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## STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 19

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# UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

## Session 1: Jesus Was Born Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1



Sunday, March 5

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

### **Memory Verse: John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

# Session 1 Monday



## Before you read...

- ▶ We have made it to the New Testament! For the next several months we get to talk about Jesus' time on earth.
- ▶ This week we are going to focus on Jesus' birth. Yes, Christmas in March!
- ▶ You have probably heard and read the story of Jesus' birth more than once. We are going to look a little deeper at the story this week.



## Read Matthew 1:18-25

- ▶ Back in December, we read Isaiah 7:14, which says, "Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel." Now, more than 400 years later, what does the angel tell Joseph in verses 20-21?

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- ▶ Now look at verses 22-23. What Old Testament verse is being quoted here? (Look up at question 1 for help!)

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- ▶ God kept the promise He made through Isaiah all those years ago!! God always keeps His promises! What is your favorite promise of God?

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## Before you read...

- ▶ Today we will continue our deeper look at the story of Jesus' birth.
- ▶ We will look at what the Bible says and what it does NOT say.



## Read Luke 2:1-5

- ▶ Where did Mary and Joseph have to go?  
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- ▶ How did Mary and Joseph get there? What does the Bible say about HOW they traveled?  
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- ▶ What animal do we usually see Mary riding on in our Christmas nativities and picture stories? But does the Bible say she rode that animal?  
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- ▶ How do you think Mary and Joseph got to this town?  
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## Session 1 Wednesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we discovered that the Bible does not say Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem, even though many of our picture books and nativities include a donkey.
- ▶ Today, we will read from the same passage in Luke and look for more Christmas details.



### Read Luke 2:1-7

- ▶ Does this passage say what day Jesus was born? What day do we celebrate Jesus' birth?

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- ▶ Does this passage say where in Bethlehem Jesus was born?

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- ▶ We usually say that Jesus was born in a stable. What does the Bible say that makes us think He was born in a stable?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we learned that the Bible doesn't tell us the exact date of Jesus' birth. It also doesn't tell us the exact location of where He was born.
- ▶ In fact, there are very few details about Jesus' birth in the Bible. But we know that Jesus' birth was a very big, important event.
- ▶ Today, we will read about how God announced this very big, important event—Jesus' birth.



### Read Luke 2:8-15

- ▶ An angel came to some shepherds to announce the birth. What did the angels call Jesus in verse 11?

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- ▶ What did the angels say would come to earth in verse 14?

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- ▶ Right after the angels left, the shepherds went to see Jesus and then they told many others about the birth of the Savior of the world. We are still telling people about this very same guy, Jesus. Who do you want to tell about Jesus?

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## Session 1 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Even though we don't know very many specific details about Jesus' birth, we do know it was a very big, important event. God sent angels to tell about it! Matthew and Luke give us a clear, but short account of Jesus' birth. John has a different way to describe it. His words are more like a poem.



### Read John 1:1-5

- ▶ John 1:1 starts the very same way as another book of the Bible. What book also starts with, "In the beginning?" (Hint: look back at the beginning of the Bible.)  

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- ▶ John doesn't use Jesus' name, but he is talking about Jesus when he says, "the Word." Where does John say Jesus (or the Word) was in the beginning?  

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- ▶ The whole Bible is about Jesus. Jesus did not first come into existence when He was born. Jesus was with God in the beginning. Jesus came to live on earth for a short time. Jesus is still alive with God today. These verses give me goosebumps!! Since Jesus has been around forever, He knows everything about everything! What question would you ask Jesus, since He definitely knows the answer?  

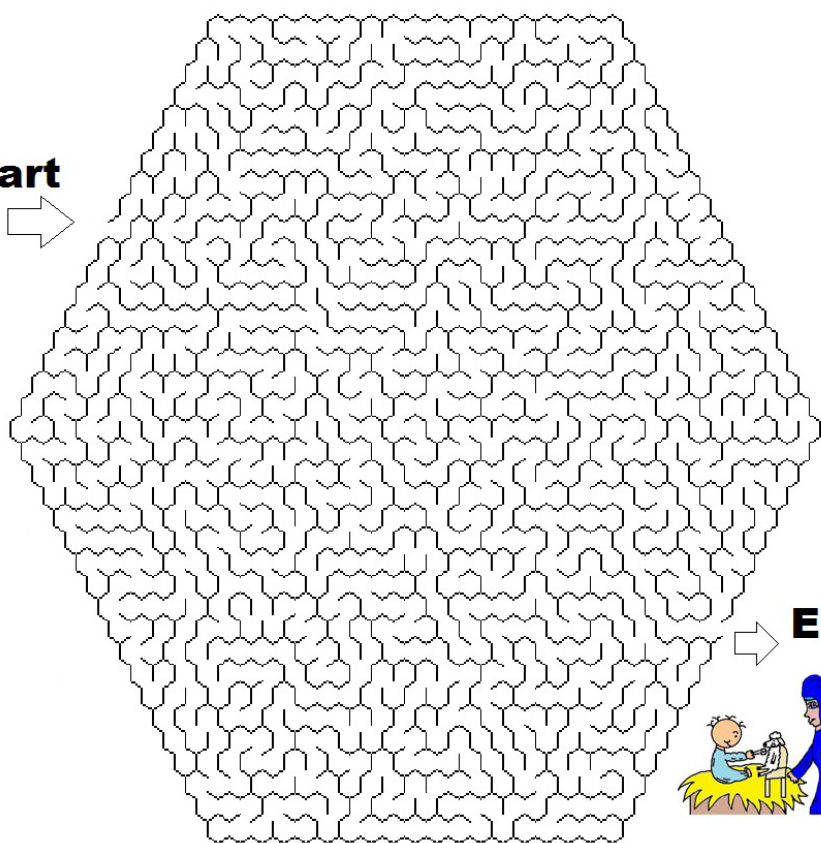
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# UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

## Session 2: Jesus Was Dedicated Matthew 2; Luke 2



Sunday, March 12

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

### **Memory Verse: John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

## Session 2 Monday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we will read about what Jesus' parents did shortly after He was born.
- ▶ Joseph and Mary were devoted followers of God. They obeyed all of His instructions from the angels about Jesus.
- ▶ Joseph and Mary also did exactly what God's Law in the Old Testament said to do when you have your first baby.



### Read Luke 2:21-24

- ▶ Who told Mary and Joseph what to name their baby?  
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- ▶ Where did Mary and Joseph have to take Jesus to present him to the Lord?  
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- ▶ This question will test your memory a little bit. Why did Mary and Joseph have to take Jesus to that city? What was in that city? (Hint: what did God's people build first when they returned from exile?)  
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## Session 2 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. They were following God's Law.
- ▶ Today, we will read about a man they met at the temple where they brought Jesus.



### Read Luke 2:25-32

- ▶ How does verse 25 describe Simeon?  

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- ▶ Who did the Holy Spirit say Simeon would see before he died?  

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- ▶ In verse 32, Simeon says that Jesus has come for two different types of people. What will Jesus bring to the Gentiles?  
What will Jesus bring to the people Israel?  

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read about Simeon, who knew baby Jesus was “the Lord’s Christ” when he first saw Jesus in the temple.
- ▶ God used Simeon to tell Joseph and Mary more about Jesus. Today, we will read the rest of what Simeon told them.



### Read Luke 2:33–35

- ▶ What did Joseph and Mary think about what Simeon said about Jesus?

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- ▶ What is Jesus destined to do?

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- ▶ Simeon tells Mary that “a sword will pierce your own soul too.” What do you think Simeon is warning Mary about?

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## Session 2 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ For the past two days we have read about Joseph and Mary's encounter with Simeon at the temple.
- ▶ Today, we will read about another person they met at the temple.



### Read Luke 2:36-38

- ▶ How does this passage describe Anna? Write three words you find that describe her.

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- ▶ What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?

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- ▶ Who do you think told Anna about Jesus?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have read about Jesus' first visit to the temple in Jerusalem. This is one of only three times the Bible talks about Jesus as a child.
- ▶ We do not know very many details about Jesus' childhood.



### Read Luke 2:39-40

- ▶ Where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus go after they fulfilled the requirements of the Law?

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- ▶ What does verse 40 say happened to Jesus?

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- ▶ Even though we don't know many details about Jesus' childhood, we DO know that Jesus was a child, just like you! What kinds of things do you think Jesus did when He was a child your age?

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# Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus

## Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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ANNA  
BABY

GLORY  
JERUSALEM

JOSEPH  
MESSIAH

MARY  
NAZARETH

SIMEON  
TEMPLE



# UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

## Session 3: Jesus Was Baptized Matthew 3; Mark 1



Sunday, March 19

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

### Memory Verse: John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

## Session 3 Monday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we will read about when Jesus was baptized. This was one of the first examples of how Jesus obeyed God as an adult.
- ▶ The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell details of Jesus' life on earth. Matthew and John were Jesus' disciples. Mark and Luke were friends of Jesus' disciples.
- ▶ Each of these four men tell about Jesus' baptism. We are going to read from one Gospel each day. Today, we will read from Matthew, who wrote a lot about what Jesus said while He was on earth.



### Read Matthew 3:13-17

- ▶ Who was Jesus baptized by?  
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- ▶ In verse 15, why did Jesus say He needed to be baptized?  
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- ▶ What happened after Jesus was baptized?  
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### Before you read...

- ▶ The account of Jesus' baptism is written in all four Gospels in the Bible. This is one of the ways we know the Bible is true, because different people saw the event and wrote about it.
- ▶ Today, we will read from Mark, who wrote a lot about what Jesus did while He was on earth



### Read Mark 1:9-11

- ▶ What body of water was Jesus baptized in?

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- ▶ What animal descended on Jesus?

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- ▶ Who is the voice from heaven?

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## Session 3 Wednesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ So far, we have read half of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism.
- ▶ Today, we will read from Luke, who wrote a lot about how Jesus felt while He was on earth.



### Read Luke 3:21-22

- ▶ Was Jesus by Himself when He was baptized? Or were people watching?

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- ▶ Luke gives us a new detail. What does he say Jesus was doing when heaven opened?

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- ▶ How does God feel about His Son?

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## Session 3 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ We have one more Gospel account of Jesus' baptism to read.
- ▶ Today, we will read from John. This is not John the Baptist, but Jesus' disciple, John. He wrote a lot about who Jesus was.



### Read John 1:29-34

- ▶ How does John describe Jesus in verse 29?

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- ▶ Why was John baptizing people before he baptized Jesus? (verse 31)

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- ▶ Who does John say Jesus is in verse 34?

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## Session 3 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have read from all four Gospels about Jesus' baptism. Today, we are going to look back at those four passages and answer a couple more questions.



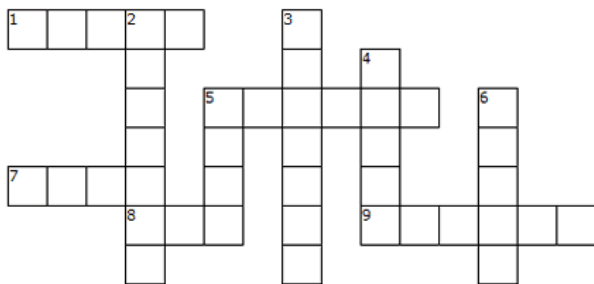
### Review: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:29-34

- ▶ All four Gospels mention the same people. Who are they?  
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- ▶ Which Gospel gave the most details about Jesus' baptism?  
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- ▶ Which Gospel account of Jesus' baptism was your favorite?  
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- ▶ There were other people watching when Jesus was baptized. How do you think they reacted when they saw the Spirit descend on Jesus as a dove?  
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- ▶ Have you been baptized? Our next baptism at New Covenant is coming soon. Talk to your parents about being baptized!

## The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

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2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

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| FORGIVE | JORDAN | JOHN | DOVE  | REPENT |
| CONFESS | WATER  | SIN  | VOICE | HONEY  |

# UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

## Session 4: Jesus Was Tempted Matthew 4; Luke 4



Sunday, March 26

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

### **Memory Verse: John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”





### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week we read all about Jesus' baptism.
- ▶ Right after Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



### Read Matthew 4:1-4; Deuteronomy 8:3

- ▶ How long did Jesus go without food in the wilderness?  
Extra Credit: Do you know any other Bible events that have that number? (Hint: Noah, Moses, Elijah)

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- ▶ What did Jesus say man lives on?

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- ▶ Jesus is quoting exact words from Deuteronomy.  
What do you think Jesus' quote means?

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## Session 4 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we began reading about when Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.
- ▶ Jesus did not do what the devil told Him, but responded with Scripture from the book of Deuteronomy.



### Read Matthew 4:5-7; Psalm 91:11-12

- ▶ What did the devil want Jesus to do?  
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- ▶ How did Jesus respond to the devil?  
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- ▶ The devil also quoted Scripture from the book of Psalms. And it is true that God could use His angels to protect Jesus. The devil is tricky. Why do you think Jesus said He would not put God to the test? (This is a hard question!)  
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## Before you read...

- ▶ We have read about two ways the devil tried to tempt Jesus. The devil really wanted Jesus to sin.
- ▶ Today, we will read about one more way the devil tempted Jesus.



## Read Matthew 4:8-11

- ▶ What did the devil want Jesus to do in verse 9?

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- ▶ How did Jesus respond?

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- ▶ Jesus' response sounds a lot like the first commandment. Do you remember what God's number 1 rule is? (Hint: Deuteronomy 5:7)

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## Session 4 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have read about three different times the devil tempted Jesus. He tempted Him with food, attention, and power. But Jesus never gave in. He did not sin.
- ▶ Instead, Jesus quoted Scripture from the book of Deuteronomy. Today, we will read the final two verses that Jesus quoted.



### Read Deuteronomy 6:13-17

- ▶ How does verse 15 describe God?  

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- ▶ God does not want us to love anyone or anything more than Him. What is something you are tempted to love more than God?  

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- ▶ Jesus was perfect. He never loved something else more than God. That is why He could be the perfect sacrifice on the cross for us. Take a minute to pray and thank Jesus for being our perfect sacrifice. You can write out your prayer, if you want to.  

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## Session 4 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ We have been reading about the temptation of Jesus from the book of Matthew. Luke also wrote about it. We will read Luke's account today.
- ▶ It is very important to remember that Jesus was tempted, much like we are tempted today. But Jesus did not give in to temptation. He did not sin. We are sinners, but Jesus gave us His righteousness when He was our perfect sacrifice on the cross.



### Read Luke 4:1-13

- ▶ One of the reasons Jesus was tempted was for Him to experience human life, just as we do. We all have given in to temptation, but Jesus did not. How does that make you feel about Jesus?

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- ▶ Every time the devil tempted Jesus, He responded with Scripture. What verse could you memorize and say when you are tempted?

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# Satan *tempts* Jesus



**Matthew 4:1–11**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**1.** Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** How long did Jesus fast? \_\_\_\_\_

a. 40 days and 40 nights

c. 50 days and 50 nights

b. 60 days and 60 nights

d. 70 days and 70 nights

**3.**

Satan first tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger by turning stones into \_\_\_\_\_.

**4.**

Satan tried again to tempt Jesus by encouraging Him to test God's willingness to

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_ His Son.

**6.** Satan tempted Jesus a third time by offering him all the kingdoms of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**7.** Jesus used \_\_\_\_\_ to resist temptation.

**8.** God sent \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to Jesus after Satan had left.

# UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

## Session 5: Jesus Came to be the Sacrifice for Sin Hebrews 10



Sunday, April 2

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

### Memory Verse: John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

## Session 5 Monday



### Before you read...

- ▶ For the past few weeks we have been focusing on the beginning of Jesus' life on earth. We learned that Jesus never sinned even though He was baptized like sinners and was tempted by the devil.
- ▶ As we get close to Easter, we are going to focus on the reason why Jesus came to earth. Jesus' purpose was to save sinners. His perfect life allowed Him to be the perfect sacrifice.
- ▶ This week, we are going to read from Hebrews 10, which talks about the law and sacrifices of the Old Testament and Jesus' final sacrifice for us.



### Read Hebrews 10:1-4

- ▶ In the Old Testament, when God's people followed God's Law, what did they offer as sacrifices?

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- ▶ What does verse 3 say those sacrifices are for?

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- ▶ Were those sacrifices ever good enough to get rid of the people's sins forever? Why? (This is a tough question!)

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## Session 5 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read about the sacrifices God's people made in the Old Testament. The sacrifices were a reminder of their sins, but the blood of animals could never be an acceptable sacrifice for a human being, made in God's image.
- ▶ But then Jesus came!



### Read Hebrews 10:5-10

- ▶ What does verse 8 say God thought about the sacrifices and offerings?

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- ▶ What did Jesus say He came to do? (verse 9)

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- ▶ What does verse 10 say happens to us because of Jesus' sacrifice?

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## Session 5 Wednesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus came to do God's will and sacrifice Himself so we could be made holy. (Wow!)
- ▶ Today, we are going to read a passage from the book of Matthew when Jesus completely surrendered to God's will. This passage takes place right before Jesus was arrested and nailed to the cross.



### Read Matthew 26:36-39

- ▶ In verse 38, how does Jesus describe His soul?  

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- ▶ Write down the words Jesus spoke in verse 39. It should be in quotation marks.  

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- ▶ Jesus knew pain, sorrow, and death were coming, yet He still surrendered to God's will. For you. For me. For all of us. What emotions do you feel when you read this passage?  

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### Before you read...

- ▶ We know that Jesus made the perfect sacrifice for us when He surrendered to God's will and died on the cross as punishment for our sins.
- ▶ Today, we will go back to Hebrews 10 to learn a little bit more about what happened when Jesus made His sacrifice for us.



### Read Hebrews 10:11-14

- ▶ I want you to notice the difference between the priests in these verses. What is the position of the priest's body in verse 11? (...every priest \_\_\_\_\_ and performs his duties) What is the position of Jesus' body after He makes His sacrifice? (verse 12)

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- ▶ The priests in the Old Testament were never finished with their job, so they were always standing. Jesus made one sacrifice and was finished forever. What does verse 13 say Jesus is doing?

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- ▶ What will Jesus do in the future? (Hint: What does the book of Revelation say?)

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## Session 5 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have compared the Old Testament sacrifices to Jesus' sacrifice. We know that Jesus made the perfect, final sacrifice.
- ▶ Today, we will read about what that means for us.



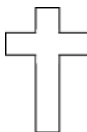
### Read Hebrews 10:15-18

- ▶ Where does verse 16 say the Lord will put His law now?  
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- ▶ What does verse 17 say about sins and lawless acts?  
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- ▶ Instead of priests making sacrifices on the altar and in the Holy of Holies, each of us can now speak to God, through the Holy Spirit in our heart. We can ask for forgiveness in our heart instead of making an animal sacrifice. What have you learned about Jesus' sacrifice this week?  
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## The Story of Jesus

Look up each verse and number the events in Jesus' life in the correct order.

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| 1 | Luke 2:7     | _____ | Jesus went back up to heaven.                                   |
| 2 | Luke 2:52    | _____ | Jesus grew and pleased God.                                     |
| 3 | Mark 1:9     | _____ | Jesus was crucified on the cross.                               |
| 4 | Matthew 4:23 | _____ | Jesus was baptized.   |
| 5 | John 19:18   | _____ | God raised Jesus from the dead.                                 |
| 6 | Luke 24:6    | _____ | Jesus came into the world as a baby.                            |
| 7 | Acts 1:9     | _____ | Jesus traveled around, teaching, preaching, and healing people. |



## Why Did Jesus Come into the World?

Reason 1:

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## UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

Bonus Week: Life Through the Spirit  
Romans 8



Sunday, April 9

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

### Memory Verse: John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week we read about how Jesus was the perfect and final sacrifice, better than all of the Old Testament animal sacrifices.
- ▶ We read that the law of God is now in our hearts and minds through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ This week we are going to read from Romans 8 where Paul, the author, tells us more about what it means to have the Spirit guiding our lives instead of the law.



### Read Romans 8:1-4

- ▶ In verse 2, what does it say we are set free from?  

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- ▶ Verse 3 says that the law could not stop sin. Who could put an end to sin and death?  

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- ▶ Verse 4 says we do not live according to the sinful nature, but according to the Spirit. What do you think it means to live by the Spirit?  

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## Bonus Week Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading from Romans 8, where Paul tells us more about what it means to have the Spirit guiding our lives instead of the law. Sometimes Paul uses words and phrases that are hard to understand. It is okay if you are confused! Ask your parents or leaders for help!
- ▶ Yesterday, you answered what you think it means to live by the Spirit. In today's passage, Paul tells more about what it means to live opposite of the Spirit.



### Read Romans 8:5-8

- ▶ What does verse 6 say the mind ruled by sin brings?  
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- ▶ What does verse 6 say the mind who is controlled by the Spirit receives?  
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- ▶ What does verse 7 say the sinful mind does not do?  
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### Before you read...

- ▶ Here is a summary of what Paul is saying so far in Romans 8. Because of the Spirit, we are set free from the old law.
- ▶ God sent Jesus to defeat sin and death. Because of Him, we have a new law, the Spirit, in our hearts. Through the Spirit we can have life and peace. In today's passage, Paul says God gives us His Spirit and power to live in a way that honors Him.



### Read Romans 8:9-11

- ▶ Read verse 10 again. It says your body is \_\_\_\_\_ because of sin. But your \_\_\_\_\_ is alive because of righteousness.
- ▶ Read verse 11 again. Whose Spirit is living in you? And what did that Spirit do?  
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- ▶ If the Spirit of God lives in you, if you have said, "Yes, Jesus, I am a sinner and I want to repent and follow you," then you have the tremendous power of God living in you. How does that make you feel?  
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## Bonus Week Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ So far this week we have learned some great truths about living by the Spirit. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we have the Holy Spirit living in us and guiding us to honor God each day.
- ▶ Today, we are going to skip ahead to the end of Romans 8. This final passage is very triumphant and encouraging!



### Read Romans 8:31-34

- ▶ In verse 31 Paul says, "If God is for us, who is against us?" So, I am asking you that question. Is there anyone or anything who can overcome God's power in you?

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- ▶ In verse 32, Paul says God already gave us His greatest gift. What was the gift?

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- ▶ What does verse 34 say Jesus is doing for us? Did you know He is doing that for you right now at this very minute???

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### Before you read...

- ▶ There is a mystery that goes with Jesus' gift for us. Even though Jesus died, was raised to life, and is sitting next to God, praying for us, we still struggle with sin. Jesus has already forgiven us, but we are not in heaven, yet.
- ▶ In Romans 8, Paul tells us that God's Spirit in us gives us power to turn away from sin and obey God.
- ▶ Today, we are going to finish reading the end of Romans 8. It is a very powerful and encouraging truth. I challenge you to memorize this passage!



### Read Romans 8:35-39; read it again!

- ▶ What can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?  
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- ▶ Look at Paul's lists in verses 35, 38-39. He says none of those things can separate you from the love of God. List your own example of something that might try to separate you from the love of God.  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ In verse 37, Paul says we are more than \_\_\_\_\_. This means you can overcome ANYTHING by the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you!

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## Break the Code

The chart below lists the codes for the missing letters. Find the code and write in the letter on the space provided.

Example: 17 31 14 would be G O D.

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| 3  | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U |
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Romans 8: 38,39

For I am 32 15 34 35 37 11 14 15 14 , that neither

14 15 11 36 21 , nor life, nor 11 27 17 15 25 35 ,

nor principalities, nor 32 31 42 15 34 35 , nor things

32 34 15 35 15 27 36 , nor things to 13 31 26 15 , Nor

21 15 22 17 21 36 , nor 14 15 32 36 21 , nor any other

13 34 15 11 36 37 34 15 , shall be able to separate 37 35

from the 25 31 41 15 of 17 31 14 , which is in Christ

23 15 35 37 35 our Lord.

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## UNIT 19: IN THE BEGINNING

### Session 6: Jesus Called His Disciples John 1



Sunday, April 16

What did  
Jesus do to  
save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on  
the cross, and rose from the dead.

#### **Memory Verse: John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

## Session 6 Monday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will return to reading about the life of Jesus. Before Easter we read about Jesus' baptism and temptation. Today we will begin reading about the disciples Jesus called.
- ▶ A disciple is a follower or student of a teacher or leader. Jesus had many followers, but the Bible very clearly lists 12 men who closely followed Jesus throughout His time on earth. Some of these men wrote the books of the Bible that we are still reading today!



### Read John 1:35-39

- ▶ This passage mentions two disciples. Who were they following before they met Jesus?  
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- ▶ What did these two men ask Jesus in verse 38?  
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- ▶ This seems like such an interesting question. Why do you think they asked Jesus that question?  
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## Session 6 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when Jesus called His 12 disciples.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that two men who were followers of John the Baptist decided to follow Jesus.



### Read John 1:40-42

- ▶ When Andrew saw Jesus, what was the first thing he did?

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- ▶ What did Jesus do when He first saw Simon?

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- ▶ Peter is a pretty famous Bible guy. What do you know about him?

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## Session 6 Wednesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Andrew, his brother Simon (now Peter) and one more unnamed man began following Jesus.
- ▶ Today, we will meet two more of Jesus' disciples.



### Read John 1:43-46

- ▶ What did Jesus tell Philip?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ What did Philip do immediately after Jesus called him?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ There is a pattern here. Andrew went and told his brother about Jesus. Philip went and told his friend. Who do you need to tell about Jesus?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Session 6 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that Jesus called Philip and Philip immediately went to find Nathanael. Nathanael did not believe Philip about Jesus at first. This is where we will begin reading today.



### Read John 1:47-51

- ▶ What did Jesus say about Nathanael when He saw Nathanael coming toward him?  

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- ▶ How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus already knew Him?  

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- ▶ What did Jesus tell Nathanael he would see in verse 51? (WOW!)  

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## Session 6 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we finished reading the passage from John where Jesus calls His first disciples.
- ▶ If you were counting, you may have noticed that we did not get all the way to 12 disciples in this passage. Today, we will read another passage that lists all 12 of Jesus' disciples.
- ▶ If you want to read about when Jesus called a few more disciples, check out Matthew 4:21 and Matthew 9:9.



### Read Mark 3:13-19

- ▶ What do verses 14-15 say Jesus appointed these 12 men to do?

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- ▶ List the names of Jesus' 12 disciples.

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- ▶ Jesus' disciples followed Him everywhere He went. What do you think the disciples gave up to follow Jesus?

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## Bible Puzzle

# Twelve Disciples Coloring Activity

Jesus' disciples were twelve men He picked to travel with Him and learn from Him.

1. Color the twelve disciples and read their names.
2. Peter and Andrew were brothers. Draw a circle around both of them together.
3. James and John were brothers. Draw a circle around both of them together.
4. Peter, John, and Matthew all wrote books of the Bible. Put a check mark next to each of them.
5. Judas turned against Jesus and betrayed him. Draw a big X to cross out Judas.



Peter



Andrew



James  
(brother of John)



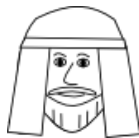
John



Philip



Bartholomew



Thomas



Matthew



James  
(son of Alphaeus)



Thaddeus



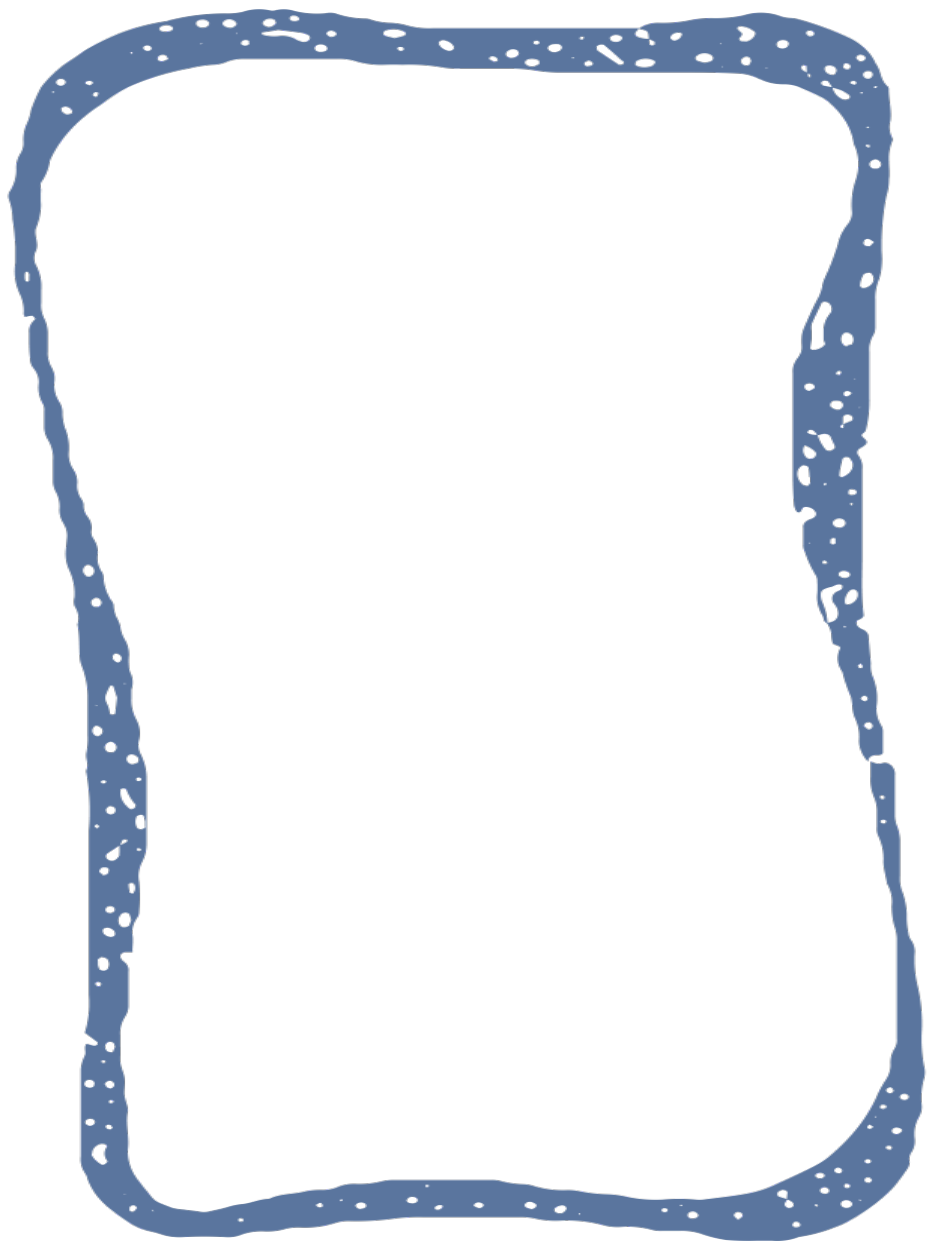
Simon



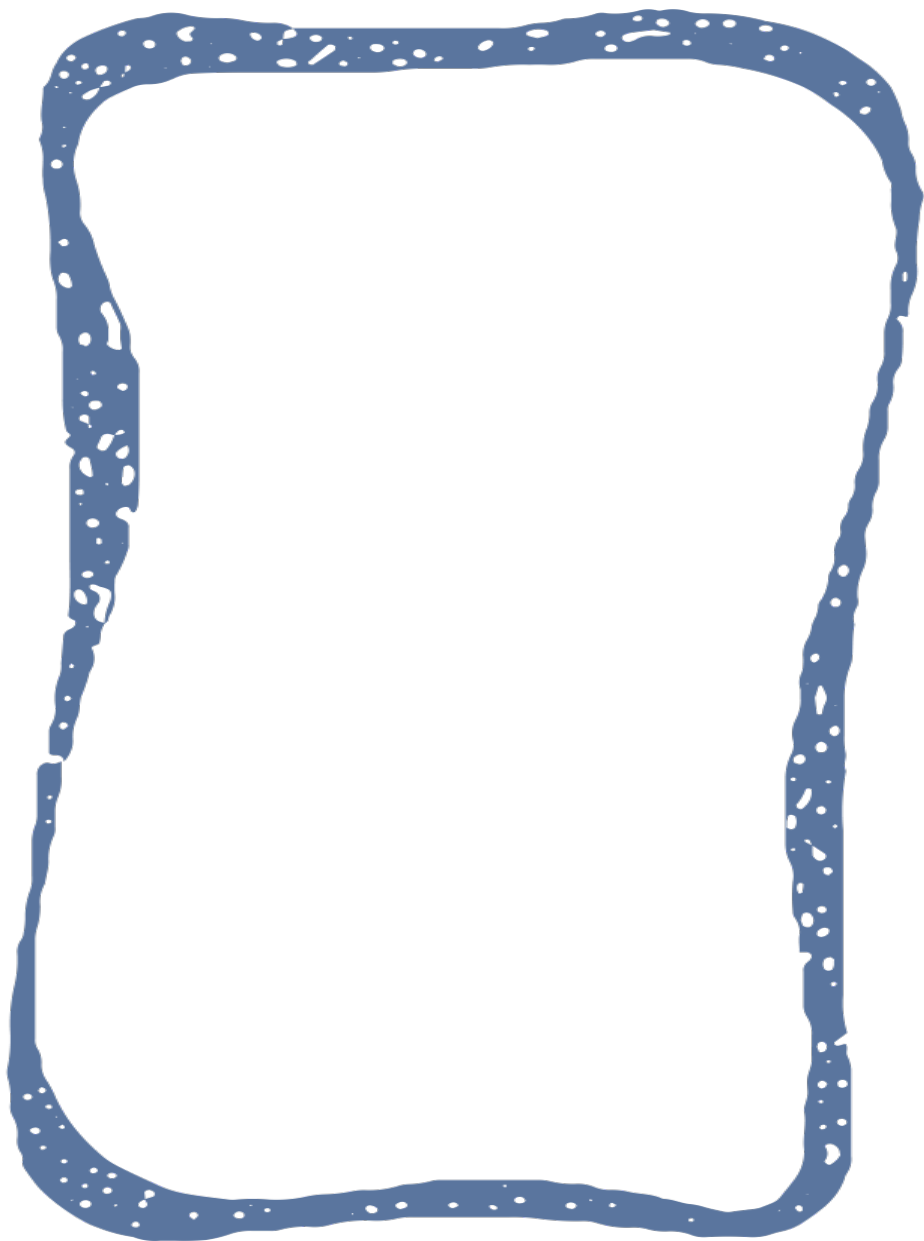
Judas

A disciple is someone who learns from Jesus. How can you learn from Jesus?

▶ Are you a disciple of Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself.



▶ Who do you need to tell about Jesus? Draw a picture of them.







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