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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 LIFEPA[®]C, 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 will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAK. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAK, 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.



1. 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).

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

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5. Put the meaning of the Bible verses into your own words.
6. Describe ways of showing love.

Vocabulary

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

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

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 LIFEPA^C 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: **h**at, **ā**ge, **că**re, **făr**; **l**et, **ē**qual, **tĕrm**; **i**t, **ī**ce; **h**ot, **ō**pen, **ōrder**; **oil**; **out**; **cup**, **pūt**, **rūle**; **ch**ild; **long**; **thin**; /f^H/ for **then**; /zh/ for **measure**; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in **about**, /e/ in **taken**, /i/ in **pencil**, /o/ in **lemon**, and /u/ in **circus**.

Loving God



**Read 1 Samuel 15:5-22 and
Acts 9:1-22.**

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 saved 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.

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

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 you continually do sinful things, but they will notice that you are different when you are more like Jesus.

Living a new life means loving God more than anything or anyone else. Living a new life means letting God have control of your life so the Holy Spirit can change you into a person who always pleases Him.

The verses in Acts 9, tell how Paul saw the Lord Jesus and was completely changed. He had been working against Jesus by **persecuting** Jesus' disciples. Now, Paul wanted to live his life for God and tell people about the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not easy to live for God. Even when we know what is right and good, we do not always do it. Paul tried to serve God in everything. He confessed that even when he knew what he should do, he did not always do it. Instead he did those things which he should not do (Romans 7:16–20). Paul failed to do right and did wrong because sin was still in his heart and life. Yet Paul could be joyful because Jesus had died for his sins and could cleanse him from sin. Paul thanked God that Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit helped him to serve God.

It is hard to obey God all the time, because sin (disobedience) is such a part of us. If we pray about it, the Holy Spirit helps us to obey. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to serve God.



Aunt Martha Helps the Twins

Aunt Martha was visiting and the twins had been talking with her. They told her the Bible verse they had learned in Sunday school. Ephesians 6:1, "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right," they said.

Mother came downstairs from putting little Amy to bed and sat down to talk with Aunt Martha.

"Watch the clock and go up to bed at eight thirty," she told the twins.

At eight thirty-five Mother said, "It's bedtime. Go brush your teeth." A little later Mother repeated the directions, but the twins continued the game they were playing.

Aunt Martha wanted to help. She asked the twins, "Would you say your Bible verse to me again?"

The twins knew that they had not done what they should do. They were reminded that obeying quickly was one of the things they found hard to do. Before they went to sleep, they remembered to pray that God would teach them to listen and obey quickly.



Complete these activities on another piece of paper.

- 1.11** Write in your own words what you think Romans 7:19–20 mean.
- 1.12** Write a paragraph about something in your life that you have found hard to do. Ask your teacher to check it with you. Then pray about it. Ask God to take it out of your life and help you to do what you should.



Teacher check:

Initials _____ Date _____



Answer these questions.

- 1.13** Why do we do wrong even when we know to do right? _____

- 1.14** How can we live a new life? _____

- 1.15** Who worked to change your life? _____
- 1.16** How was Paul changed after he met Jesus? _____

Thanking and praising God. When God's Holy Spirit causes you to love God, you are thankful and want to praise Him. It is because God loves us first and brought us to Himself that we can love Him. We can be thankful to God for all He has done. We can show our thankfulness to God by loving Him. You are a **witness** to others when you love God.

The Bible is filled with praise and thanks to God. Psalm 92:1 and Psalm 147:1 tell us that it is good to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises to God. God wants His people to praise Him because it keeps their attention on Him and His goodness. God's Word says that if we keep our minds on Him, He will keep us in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3). When we praise the Lord, we are not complaining or fighting. People cannot praise and complain at the same time. The Bible says to praise Him in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and for all things (Ephesians 5:20).

It is very hard to praise God when things are going wrong. God calls this a sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15), because it hurts to praise God when things are going wrong. A sacrifice of praise gets our mind on God and off of the problem. Praising God even when things are not going right shows others our love for God.



| The Bible is filled with praise



Write true or false.

- 1.17** _____ We should praise God at all times.
- 1.18** _____ Praising God keeps our minds on Him.
- 1.19** _____ Ephesians 5:20 says to praise God for some things.
- 1.20** _____ We love God because He first loved us.
- 1.21** _____ The Holy Spirit works in our heart to change us.
- 1.22** _____ We should thank and praise the Lord only when we feel like it.



Learn this verse.

- 1.23** Look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Write the verse on another piece of paper exactly as it is in the Bible. Learn it and say it perfectly to a partner.



Partner check:

Name _____ Date _____

Our lives witness for God when we love, obey, and praise Him. When we come to God, the Holy Spirit changes us and we start living a new life. One of the results of the love of God within us is that we now love others. People know by our actions that we love God. A good way to tell others about Jesus is by the way we live.

SELF TEST 1

Write the word from the Word Bank that correctly completes each sentence (each answer, 4 points).

persecuting	disciples	obey	Holy Spirit
doers	witness	sin	commandments
mirror	thank	pray	love

- 1.01** If we love Jesus, we keep His _____.
- 1.02** The Bible is called a _____ that shows us what we really are.
- 1.03** It is not enough to be hearers of the Word, we must also be _____.
- 1.04** It is hard to obey God's Word sometimes because _____ is still in our hearts.
- 1.05** God wants us to _____ Him for all things.
- 1.06** Only the _____ can help us be what God wants us to be.
- 1.07** Whether you act lovingly or in a hateful way, your life is a _____ to others.
- 1.08** Those who do what Jesus asks them to do are His _____.
- 1.09** We are obeying God when we _____ our parents.
- 1.10** Before Paul met Jesus, he was _____ Jesus' disciples.

Match these words and phrases (each answer, 3 points).

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.011 _____ | Saul | a. the love verses |
| 1.012 _____ | sin | b. followers of Jesus |
| 1.013 _____ | Samaritans | c. good news |
| 1.014 _____ | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 | d. love |
| 1.015 _____ | disciples | e. a small trouble maker |
| 1.016 _____ | enemies | f. disobeying God's Word |
| 1.017 _____ | the tongue | g. is kind and patient |
| 1.018 _____ | love | h. hated by Jews |
| 1.019 _____ | charity | i. a disobedient king |
| 1.020 _____ | Gospel | j. verses about sin |
| | | k. pray for them |

Write true or false (each answer, 2 points).

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|--------------------|--|
| 1.021 _____ | When we love God first, then He loves us. |
| 1.022 _____ | The Gospel is "good news" because it tells us we are not so bad. |
| 1.023 _____ | A "doer" is one who acts the way the Bible says to. |
| 1.024 _____ | John 13:35 teaches that people will know His disciples by the love they show to Jesus. |
| 1.025 _____ | Stephen forgave his killers. |
| 1.026 _____ | We show thankfulness to God by loving others. |
| 1.027 _____ | People are naturally patient and kind in their hearts. |
| 1.028 _____ | The book of James tells about the tongue. |
| 1.029 _____ | The Bible is full of praise and thanksgiving to God. |
| 1.030 _____ | It is better to try to cover up the bad things than to let them be known. |
| 1.031 _____ | Sacrifice is better than obedience. |

Write these Bible verses (each answer, 4 points).

1.032 John 14:15 "If _____
_____. "

1.033 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In _____
_____.
_____. "



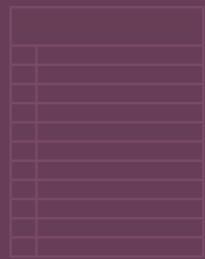
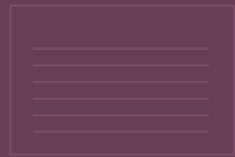
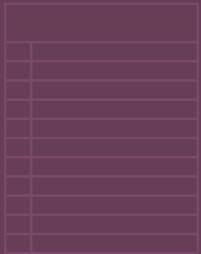
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