HomeWord For Parents

The religious leaders of Israel thought they knew what the Law of God meant. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus set things straight and taught that the teachers had redefined the Law as a means to achieve righteousness based on works. As Jesus spoke, He pointed out the false teaching—"You have heard it was said." And then He clarified it with the full, heart-centered, and God-centered meaning of the Law—"But I say to you." It was soon clear that to the Jews God's Law was a call to outward appearance and holiness only. But to Jesus, God's Laws had always demanded both inward *and* outward holiness.

Throughout this sermon, Jesus pointed out that adherence to the letter of the law is not what God demands. To merely acknowledge that an outward sinful act is wrong without addressing the issue of the heart cannot bring true righteousness. For example, it is not enough to say, "You should not murder." Jesus challenged His listeners by demanding they not get angry or hate their enemies.

Jesus was showing that in spite of man's best efforts the Law was humanly impossible to keep. Jesus moved the focus of obedience from the letter of the law to the indwelling condition of the heart. By revealing the heart of man, He showed that God's standard of righteousness cannot be attained by human efforts alone. He was making it clear that it is not of any works we can do, but salvation is the gift of God through grace. And it is only when we come to Christ in repentance and faith that we are given a new heart and made new creations in Him (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord For Family Discussion

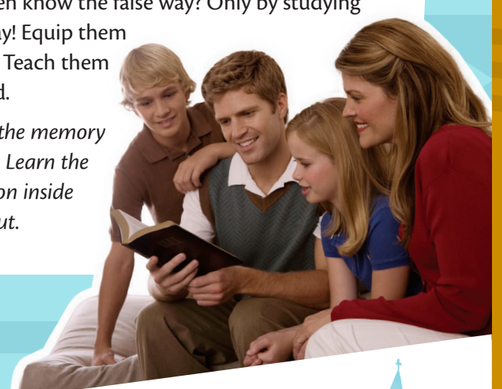
What if you heard someone say that the Bible isn't for today? **What could you say?**

The Bible is truth for today and every day. If I wanted to know one thing for sure, it would be who is God and what is He like! The Bible tells us everything God wants us to know about Him. It tells us what God promises believers and what He promises those who turn their backs on Him. It tells us the only way to have real peace and joy on earth, and the only way to have everlasting life with God in heaven after we die. These are very important messages for all people in all time. The Bible has endured for thousands of years. The message in it is timeless because the plan it presents—salvation in Jesus Christ for all who believe—is timeless.

InWord For Family Study

"Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). How will your children know the false way? Only by studying the true way! Equip them in all truth. Teach them God's Word.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



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Family Time

Jesus Teaches

Key Theme

- Jesus teaches His disciples.

Key Passages

- Matthew 5:21–22, 5:38–39, 5:43–44, 5:48
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

What You HEARD in the Word

- What Jesus taught the people was different from what the Scribes and Pharisees taught. Jesus taught that obedience comes from the heart, not just outward appearances.
- Jesus taught that it is impossible to keep the Law perfectly. That is why He came. We are all sinners and need a Savior.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

1. We should obey God from the _____.
2. Jesus said we should _____ our enemies.
3. We cannot be perfect on our own. Who is the only one who can help us?

1) Heart . 2) Love. 3) Jesus.

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (Matthew 5:44)
How should we treat our enemies?

Tuesday (Jeremiah 17:9)
What does this verse tell us about our heart?

Wednesday (2 Corinthians 5:17)
What does someone who is in Christ become?

Thursday (Matthew 5:21–22)
The Law said you shall not murder. What did Jesus say?

Friday (Ephesians 2:8)
How are we saved?

Saturday (John 14:6)
Who is the way, the truth, and the life?

Learn the Word!

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

But I Say to You

Find the words from today's lesson and circle them. Put an X through the words that are not part of the lesson.

Cats
Angry
Hate
Pray
Love
Trees
Bless
Pizza
Jesus
Savior
Ice Cream

Song Time!

Learn this verse with your family. Sing the song together.

John 14:6
(To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")
Jesus said to him, "I am
(Jesus loves me, this I know.)
The way, the tru-uth, and the life.
(For the Bible tells me so.)
No one comes to the Fa-a-ther
(Little ones, to Him belong.)
Except through Me."
(They are weak,)
John fourteen six.
(But He is strong.)

LIVE the Word with Maria and Her Dad

ANSWERS: Hate, Angry, Love, Pray, Bless, Jesus, Savior.