

Following Jesus (1)



A WONDERFUL GIFT!

We all like receiving gifts! When you asked Jesus into your life you received a wonderful gift from God. This gift is called the gift of salvation. In some cultures it is not polite to open a gift in front of the person who gave it to you, but in other cultures this is the right thing to do. Whatever culture you come from let's open this gift God has given now and see what He has done for us.

1. FORGIVENESS

Before coming to Jesus we were all sinners and separated from God. Now you have confessed your sin to God, he has forgiven you. This is the first thing He has done for you.

✝ What does God say He did with your sin when you turned to Him?

Psalm 103:12 _____

Micah 7:19 _____

✝ What difference does this make to our lives now?

Colossians 1:13-14 _____

1 John 1:8-9 _____

💡 Share in your group what changes have taken place in your life since you came to Jesus?

2. NEW LIFE

✝ What else does God do for us when we come to Jesus?

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 _____

✝ How is this new life described?

John 5:24 _____

💡 What do think 'eternal life' means? Discuss.

So the second thing that God does for you when you receive His gift of salvation is to give you a new life that lasts forever.

3. A CHILD OF GOD

When you were born as a tiny baby you were part of a human family, however now you have received Jesus you received 'God's life' or 'eternal life' and were born into His family.

✝ What does a person need to do to become part of God's family?



John 1:12-13 _____

✝ What can you call God now?

Romans 8:15 _____

✝ Who is the person who assures you that you belong to God?

Romans 8:16 _____

💡 Share about your family with the others in the group.

Perhaps your own earthly father was not always good to you, or he was often busy and did not have much time for you. All our fathers have made mistakes but now you have a perfect Heavenly Father who will always love and care for you.

4. HOLY SPIRIT

We have already learnt that it is the Holy Spirit who assures us that we belong to God. When you received Jesus the Holy Spirit came to live in you.

✝ What else does the Holy Spirit do for you?

John 14:16-17 _____

John 14:26 _____

💡 Share something you have learnt about God from the Bible since you have become a Christian.

When you invited Jesus into your life God forgave your sin and sent his Holy Spirit to live in you. The Holy Spirit will begin to change your attitudes and desires, and will give you the power to obey God's Word. So ask him to help you every day. Remember you are now part of a new family. God is your Heavenly Father and we are your brothers and sisters.

✝ What does 2 Corinthians 9:15 tell us to do? _____



Let's do that now! Just say one thing you would like to thank God for.

Memory Verse

“What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:17