

Get the Bible Reading H.A.B.I.T.

Name _____



A habit is something that is done over and over until it becomes a part of someone's behavior. In each unit of this book, you will find a page with suggested Scriptures to help you develop the habit of reading the Bible daily. These H.A.B.I.T. guidelines will help you as you seek God in His Word and spend time with Him.

Have a special time set aside each day to read your Bible. If possible, make it the same time every day.

Ask God to teach you from His Word. Remember to thank Him for helping you to understand and apply it.

Be still and pay attention to what you are reading.

Investigate the Scripture by asking yourself questions about it.

Take time to look up words and ideas you do not understand.

After you have read the Scripture for each day, write the date in the box. Example: 9/2

Christ our Redeemer created all things and holds them together. Colossians 1:12-17	Humans have sinned against God. The price for sin is death, but God offers eternal life as a free gift. Romans 6:19-23	Everyone sinned through Adam, so everyone must die. Romans 5:12-14	Everyone can receive the free gift of righteousness through Christ. Romans 5:15-17	Christ's obedience made it possible for everyone to have eternal life. Romans 5:18-21
By faith we understand, are assured of, and obey God's Word. Hebrews 11:1-3	Abel's faith allowed him to offer a better sacrifice than Cain's. Hebrews 11:4	Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:5-6	Christ redeemed the human race by His own blood, not by the blood of animals. Hebrews 9:11-12	Christ's blood purifies believers for service. Hebrews 9:13-14
The Lord knows how to deliver godly people out of temptations. 2 Peter 2:4-9	Scoffers are willfully ignorant of God's past judgment of sin. 2 Peter 3:1-6	God is patient and wants none to perish but all to repent. 2 Peter 3:7-9	God's judgment will come suddenly, so believers ought to live holy, godly lives. 2 Peter 3:10-12	As we wait for the day of the Lord, we must be diligent to keep our lives clean. 2 Peter 3:11-15
God will exalt the humble person in His time. 1 Peter 5:5-14	God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. James 4:6-7	Draw near to God and live a clean, single-minded, and humble life. James 4:8-10	With the right attitude, Christians should help others. Philippians 2:3-4	Christ's death is the example of Christian humility. God highly exalted Him. Philippians 2:5-11

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Prayer Power

Name _____

The habits of daily reading and meditating on God's Word are vital to Christian growth and a deeper relationship with Christ. Equally important is a powerful prayer life.

Prayer is . . .

. . . communication with God
(Matt. 6:5-6, 9; Prov. 15:8).



. . . a privilege of the people
of God (Heb. 4:16).



. . . powerful (Matt. 21:22;
James 5:13-18).



WHERE should you pray?	Anywhere! Ps. 139:1-3, 7-10
WHEN should you pray?	All the time! 1 Thess. 5:17-18
WHAT should you pray for?	For the purposes of God's kingdom to be fulfilled For what you need For a right relationship with God (forgiveness) For a right relationship with others (forgiving them) For deliverance and protection from sin Matt. 6:9-13
WHAT IF you do not know exactly what to say?	You have a wonderful prayer Helper! Rom. 8:26-27
WHAT should you always include in your prayers?	Thanksgiving! Phil. 4:6

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What is one answer to prayer you can thank God for?

From the Beginning

Genesis 1–2

Name _____

Genesis does not argue for the existence of God or make any explanation of His activities before the beginning of time. It simply states, "In the beginning God ..." and continues with the account of the Creation and God's plan to save sinful people. For a person to believe that God's Word is true and accept what it says to him, he must believe that God exists and that He has good purposes for mankind (Heb. 11:6).

Answer the question.

Who created all things?

Genesis 1:1

Hebrews 1:2

Genesis 1:2

_____ the Father

Jesus Christ the _____

the Holy _____

Nothing happened by chance when God created all things. He knew everything from the beginning, and He perfectly designed everything.

Beside each part of God's wonderful creation, write the letter of the purpose for which it was designed.

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| _____ 1. Separation of light and darkness (Gen. 1:4) | A. To make the atmosphere—heavens and sky |
| _____ 2. Separation of waters above and waters below (Gen. 1:6) | B. To provide food, soil enrichment, oxygen exchange, shade, and beauty |
| _____ 3. Separation of dry land from waters (Gen. 1:9) | C. To mark seasons, days, and years, and to give light to the earth |
| _____ 4. Production of all kinds of plants and trees (Gen. 1:11) | D. To make the parts of a day—day and night |
| _____ 5. Placement of the sun, moon, and stars (Gen. 1:14–18) | E. To make a habitable environment for land animals and humans |
| _____ 6. Man and woman (Gen. 1:27) | F. To reflect the image of God; to worship and serve Him |
| | G. To make them happy |



What's Done Is Done

Genesis 3

Name _____

What were the results of the Fall (the sin of Adam and Eve)?

Complete the sentences. You may use your Bible for help.

decay	excused	guilt	painful	age
broken	work	peace	disease	inherited

1. Adam and Eve experienced _____ when they saw their true unworthiness before God. Then they tried to cover their nakedness (Gen. 3:7).
2. Their fellowship with God was _____, and they hid themselves since they no longer had _____ in God's presence (Gen. 3:8).
3. Their _____ became difficult. In order to make the earth produce crops, they had to struggle against thorns and thistles (Gen. 3:17-18).
4. The physical birth of children would be _____ (Gen. 3:16).
5. Their bodies would _____, be subject to _____ and _____, and finally die (Gen. 3:19).
6. Their sinful nature would be _____ by all who came after them (Rom. 5:12).



Once a sin is committed, it can never be undone. Because God is holy, He hates sin and cannot tolerate it. Adam and Eve had to leave the perfect place God had prepared for them. Cherubim, special angels associated with God's holiness and power, stood guard at the entrance so that Adam and Eve and those who came after them could not return. Sin affects not only the sinner, but others as well. Adam and Eve's sinful nature was passed to all human beings. We would be hopeless without God's grace, which is greater than every person's sin.

According to 1 Peter 1:20, is salvation in Jesus Christ "Plan B" that God made because "Plan A" failed when Adam and Eve sinned? Why or why not?

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Why Is My Walk with God Important to Others?

Name _____



Jesus commands you to be like Him. How can you do that? What does it mean to be like Him? To become like Jesus, you need to follow after Him and obey the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. How will you live your life so that others can see God?

A good **testimony** is the way a person lives a godly life according to God's Word in a public way and the way he lives his life with Jesus in it (3 John 1:12). Are you known as a person who loves God and others? What you love and how you love are the marks of your walk with Christ. How do other people who know Jesus see Jesus in you? How do unsaved people see Jesus in you?

Answer the questions.

1. How can you show love to others by your walk with God?

2. How does your walk with God challenge other people to walk with God?

Why should we want to walk with God?

Read each verse and match it with the correct phrase.

_____ 3. To please God by obeying Him

_____ 4. To be an example of Jesus Christ to others

_____ 5. To be righteous and do good works

_____ 6. To avoid becoming a stumbling block to others

A. 1 Timothy 4:12

B. Romans 14:13

C. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

D. Psalm 147:10-11

God has given Christians the responsibility of making choices that would not be stumbling blocks to others (Rom. 14:13). They must use caution so that their lives are pure, shining clearly as examples of Christlikeness.

Pray and ask God for wisdom as you consider your relationship with Him and others.

List some choices that you should avoid so that you will not be a stumbling block to someone else.

1. _____

2. _____



Something to Think About

Christlikeness

Name _____



Having a testimony that is pleasing to God means trusting His grace to think, say, and do things that His Word says are right and doing them for His glory. Based on our relationship with God, we make choices.

Fill in the empty boxes in this chart, stating how each person is affected by your choice.

Choice	God is affected.	You are affected.	Others are affected.
1. You chose to cheat on a test and were caught.	God is grieved.	You have hurt your relationship with God. You are guilty and feel shame. Your grade is penalized.	Your parents are disappointed. Your teacher cannot trust you right now. You have damaged your reputation with your classmates.
2. You chose to obey your parents by doing your chores after school.	God is honored.	God gives you joy in serving Him and others by obeying your parents. You have shown love toward your parents by choosing to obey.	Your parents have been honored and pleased. Choosing to obey encourages others who see it.
3. You chose to talk about someone behind his back.	God is grieved.		
4. You chose to volunteer at a children's shelter.			

What About Me?

Write below what should be done to remedy the two wrong choices above.

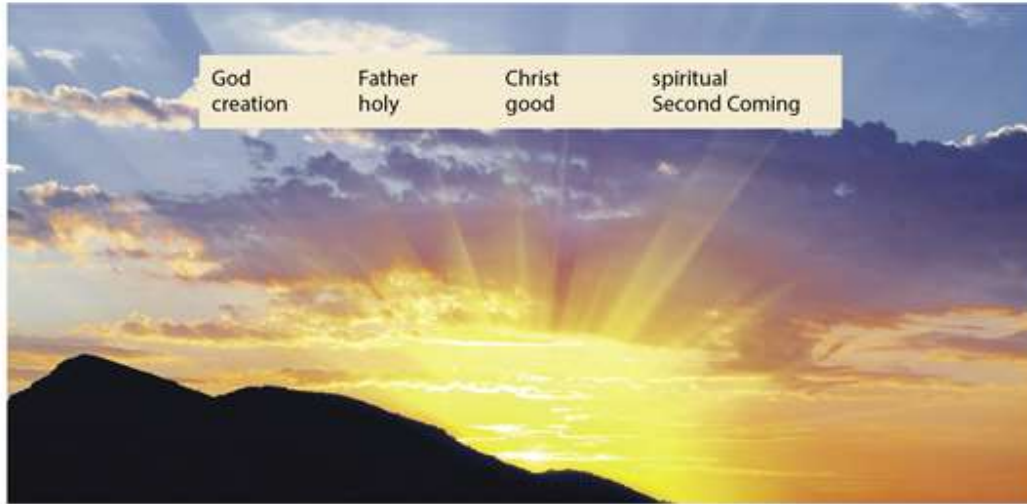


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Blessed and Blessing

Ephesians 1:3-4

Name _____



God Father Christ spiritual
creation holy good Second Coming

Choose the correct word from the word list for each sentence.

- _____ the _____ is to be praised or blessed for giving spiritual blessings.
- God has blessed Christians with every _____ blessing in _____.
- God chose before the _____ of the world who would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- God wants Christians to be _____ as He is holy.

Was the person described being holy? Write "yes" or "no."



- _____ 5. Natalie thanked God and then took a big bite of her double hamburger with all the trimmings. Then she made fun of Amy's small cheese sandwich.



- _____ 6. Leira really enjoys using her new telescope to look at stars in the night sky. That helps her and her friends to think about God's goodness and power.



- _____ 7. Kirk began keeping a list of blessings and the verses where he read about them. He likes his friends to know how spiritual he is.

God's Purpose

Name _____

It was a sad day for Henri's family. After his cousin Marc's funeral, the family returned to his grandparents' house. During the conversation after dinner, Henri overheard his Aunt Barb talking to Grandmère. "Such a waste! I've never known a person so young to be such a soulwinner. Just think how many people Marc would have led to the Lord if he had lived to grow old."

Henri was confused. Was God's purpose for Marc's life cut short by an accident? Were there people who would not hear the gospel now that Marc had died?

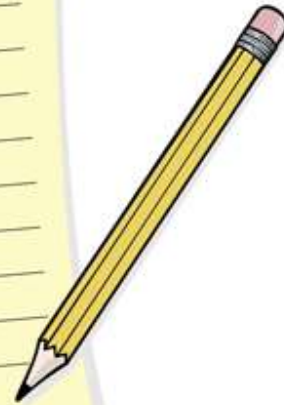


Read the two Scripture references and use them as your basis for answering Henri's questions in a letter to him.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Romans 8:28-29

Dear Henri,



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Although God works out His purposes differently in the lives of individual Christians, He has one purpose for all Christians. According to Romans 8:29, what is that purpose?

Adopted

Ephesians 1:5–6

Name _____

In writing Ephesians 1:5–6, Paul used a metaphor to describe the relationship that a believer has with God. When parents legally take into their family a child who was not physically born to them, they adopt him. When God takes into His family a sinner who repents, He adopts him.

Put a checkmark beside each statement that is true.

An adopted child—

- _____ belongs to his adoptive parents just as much as if he were born to them.
- _____ does not have to obey his adoptive parents.
- _____ is under the care and protection of his adoptive parents.
- _____ lives with his adoptive family.
- _____ must pay for the right to be adopted.
- _____ has the nature of his new parents living inside him.

A believer in Jesus Christ—

- _____ belongs to the family of God.
- _____ is under the care and protection of God.
- _____ becomes a child of God by doing works.
- _____ is an heir to the kingdom of God.
- _____ lives to obey his heavenly Father and bring honor to Him.
- _____ has the nature of God living inside him.

Who makes adoption into the family of God possible?

Suppose an adopted child who moves into the home of his adoptive parents stays only in his room. He does not come out and enjoy the company of his parents. He does not ask his parents for what he needs. When they give good things to him, he does not thank them. He is not interested in finding out what his parents expect of him. He does not have any desire to tell them what his interests are or get to know them. Is this child behaving like a member of the family? Certainly not.



If you are an adopted member of God's family through faith in Jesus Christ, do you—

- ✓ seek to please your heavenly Father at all times?
- ✓ ask your heavenly Father for your needs?
- ✓ thank your heavenly Father for His gifts?
- ✓ read the Bible to learn more about your heavenly Father?
- ✓ tell your heavenly Father about your interests and activities?

Acceptable Sacrifices

Genesis 4:1–16

Name _____

Write a C for Cain or an A for Abel in each speech bubble.

God placed a curse on me because I murdered my brother.

I offered the firstborn of my flock to the Lord.

My attitude toward correction was sinful.

God warned me not to let sin control me.

God accepted my offering.

I trusted my brother and went into the field with him.

My punishment seemed too great to bear, but God was merciful.

My offering was not acceptable to God.

God asked my brother where I was.

I offered the fruits of the soil to the Lord.

Cain

Abel

God does not expect His people to guess how to please Him; His Word tells them. Because God is good, He enables His children to live a life in obedience to His will and His Word.

Complete the sentences to show some of the ways God is pleased. You may use your Bible for help.

1. God is pleased when His people praise Him with _____ and give Him _____ more than when we make _____. (Ps. 69:30–31). God gives us a song.
2. A _____ controlled by the Holy Spirit pleases God (Rom. 8:6–9). The Holy Spirit transforms our minds.
3. Doing _____ and sharing with others pleases God (Heb. 13:16).
4. God is pleased when children _____ their parents. God helps us to obey (Col. 3:20).
5. Without _____ it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:5–6).