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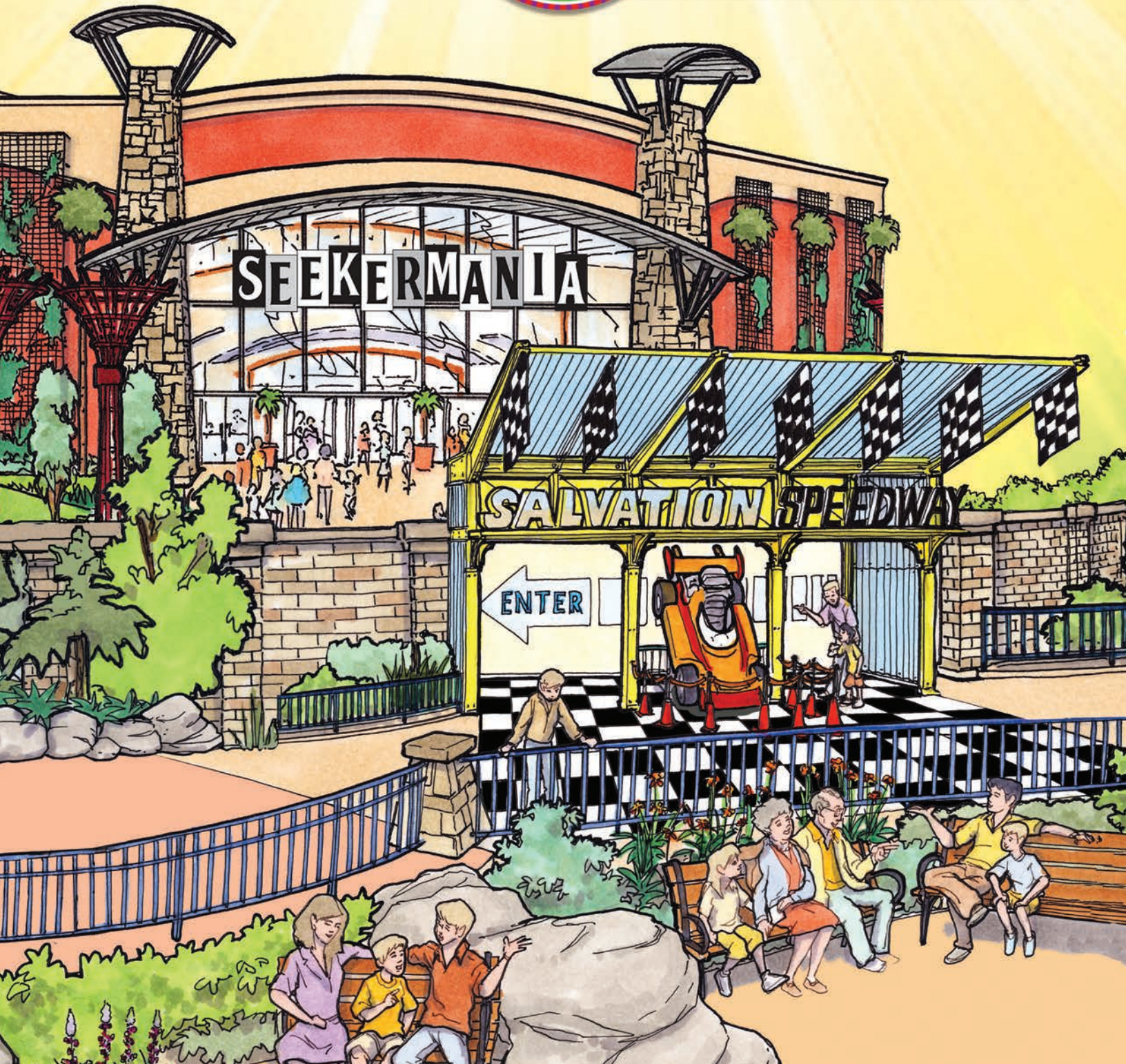
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THIS WORKBOOK BELONGS TO



UNITS 1 & 2

Core Bible Story: Matthew 5:3–16

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence begin as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 1 Bible Passage: Hebrews 10:22

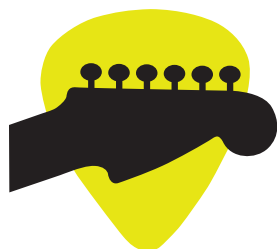
Unit 2 Bible Passage: Psalm 63:1

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S GET READY TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 1



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 5:3-16 JESUS TEACHES THE BEATITUDES, SALT & LIGHT

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, / for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. / ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, / for they will be comforted. / ⁵ Blessed are the meek, / for they will inherit the earth. / ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, / for they will be filled. / ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, / for they will be shown mercy. / ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, / for they will see God. /

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, / for they will be called sons of God. / ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, / for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be

glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

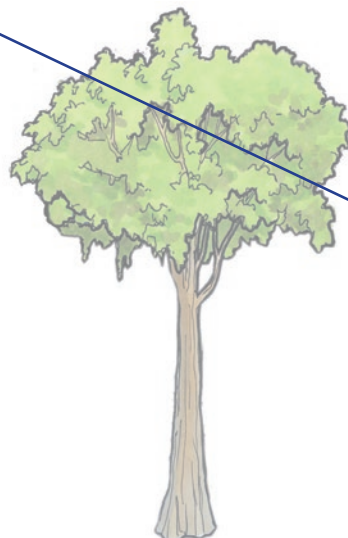
¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

MEANING MATCH

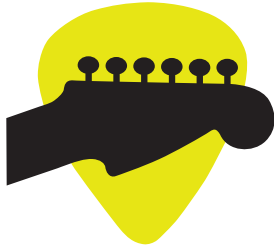
MATTHEW 5:3-16

Draw a line from each word or phrase on the left to the definition on the right that matches its meaning in the Core Bible Story.

1. Blessed
2. Kingdom of heaven
3. Poor in spirit
4. Mourn
5. Meek
6. Mercy
7. Pure in heart
8. Peacemakers
9. Persecuted
10. Righteousness



- a. Feel deeply sad about sin
- b. Those whose thoughts are neither sinful nor hypocritical
- c. Realm of God's rule
- d. Humble; exalts others
- e. Happy in finding approval
- f. Bringing people to God and bringing people together
- g. Living according to God's rules
- h. Aware of sin and need for God's grace
- i. Loving, undeserved response to someone miserable
- j. Treated badly, including ridicule, imprisonment, even death



Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 5:3–16 JESUS TEACHES THE BEATITUDES, SALT & LIGHT

Read Matthew 5:13. What did Jesus call His followers? _____

Why are believers the salt of the earth? _____

Read Matthew 5:14. What else did Jesus call His followers? _____

Why can't a city on a hill be hidden? _____

How should believers be like the city on a hill? _____

Read Matthew 5:15. What did Jesus say people don't do with a lamp?

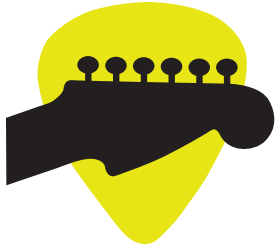
What should people do with a lamp? _____

In the same way, what should a believer do with God's love? _____

Read Matthew 5:16. Believers should let their light shine before whom?

How do believers let their light shine, and for what purpose? _____





Bible Passage 1

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Challenging Words

1. Circle the three words or short phrases from Hebrews 10:22 that are the most difficult to understand and write below.

2. After the class discussion with your teacher, write the meaning of words or phrases that were most challenging for you.

Pair and Share

With a partner, discuss the beatitudes in Matthew 5:3–11. Explain how demonstrating these characteristics brings blessing from God.

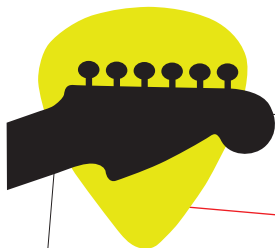
One-minute Write

After your teacher reads the description for each beatitude found in Matthew 5:3–11, describe how you could apply this characteristic in your own life.

Go to your Creative Page (page 9) to complete your work.

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HEBREWS 10:22



Seekermania

Here comes the craze-catching on with you
Unbelievable and yet it's something we can do
To the Holy Place—we can enter in
Never hesitate to go and walk right up to Him
So we're drawing near to God with hearts sincere
As our faith ensures the path is always clear

Any time is right
Anywhere is near—Seekermania
Even out of sight

He is always here—Seekermania
Any time is right

Anywhere is near—Seekermania
In our daily flight
There He will appear—Seekermania!

And with endless grace—how He fascinates
Even when we wander and forget Him still He waits
So we're praying with our hearts upon our sleeves
As the Father draws us near and never leaves

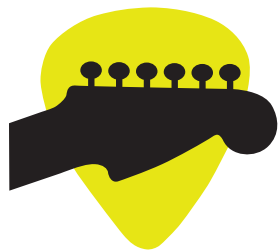


SONG SCRAMBLE

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

1. lapce | 2. klaw | 3. ceersni | 4. grapiny | 5. wards

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Bible Passage 1

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY



Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Everyday Dilemma

You are at a party with a bunch of your friends. You discover that the movie everyone plans to watch is inappropriate and offensive.

1. What would you do? _____

2. How do your actions show that you are being salt and light and obeying God? _____

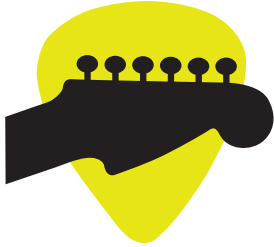
3. Why might others get angry when we obey God? _____

4. What does God promise us when we obey even in difficult times? _____

Wisdom of Another

After hearing from your classmates about how they could obey God even when faced with opposition, write down the idea that most inspired you and explain why. _____

What We Learned



Hebrews 10:22

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Hebrews 10:22, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

honest • cleanses • clear • praying • hear



We can draw near to God by _____ to Him.



It pleases God when we pray with an _____ heart.



We can be sure that God will _____ our prayers.



Drawing near to God _____ us in our hearts.



The path is always _____ to approach God in prayer.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





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Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. Jesus said that we are the _____ of the earth.
2. Jesus said that we are the _____ of the world.
3. Where should a light be placed? Why? _____

4. What will be the result of letting our light shine to the world? _____

5. Explain what it means to be salt OR light for us today. _____

6. According to Hebrews 10:22, how are we to draw near to God? _____

7. Why can believers consider themselves "cleansed"? _____

One-minute Write: After your teacher reads the description for each beatitude found in Matthew 5:3–11, describe how you could apply this characteristic in your own life.

Go back to page 4 when you're done.

Poor in spirit _____

Those who mourn _____

The meek _____

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness _____

The merciful _____

The pure in heart _____

The peacemakers _____

The persecuted _____

CROSSWORD

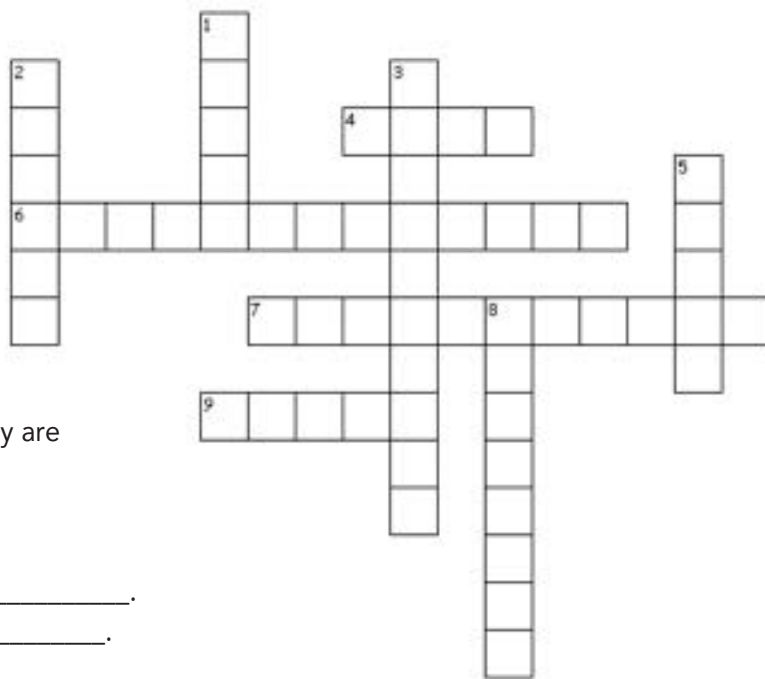
Fill in the correct answers, one letter per square, both across and down, from the given clues.

Across

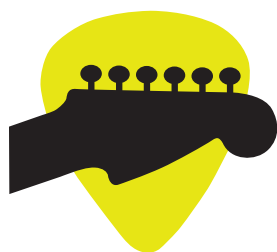
4. When you don't see yourself more highly than you should, you are _____.
6. When you seek to do God's will in everything, you have a hunger and a thirst for _____.
7. Those who try to bring people together are _____.
9. Our life of pursuing God through our good deeds shows we are salt and _____.

Down

1. Those who keep their thoughts clean and godly are called pure in _____.
2. When you know you need God, you are poor in _____.
3. Those who suffer because they obey God are _____.
5. When you are sad and regret your sins, you _____.
8. Those who show mercy are _____.



UNIT 2



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 5:3–16 JESUS TEACHES THE BEATITUDES, SALT & LIGHT

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Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 5:3–16 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: Do you feel more like salt or light? _____

Step 2: What do you do that makes you salt or light? _____

Step 3: How can your saltiness or light have a positive effect on the world for God?



Bible Passage 2

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.



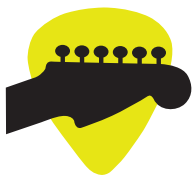
Scripture Study

PSALM 63:1 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Psalm 84:2; Isaiah 26:9; Matthew 5:6.
What main idea do these verses share? _____

How do these verses help us understand Psalm 63:1? _____

Challenge: When we feel distant from God, what actions should we take?

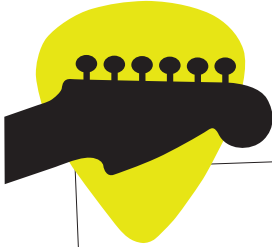


One Word

1. Choose one word that best represents Psalm 63:1. _____

2. Explain why you chose that word and how it best represents the lesson.

3. How does this word show what our attitude should be like in knowing God? _____



iSEEK

PSALM 63:1

iSEEK

Hey God-You are my God
And I seek You more and more
Hey God-You are my God
More than I found You before
With a hunger and a thirst
May I long to seek You first
Hey God-You are my God
And I seek You more and more

Up to seek-need to seek-get to seek-so I seek
In to seek-want to seek-got to seek-so I seek

Hey God-You are my God
And I seek You here and there
Hey God-You are my God
There I find You everywhere
In a dry and weary land
May I long to seek Your hand
Hey God-You are my God
And I seek You here and there

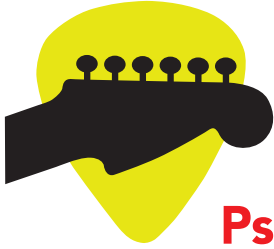


TILE SCRAMBLE

What does it mean to be salt and light?
Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

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G	O	D	E	W	R	E	A	D	T	H	A	T	V	E	M	Y	T	H	

M	Y	A	C	T		S	S	H	O	W					
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Bible Passage 2

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Psalm 63:1

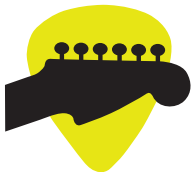
O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.



Object Prompt

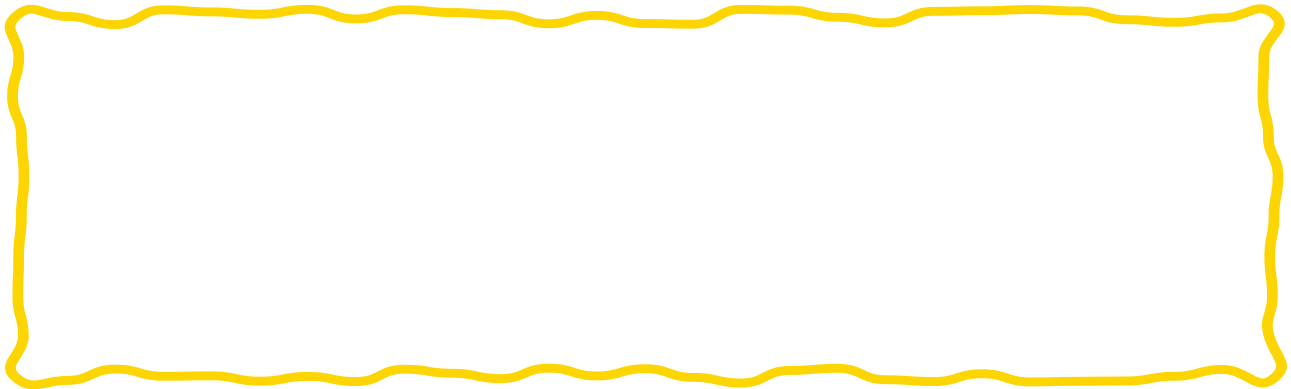
Identify the object shown by your teacher.

What does the object have to do with what you are learning from the Bible passage this week? _____



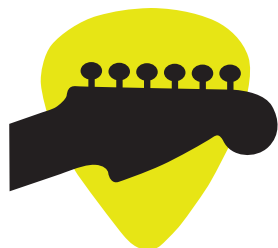
Let's Draw

Choose one of the beatitudes from Matthew 5:3–11 and draw it.



1. Explain which beatitude you chose and describe how your drawing illustrates that characteristic. _____
2. Now that you know this verse, what should you do? _____
3. What is promised for those that demonstrate the beatitude you chose? _____
4. One other thing that you learned from the passage is: _____

What We Learned



Psalm 63:1

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Psalm 63:1, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

devotion • more • anywhere • thirsty • acknowledge



To seek God _____ that He is your God.



Earnestly seek God with faith and _____.



We will be blessed by seeking God _____ and more.



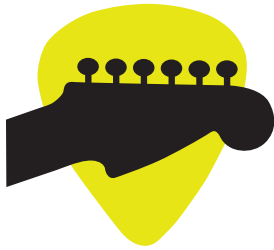
Seeking God in prayer can happen _____.



Only God's presence can satisfy a _____ soul.



Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.

**SEEKERMANIA****Weekly Quiz**

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. What makes salt worthless? _____

2. How can that happen to a believer? _____

3. When Jesus calls us lights, to what does He compare us?

4. Why can a city on a hill not be hidden? _____

5. How can Christians be a light to the world? _____

6. Who wrote Psalm 63? _____
7. If you were giving David advice, what might you tell him to do since he is thirsty for God? _____

One thing from the lesson that challenged me this week is:

This is what I thank God for (my praise):

This is how I can live out what I learned this week at home:

UNITS 3 & 4

Core Bible Story: Matthew 6:5–13

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence continue as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 3 Bible Passage: Matthew 6:6

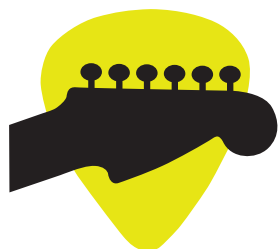
Unit 4 Bible Passage: Colossians 3:1–2

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 3



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:5-13 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many

words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, / hallowed be your name, / ¹⁰ your kingdom come, / your will be done / on earth as it is in heaven. / ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. / ¹² Forgive us our debts, / as we also have forgiven our debtors. / ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from the evil one.'"

MEANING MATCH

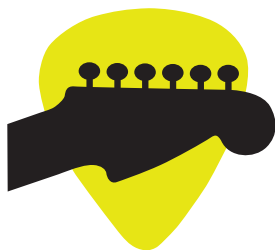
MATTHEW 6:5-13

Draw a line from each word on the left to the definition on the right that matches its meaning in the Core Bible Story.

1. **Pray**
2. Hypocrite
3. Reward
4. Pagan
5. Unseen
6. Hallowed
7. Debt
8. Temptation
9. Lead
10. Babbling



- a. Invisible
- b. Guide
- c. What you owe
- d. Phony
- e. Desire to do wrong
- f. Jabbering or chattering
- g. Honor
- h. Talk with God**
- i. Holy or sacred
- j. Unbeliever



Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 6:5-13 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

Read Matthew 6:5. What did Jesus teach His disciples to do? _____

Is there a wrong way to pray? _____

How do hypocrites pray? _____

Why do they do this? _____

Read Matthew 6:6. How did Jesus say to pray the right way? _____

What does the Father do for those who pray sincerely? _____

Read Matthew 6:7-8. How did the pagans pray? _____

Is it okay to pray simple words? _____

Read Matthew 6:9. Did Jesus teach us how to pray? _____

What were the first two words of Jesus' prayer? _____

To whom do we pray? _____

How do we greet Him? _____



Bible Passage 3

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Question of the Day

1. Write out the question of the day. _____

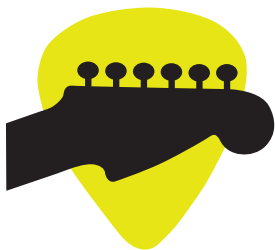
2. After the question of the day discussion, write your response.

Pair and Share (Truth)

With a partner, read Matthew 6:9 and consider the meaning of "hallowed be your name."

1. Explain why using the expression "Oh, my God" does not honor God.

2. How will Matthew 6:9 affect the words you use and why?



YOUR GETAWAY

MATTHEW 6:6

YOUR GETAWAY

Day and night
Night or day
You can go find your getaway
Try to leave the world
Behind you every day

Take the time
Sneak away
You can go find your getaway
Close the door and seek
Your Father when you pray

Then as your Father sees you there
He will reward your simple prayer
Then as your Father sees you there
He fills your heart
To take His presence everywhere

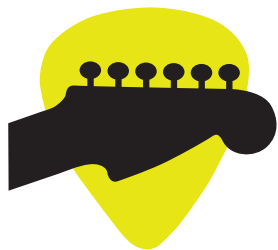


SONG SCRAMBLE

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

1. seloc | 2. rodo | 3. htrea | 4. drrwea | 5. yarepr

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Bible Passage 3

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY



Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Group Questions

With your group, read Matthew 6:9–13. Together decide on a question to ask the teacher about the Lord's Prayer.

1. What question did your group ask your teacher? _____

2. What did you learn? _____

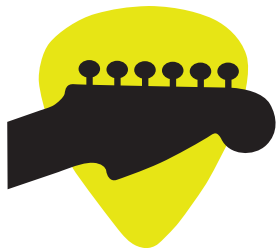
3. How can you apply your new knowledge in your own life? _____

Haiku

Write a haiku based on Matthew 6:6. A haiku is a three-line poem in which the first line has five syllables, the second has seven syllables, and the last has five syllables. Choose "How to pray" or "How not to pray" for your haiku topic. Share your poem with a partner. Illustrate your poem.

Go to your Creative Page (page 25) to illustrate your work.

What We Learned



Matthew 6:6

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Matthew 6:6, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

alone • time • behind • sees • rewards



We can pray to God at any _____ — whether day or night.



Praying _____ prevents us from praying to show off.



When we pray, we can't see God—but He _____ us.



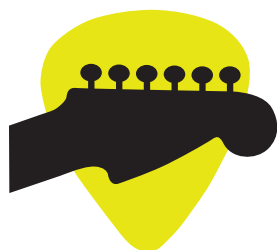
God loves when we pray, and _____ us when we do.



Praying helps us leave the world _____ to pursue God.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





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Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. Whom are we NOT to be like? _____

2. Why are we not to be like them? _____

3. Why should we not "babble like pagans"? _____

4. What does "hallowed" mean? _____
5. List three things for which this prayer asks. _____

6. Who is "the evil one"? _____
7. Who gave us this example of prayer? _____

Haiku: Illustrate your poem.

Go back to page 22 when you're done.



BREAK THE CODE

MATTHEW 6:6

Break the code using the code chart below. Find each coded number on the top row to select the correct letter on the bottom row. Write out the correct phrase on the lines below.

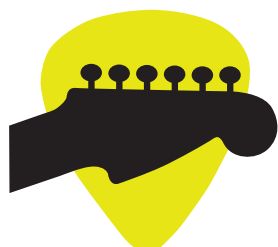
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UNIT 4



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:5-13 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, / hallowed be your name, / ¹⁰ your kingdom come, / your will be done / on earth as it is in heaven. / ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. / ¹² Forgive us our debts, / as we also have forgiven our debtors. / ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from the evil one.'"



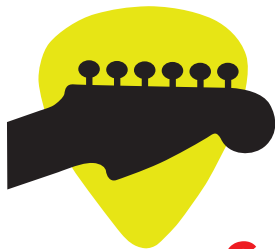
Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 6:5-13 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: Read verses 9 and 10 again.

Step 2: Write out the prayer in your own words, like you would say it.

Step 3: Use the prayer that you wrote in step 2 as a guide. Pray that prayer two more times this week.



Bible Passage 4

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Colossians 3:1–2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**



Scripture Study

COLOSSIANS 3:1–2 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Romans 8:6–7; 2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 Peter 3:22.

What main idea do these verses share? _____

How do these verses help us understand Colossians 3:1–2? _____

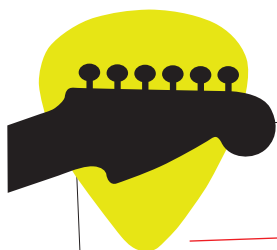
Challenge: Why should we set our hearts and minds on where Jesus is?



Muddiest Point

1. What is the “muddiest point” or most confusing thing about the passage in Colossians 3:1–2? _____

2. After discussing this with your class, explain your new knowledge.



HEADS-UP

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

HEADS-UP

Get your head out of the clouds
That's what they used to say to me
But I've been raised with Christ
And I live now for what's to be

Live it up every day
That's what the world is swift to say
But Christ sits on the throne
And I'm already there to stay

So heads-up
Don't look down
Keep your eyes above the ground
For your life is now with Christ
And there's no need to hang around
So heads-up
And take wing
Think on high where Christ is King
Set your hearts on what's above
And rest your minds on godly things
So heads-up

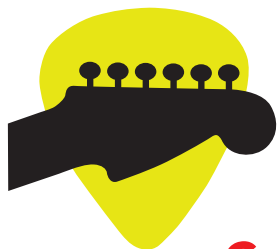


TILE SCRAMBLE

What kind of prayer does God reward?
Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

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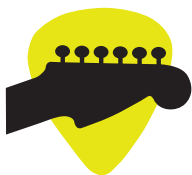


Bible Passage 4

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Colossians 3:1–2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**



Song/Verse Connection

1. Explain how “Heads-up” reflects the meaning of Colossians 3:1–2.

2. How can setting our minds on things above help us avoid worldly temptations? After writing your answer, discuss your ideas with a partner.

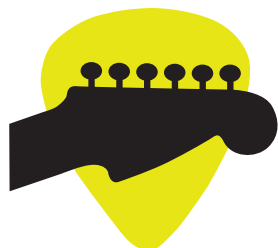


One-minute Write

Answer one of the following questions:

What was the most important thing you learned from the Colossians 3:1–2?
How will you apply the truth of Colossians 3:1–2 to your life?

What We Learned



Colossians 3:1–2

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Colossians 3:1–2, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

above • seated • now • earthly • raised



Once _____ with Christ, set your heart on Christ.



Christ followers must set their hearts on things _____.



Jesus is _____ in heaven, at the right hand of God.



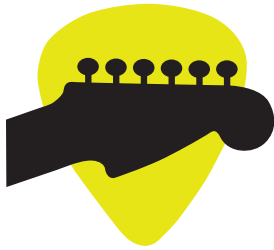
Believers must remove their minds from _____ things.



Christ followers must live _____ for the life to come.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.



**SEEKERMANIA****Weekly Quiz**

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. By whom did the hypocrites want to be seen? _____

2. What does "hypocrite" mean? _____

3. From whom do the hypocrites receive their reward? _____

4. Where does Jesus say to go and pray? _____

5. Where is a good place for you to pray? _____

6. Why do you think we need to talk to God if He already knows what we need?

7. In what ways do you encounter the evil one? _____

A song lyric that challenged me and why:

God did this in my life this week:

This is what I want to say to God (my prayer):

UNITS 5 & 6

Core Bible Story: Matthew 6:19–24

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence continue as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 5 Bible Passage: Matthew 6:20–21

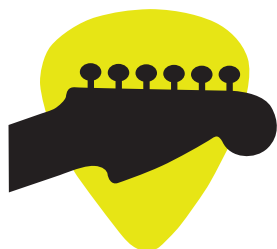
Unit 6 Bible Passage: Romans 12:1–2a

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 5



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:19-24 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT TREASURES IN HEAVEN

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be

full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

DOUBLE PUZZLE

MATTHEW 6:19-24

When does God reward us?

Unscramble each of the clue words found in your Bible story. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to find the key application.

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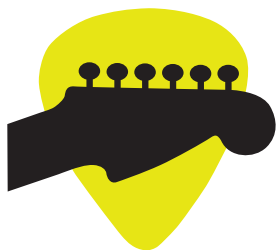
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Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 6:19–24 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Read Matthew 6:19–20. Where should we store up treasures? _____

What happens to treasure on earth? _____

What are treasures on earth? _____

What are treasures in heaven? _____

Read Matthew 6:21. Where does Jesus say our hearts are? _____

What do our hearts say about us? _____

If our lives are about earthly treasure, are our hearts right with God?

Read Matthew 6:22–23. What happens when our eyes focus on godly things? _____

What happens when our eyes focus on earthly things? _____

Read Matthew 6:24. How many masters can we serve? _____

Can we love wealth and serve God at the same time? _____

Can we love earthly and heavenly treasure at the same time? _____



Bible Passage 5

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Matthew 6:20–21

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

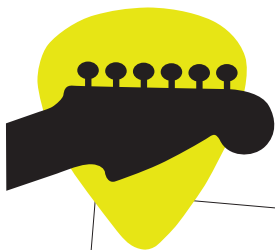
In Your Own Words

1. Rewrite Matthew 6:20–21 using your own words. _____

2. Draw a picture that represents the Scripture.

Skits Are Us

Create a skit that shows what it means to store up treasures in heaven. Show how someone can enjoy earthly things and hobbies, but not put them above loving and pursuing God. Briefly summarize your skit and explain how it shows where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**TO GO**

MATTHEW 6:20-21

TO GO

Store treasure but not down here
 For earthly gain disappears
 The only thing we can take
 Is working for heaven's sake
 I'll take mine to go!

A fortune is not for keeps
 For it'll be worthless heaps
 The only thing we can claim
 Is serving in Jesus' name
 I'll take mine to go!

My heart is where
 I really want to go
 My treasure's there so I'll take mine to go
 My heart is where
 I really want to go
 My treasure's there so I'll take mine to go
 I'll take mine to go!

**SONG SCRAMBLE**

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

1. rotse | 2. rappsidesa | 3. kase | 4. peeks | 5. macil

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Bible Passage 5

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY



Matthew 6:20–21

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Word Sequence Race

After the Word Sequence Race activity, write out Matthew 6:20–21 correctly. _____

Rewrite Matthew 6:20–21 in your own words. _____

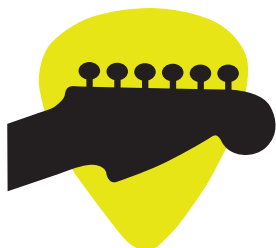
Bumper Sticker

1. Brainstorm at least three slogans that represent the key application of today's lesson in Matthew 6:20–21. Write slogan ideas here:

2. Choose your favorite slogan and create a bumper sticker with illustrations. *Go to your Creative Page (page 41) to do your work.*

3. Explain how your bumper sticker demonstrates where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. _____

What We Learned



Matthew 6:20–21

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Matthew 6:20–21, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

produces • fades • heaven • treasure • serve



Jesus said to store up treasures or reward in _____.



Earthly treasure _____, but heavenly treasure is eternal.



Our hearts _____ what is most important to us.

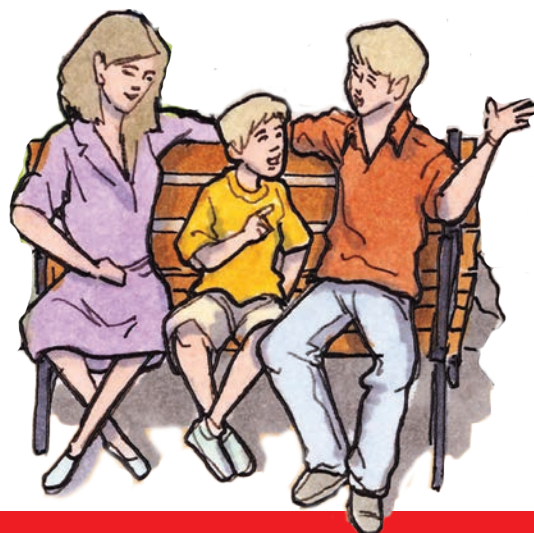


We make the choice to follow the world or _____ the Lord.



Serving the Lord _____ treasure in heaven.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. What should we not store on earth? _____

2. Where should we store up treasures? _____

3. What we treasure shows where our _____ is.
4. What is the lamp of the body? _____
5. What happens if our eyes are bad, or look at bad things? _____

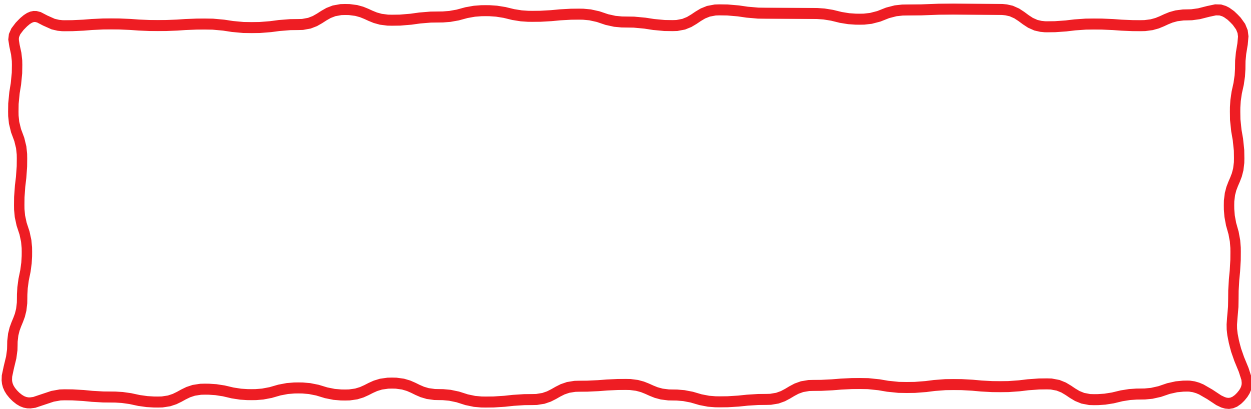
6. How can we keep our eyes good? _____

7. Why can we have only one master? _____

Bumper Sticker: Choose your favorite slogan and create a bumper sticker with illustrations.
Go back to page 38 when you're done.



Drawing Application: Draw what Romans 12:1–2a is telling you to do, now that you know this verse. Go back to page 45 when you're done.



CROSSWORD

Jesus teaches about treasures in heaven

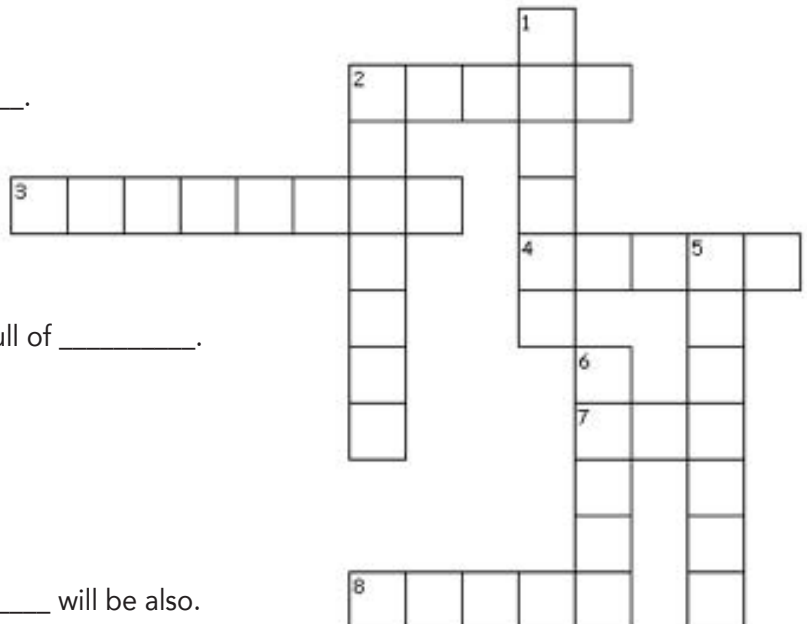
Fill in the correct answers, one letter per square, both across and down, from the given clues.

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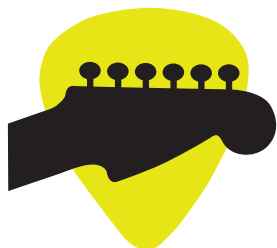
2. You cannot serve both God and _____.
3. If your eyes are bad, your body will be full of _____.
4. Do not store up treasures on _____.
7. This is the lamp of the body.
8. If your eyes are good, your body will be full of _____.

Down

1. Store up treasures in _____.
2. No one can serve two _____.
5. _____ break in and steal.
6. Where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also.



UNIT 6



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:19-24 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT TREASURES IN HEAVEN

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Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 6:19-24 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: What are five things you treasure? _____

Step 2: Think of one way to store up a heavenly treasure. _____

Step 3: Think of one way to loosen your grip on an earthly treasure.



Bible Passage 6

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Romans 12:1–2a

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.



Scripture Study

ROMANS 12:1–2a APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Psalm 51:10; Mark 4:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

What main idea do these verses share? _____

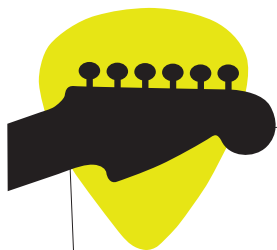
How do these verses help us understand Romans 12:1–2a? _____

Challenge: What is one specific way to avoid living like the world? _____

Challenging Words

Circle the three short phrases from Romans 12:1–2a that are the most difficult to understand and write below.

After the class discussion with your teacher, write the meaning of words or phrases that were most challenging for you. _____



INSIDE OUT

ROMANS 12:1-2a

INSIDE OUT

Therefore, I urge you, brothers
In view of His mercy
I urge you, brothers
To offer your bodies
As living sacrifices; holy and pleasing to God
Therefore, I urge you—here it is, wait for it:

Stop pretending on the outside
And start living from the inside out

Therefore, I urge you, brothers
No longer to conform
I urge you, brothers
To rather be transformed
In this world but unlike it; holy and renewed
in mind
Therefore, I urge you—here it is, wait for it:

Stop pretending on the outside
And start living from the inside out



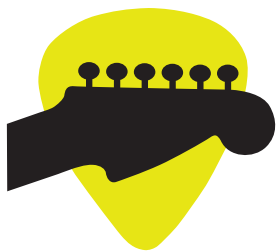
TILE SCRAMBLE

Jesus says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
What happens when our hearts are set on earthly things?

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

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Bible Passage 6

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One-sentence Summary

Summarize Romans 12:1–2a in one sentence that creatively incorporates all of who/what/when/where/why/how. _____



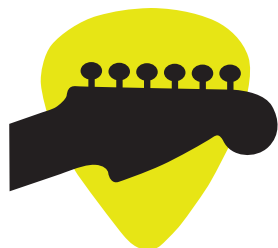
Drawing Application

1. Explain what you learned from Romans 12:1–2a. _____

2. Draw what the Scripture is telling you to do, now that you know this verse.

Go to your Creative Page (page 41) to do your work.

What We Learned



Romans 12:1–2a

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Romans 12:1–2a, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

world • mind • devotion • please • turns



Our _____ to God is in response to His mercy.



Believers should offer their lives to God to _____ Him.



Being like the _____ is not for the Christ follower.



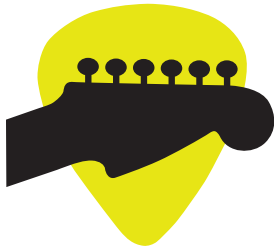
Putting on the _____ of Christ changes our lives.



Following Christ _____ us into who God wants us to be.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.



**SEEKERMANIA****Weekly Quiz**

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. Why should we not store treasures on earth? _____

2. What is an example of earthly treasure? _____

3. What is an example of heavenly treasure? _____

4. How many masters can we serve? _____
5. Why do you think Jesus talks about masters in the same verse that He talks about money? _____

6. Why does Paul say we should offer our bodies as a sacrifice to God? _____

7. What action will help keep us from being conformed to the world? _____

This is the coolest thing I learned about God:

This is how I stored up a treasure in heaven this week:

This is how I can live out what I learned this week at school:

UNITS 7 & 8

Core Bible Story: Matthew 6:25–34

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence continue as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 7 Bible Passage: Matthew 6:33–34

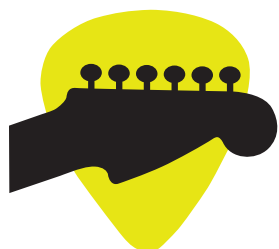
Unit 8 Bible Passage: Proverbs 3:5–6

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 7



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:25–30 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT NOT WORRYING
(PART I—STORY CONTINUES IN UNIT 8)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

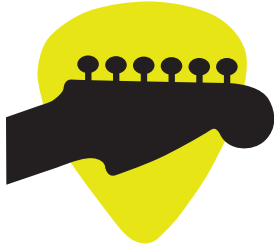
²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

WORD SEARCH

MATTHEW 6:25–30
Find ten words from the story.

WORRY
IMPORTANT
~~SOW~~
REAP
STORE
LABOR
SPIN
SPLENDOR
FAITH
VALUABLE

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F	A	E	O	V	G	M	S
K	Z	B	A	S	M	P	E
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Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 6:25–30 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT NOT WORRYING

Read Matthew 6:25. What should we not worry about? _____

Why should we not worry? _____

Read Matthew 6:26. Whom does God feed, even though they don't work or store food? _____

Will God feed us and take care of us? Why? _____

Read Matthew 6:28–29. What other part of God's creation reminds us of God's care? _____

Who created the lilies? _____

What do lilies show us? _____

Read Matthew 6:30. What happens to the grass of the field that God so beautifully clothes? _____

Are we more valuable than the grass? Why? _____





Bible Passage 7

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Matthew 6:33–34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

One-minute Draw

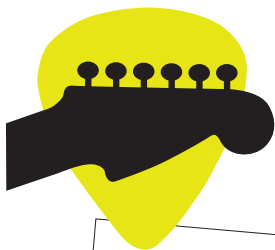
Listen carefully to your teacher read a section of the Bible story. When your teacher pauses, you will have one minute to draw that part of the story. You'll create one drawing for each section of the story.

Illustrate Jesus' teaching about not worrying:

Worried about food or clothes	Birds don't store up grain, the Father feeds them	The lilies grow; God clothes the grass of the field	Don't worry, seek Him first for He provides all you need

One-minute Write

Answer one of the following questions: What was the most important thing you learned from the Bible story? How will you apply the truth of the Bible story to your life?



LET IT COME TO YOU

MATTHEW 6:33-34

LET IT COME TO YOU

Although tomorrow is on its way
It's still the future—not quite today
And since life is so full of delay
Don't see for miles until you pray

But you say
Hey, hey—I'm busy with my own plans
And you say
Hey, hey—come see what I will do
So I say

Hey, hey—you're better off in God's hands
First seek the Lord above
And let it come to you

Anticipation is such a thrill
It's fun to venture not to be still
But for you there is more wisdom still
Don't start the journey out of His will

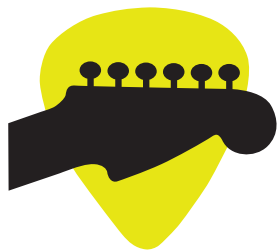


SONG SCRAMBLE

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

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1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Bible Passage 7

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY



Matthew 6:33–34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Pair and Share

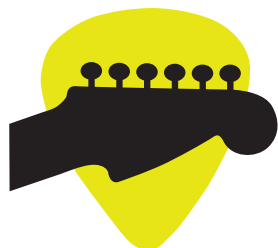
After discussing with a partner, explain how you can seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and how you can avoid worrying. _____

Memory Verse Game

1. After playing the Memory Verse Game with your class, write out Matthew 6:33–34. Cover the verse (don't peek) and write it out from memory here. _____

2. Rewrite the verse correctly. If you already wrote it correctly, rewrite it in your own words. _____

What We Learned



Matthew 6:33–34

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Matthew 6:33–34, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

care • devotion • need • righteousness • blessing



Live for God and all that we _____ will be given to us.



Believers should seek _____ from God, not from self.



God's _____ is His spiritual blessings and favor.



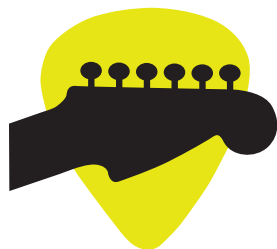
Life's distractions can take away from _____ to God.



God created us, so we can trust Him to _____ for us.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. What specific things does Jesus tell us not to worry about? _____

2. He compares our needs to what things in nature? _____

3. Why do you think He compared lilies to Solomon? _____

4. What makes the grass worth less than people? _____

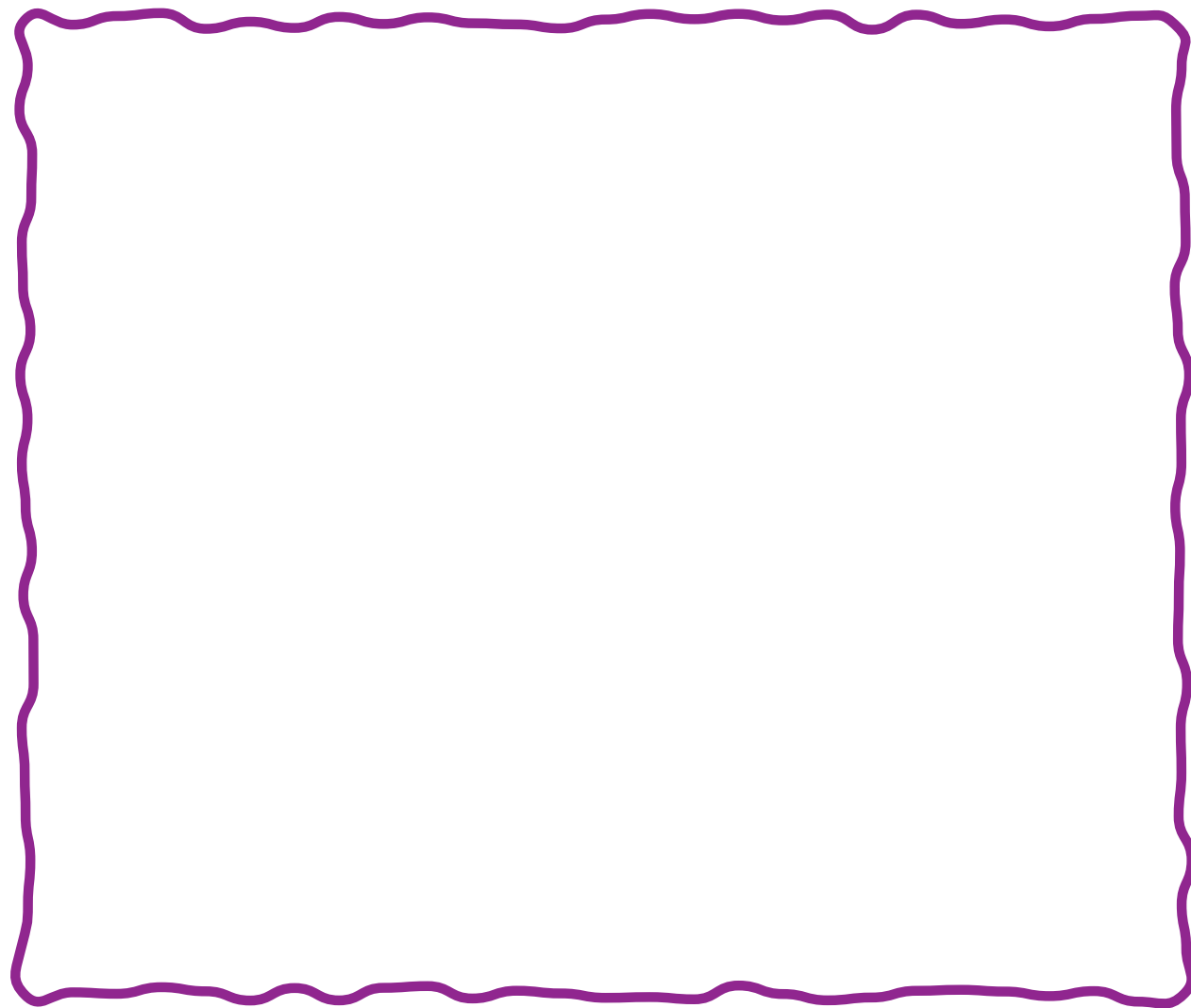
5. What does each day have enough of? _____

6. Write Matthew 6:34 in your own words. _____

7. Why do you think Jesus told His followers that they were "of little faith"? _____

In Your Own Words: Draw a picture that represents Proverbs 3:5–6.

Go back to page 59 when you're done.



BREAK THE CODE

MATTHEW 6:33–34

Break the code using the code chart below. Find each coded number on the top row to select the correct letter on the bottom row. Write out the correct phrase on the lines below.

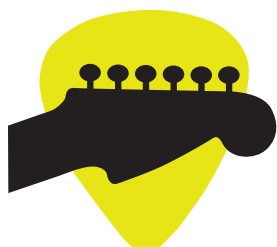
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UNIT 8



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 6:31–34 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT NOT WORRYING
(PART II—STORY CONTINUES FROM UNIT 7)

³¹ “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”



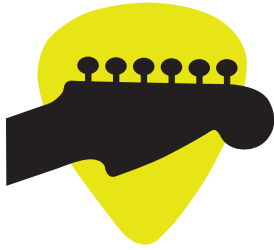
Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 6:31–34 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: Think of three things about which you worry. _____

Step 2: Think of some specific ways that your daily life would be different if you did not have those worries. _____

Step 3: Talk with God about your worry. Be quiet and listen to what He might say to you. Ask Him to take those worries. Give the worries to Him.

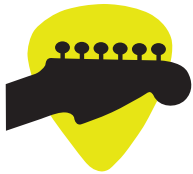


Bible Passage 8

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Proverbs 3:5–6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.



Scripture Study

PROVERBS 3:5–6 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Psalm 37:5; Proverbs 16:9; Proverbs 28:26.

What main idea do these verses share? _____

How do these verses help us understand Proverbs 3:5–6? _____

Challenge: What kind of knowledge and understanding should we as Christ followers avoid? _____

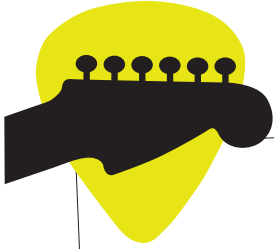
In Your Own Words

1. Rewrite Proverbs 3:5–6 using your own words. _____

2. Draw a picture that represents the Scripture.

Go to your Creative Page (page 57) to do your work.





LISTEN IN

PROVERBS 3:5-6

LISTEN IN

Trust in the Lord
With all your heart
And do not lean on
Your own knowledge—that's a start

In all your ways
Acknowledge Him
And He will straighten out
Your pathway once again

It doesn't matter who you are
Or where you've been
The Lord is faithful
When your heart is genuine
So let your life of faith begin
He will guide through thick and thin
And when He's whispering to you
Just listen in

TILE SCRAMBLE

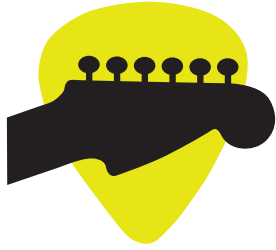
What should we do when things are tough and
we don't understand what is going on?

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.



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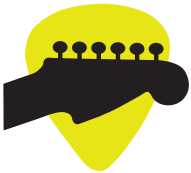


Bible Passage 8

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Proverbs 3:5–6

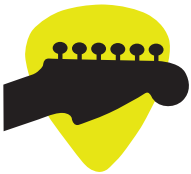
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.



Scripture Scrambler

1. After playing Scripture Scrambler with your class, write out Proverbs 3:5–6. Cover the verse (don't peek) and write it out from memory here. _____

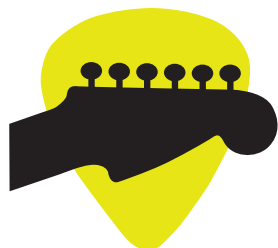
2. Rewrite the verse in your own words. _____



Letter of Encouragement

On a separate paper, write a letter to encourage a friend not to worry but to trust in the Lord. You may include Scripture and God's promises in your letter.

What We Learned



Proverbs 3:5–6

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Proverbs 3:5–6, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

knowledge • heart • area • path • trust



When you trust God, do it with all of your _____.



We either trust God's wisdom or lean on our own _____.



To stay on the right _____, look to God for direction.



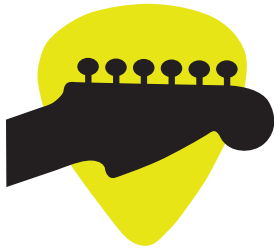
Believers can trust God with every _____ of their life.



God will always lead us if we put our _____ in Him.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. Answer again what Jesus said not to worry about. _____

2. Who pursues these kinds of things? _____

3. Why should we not run after these things? _____

4. What should we seek and pursue? _____

5. When we seek God first, what happens? _____

6. Proverbs 3:5–6 tells us to “acknowledge” God. What does that mean? _____

7. Would you rather walk on a crooked, troublesome path or a straight one? Why? _____

My favorite lyric from "Let It Come To You" or "Listen In" and why I like it:

Something new I learned from God this week is:

One way I plan to put God's Word into practice is:

UNITS 9 & 10

Core Bible Story: Matthew 7:1–5

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence continue as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 9 Bible Passage: Psalm 130:3–4

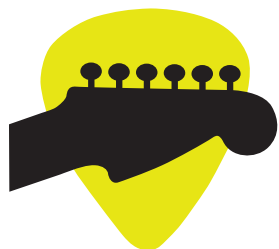
Unit 10 Bible Passage: Galatians 2:20

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 9



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 7:1-5 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT JUDGING OTHERS

¹ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

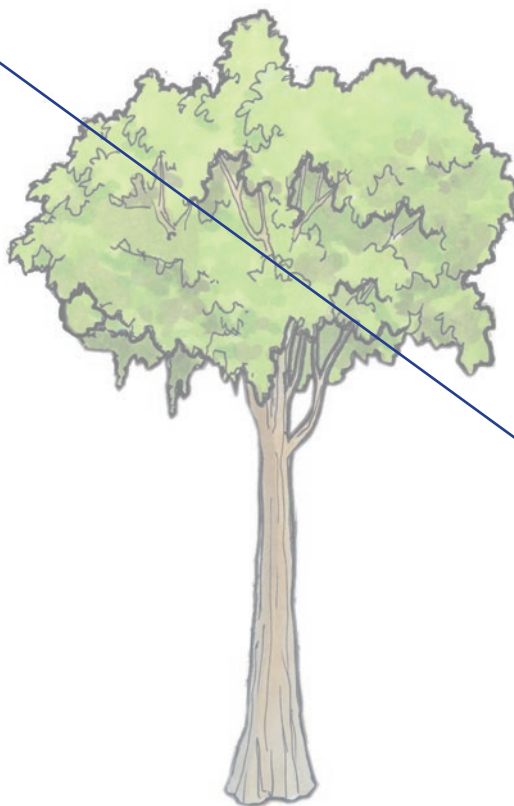
⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

MEANING MATCH

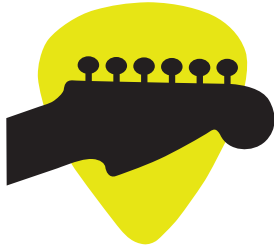
MATTHEW 7:1-5

Draw a line from each word on the left to the definition on the right that matches its meaning in the Core Bible Story.

1. Judge
2. Measure
3. Speck
4. Sawdust
5. Attention
6. Plank
7. Brother
8. Hypocrite
9. Clearly
10. Remove



- a. Lumber, board
- b. One who does what he says is wrong
- c. Take out, delete
- d. Close friend
- e. Without obstruction
- f. Evaluate
- g. Small wood particles
- h. Fleck, a small amount
- i. Thought
- j. Determine, assess



Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 7:1–5 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT JUDGING OTHERS

Read Matthew 7:1–2. What happens when we judge others?

How will we be judged? _____

Why should we not judge others? _____

Read Matthew 7:3. What happens when we focus on the sins of others?

How should we act toward others? _____

Read Matthew 7:4. What does Jesus mean by the “speck” in a brother’s eye?

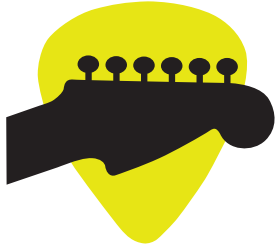
What is the “plank” in our own eye? _____

Read Matthew 7:5. What is the right way to approach our brothers?

What changes in us? _____

What happens next? _____





Bible Passage 9

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Psalm 130:3–4

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

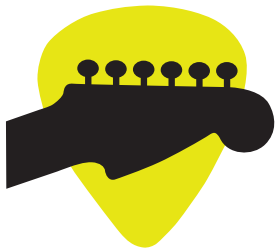
Pair and Share (Story)

1. Summarize your partner's understanding of Jesus' teaching in the story found in Matthew 7:1–5. _____

2. Do you agree or disagree? Why? _____

Skits Are Us

Create a skit that portrays Matthew 7:1–5 in a modern day example. Choose either the right way (humble, forgiving, and recognizing own sin) or the wrong way (hypercritical, judgmental, arrogant) to handle other people's sin. Briefly summarize your skit and explain how it portrays what Jesus teaches about judging others.

**I STAND**

PSALM 130:3-4

I STAND

If You remembered sin
 O Lord, what a predicament I'd be in
 If You recall the very sin of man
 Who could ever stand?

If You had kept a list
 O Lord, what a relationship I'd have missed
 If You recall the very sin of man
 Who could ever stand?

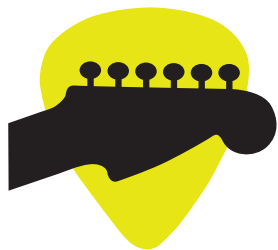
But with You I find forgiveness
 In Your grace is my reward
 It's no wonder You are worshipped and adored
 I stand before You, Lord!

**SONG SCRAMBLE**

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

1. dsnat | 2. egcar | 3. desmis | 4. waredr | 5. ddaer

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Bible Passage 9

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY



Psalm 130:3–4

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

In Your Own Words

1. Rewrite Psalm 130:3–4 using your own words. _____

2. Draw a picture that represents the Scripture.

Go to your Creative Page (page 73) to do your work.

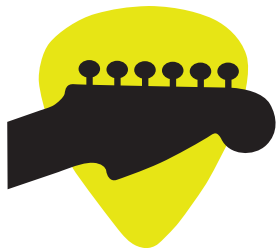
Everyday Dilemma

Read Matthew 7:1–5 and Psalm 130:3–4 to help you understand how you could respond in the following dilemma. You are playing soccer and one of your teammates shouts unkind words to you for making a bad pass. What would you do?

1. What are three ways you could respond? _____

2. Which response best reflects how Jesus taught us to respond? Why?

What We Learned



Psalm 130:3–4 Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Psalm 130:3–4, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

love • cleansed • adored • stand • record



God wants to forgive sin, not keep a _____ of it.



No one could _____ before God without forgiveness.



With God we can be _____ from sin through Jesus.



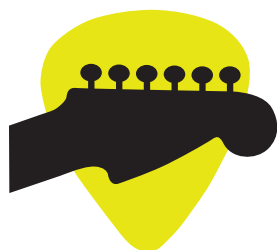
God is to be worshiped and _____ because of His grace.



God offers grace and mercy because of His _____ for us.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. How will we be judged? _____

2. How does Matthew 7:3 describe our brother's sin? _____

3. How does Matthew 7:3 describe our own sin? _____

4. When is there a problem in helping our friends with their sins? _____

5. What does Jesus call people who want to look at others' sin but not their own? _____
6. Do you think God keeps a record of our sin? Give a reason for your answer. _____

7. What does God offer us in our sinful state? _____

In Your Own Words: Draw a picture that represents the Psalm 130:3–4.

Go back to page 70 when you're done.



CROSSWORD

MATTHEW 7:1–5

Jesus Teaches About Judging Others

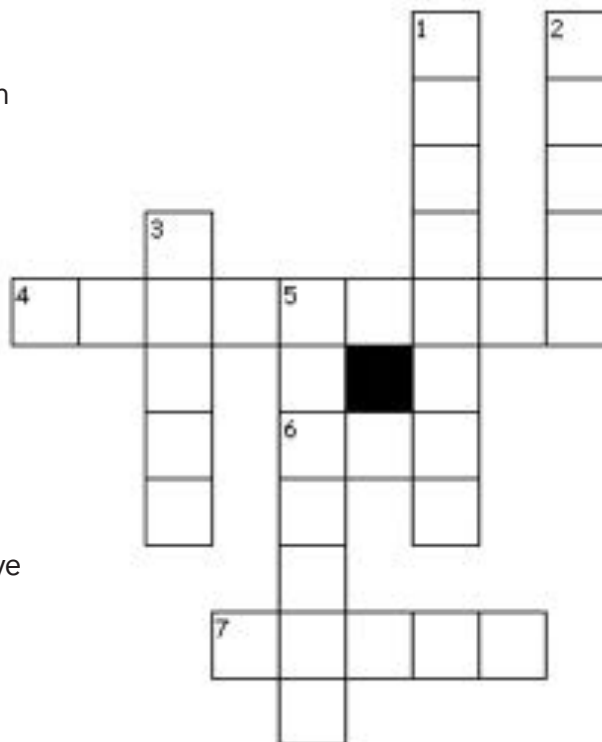
Fill in the correct answers, one letter per square, both across and down, from the given clues.

Across

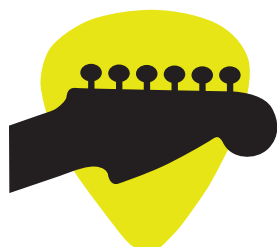
4. Someone who judges others for their very own sin.
6. A plank was in your own _____.
7. Which is larger: a plank or a speck?

Down

1. Part of not judging others is realizing we've been _____.
2. We should not _____ others.
3. A _____ of sawdust was in your brother's eye.
5. You must remove the plank out of your own eye so you can see _____.



UNIT 10



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 7:1-5 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT JUDGING OTHER

¹ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

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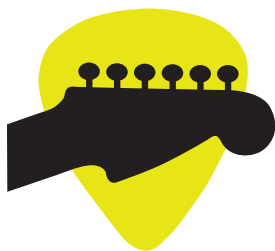
Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 7:1-5 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: How have you judged someone this past week?

Step 2: What sin do you have that blocks how you see God's world and people? _____

Step 3: Ask for forgiveness for that sin and ask God to change you and to remove your plank. _____



Bible Passage 10

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Scripture Study

GALATIANS 2:20 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Romans 8:10; 2 Corinthians 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:10.

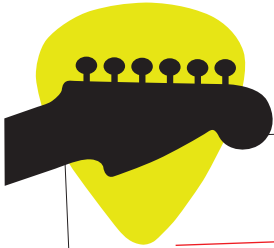
What main idea do these verses share? _____

How do these verses help us understand Galatians 2:20? _____

Challenge: How do Christians live differently than when they lived without Christ?

Teacher Storytelling

When someone wrongs us, it's easy to want to get revenge. But Galatians 2:20 teaches that Christ lives in us and He helps us to change. How does your teacher's story demonstrate the key point of the passage?



ALIVE IN ME

GALATIANS 2:20

ALIVE IN ME

So here I am
Do you think you really know me?
You may be stunned to learn my new identity
And here I am
Have you heard about me lately?
You may be shocked to find that I am history!

I've been crucified with Christ—I'm no longer
I've been crucified and I'm just not me
Now I know it appears
That it's me standing here
But if you look closer you'll see
I no longer live for He's alive in me

So here I am
Do you think you recognize me?
You'll be surprised to know that I'm an absentee
And here I am
Have you checked up on me lately?
You'll be amazed to comprehend my destiny!

TILE SCRAMBLE

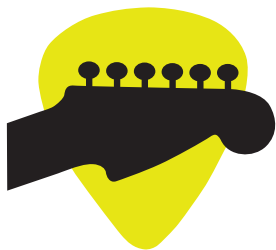
Jesus warns us against having a judgmental attitude and thinking, "I would never say anything like he did!" When we judge others, what do we forget?

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.



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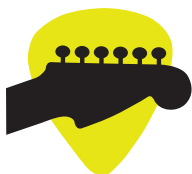


Bible Passage 10

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Team Silence

1. After your team gets the correct order of Galatians 2:20, cover the verse (don't peek) and write it out from memory here. _____

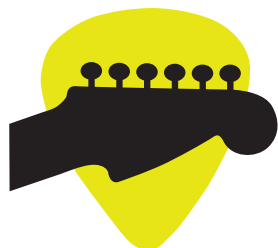
2. Rewrite the verse correctly. If you already wrote it correctly, rewrite it in your own words. _____



Wisdom of Another

When someone wrongs us, it's easy to want to get revenge. But Galatians 2:20 teaches that Christ lives in us and He helps us to forgive. After hearing from your class examples of when they showed forgiveness, write down the story that most inspired you and explain why.

What We Learned



Galatians 2:20

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Galatians 2:20, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

Himself • faith • without • inside • alive



With Christ, we no longer live our lives _____ God.



Jesus lives _____ of us when we put our faith in Him.



As believers, we live our lives by _____ in God's Son.

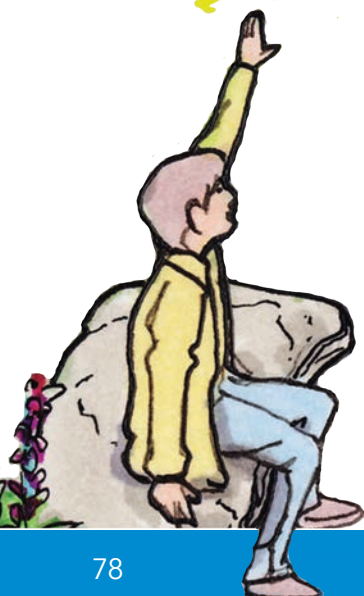


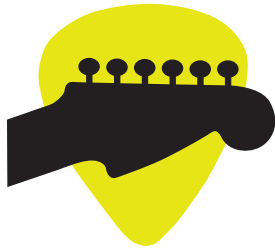
Jesus loves us and gave _____ up for us.



We no longer live alone when Christ is _____ in us!

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. How will our sins be measured? _____

2. Would you want to be judged with an abundance of grace or with strict justice? Why? _____

3. Why do you think Jesus used the analogy of specks and planks?

4. What is a hypocrite? _____

5. According to Galatians 2:20, who has been crucified with Christ?

6. Who lives in believers? _____

7. Describe what a believer's connection to the world should be, according to Galatians 2:20. _____



One thing from the lesson that challenged me this week is:

This is what I thank God for (my praise):

This is how I can live out what I learned this week at home:

UNITS 11 & 12

Core Bible Story: Matthew 7:15–23

Adventures in the pursuit of God's presence continue as we explore Jesus' teaching from the Gospel of Matthew!

Unit 11 Bible Passage: Ephesians 4:22–24

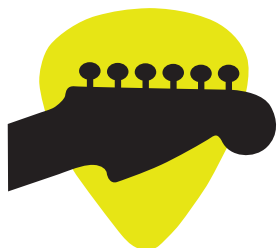
Unit 12 Bible Passage: 1 John 2:15–16

Two powerful Bible Passages emerge to parallel the Core Bible Story as we discover how to draw near to God.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO DISCOVER
THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE!**



UNIT 11



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 7:15-23 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

DOUBLE PUZZLE

MATTHEW 7:15-23

How can you watch out for false prophets?

Unscramble each of the clue words found in your Bible story. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to find the key application.

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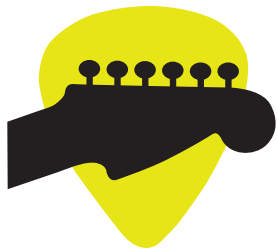
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Core Bible Story Discussion

MATTHEW 7:15–23 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

Read Matthew 7:15–17. Whom should we watch out for? _____

What do they look like? _____

How will we know if they are believers? _____

Read Matthew 7:18–19. Can a bad tree bear good fruit? _____

Are real believers good or bad trees? _____

Read Matthew 7:20–21. How can we recognize false prophets and non-believers? _____

What fruit do we see from a believer? _____

Who will enter God's kingdom? _____

Read Matthew 7:22–23. What will false prophets say on Judgment Day? _____

What will Jesus say? _____

Why will Jesus say this? _____



Bible Passage 11

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Ephesians 4:22–24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

One-minute Draw

Listen carefully to your teacher read a section of the Bible story in Matthew 7:15–23. When your teacher pauses, you will have one minute to draw in the boxes below.

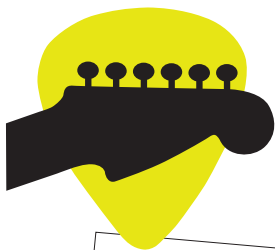
Illustrate Jesus' teaching about a tree and its fruit:

A false prophet (a wolf in sheep's clothing)	Good tree	Bad tree	What happens to the tree that bears bad fruit

How can you recognize false prophets? _____

One-minute Write

Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" is a true Christian. True followers of Christ bear good fruit and seek to do God's will. Write for one minute on one of the following: "Share an example of how you are bearing good fruit." Or, "Share how you are doing God's will." _____



INFINITELY NEW!

EPHESIANS 4:22-24

INFINITELY NEW!

Time to cast away the old self
Leave my former life behind
I am putting on the new self
In my attitude of mind

I am through
With the old self, yeah
A newer new

I am positively new
I'm through

With the old self, yeah
A truer blue
I am infinitely new!

Time to be a new creation
Made like God in righteousness
I am running on elation
In my quest for holiness

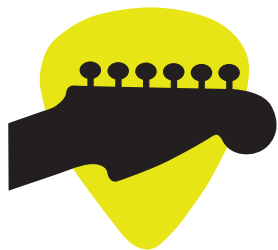


SONG SCRAMBLE

Listen to the song and unscramble these five words:

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1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



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Group Questions

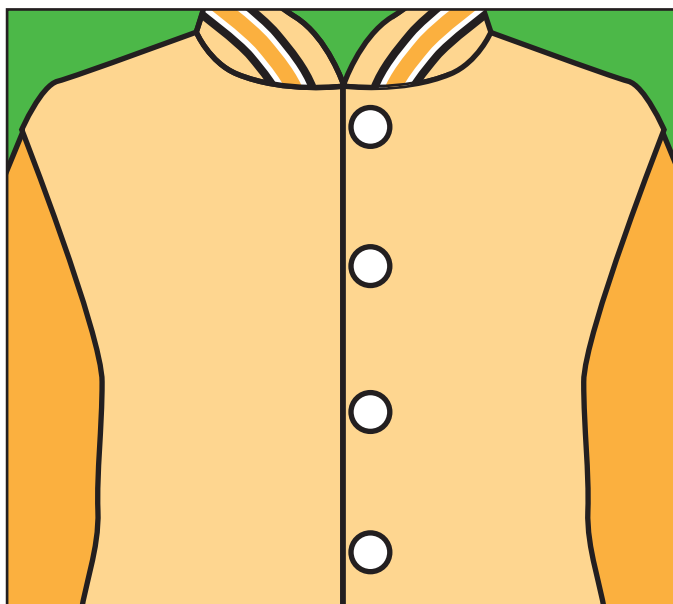
With your group, read Ephesians 4:22–24 and together decide on one question to ask your teacher. After the Group Questions activity, answer these additional questions here.

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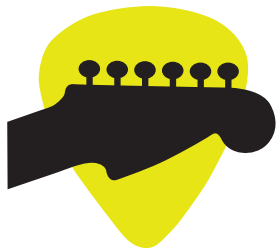
2. What did you learn? _____

Fruit of the Spirit

With a partner, read Galatians 5:22–23a and identify the fruit of the Spirit. Decorate the jacket at right with the nine characteristics that show His active presence in our lives. If time allows, include a small drawing under each word.



What We Learned



Ephesians 4:22–24

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from Ephesians 4:22–24, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

grow • attitude • holiness • leave • off



Believers follow Christ to _____ their former life behind.



As Christ followers, we should put _____ the old self.



To _____ as Christians, we are to put on the new self.



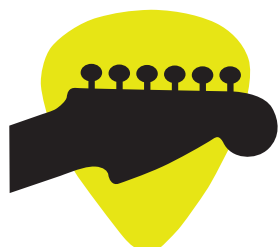
Jesus makes us new in the _____ of our minds.



We are created to be like God and live in His _____.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. What are we instructed to watch out for? _____

2. How will we recognize them? _____

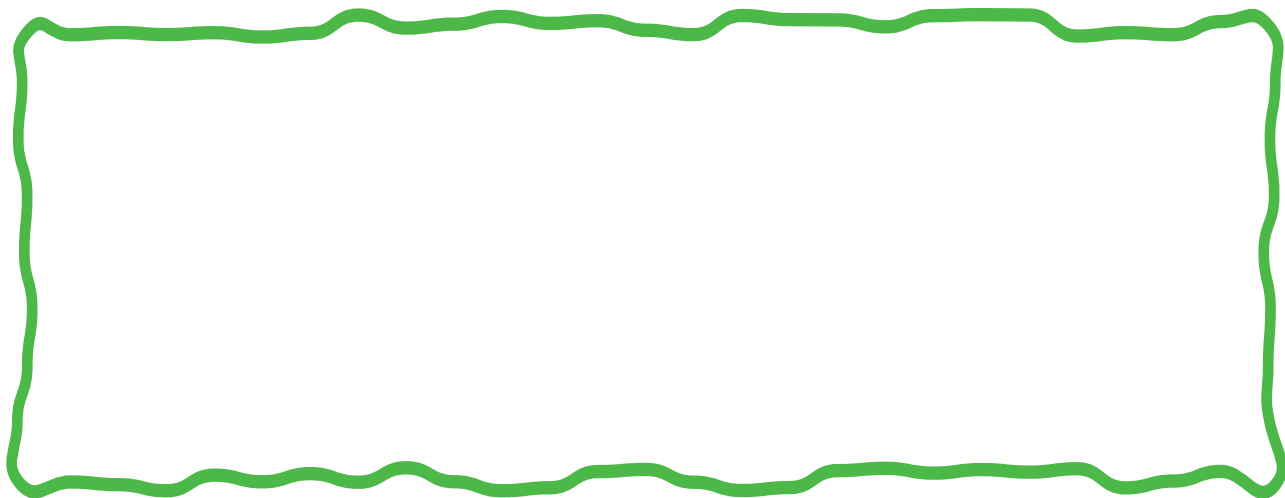
3. Can a bad tree produce good fruit? _____
4. What happens to a bad tree? _____

5. Who enters the kingdom of heaven? _____

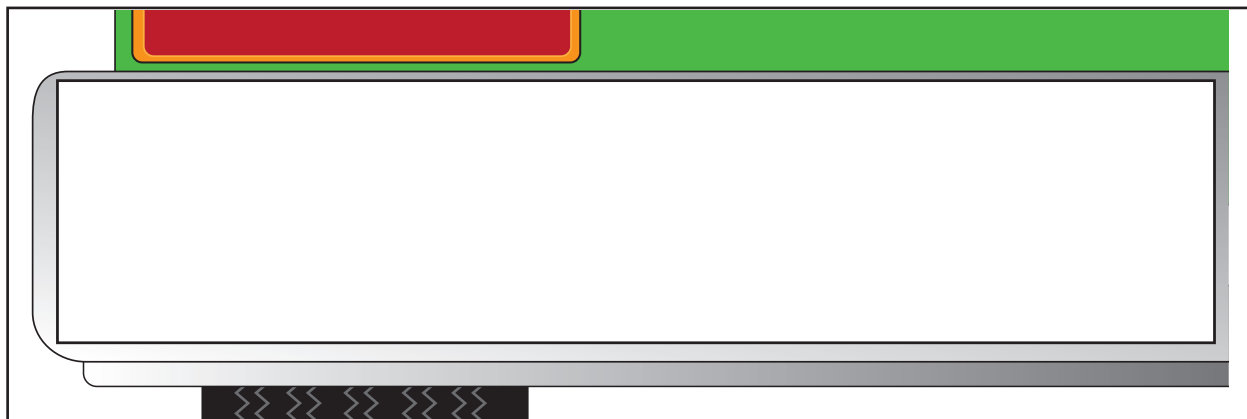
6. Why will Jesus reject some? _____

7. What do you think it means to "put on the new self"? _____

Drawing Application: Draw a picture that represents 1 John 2:15–16.
Go back to page 91 when you're done.



Bumper Sticker: Choose your favorite slogan and create a bumper sticker with illustrations.
Go back to page 93 when you're done.



BREAK THE CODE

EPHESIANS 4:22–24

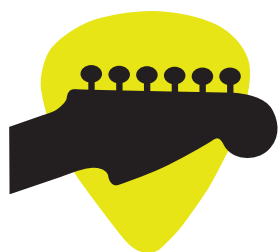
Break the code using the code chart below. Find each coded number on the top row to select the correct letter on the bottom row. Write out the correct phrase on the lines below.

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UNIT 12



Core Bible Story

MATTHEW 7:15–23 JESUS TEACHES ABOUT A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹

⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into

the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”



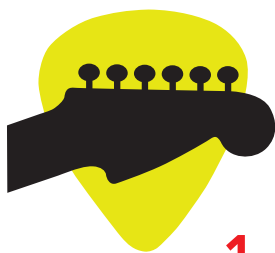
Core Bible Story Application

MATTHEW 7:15–23 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Step 1: If only “he who does the will of my Father” enters the kingdom, how do you know God’s will? _____

Step 2: What have you done this week that is God’s will? _____

Step 3: Spend five minutes in silent time with God asking Him to reveal His will for your life this week.



Bible Passage 12

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

1 John 2:15–16

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.



Scripture Study

1 JOHN 2:15–16 APPLICATION ACTIVITY

With a partner, read these passages: Ecclesiastes 5:10; Luke 16:13; Ephesians 2:1–2.

What main idea do these verses share? _____

How do these verses help us understand 1 John 2:15–16? _____

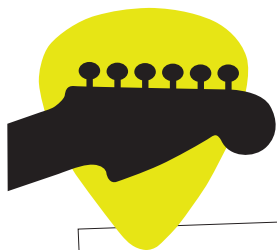
Challenge: What three things from 1 John 2:15–16 come from the world?

In Your Own Words

1. Rewrite 1 John 2:15–16 using your own words. _____

2. Draw a picture that represents the Scripture.

Go to your Creative Page (page 89) to do your work.



WALK AWAY

1 JOHN 2:15-16

WALK AWAY

Don't be part of the world
Or anything it craves
When all is said and done
It's seen its day

Don't get caught in the world
In search of all the rage
No matter what they boast
Don't even sway—just walk away

True Love for God
Simply isn't in you
If you chase the world and all it's gotten into

True Love for God
Simply now or never
Long to do His will and you will live forever

TILE SCRAMBLE

How can you recognize a true believer?

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

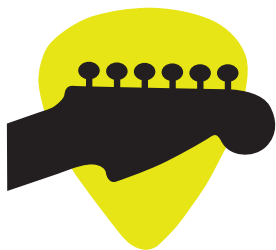
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Song/Verse Connection

Explain how “Walk Away” reflects the meaning of 1 John 2:15–16. Be sure to include what we should walk away from and what we should seek. After writing your answer, discuss your ideas with a partner. _____

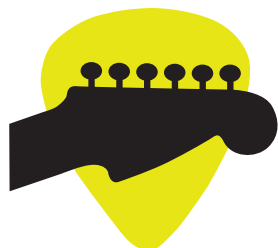
Bumper Sticker

1. Brainstorm at least three slogans that represent the key application of today's lesson in 1 John 2:15–16. Write slogan ideas here:

2. Choose your favorite slogan and create a bumper sticker with illustrations. *Go to your Creative Page (page 89) to do your work.*

3. Explain how your bumper sticker demonstrates that true believers walk away from earthly pleasures and instead seek God.

What We Learned



1 John 2:15–16

Learning Points

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

To see what we've learned so far from 1 John 2:15–16, fill in the blanks in the five learning points below with one of these words:

blessed • boasting • same • chase • before



We can't love God and love the world at the _____ time.



The love of the Father is not in those who _____ the world.



Cravings and _____ come from the world, not from God.

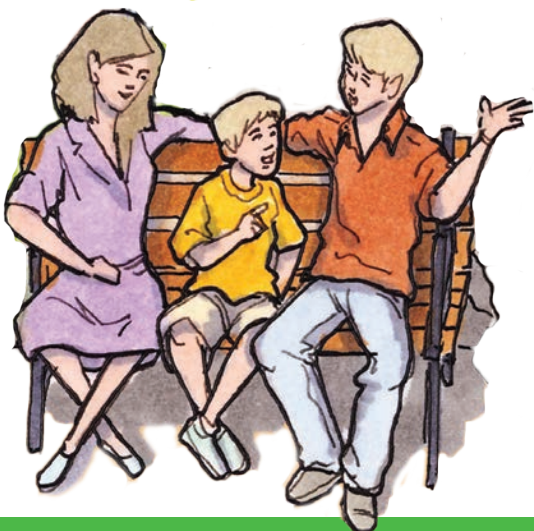


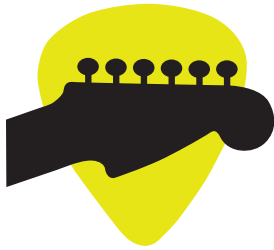
We are _____ when we walk away from the world.



True love for God means putting Him _____ the world.

Choose your favorite learning point from the list above, and explain what it means to you.





SEEKERMANIA

Weekly Quiz

FROM CORE BIBLE STORY AND BIBLE PASSAGE

1. What do you think it means that false prophets come in "sheep's clothing," but are actually "wolves"? _____

2. What should we be looking at when we are evaluating leaders or prophets? _____

3. Why will some people not enter the kingdom of heaven? _____

4. What are some fruits that a true believer would produce? _____

5. Can we love the Father and world at the same time? See 1 John 2:15–16.

6. What three things does 1 John 2:15–16 say do not come from God? _____

7. If we have any of the worldly things that 1 John 2:15–16 names, how can we handle them in a godly way? _____

A song lyric that challenged me and why:

God did this in my life this week:

This is what I want to say to God (my prayers):

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