into teams. Give the first player in each team a spoon. Place a ping-pong ball on the floor in front of each team. Place the containers across from each team at the Finish Line. At the signal, the first player picks up the ball with the spoon, races to the finish line, drops the ball in the container, races back to the next in line, hands off the spoon, and goes to the end of the line. The next player races to the container, picks the ball out of the container with the spoon, returns to the next team player, hands off the spoon and ball, goes to the end of the line. The next player repeats the first sequence. Play continues until one team has all team players in their starting positions.

15 - 20 min. discussion LESSON 6

to end of class CRAFT: STENCIL MOSAIC

#### MATERIALS

string toothpicks

stencil patterns (may be purchased at stores selling craft supplies, office supplies, paint, drugstores, etc.)

pencil

glue

scissors

cardboard (cereal box front/back)

string

various natural materials: macaroni, rice, dried peas, crushed egg shells (colored if desired), sunflower seeds, blades of grass, etc. Be imaginative.

Copy the stencil pattern onto the cardboard. With drops of glue fasten toothpicks onto stencil lines. For curves and small spaces, break toothpicks to fit the spaces. Choose an item, such as dried peas, and glue in one section of the picture. Be sure to fill in all the space. Then take another item and glue it into another section. Do this until the entire picture has been filled in. Punch holes in top corners of cardboard, and run a length of string or yarn through them for hanging.

## 1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 6 ANSWERS

### Read 2 John, verses 1 - 13.

1. Have you ever sent a coded message? [Answers will vary from “yes” to “no”, and anything in between.] This could be John’s coded message to the early Christians. The lady mentioned could be a very special woman in the church or it could mean the church body. The children mentioned could be physical children of the lady, or it could be the spiritual children of the church. Whoever this person is, we know this is a message for us too.
2. There is a clue in verse 1 as to John’s age. What do you think that clue is? [John calls himself “the elder”. In The Simplified Living Bible the translation is “old elder.” The reference possibly refers both to age and office in the church.]
3. Keeping this clue in mind, do you think John is young or old? [Old, he’s about 90 years old when he wrote this letter.]
4. How long will the truth in our hearts last? “The Truth is in our hearts forever.”
5. What is the rule John is talking about that God gave in the beginning? See John 13:34, 35 for your answer. [This beginning was the beginning of Christ’s ministry.] “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.” [This is love for believers.]
6. John tells us in 2 John 7 & 8 we should stay away from false teachers and that we should not act like them, or we could lose our reward. What does 1 Corinthians 4:5 say about a reward we will receive if we follow Jesus? “Be careful not to jump to conclusions before the Lord returns. You should not decide if someone is a good servant or not. When the Lord comes He will turn on the lights. Everyone will see what each one of us is like deep in our hearts. And everyone will know why we have been doing the Lord’s work. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is coming to him.”
7. What will happen if you always follow Christ’s teachings? verse 9b. “But if you are loyal to Christ’s teachings, you will have God too. Then you will have both the Father and the Son.”

### Read 3 John, verses 1 - 15.

1. HARD: What is different about the greeting in this letter as compared to the greeting in 2 John? [In 2 John, we are not sure if the “dear woman” is a person or the church. In 3 John we know it is written to a person, because John calls Gaius a “dear friend.”]



2. What is it John is doing for Gaius? “Dear friend, I am praying all is well with you. I pray that your body is as healthy as I know your soul is.”
3. When you are playing on a team, you cheer on your teammates. What does John say in verses 5-7 to cheer Gaius on? “Dear friend, you are doing a good work. You are being faithful to take care of the traveling teachers and missionaries. They have told the church here of your friendship and your loving deeds. I am glad when you send them on their way with a generous gift. They are traveling for the Lord. So they take nothing from those who are not Christians.”
4. Why does John say it is good to take care of missionaries? verse 8b. “That way we become partners with them in the Lord’s work.”
5. **PERSONAL:** If you know a missionary, when was the last time you helped them or gave them a contribution?
6. What did Diotrephes do that John called evil? verse 9b. “But Diotrephes loves to push himself forward as the leader there. So he doesn’t listen to me. When I come I will tell you some of the things he is doing. You will learn what wicked things he is saying. He refuses to welcome the missionary travelers. He also tells others not to. When they do he tries to put them out of the church.”
7. What does John warn us about in verse 11? “Dear friend, don’t let his bad example control you. Follow only what is good. Those who do what is right prove they are God’s children. Those who continue in evil prove that they are far from God.”
8. Sometimes our friends lead us into doing bad things. God wants us to do only good. What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say about the kinds of friends we should have? “Do not be misled: `Bad company corrupts good character.” (NIV)

**Read Jude, verses 1 - 16.**

1. To whom is Jude writing this letter? “To Christians everywhere who are beloved of God and chosen by Him.”
2. **HARD:** Jude wanted to write about the salvation all believers in Jesus shared. But, what does he decide to write instead? verse 3. “Friends, I had been planning to write you about the salvation we share. But now I must write of something else instead. I urge you to defend the truth that God gave to His people. He gave it once for all for us to keep without change.”
3. What does 1 Timothy 6:12 say about this fight? “Fight on for God. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you. Hold on to the good confession you have spoken before many people.”

4. The false teachers said it was okay to sin after you believed. But, Jude tells what happened to people who continued to sin after they had trusted God. What warning does Jude give us in the last part of verse 7? “And don’t forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns. They were full of lust of every kind, including lust of men for other men. **Those cities were destroyed by fire. They continue to warn us that there is a hell in which sinners are punished.**”

**Read Jude, verses 17 - 25.**

1. How is a Christian supposed to keep from following the unbeliever? See Ephesians 6:18 for your answer. “Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit’s wishes. Beg with Him reminding Him of your needs. Pray for all Christians everywhere.”
2. **RISKY:** Are Christians supposed to fight with those who are against them? According to Jude 22,23, what are Christians supposed to do? “Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt. Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them find the Lord by being kind to them. But be careful that you aren’t pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as sinners.”
3. Jude ends his letter with a feeling of hope. What do verses 24,25 say? “All glory to Him Who alone is God. He saves us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, splendor, majesty, and power are His from the beginning. They are His, and they will be forever. He is able to keep you from slipping and falling away. He will bring you, perfect, into His presence with mighty shouts of joy. Amen.”
4. **PERSONAL:** Are you asking God to help you keep close to Him? Are you asking His help in everything you do? Why not write a little prayer to Him in this space asking Him to help you stay close to Him?