



## Topic: Salvation: What is a Christian?

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### Lesson Plan:

#### Purpose:

To teach how to become a child of God.

#### Bible Lesson and text:

Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus; John 3 - Nicodemus

#### Focus:

Salvation is by grace not by works. Jesus paid the price; full benefits are mine. I become a new creation.

#### Scripture:

Romans 10:9, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (NIV)

#### Lie Buster:

I am God's child, Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

#### Teaching Styles:

Act it out with drama. Include children or use pictures.

#### Object Lesson 1: From damaged to new

#### Point:

The new birth is not a process of change. It is complete. All our pages are new. Our life and destiny are in God's hands. We have a beginning and an end. We become a new creation. The effectiveness of this lesson is to switch the ruined book with the perfect book without the children seeing you.

#### Props:

Two story books exactly alike. In one book, scribble, tear, put holes in the pages etc... so it is messed up inside. On the outside no one can see how damaged this book is. The other book should be in perfect condition.



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### Directions:

1. Keep the perfect book out of sight.
2. In our life, only God can see inside us to the heart. Talk about how this book is incomplete, can anyone here make this book new again? Emphasize the book is damaged. Lay it aside.
3. At some point during the teaching, switch books without the children seeing you. Hold up the perfect book that the class stills thinks is the ruined book. Now tell them that the only One you know who could fixed messed up lives or books is Jesus. You are going to pray and put this book with Jesus. Later open it. Wow! Look what happened. That is what Jesus does to a life that receives Him as Lord. He makes their life story beautiful. The past is used to glorify God.

### Object Lesson 2: Forget not all His benefits

#### Point:

Psalms 103: There are two kingdoms; darkness and light. Satan is lord in darkness and Jesus is Lord of the Light. Each kingdom has "benefits."

#### Props:

Gather pictures, props or write cards describing Satan's and Jesus's benefits. Have a picture of Jesus and Satan representing their kingdoms.

#### Directions:

1. Show the pictures and allow the children to decide which go in each kingdom. They place the pictures or cards in the right one.
2. Examples: marriage, good grades, the church family, a good pastor, healing; prosperity; joy; peace; righteousness; life; heaven; health; love; forgiveness; communion with God etc. Divorce, accidents, fear; sickness; sin; separation from God; bad friends; jail; death; hell; shame; loneliness etc.



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3. Conclude by asking which kingdom is better? Which one would you want people to be a part of? Which would you want to be in? Which does Jesus or Satan want you to live in?

### Object Lesson 3: Only the Blood of Jesus

#### Point:

Sin has only one way to be forgiven; the blood of Jesus.

#### Props:

A small clear glass jar with a lid (have some dirt smeared on the inside), a bottle of red food dye (blood of Jesus), a bowl of water, towel, and bar of soap.

#### Directions:

1. Ask some questions. Who takes a bath? What does a bath do? Does it clean inside us?
2. The jar is like our heart. We can keep our outside clean. But inside the sin can not be washed away. Ask if they know what sin is? Try hard to rub the dirt "sin" away. When we say "yes" to Jesus, as we open our heart, He can come in and wash away our sin. Only Jesus cleanses our sin and can wash the inside. Place some red dye in water. Now wash the inside of the jar. This represents the power of the blood. It cleanses where no soap and water can go. In our hidden parts of our spiritual heart.
3. Once we are saved, we are a new creation, yet still we need the blood of Jesus to wash away sin that we commit in growing in Christ. The same blood that saves us also keeps us clean when we sin and need forgiven.
4. Ask the class if they have more than one bath a year? Do they wash their clothes? As long as there is dirt around we will need to bathe and wash our clothes. Until Jesus returns and His kingdom is established on the earth, they will be opportunity for us to sin and come to the Father for forgiveness to clean our heart.



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### Object Lesson 4: Knock, Knock, will you let Me?

**Point:**

Each child is the only one who can open the door of their heart to Jesus.

**Props:**

A folder with a big heart on it. On the heart, cut out a three sided door on the heart that opens and closes.

**Directions:**

1. Show the heart with the door. Ask a child how to open the door on the heart. Then allow them to open it. Ask if it was hard to open the door.
2. If you have a door in your class ask a child to open the door and ask the same question. Ask what if there is a present waiting on the other side of the door but we won't open it. Will we be able to receive the present?
3. Jesus wants to come into our heart. Some of us have open the door to our heart and Jesus does now live in us. Our mouth is like the door to our heart. We have to ask Jesus to come in. When we open to Jesus, He comes in; washes away our sin and makes us a new creation; a child of God. Being saved or born again, is by faith. We can hold a door shut or open it. Which does Jesus want us to do? Open up to Him.
4. Invitation: Ask which children would like Jesus to come into their hearts?

### Object Lesson 5: What am I? What are you?

**Point:**

Doing all types of things will never change us into something else. We are a created being. Fashioned in God's likeness. We can't become a Christian by works.

**Directions:**

1. You must be born again: at one time you were a child without God, but when you asked Jesus into your heart you became a Christian, God's child.



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2. The below examples may be enhanced in ministry for younger children by having pictures. Make this a funny lesson by acting out the examples or having a child act them. Doing these things will never make us one of the examples.

Examples: (Each child will get to pick an example)

Boy: try to be a girl, you can't (can play with dolls, wash dishes, have long hair) but.....

Girl: try to be a boy, you can't (can drive trucks, climb trees, get greasy) but.....

Car: try to be a Christian (it came to church, drives the pastor around) but.....

Fish: try to be a bird (fly, eat bird food, lay eggs) but.....

Bird: try to be a fish (swims, eat a fish hook) but.....

Dog: try to be a cat (learns to meow, eats mice, climbs trees) but.....

3. When we are born again by the Spirit of God, we are a Christian, a Christ like one. We are holy, as God is holy. Each example above can only reproduce what it is already, just as God births His children in His image and likeness. A fish can't birth birds.

### Object Lesson 6: Who wants to go to hell?

#### Point:

Preach this point. We don't want to go there. People make fun of it. Say it as a curse word. Say "go to hell". Because they are deceived. HELL is not a bad word. Hell is a bad place prepared for the devil and his angels. HELL is the worst pain. The worst loneliness; worst fear; the worst spanking; the worst detention; nothing we have here can show you how bad it really is.

#### Props:

a piece of black paper; a black trash bag, a picture of Jesus on the cross.

#### Directions:

1. Show black paper. This represents how people feel in hell. Ask the children what they see, feel, or think when they see the black paper. Includes: Darkness, loneliness, SIN of all the people that are there, fear, no light.



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2. Show the trash bag. Ask: where does a BLACK TRASH BAG end up? Hell could be like being in a garbage bag. Dark; no air, all alone, can't say anything, get carted off because what you were meant for is no more. Can't rip through the plastic. Hot, dry, never see the sun, rain, or anything alive again. Throne in a stinky, dirty, jammed packed garbage truck. Get taken off by men you don't know. Dumped out in a big pile and covered over; never to be seen again. Worms, and maggots eat you. They never stop. Except you are not dead. And in hell you are not dead. Only your body stays behind. The spirit in you lives forever; somewhere.

**Point:**

That is why Jesus died on the cross, so we could choose Him and what He did. Then we would live for Him and never go to hell. Never be alone; separated from the God who loves us.

**SKIT: Last Flight to Heaven**

**Setting:**

An airport with the pilot and stewardess checking the passengers on board the plane.

**Point:**

There are people in line to get to heaven. But there is only one way to enter. Each one is a character that is a do good person.

**Props:**

Pictures of people you want to include in the good works group and the Christian group.

**Directions:**

For a classroom you can involve the children to play the parts.

The pilot can say: "All aboard!". Each character comes forward with their ticket. The stewardess tells each of them that their ticket is no good. The passengers are irate. They paid for it. But the ticket taker says it is not valid. they have to have the right person pay for their ticket. Each tells why they deserve to be on the flight to heaven. They have all done GOOD things. The stewardess responds, "That is not enough".

Question is asked of each character: What did you do with Jesus?



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Stewardess tells each person to please go sit back down. Then he calls the next person to board the plane.

Finally the Christian answers: "I asked Jesus to come into my heart, to forgive my sins, and be my Lord and Savior. I know He loves me and I chose to live to serve Him because I love Him."

Examples:

1. A doctor: saves lives
2. A coach: wins games
3. A film star: has movies that bring families hope
4. A mom who takes her kids to everything and bakes cookies etc.
5. A church goer: (but not a Christian) they can carry a Bible, quote Scriptures, give money, work hard at the church, etc.
6. A real Christian

These characters are dramatic and boastful of their achievements. Surely they think they are good enough.

When they are denied a seat they say, "But I am a good person. I should have a seat. Let me on!" they scream.

Teacher: Hold up the Bible and Quote the memory verse. We can't do enough to become a Christian. We must believe and receive Jesus, then we become a Christian because of what Jesus did on the cross. We must make a commitment, like marriage, to live for Him.

**Scripture:** Romans 10:9 "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (NIV)

May lead to a call for a commitment to Christ.



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### TEACHER STUDY NOTES

#### 1. THE BIBLE WAY TO BE SAVED

Romans 10:9, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,(Strong's #2962)" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (NIV)

- A. The word saved means more than just saved from hell. Saved means healing, to protect, deliver, to do well, preserved, (like put away so no harm can come to us.) Two thoughts come to mind. One is when we can or preserve fruits or vegetables. They are packed and sealed in jars. They will not decay but have been preserved. Also a wildlife preserve is a sanctuary that keeps all predators, including man and animal out. Those animals and plants are made safe by laws and guards. Saved also means to be made whole or complete.
- B. A lord denotes the one who has the rule. A lord is the master to whom all belongs. Supreme power and all authority are delegated to him and from him. The lord's decision of binding. The lord is the owner and the one responsible for that which he owns.

Romans 10:10-11, "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." (NIV)

#### 1. CONFESSION

I say "yes" to Jesus and "no" to my ways. My ways become His ways. His ways are the best.

#### 2. BELIEVE

I believe what the Bible says. I believe what Jesus did for me is enough.

#### 3. LORD



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Saying "Jesus is Lord," is saying I am not Lord of and over my life anymore. I am not in charge. He is. We get out of the driver's seat. There is a position change.

### 4. SAVED

Being saved is not just praying for Jesus to come in my heart. That is not all we have to do. Believing is Faith in action.

## 2. THE TIME FOR SALVATION IS NOW

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (NIV)

## 3. THE MOTIVE FOR SALVATION IS LOVE

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJ)

## 4. THE RESULT OF SALVATION IS

### A. New Life

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (NIV)

### B. Eternal Life

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." (NIV)

### C. Full Benefits

Psalms 103:2 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:" (KJV)

### D. Health, healing, deliverance; spirit, soul, body



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Isaiah 53:5 "But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." (NKJ)

### 5. THE GREAT EXCHANGE

- A. Our sin for His life and blessings. Jesus was made sin for us. The requirement of the debt was paid. Our sin was nailed to the cross through Jesus. He took the punishment and pain. Favor was granted to all who choose the completed price Jesus paid. We were made right with God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (NIV) (Emphasis added)

### 6. WHAT ARE WE SAVED FROM?

Colossians 1:13 "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves," (NIV)

### 7. WHAT ARE WE SAVED FOR?

- A. to bring God glory and show Him to the World.

1 Corinthians 6:20 "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (NKJ)

- B. to know Him- Intimacy, fellowship, relationship, friendship

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (NKJ)

- C. Become as He is holy, adopted (chosen by choice not chance) be His child, give God pleasure



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Ephesians 1:4-5 "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will," (NKJ)

### 8. HOW ARE WE SAVED?

A. By grace through faith; it is a supernatural working of God's Spirit.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast." (NIV)

Ephesians 2:5 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" (KJV)

### 9. WHEN WE ARE SAVED WE GET KINGDOM VISION

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (NKJ)

### 10. OUR IDENTITY IS RESTORED

- A. Men are lost not because of what they do, but because of what they are. What they do is a result of what they are. In Christ we are not lost anymore.
- B. When we are born again we get a new nature. Our true identity is released. We are not fighting God any more but are made one with Him. Our new heart is alive unto God and desires to do His will.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (NIV)

### 11. WE ARE BROUGHT BACK TO OUR FIRST FATHER



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- A. The moment we believe (ask Jesus in our hearts) our new birth by the Spirit of God is instant and complete. We are a new creation; a child of God. Just like our first birth makes us a child of a mom and dad; we are not becoming their child. We are their child.
- B. We have full restoration of the legal provisions of sonship and inheritance.

Romans 8:15-16 "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God" (NKJ)

### 12. OTHER SCRIPTURES

John 3:4 "Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (NKJ)

John 3:6-7 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" (NKJ)

Acts 16:30-31 "He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-- you and your household." (NIV)

James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that-- and shudder." (NIV)

James 2:24 "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only."(NKJ)

James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (NKJ)



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### SALVATION STUDY SHEET

1. Memory verse: Circle the **bold** words and say out loud three times.

Rom 10:9 "That if you **confess** with your mouth, "Jesus is **Lord**," and **believe** in your **heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**." (NIV)

2. Circle the words you learned that mean "asking Jesus in your heart."

Make a Commitment to Christ    Joining a Church    Born Again    Saved    Baptized

Eternal Life    Getting a Heartache    Received the Lord    Pass from death to life

Become a New Creation

3. Matching Tester: From the words on the left, draw a line to the correct meaning.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Confess | Master, Owner, "the Boss"                |
| Lord    | Conviction of Faith, Trust in, Commit to |
| Believe | Deliver, Heal, Protect, Make Whole       |
| Heart   | Center and Seat of my Life               |
| Saved   | To say the same thing, to agree          |

4. Pray for someone that needs to be saved? Write their name. \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIREMENTS: YOUNGER KIDS QUESTIONS 1 - 4; OLDER CHILDREN: ALL



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5. What happens if a person dies without Christ as Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is it enough to just believe in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. Read these verses and fill in spaces
- a. James 2:19 "You \_\_\_\_\_ that there is one God. Good! Even the \_\_\_\_\_ that-- and shudder." (NIV)
- b. Matthew 7:21 "Not \_\_\_\_\_ who says to me, ' \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who of my Father who is in heaven." (NIV)
7. When we are saved: Read these: 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 5:24, (circle the answers).
- a. The angels rejoice  
b. We pass from death to life  
c. We become a new creation
8. Read 2 Corinthians. 5:21, and circle the correct answers: Jesus was made: bloody poor king sin ,so that in him we might become the children rich righteousness of God.