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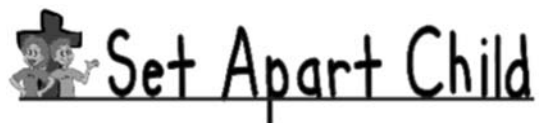
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# How To Use This Curriculum

## About this Curriculum

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” – Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV).

Though salvation starts at conversion, it is a life long journey of discipleship. So when children believe in Jesus to be saved, it is not an end in itself but the beginning of living for God. Saved children need to be taught God’s Word on what to know and do to live for God.

The objectives of Living For God curriculum are to teach the children to understand who they are and learn what they need to do to live as believers. The goal of this exciting Bible-based curriculum is simply to get the children to live for God daily. It is hoped that the children will make the application of these teachings become an integral part of their lives.

## Teaching the Lessons

Living For God curriculum (a follow-up on Believe In Jesus curriculum) starts with an introductory lesson on living for God, followed by a lesson on who they are in Jesus, and the remaining eleven lessons cover topics such as Holy Spirit, Prayer, Forgiveness, Friendship, Service, etc.

Based on over 30 years of experience in teaching children, I have discovered that it is more effective to teach a lesson twice and by the same teacher. The teacher can review the lesson with the children and follow-up appropriately based on their responses. Also, the message of the lesson is strengthened in the hearts and minds of the children.

**Lesson Outline:** A suggested order for using the curriculum to teach the class is:

- Review the previous lesson;
- Introduce the lesson to engage the children;
- Teach the Bible story and life application interactively;
- Use the discussion to personalize the message;
- Pray with the children;
- Get the children to learn and recite the memory verse incorporating actions; and
- Have the children do activities to reinforce the lesson.

**Bible Text:** Regardless of the age group being taught, you must read the Bible text in preparation. For this curriculum to be an effective tool in transforming the lives of children, there is the need for you as the teacher to study the Bible text with the help of the Holy Spirit. As you do this, trust that God will grant you an understanding of the Bible passage and make the Word come alive on the inside of you to minister to the children.

**Memory Verse:** Different Bible versions are used for clarity to ensure the children understand the Scripture. Be sure to teach the memory verse word-perfect to the children. Where necessary, explanations have been provided for the memory verses. It is helpful to incorporate actions or even turn it into a song with a catchy tune as you recite the memory verse with the children. Repetition is key to helping them retain the memory verse.

*Go to [www.setapartchild.com](http://www.setapartchild.com) to read my article on Teaching Children Memory Verses.*

**Truth of God's Word:** The truth of God's Word sums up what you are teaching the children to believe and act upon from God's Word about the lesson. The memory verse, Bible story, life application and discussion build upon the truth of God's Word.

**Introduction:** Start the lesson by getting the children to discuss the introduction. This helps to engage the children. Round up the session by linking their discussion to what you are teaching them on the lesson.

**Bible Story:** The Bible story is taken from the *Easy To Read Version* Bible and modified to allow for smooth comprehension. In teaching the children the Bible story, make it as interactive as possible. For example: when God sent an angel to tell Joseph that Mary would give birth to the Son of God, what do you think Joseph said or did? If possible, try to get them to do some role playing of the Bible characters as well. Incorporate as many variety of interactive activities as possible to interest them without distracting from the message you are teaching.

**Life Application:** This is the personal application of God's Word to the children to encourage them to act on what they have learned. As much as possible, personalize the teaching to the children in your class. Encourage participation in form of questions and comments from the children.

**Discussion:** This serves to involve the children to find out and enhance their understanding of the lesson. In addition, it aids the children process aloud their personalization of the Bible lesson. Discussion points are given. Sometimes, the discussion for the junior and senior age groups are different based on their comprehension levels. Where appropriate, use the children's activity books to guide the discussion.

**Notes:** Space for taking notes during your preparation is provided for each lesson. Sometimes, notes are added to help you teach the lesson more effectively.

# Children's Activities

There are two types of activities for the children:

The first activity type is the activity books. The Living For God activity books are available in both electronic and hardcopy forms. The digital PDF format can be downloaded from [www.setapartchild.com](http://www.setapartchild.com); while the print and eBook formats are available on Amazon.com and other retail outlets.

The second type of activity is ideas for craft on the lessons. These are available on [www.setapartchild.com](http://www.setapartchild.com).

## Activity Books

The basis of the Living For God activity books provided for this exciting Bible-based curriculum (which has two activities per lesson) is to increase the child's understanding of the Bible lessons and memory verses. If a child is finding a lesson activity too easy or too difficult, consider modifying the activity appropriately or allowing the child to use a different activity book instead.

Living For God Junior Activity Book contains 26 pages of stimulating and enjoyable puzzles to solve including pictures for colouring for younger children. It is filled with exciting activities, such as: decoding activities, word scrambles, mazes, puzzles, cross outs and many more...

Living For God Senior Activity Book comprises challenging and lively puzzles to decode with pictures that may be coloured for older children. It is 26 pages of interesting activities, including: complex mazes, fill-ins, text conversions, tough puzzles, Scripture searches and many more...

Solutions to the activities are on [www.setapartchild.com](http://www.setapartchild.com).

# Lesson 1—Live For God

## Bible Text

Acts 19:11-20

## Memory Verse

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him—Colossians 2:6 (NIV).

## Truth of God's Word

You are to live for God every day.

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### Introduction

Get the children to discuss about what it means to live for God.

### NOTES

### Bible Story

God used Paul to do some very special miracles. Some people carried away handkerchiefs and clothes that Paul had used and put them on those who were sick. The sick people were healed, and evil spirits left them.

Some Jews also were traveling around forcing evil spirits out of people. The seven sons of Sceva were doing this. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus to make the evil spirits go out of people. They all said, "By the same Jesus that Paul talks about, I order you to come out!"

But one time an evil spirit said to the seven sons of Sceva, "I know Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit inside him jumped on them. He was much stronger than all of them. He beat them up and tore their clothes off. They all ran away from that house.

All the people in Ephesus, Jews and Greeks, learned about this. They were all afraid and gave great honor to the Lord Jesus. Many of the believers began to confess, telling about all the evil things they had done. Some of them had used magic. These believers brought their magic books and burned them before everyone. These books were worth about 50,000 silver coins. As a result of this, the word of the Lord spread in a powerful way, causing more and more people to believe.

## Life Application

When the seven sons of Sceva who were not believers were beaten by the man with an evil spirit, it made the believers respect God. They had not been living for God as they ought to. After they confessed their sins, burnt the magic books and started living for God, God's Word spread and more people became believers.

A believer is a person who believes in Jesus to be saved from sin to live for God. When you believe in Jesus to be saved, you become a believer. Since you are a believer, you need to live for God every day. God's Word says: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him—Colossians 2:6 (NIV). Believing in Jesus to be saved from sin is not the end, but the beginning of a new life of living for God daily. You need to continue to live for God every day.

God tells you in His Word how He wants you to live for Him every day. When you do what God says, then you will live for Him. As you live for God daily, others will see it and will want to believe in Jesus like you do.

So you are to live for God every day. Ask God to help you to live for Him always.

## Discussion\*

Encourage the class to share how they can live for God daily by:

- Knowing that they are children of God,
- Asking the Holy Spirit to help them,
- Hearing and obeying God's Word,
- Praying to God,
- Spending alone time with God,
- Living to please God,
- Telling God sorry for any wrong they do,
- Forgiving others,
- Telling everyone about Jesus,
- Having believers as friends,
- Going to and helping out at church, and
- Helping out with all their hearts.

## NOTES

\* - The list in the discussion contains the lesson subjects for the rest of the curriculum.

# Curriculums

## **BELIEVE IN JESUS Curriculum**

- Preschool Teacher's Manual
- Preschool Activity Book
- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

## **LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum**

- Preschool Teacher's Manual
- Preschool Activity Book
- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

## **GROW IN LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum**

- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

## **BIBLE STUDY ON JOSEPH (For Older Children & Youth)**

- Leader's Guide
- Student Workbook

These curriculums are available in digital and print versions.  
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## About The Author



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She has a calling to minister to children and children's ministry teachers which God blesses and equips her for. Her children's ministry experience which started in 1985 includes teaching children of all age-groups, organizing summer camps and Bible clubs, speaking at children's conferences and programs, coordinating children's ministry department in churches, and training children's ministry teachers.

She writes exciting Bible-based curriculums & resources to teach children to know and live for God daily. The resources include Bible studies, devotionals, tracts, newsletters and articles. Empowered by the Holy Spirit's revelation to her on John 17:17, she ministers to children to be set apart by the truth of God's Word to live for Him. By the grace of God, her heart's desire through her writings is to birth and nurture the *set apart child*.

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For more information about her and what she believes, please go on her website at [www.setapartchild.com](http://www.setapartchild.com).

## LIVING FOR GOD CURRICULUM

- **PRESCHOOL TEACHER'S MANUAL**

Must have resource to help preschoolers learn how to live for God.

- **PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY BOOK**

Contains 26 pages of engaging and fun colouring activities on the Bible lessons and memory verses for preschoolers.

- **TEACHER'S MANUAL**

Essential aid to teach children how to live for God.

- **JUNIOR ACTIVITY BOOK**

Stimulating and enjoyable 26 pages of puzzles to solve on the Bible lessons and memory verses for younger children.

- **SENIOR ACTIVITY BOOK**

Comprises 26 pages of challenging and lively puzzles to decode on the Bible lessons and memory verses for older children.



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