

Letters From Heaven



Parents' Page

Lesson 11

Obeying Jesus Even When It's Hard

Your child should understand...

Scriptures—Eternal nature of God's Word

Your child should be able to...

1. Realize that we must obey God even when it is difficult.
2. Identify what we will do if we love one another.
3. Realize that the devil is real and wants us to follow him instead of following Jesus.
4. Recognize that God will help us to do what is right.
5. Identify what will last forever.

Your child should be memorizing...

Hebrews 12:1-2

"...So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. Let us keep on running the race marked out for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus...."

Please help your child read...

- 1 1 Peter 1:3-4, 7, 13-16
- 2 1 Peter 2:1, 9, 12
- 3 1 Peter 3:8, 14-16
- 4 1 Peter 4:1-2, 4-5, 8-11, 14-16
- 5 1 Peter 5:8-11

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Peter wrote two letters that are in the New Testament, the books of *1* and *2 Peter*. Peter was writing to Christians who were having all kinds of troubles just because they were believers in Jesus. Some believers were losing their jobs and their homes, and some were even being killed. But Peter wanted Christians then and Christians now to know that we must stay strong in our faith. He said that our faith is worth more than gold, and it will bring glory to God.

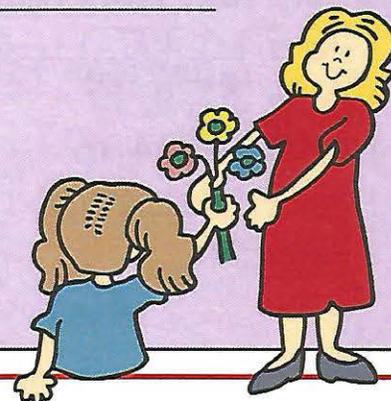
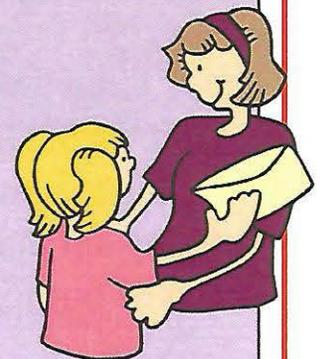
Be ready to tell the class about some of the troubles Christians may have because of our faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

Peter reminded us that we need to obey the Lord and let Him be in charge of our lives. The Lord is holy, and if we want to belong to Him, we will try our best to be holy in everything we do. That we

means we get rid of any kind of evil in our lives. We don't tell lies or brag or want other people's things. And, we don't say bad things about others. We are to love one another and be happy to welcome others into our homes. We are kind, even when others are unkind to us. When other people see us doing good works and living good lives, they will give glory to God.

What are some things we can do for others to show our love for them?

Who gets the glory and praise for good works we do? _____



Sometimes, people may make fun of us for believing that Jesus is the Son of God. They may pretend to be our friends, but want us to disobey God. But that means they're not our true friends, doesn't it? We have to stay strong!

Peter said that the devil is real and that he is like a *roaring lion*. The devil goes around looking for someone to chew up and swallow. That means he's always trying to get us to sin and to give up our faith. But if we stand up to the devil, God will help us to do what is right.

Peter reminded us that our lives on earth will not last forever. Have you ever seen a bud on

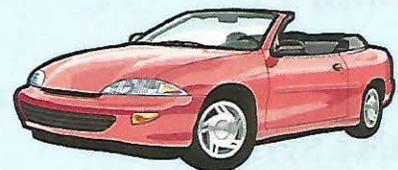
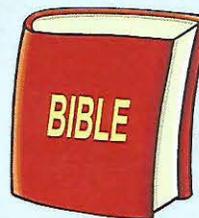
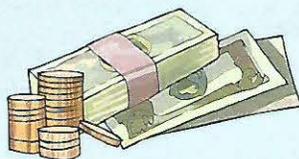
a plant? The bud blooms into a beautiful flower. But the flower doesn't last very long, does it? Peter said that our lives here on earth are like that flower. Our lives on the earth don't last long. So, Peter told us to learn as much as we can about God and do as much good as we can while we live here on earth.

Our lives on the earth may not last long, but God's Word lasts forever. No matter how much time goes by, God's Word is still here; and we must obey it. It does not change. God's Word is, and always will be, the Truth!

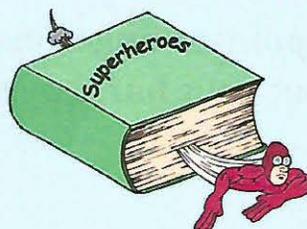
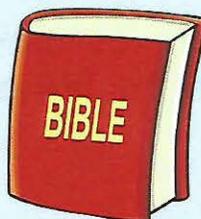
Who is trying to get us to sin? _____

Who will help us to do what is right? _____

Circle the one that will last forever:



Circle the one that is the Truth:



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Memory Verse:

Fill in the blanks in your memory verses:

_____ 12: _____ - _____

“...So let us _____ off everything that _____ in
our _____. Let us _____ off any _____
that _____ on to us so _____. Let us keep
on _____ the _____ marked out for _____.
Let us keep _____ to _____....”

In which book of the Bible can we read about instructions for older and younger men and women?

(Titus)



See how fast you can turn to these Scriptures:

Philippians 1:1

Colossians 1:1

On your Bible map, put your pointer finger on Bethlehem. Then “walk” your fingers to Cana. Now, put your hand over the region of Judea.