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THE STORY OF SALVATION

Welcome back to the second episode of #ANewAdventure!

In this lesson, we will be going through the story of Jesus coming to the earth in order to save us and bring us back to God. As we go through the story, we will be discussing the following questions:

What is sin?

How did sin enter the world?

How did God take care of the sin problem?

How did God save us?

What do we need to do to attain salvation?

Let's get right into it!

Remember, in the last lesson we talked about the majesty of God. All things were created by God and for God. Therefore, He deserves all the glory, honour, and worship.

But did man give God the praise, reverence, and control of his life?

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

..for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..

Sin is the _____ from God. That is why God lovingly gave a command to Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, at least for the time being.

Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)

And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'

SIN ENTERS

In the beginning, God and mankind had a good relationship, but when man sinned, that relationship became problematic. Man's focus was no longer on God, but himself. This brought a separation between man and God.

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"sin" "wrong-doing"

"being evil" "guilt"

"Sin" means "_____." Without God, nothing that man does can meet the mark of God or please him. This separation between God and man has also caused human relationships to be broken.

Genesis 3:12-13 (NIV)

The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

THE GOOD NEWS

All is not lost! Man's relationship with God was broken. But through Jesus Christ, a way to _____ was provided!

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM.

It is just like a father, who would do everything he could, to save his wayward child and bring him back home.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Can we be saved through our own good works or efforts?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

The answer is _____.

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

The law was not given to make man righteous, but to show man that he is a _____; that he cannot save himself.

The laws of God seek to remind man that he is unable to fulfil them. The only way for him to be “righteous” is to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. This is purely because of God's grace.

Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life

Through Jesus, God calls and invites us into this reconciliation, so that what is separated can now be _____.
God has made a way for us to return to him long before we knew it! We simply need to respond to his call.

WHAT IS SALVATION?

There are 3 facts about God's salvation:

1. _____ humans have sinned.

Because of sin, a separation happens between us and God.

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

2. The consequence and penalty of sin is _____.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. _____ died to pay for that penalty of our sins.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

These 3 facts are simply incredibly _____!
It means that God has done everything needed so that through _____ from our sins and _____ in Jesus, we are made right with God back again. In the Bible, this Good News is called "**gospel**," this turning away is called "**repentance**," and this believing is called "**faith**."

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

CONCLUSION

God loves us. That is one of the reasons why sometimes you hear this phrase that, “more than just a religion, Christianity is a relationship.” In Lesson 1, we learnt that God is our loving Father, and, in this lesson, we learnt that God loves us so much that He saved us from eternal doom.

The story of salvation is a transition not only out of condemnation into acceptance, but it is out of bondage and deprivation into “safety, certainty, and enjoyment” of the family of God.

Now that we know that God loves us. The number one goal in our lives is to learn to love Him back.

Discussion 3

What actions can we take to love God back?

If you have never invited Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of your life, you can start by praying this prayer and meaning it in your heart:

Prayer of Commitment

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life, and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me grow now as a Christian.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

We will continue to learn how we can show our love to God in the next lesson of #ANewAdventure. But before that, why don't you take some time to write down a few points that you have learned today, as far as you can remember. Go on, express it in your own words as much as you can!

What Have I Learned Today

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for students to write their reflections on what they have learned today.