

Lesson 1

The New Birth

1. Read these beautiful words from the Bible.

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

Fill in the spaces in the sentence below according to the words from the Bible you have just read.

All who r_____ Jesus Christ and b_____ in his name have become _____ of _____.

2. In parentheses after the Bible words in point No.1 above you will see the name of the book of the Bible from which they are taken. In which book of the Bible are these words found?

In the book of _____.

3. We have learned that all those who received Christ and believed in him have become _____ of God.

4. a) Who become God’s children?

Those who r_____ Christ and b_____ in him.

b) Which book of the Bible teaches us this? _____

5. Unfortunately, there are people who say they believe in Jesus Christ, but who show by their way of life that this is not true.

So it is not enough just to say we believe in Jesus.

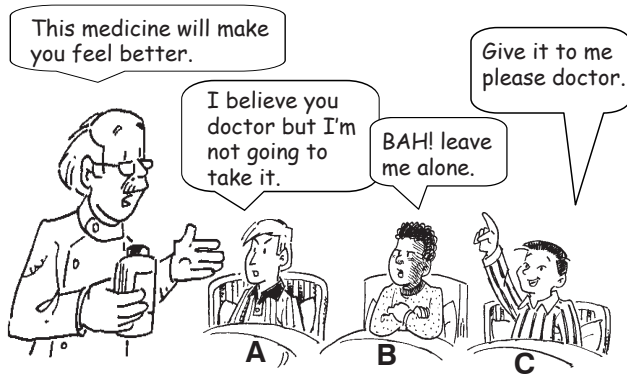
To be a child of God we must also r_____ Jesus into our lives as our Savior and Lord.

Answers

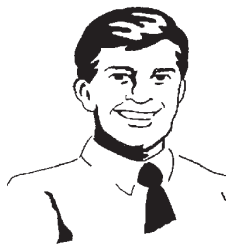
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| 1. received/believed/children/ God | 3. children | 5. receive |
| 2. John | 4. a) receive/believe b) John | |

6. Remember that believing without also receiving is not enough. Now read what the doctor and the three sick people here have to say before answering the question that follows.

Which of the sick people in this picture (A, B, or C) will have the best chance of getting better? _____



7. So then, believing without receiving is not the true faith of a child of God. Which of the following persons has become a child of God? (Check the correct answer). One who says:
- a. "I believe in you Lord Jesus, but I cannot receive you into my life as my Savior because my friends will make fun of me."
 - b. "I believe in you Lord Jesus; come into my life. I receive you as my own Savior and Lord."
 - c. "I won't believe in Jesus."
8. What have those who received Jesus and believed in him become?
_____ of _____ .
9. Receiving Jesus is a very important step to take. It means turning away from what you know is wrong, and asking Jesus to come into your life as Savior and Lord. Have you taken this step? (Check only one)
- Yes No Don't know



If you have not yet taken this step, or do not fully understand it, please talk with your Counselor or pastor before going on with these lessons. None of the things in the lessons which follow will be of much help to you if you have not yet received Jesus into your life.

Answers

6. C 8. children/God
7. b. 9. Your own answer

10. Read these words from John’s Gospel once more: “*Yet to all who received him (Jesus Christ), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*” (John 1:12)

Now, using the spaces below as a guide, repeat these words aloud (without writing anything). Only look at the words above when you forget something. Continue repeating them until you are able to do so without looking above.

“*Yet to all who r_____ him (Jesus Christ), to those who
b_____ in his name, he g_____ the r_____ to
b_____ ch_____ of _____.*” (J_____ 1:12)

11. You have received the Lord Jesus and believed in him. Therefore, what have you become? A _____ of God.

12. How wonderful to think that, as a child of God, you now belong to God’s family. Of the following, mark the one who is most privileged. One who belongs to:

a. the Royal family. b. the President’s family. c. God’s family.

13. When we receive the Lord Jesus and believe in him, we become members of God’s family. God himself is our Father. We don’t speak about being Jesus’ children, but that we are G_____ children, and that we belong to the family of _____.

14. When you received Jesus, you were born into the family of God. The Bible speaks of this as being born again into a new family.

In other words, you experienced a new _____.

15. This new birth doesn’t only make you a member of a new family; you are also given a new life, the life of Christ himself. This is the life in all its fullness, the Abundant Life, that we are going to study in this course.

How did this new life begin? With a _____ birth.

16. Now read the next verse in John’s Gospel which tells us that those who have experienced this new birth are:

“*Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.*” (John 1:13)

We can see from this that our new birth has nothing to do with our human parents. Through whom then, have we been born again?

- a. God.
 b. Our human mother and father.
 c. The person who helped us to receive Christ.

Answers

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| 10. To remember by heart | 13. God’s/God | 15. new |
| 11. child | 14. birth | 16. a. |
| 12. c. | | |

17. Those who receive Jesus and believe in him have become G _____
_____.

18. Which of these people is God's child? (Check the correct one)

A I am a child of God because I always go to church.

B I'm a child of God because I believe in Jesus and received him as my Lord and Savior.

C I'm a child of God because I don't do anybody any harm.

D I'm a child of God because I'm baptized.

19. Now practice again saying the words of John that you learned earlier in the lesson. If you need to look back, you can find them in point No.1 of this lesson. (Now write them below). "Yet to all who _____ him (Jesus Christ), to those who _____ in his name, he _____ the _____ to become _____ of _____." (J _____ : _____)

20. This new birth is not man made, but is something done by _____ in you.

21. Jesus said about those who followed him:

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:28)

To be born into the family of God is the beginning of something which continues forever. When will you stop being a member of the family of God?

- a. In a few months' time.
- b. When your body dies.
- c. Never.
- d. When you do something wrong.

22. Yes, you are a child of God forever. God has accepted you and will NEVER turn you out of his family. You can, therefore, be really sure that when you die you will:

- a. cease to exist.
- b. go to be with God.
- c. go to be with the devil.

Answers

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| 17. God's children | 19. Check with N°1 | 21. c. |
| 18. C | 20. God | 22. b. |

23. Who will you go to live with when you die? _____
24. To be sure that you are a child of God, in whom should you trust? (Check only one)
- a. In your own efforts.
 - b. In your pastor.
 - c. In God who made you his child.
25. Who made you a child of God? _____ himself.
26. Can God be relied upon?
- Yes No
27. In view of this, is it possible to be really sure about being a child of God?
- Yes No
28. God is completely reliable; he always does what he says. If everything depends upon God and not upon you or somebody else, which TWO of the following should you feel?
- a. Doubts.
 - b. Security.
 - c. Peace of mind.
 - d. Uncertainty.



Pause right now and spend a few moments going over the words of John 1:12, in No.1, thanking God that he has made you his child. Then answer the questions in the review on the next page.

Answers

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| 23. God | 25. God | 27. Yes |
| 24. c. | 26. Yes | 28. b. c. |

LESSON 1 REVIEW

1. As a result of having received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, what have you become? _____
2. To what family do you now belong as a result of this? _____
3. Who made you a child of God? _____
4. What kind of birth have you now experienced? _____
5. For how long will your new life as a child of God last? _____
6. If you have received Christ and believed in him, what can you say about yourself? (Check the correct answer).
 - a. "I can't really tell whether I am a child of God or not."
 - b. "I am now really sure that I am a child of God."
 - c. "I am not a child of God as yet."
7. Here is the Bible verse we learned by heart in the lesson. Fill in the blanks with the missing words.

"Yet to all who _____ him (Jesus Christ), to those who _____ in his name, he _____ the _____ to become _____ of _____." (J _____ : _____)
8. In which book of the Bible can you find these words? _____

Your Counselor will give you the correct answers to this review at your next meeting.

