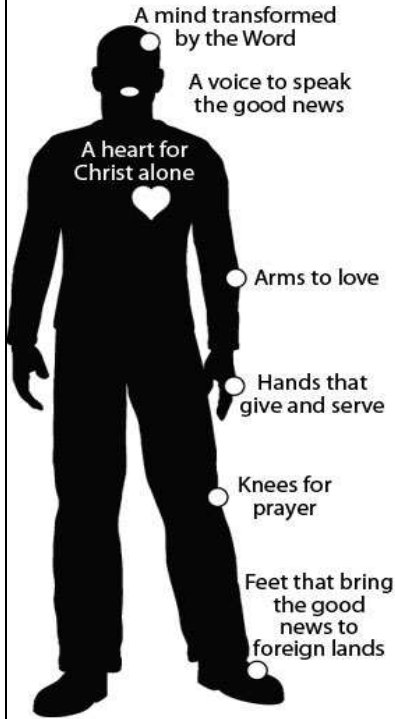


August 7-14, 2011

This Week:

A Heart for Christ Alone



A body that bears the scars of Jesus

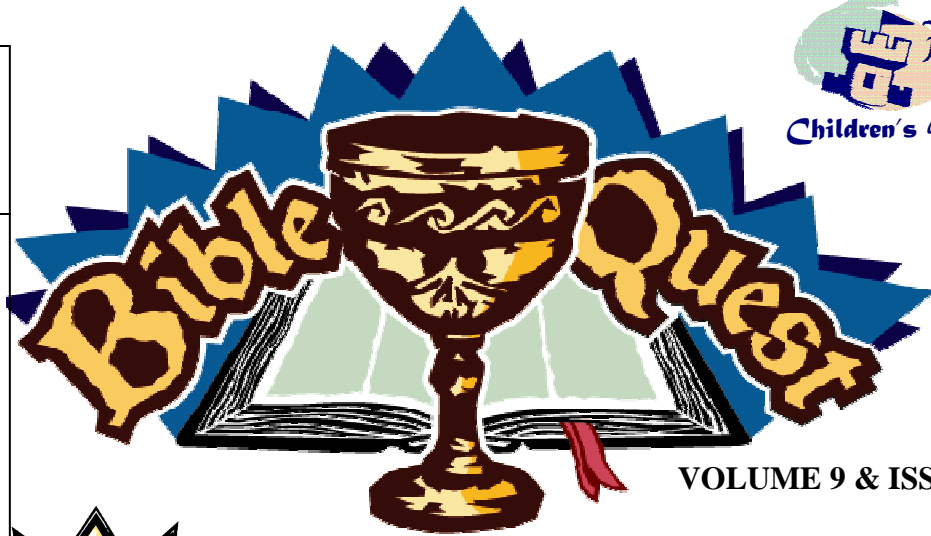
The Eight Habits of a Christlike Disciple

Note to Parents!

Bible Quest is designed as a family study. Take time to adventure with your kids through the Bible this week.

We also encourage you to use this study for ideas for intergenerational activities in your Neighborhood Groups.

There are certain questions that require higher level thinking skills. Use them with your older students. *We have marked these questions in italics.*



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First Encounter

Over the next several weeks, our whole church is going to be talking about *revival*. The grown ups will be studying a book called Seeking Him and talking about what they learned in neighborhood groups, Sunday school classes and in the church service. Us kids will have bible quest each week that has the same lessons to study as the grown up book just in a shorter form with easier to understand words. We'll be talking more about this in Sunday school too; as soon as we start our regular classes. It is going to be really exciting, you don't want to miss any of it!

I realized this week that there are a lot of good songs out there that talk about *revival*. Most of them don't come out and say *revival* but if you listen to the words you'll realize that is exactly what the singer is saying he or she wants for him or herself or for others. I chose a song that says how I am feeling about *revival*; it really shows where I am with God and what I need to do to change and bring revival to my heart. Some of the lyrics are written below.

Made to Love by Toby Mac

The dream is fading, now I'm staring at the door
I know its over cause my feet have hit the cold floor
Check my reflection, I ain't feelin what I see
It's no mystery
Whatever happened to a passion I could live for
What became of the flame that made me feel more
And when did I forget that...

I was made to love you
I was made to find you
I was made just for you
Made to adore you
I was made to love
And be loved by you
You were here before me
You were waiting on me
And you said you'd keep me
Never would you leave me I was made to love
and be loved by you

Anything I would give up for you (nah, nah, nah, nah, nah)
Everything, I'd give it all away (nah, nah, nah, nah, nah)

This week:

Choose a song that talks about *revival* and is meaningful to you. Make a point of listening to that song at least once each day for the next several weeks as we study what it means to *revive* our hearts and our church. God uses music many times in the bible and in our lives today to speak truth. If you aren't sure what *revival* is then you may want to do the rest of the bible quest first and then come back to this activity when you are finished. There are definitions to help you understand in the side bar on the next page.



HEY YOU!!

Want to dig deeper in the passage? Use these steps to help you learn more about what you're reading!

1. Get some colored pencils and your Bible. Get ready to mark up your Bible!
2. Read through the entire passage once.
3. Read through it again and highlight any what God is like in **red**, things that we are supposed to do in **blue**, and what God does or will do in **green**.
4. Read the passage again and look for the main points. Number them (1, 2, etc.).
5. Underline any phrases that are important to the main points.
6. Circle any words that are important to the main points.
7. **Draw lines** connecting any common ideas or repeated words and phrases.

Show your work to your Holy Order of the Lion captain for an extra punch!

Revive-to bring back to life

Revival-happens when God's people are restored to a right relationship with Him.

Fallow Ground-ground that has been plowed but never seeded and is now becoming hard. It must be broken up with a sharp plow in order to make the soil ready for seed so that it can be fruitful once again.



Second Encounter

Read Psalm 85:6-9 (Day 1, Week 1, Seeking Him)

1. According to these verses, who needs revival?
2. Why do we need revival? (verse 6)
3. What happens when we have revival (according to these verses)?

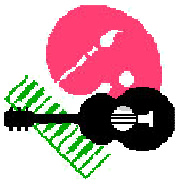
Explain one of these statements (from the verses) in your own words: He will speak peace to his people. OR Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him.



Third Encounter

Read Hosea 11:1-4 & 14:1-4 (Day 3, Week 1, Seeking Him)

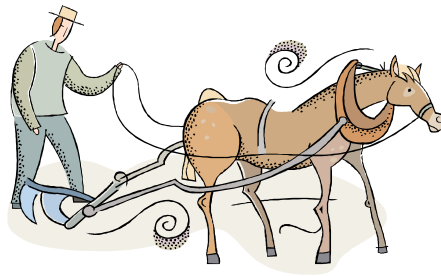
1. When did God start loving his people?
2. Did God ever stop loving his people?
3. According to these passages, what had God's people done?
4. How did God respond to what they had done?
5. *Why do you think God continued to love them and ask them to come back to him after all they did to hurt him?*



Fourth Encounter

DAY 2, WEEK 1, SEEKING HIM

Read Hosea 10:12-13 and on another sheet of paper, draw a picture of the description as you read it. Think about these questions; Who is the farmer that is asked to sow righteousness, reap mercy and break up fallow ground? Who is the land or farm? What has the farmer done in the past? What do you think it means to break up your fallow ground? (see side bar on page 2) How does God rain righteousness (read John 4:10 if you aren't sure)? After you are done with your drawing, write in your own words what you think Hosea was trying to say to the people of Israel. Would he say any of the same things to us today?

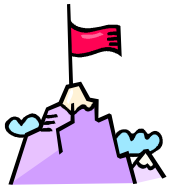


Fifth Encounter

DAY 4, WEEK 1, SEEKING HIM

As we read through the bible, we read about people who time and time again chose sin over God. Each time though, God was faithful to call them back to Himself, to call them to *revival*. Anytime that we fall away from our first love, God, we are in need of *revival*. Read Revelation 2:4-5. Make a list of at least five men or women of God in the bible who fell away from their first love. Write how each of them turned from God and then think about what God did to bring them back to a relationship with him. What did they have to do to *revive* their relationship with God? What do you think you need to do to *revive* your relationship with God?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Sixth Encounter

Ask yourself these questions. If you can't answer yes to any of them, talk to God about it. Then ask your parents to pray with you too.

Do you know that you have sin in your life? Are you truly sorry about the sins that you commit? Do you ask God for forgiveness when you sin and then do your absolute best to change?

Do you trust Jesus more than anyone or anything else in your life? Is Jesus more important to you than anyone or anything else in your life?

From Day 5 (Week 1), Seeking Him (there are a lot more questions in the adult book, we'll get to those in the up coming weeks. For now, just focus on being honest with God about these things.)

*Memorize this
verse this week
and recite it to
your Sunday
School teacher*

**Break up your fallow ground, for it
is time to seek the Lord, 'til He comes
and rains righteousness on you.
Hosea 10:12**

Redeem your treasure! Your weekly Quest is complete!

I have read the passage and completed two or more of the encounters this week. Number of Encounters Completed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please remove this portion of the Bible Quest and turn it in to Mrs. Griggs or Mrs. Koglmeier for a treasure. You will also be entered in the monthly drawing for a prize.