

BIBLE LESSONS

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LESSON 13: GOD GIVES ... THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

AIM: That the children know that after the Christian's body dies, his spirit goes on to live with God forever. Jesus promised that gift to all those who belong to Him.

OPENING IDEA: RIDDLE: WHAT AM I?

I am one of the most important things needed for every living thing....

- My first is in WELL but not in TELL (W)
- My second is in PATCH but not in PITCH (A)
- My third is in TREE but not in FREE (T)
- My fourth is in TEN but not in TIN (E)
- My fifth is in CORD but not in COLD (R)

Ask the children to name some of the things water is used for, eg, drinking, washing, bathing, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Show a piece of fruit or vegetable or a plant—these can be cut or squeezed or squashed to show that they all contain water. Ask the children how much water they think they have in their body (an adult has 60% water or, in other words, just over half their body is made up of water).



God knows how important water is for us and the world. Jesus lived in a country that did not get much rain, and so Jesus knew what it was like to get thirsty. One day He met a woman by a well. She was drawing water out of the well with a bucket and she saw Jesus and offered Him a drink. Jesus told her he had something better than water to give her. He told her, if she took what He had then it would never end. Question: What did Jesus want to give her? (the gift of eternal life). Explain that eternal life comes only through giving your life to Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

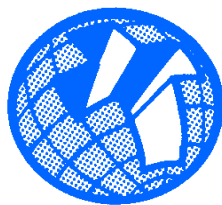
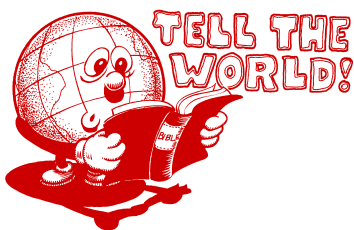
Ask the children if they understand the word 'eternal' (it means lasting forever, never ending). To illustrate the meaning, have a circle cut from card. Show them that a circle has no beginning or end. It just goes on and on. Eternal life is like a circle, it never ends.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
(Jn 3:16).

or

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)



STORY: **THE TRANSFIGURATION (Matthew 17:1-13)**

Jesus took his disciples with Him almost everywhere He went. They were learning to live like Him so that when He went away they would remember all that He had taught them and be able to teach others also. However, sometimes Jesus would just take a few of His disciples with Him. One day He took Peter, James and John to the top of a high and lonely hill. Jesus stood there for some time, not saying anything. The disciples wondered what was going to happen next. Suddenly, they saw Jesus change so that His face was shining as brilliantly as the sun and His clothes were dazzling white.

I wonder how the disciples felt? How would you feel if you were there?

The light was so bright that Peter, James and John had to shield their eyes so they wouldn't be blinded. As they were doing this, they saw two other men join Jesus and start talking with him.

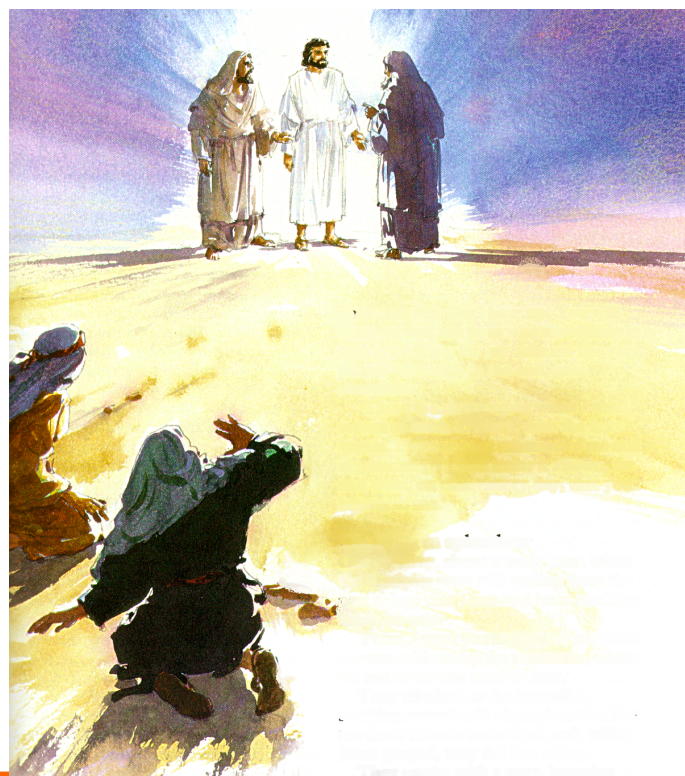
Where did they come from? The hill was deserted except for the disciples and Jesus. But even more amazingly, they found that the two men were Moses and Elijah!

How could this be? Moses had died thousands of years earlier, and Elijah was last seen going up to heaven in his chariot thousands of years ago also! But now they were talking to Jesus and as they watched, a bright cloud came over all of them and God spoke and told them in a loud voice that Jesus was His son and they were to obey Him.

The disciples were so frightened, they fell to the ground. But God didn't want to frighten them, He wanted them to know that the people who love Jesus and obey Him—like Moses and Elijah—would keep on living with God forever and ever, even if their body died.

Ask the children “How do we get God's gift of eternal life?” “How long does it last?” “Who will we spend eternity with?”

SONG: He Gave Me a New Life



the TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John. While there, His body shone with the glory of God as a sign of God's love for His Son and of the coming glory when He returns. Like Moses and Elijah who appeared on the mountaintop with Him, we will be with Jesus when He comes again, and we will live with Him for eternity.
(Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36).

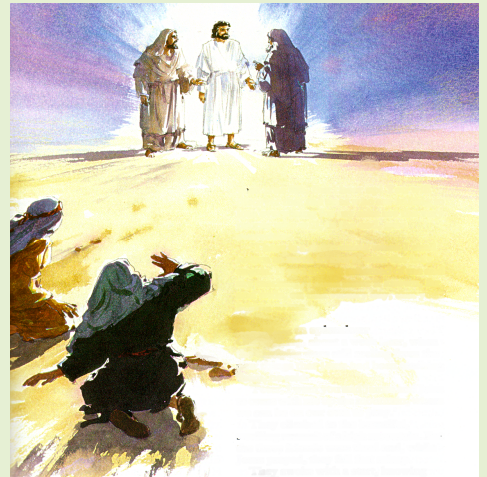
Jesus' appearance changes and Moses and Elijah appear next to him



Peter, James and John hide their faces in fear

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Matthew 17:1-13



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1. Who went up the mountain with Jesus?

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2. "Jesus' face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as . . ."

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3. Who else appeared to the disciples?

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4. A voice from the cloud said: "this is my son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. - - - - - to him."

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5. Jesus said to the disciples:

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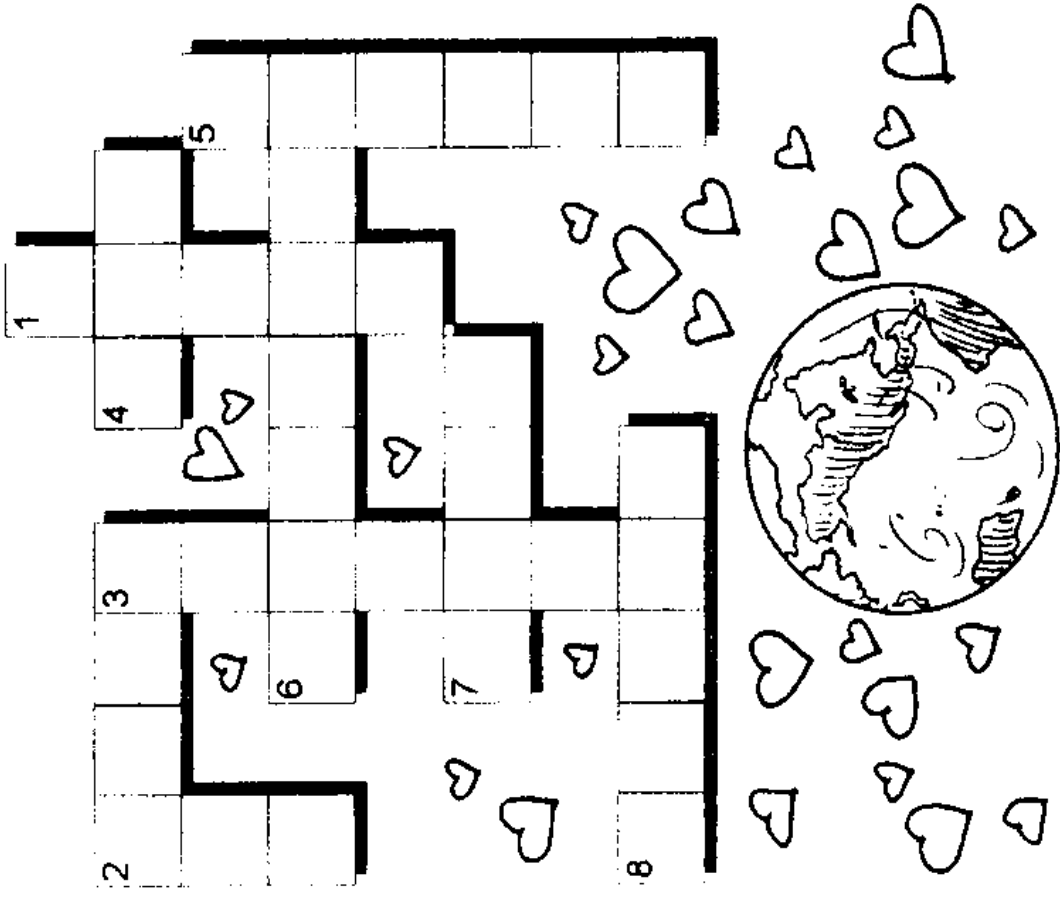
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John 3:16

CROSSWORD



Across

- 2. Past tense of give; rhymes with "save."
- 4. Male child.
- 6. To accept as true; to be certain of.
- 7. Sole, single.
- 8. The whole earth.

Down

- 1. "For God so _____ the world."
- 2. Our Heavenly Father.
- 3. Forever, everlasting; having no beginning or end.
- 5. To be destroyed or to die.



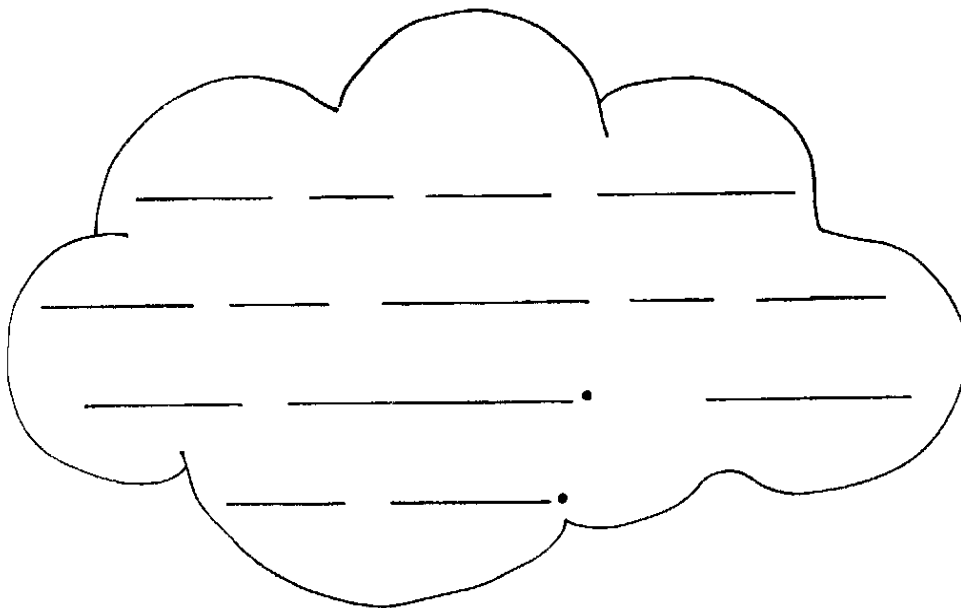
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Matthew 17

Jesus was on a mountain with three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John. Suddenly Jesus' face shone as bright as the sun, and his clothes were as white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked to Jesus. A bright cloud came over them, and God spoke.

Cross out the letters of the alphabet in order. The remaining letters will spell out what God said.

T A H I B S I C S D M Y E
B F E L G O V H E D I S O
J N I N K W H L O M M I A
N M W O E L P L P Q L R E
S A S T E D U H V E A W R
Y X E Y H I Z M



the TRANSFIGURATION

WORD SEARCH

WORD LIST

- AFRAID
- AWE
- DOWN
- EARTH
- ELIJAH
- HERE
- HIGH
- JAMES
- JESUS
- JOHN
- MOSES
- MOUNTAIN
- PETER
- SIX
- SNOW
- SON
- THEM
- WHITE



S O N O H R E H N
 U M O S E S T G W
 S Z O T R E H I O
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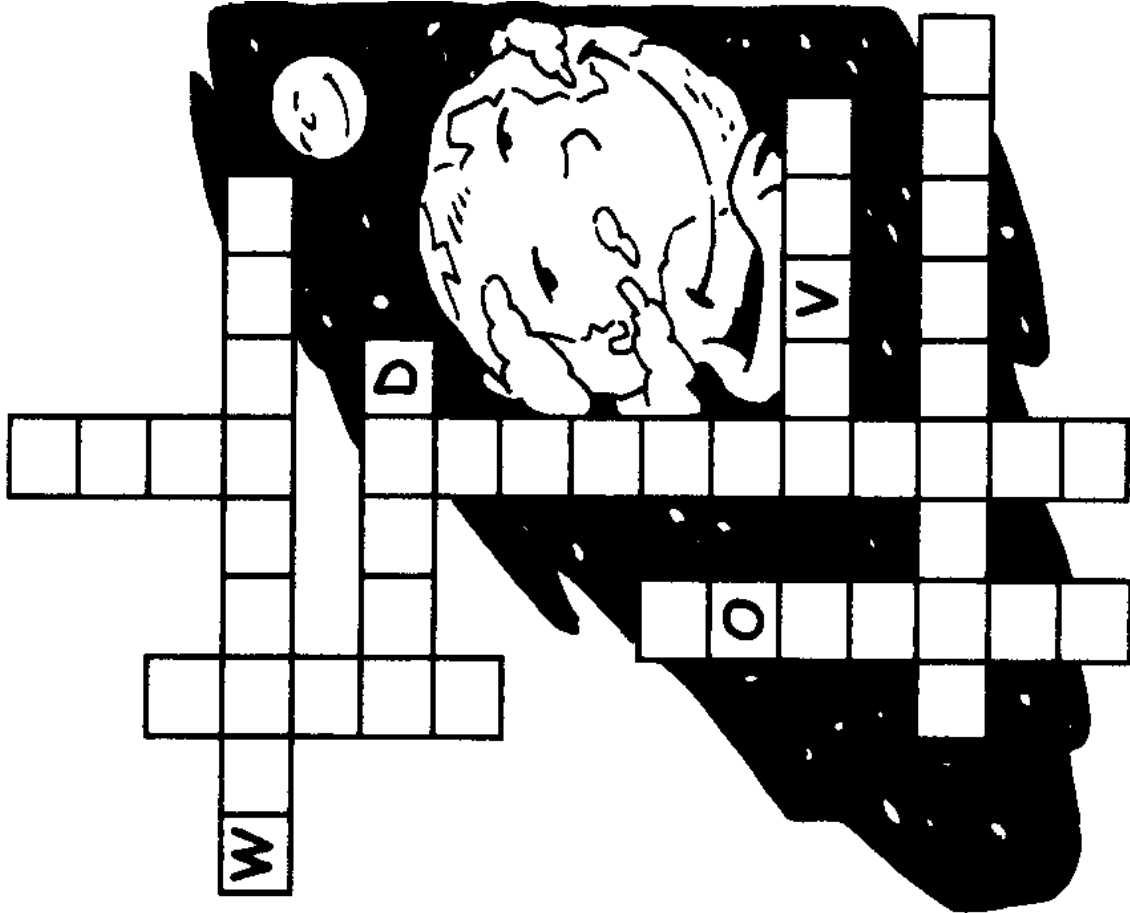
ETERNAL LIFE

JOHN 3:16-17, KJV


USING THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW, FILL IN THE BOXES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

"FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED."





"For God 

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He gave His only



so that whoever believed
in Him should not perish
but have eternal life."