

Hope's Haven 

Summer Camp 2019

The Puzzle

of

Life

Submit

Purpose



Growing

Self

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Jesus

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Camper Handbook – Camp 3

THE PUZZLE OF LIFE.... TRUSTING GOD IS THE KEY!

Welcome to HOPE'S HAVEN!

We're glad you're here and are looking forward to a great time at camp!

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The puzzle of life! How does it all fit together?



The Bible has the answer!

It's God's plan for putting the Puzzle of Life together.



Jesus is the answer! Allow Him to put the puzzle pieces of your life back together!

He can find the missing pieces, fix the broken pieces, and replace the lost pieces. And the pieces that don't seem to fit? He knows exactly where they belong!

When Jesus put the pieces back together, the final picture is one of awesome beauty!

Purpose: God has a plan for you!

Trust: Letting God handle it!

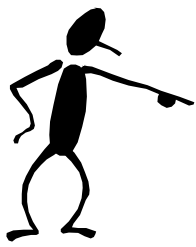
Submission: Obeying those in authority!

Self Control: The power to choose right!

Forgiving: Because God has forgiven you!

Growing: Maturity in the Lord!





You are special!

--Tell Us About Yourself--

MY NAME IS _____

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AT CAMP ____ YES ____ NO

I AM _____ YEARS OLD. MY BIRTHDAY IS _____

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO IS _____

MY FAVORITE MUSIC IS _____

MY FAVORITE TV SHOW IS _____

SOMETHING I'M GOOD AT IS _____

I CAME TO CAMP BECAUSE _____

I AM A CHRISTIAN ____ YES ____ NO ____ I DON'T KNOW

I READ THE BIBLE ____ SOMETIMES ____ OFTEN ____ NEVER

I PRAY TO GOD ____ SOMETIMES ____ OFTEN ____ NEVER

I GO TO CHURCH ____ SOMETIMES ____ OFTEN ____ NEVER

I GO TO CHURCH/DON'T GO TO CHURCH BECAUSE

IF GOD ASKS ME WHY HE SHOULD LET ME INTO HEAVEN,
I WOULD SAY _____

I WISH _____

Got Questions



Is the devil for real? How do I fight against him?

(1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7)

How do I become a Christian? (Romans 5:8, John 3:16, Titus 3:5, Romans 6:23)

If God loves us, why do bad things happen to people? (Romans 3:23, Romans 5:3, Romans 8:28, John 16:33, Revelation 21:4)

Shouldn't abortion be a woman's choice? (Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:13-16, Psalm 127:3)

What does the Bible say about homosexuality? (Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:6-9)

What's the difference between creation and evolution? Does it really matter?

(Genesis 1:1-2, Genesis 1:27, Hebrews 3:4, Psalm 124:8)

Adults really don't understand kids. Things are different now. (Ecclesiastes 1:4-9)

Will God forgive people who sin? (1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:12, Ephesians 4:32)

How do I tell others about God? (Luke 8:39, Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15)

How do I make and keep good friends? (Proverbs 16:7, Hebrews 10:24, Proverbs 12:26)

What does the Bible say about drinking and drugs? (Ephesians 5:18, Proverbs 23:29-35, 1 Corinthians 6:12, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 6:19)

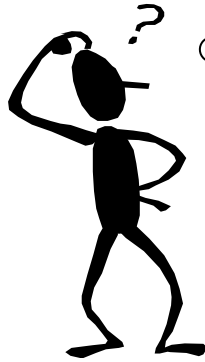
What does the Bible say will happen in the future? (1 Corinthians 2:9, Romans 8:18, Revelation 21:4, Titus 1:2)

What other questions do you have? _____

DOES THE BIBLE HAVE THE ANSWERS?

CHECK IT OUT!





*I want to
become a
Christian, but I
don't know
how!???*



It's as simple as

A

Admit you are a sinner

"There is no one righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom 3:10,23. (See Romans 5:8; 6:23.)

Ask God's forgiveness

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Rom 10:13

B

Believe in Jesus

(put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation. "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." John 3:16 (See John 14:6.)

Become a child of God by receiving Christ

"To all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20)

C

Confess that Jesus is your Lord

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Memory Verses



Day 1 – Purpose

Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

Day 2 – Trust

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Submission

Proverbs 3:6 In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Day 3 – Self Control

Proverbs 25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self control.

Forgiving

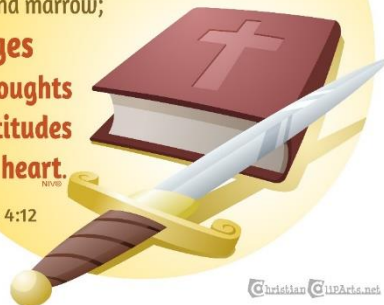
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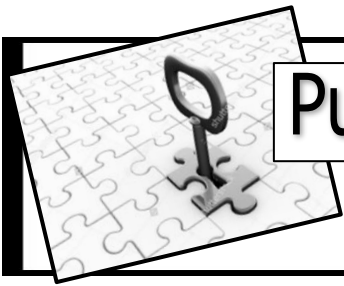
Day 4 – Growing

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For **the word of God** is **alive** and **active**. **Sharper** than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it **judges** **the thoughts** and **attitudes of the heart**.

Hebrews 4:12





Purpose!

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God's plan is Good! You can trust Him!

Have you ever wondered what your purpose here on earth is? Do you wonder how you should spend your time while you are here? What does God, our creator, say about that? **Read and discuss John 10:10 and Romans 8:28**



Read Psalm 129:13 Have you ever thought before about how God intricately knitted you together before you were even born? How does that make you feel?

Is it hard to commit to following God's plans for your life? Why or why not?

What choice do you have to make to receive God's 'hope and a future'?

Read and discuss Romans 12:1-2

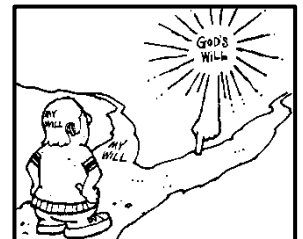
Read Psalm 33:11 This says that God's plans and purposes will stand firm forever. Can you say the same about your plans? Was there a time in your life when you thought you had a plan, but it didn't work out the way you expected?

Read Hebrews 4:7 What does it mean 'do not harden your hearts'?

God knows the 'big picture' of our lives. He has the puzzle box picture and knows what it is all going to look like. God is our designer and we need to trust that he knows best.

Read Matthew 6:25-27 Are we supposed to worry about what is in our future?

What do you think God wants for your life?





Trust!

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

God is TRUST-worthy!

What do you think about promises? Have you ever been promised something only to be disappointed later? Maybe something happened or maybe they just broke their promise.



How did that make you feel?

Because God is trustworthy, he always keeps his promises! What are the promises God makes in the following verses? Deuteronomy 31:6 and Hebrews 13:8

Why is it difficult for some people to believe that God will never leave them?

God knows everything about us...the good, the bad, and the ugly! In spite of those things, God will always love us and never leave us.



Believe God is real. What does Hebrews 11:6 say?

Believe God Loves you. Read John 3:16.

Invite Jesus into your life! What does Revelation 3:20 say?



When you become a child of God, his example encourages you to become more faithful too...how?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 In _____

Psalms 105:1 By _____

Colossians 3:23-24 When you _____

What are other areas of your life that you can show faithfulness?



Submission!

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.

Submission is knowing God is in control and He has put people over you to help you. Submission is just part of life for everyone!

What does **Hebrews 13:7** say? Who are some people we are to submit to in our lives?

Why is submitting so HARD to do?

Is it easier to submit to some people and not others? Why?

When should you NOT submit to those in authority over you? **Read Matthew 18:6**
If someone in authority wants you to submit to ungodly things, tell someone!

What do these verses say about authority? **Romans 13:1** and **1 Peter 2:13**

Do you think people respect our government? Should you only obey the laws you like, or all of them? Do you have to agree with Government to respect it?

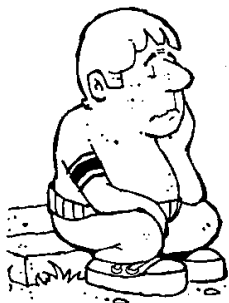
What do these verses say about our parents? **Ephesians 6:1-2**

We are supposed to respect/honor our parents or guardians. When is it hard to do that?

How respectful do you think you are on a scale of 1 to 10? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(1=Not respectful/10=Very respectful)

Which group is more difficult for you to respect?

Parents/Government/Others (teachers, etc)



Ultimately, who are we to submit to?
Read Deuteronomy 11:1



Self Control!

Proverbs 25:28

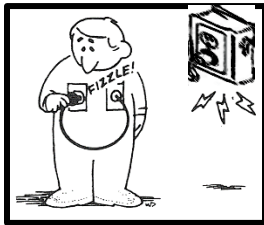
Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

Self Control means saying "yes" to things you know are right and "no" to the things you know are wrong! But how do you do it?

Read John 15:1-85. Who is the vine? Who is the gardener? Who are the branches?

When you prune a tree/vine, what happens to the branches that are still attached to the tree/vine? What happens to the ones that are thrown aside?

What does this mean for me?



Staying connected to Jesus produces good fruit in our lives.
How can we stay connected?

Staying connected through prayer, church, and reading the Bible helps us when we are going through trials and temptations. What should we do when we're tempted to do something wrong, but we know we should do what's right? **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and James 4:7**



Read Galatians 5:18-25.

How are we 'lead by the Spirit'? What is the difference between living a life in the flesh and a life in the Spirit?

What are some things you can do when you are faced with temptations?

What do you do when you mess up? **Read Psalm 32:5**

How does it make you feel that God is with you when you are tempted?



Forgiving!

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one other, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Have you ever been hurt? It's hard to truly forgive!
But being forgiven by God also means forgiving others! Jesus told a parable about **Forgiveness** in **Matthew 18:21-35**. Check it out, read it together and answer these questions!



1. How much did the first servant owe the king? _____
2. What did the king do about this giant debt?
3. How much did the second servant owe the first servant? _____
4. How did the first servant treat the second servant?
5. What did the king do when he heard about this?
6. What does Jesus say about this in verse 35?
7. List three things you learned from this parable.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Holding on to unforgiveness makes imprisons us in bitterness and keeps us from growing in our faith.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

What does it mean to not keep a record of wrongs?

We all mess up...we are all sinners in need of a Savior...we all were forgiven and we all need to forgive.

Since God Has Forgiven You, You Should Forgive Others



GROWING

2 Peter 3:18

Rather you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A new Christian is like a new born baby!

He needs food, exercise and love to grow up and become strong and healthy! It's the same with a new Christian! The Bible is your spiritual food! You need to exercise your faith! And you need Christian fellowship become mature in the Lord!



Check out these verses from 1 Peter about growing up spiritually!

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| 1. _____ 1 Peter 1:8 | A. Desire the pure "milk" of God's Word |
| 2. _____ 1 Peter 1:15-16 | B. Be glad in times of ordeals (hardships) |
| 3. _____ 1 Peter 1:22 | C. Love Jesus and believe in Him |
| 4. _____ 1. Peter 2:2 | D. Love each other sincerely from your heart |
| 5. _____ 1 Peter 2:11 | E. Be alert and pray |
| 6. _____ 1 Peter 3:9 | F. Be on the alert for the devil prowls like a lion |
| 7. _____ 1 Peter 4:7 | G. Live a holy life (stay away from the world's evil) |
| 8. _____ 1 Peter 4:12-13 | H. Keep away from worldly (sinful) desires |
| 9. _____ 1 Peter 5:7 | I. Give all your worries and cares to God |
| 10. _____ 1 Peter 5:8-9 | J. Pay back evil with blessing (doing good!) |



Just as you strengthen your muscles by exercise, you can strengthen your faith by trusting God!
Ask God to help you be strong in the Lord!

