

**WEEK 8: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 1: A CHILD OF GOD SHOULD OVERCOME SIN**

**1 John 3:1-12**

1. Last week we learned about John's warnings to the church. He told them that they should walk in the light. He told them they should not love the world. He told them they should watch out for false teachers and their lies.

What did John say must stay in us in order for us to stay in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What must we do to get God's word to stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

2. God's word must stay in us in order for us to stay in Christ. We must study God's word so that it will stay in us. In his letter, John also said many things about love. The verses for today are 1 John 3:1 to 12. Take your Bible now and read them.

From these verses we learn two things:

- (1) When we receive Jesus, God makes us his children.
- (2) When a Christian sins, he must confess his sin and overcome it.

Read 1 John 3:1 again. In this verse, who gives us love? \_\_\_\_\_

3. It is the Father who gives us love. This name "Father" tells us something about God. We know that God is the Creator. We know that he is the Judge. These names show us his power. But the name "Father" tells us something else.

A good father loves his children. Because God is our father, he loves us.

1 John 3:1:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

What does the Father call us? \_\_\_\_\_

4. God calls us his children.

1 John 3:2:

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

We do not know just what we will be in heaven. But what does God make us now?

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5. God makes us his children when we receive Christ. It is easy to say these words. But stop and think what this means! You and I are born of God. We are the ones he loves. We are the ones who get his riches. We are the ones who carry on his name.

If we are God's children, who should we be like? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. We should be like him. Have you ever told a man that his son looks like him? I am happy when people tell me this. God wants us to be like him too.

What does God make us when we receive Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. He makes us his children. We must be like him now. And John says that in heaven we will be even more like him. It will be wonderful to be very much like God in heaven. But we must not wait until then. We must be like him now.

1 John 3:3:

And every one who thus hopes in him purifies (or cleanses) himself as he is pure.

Look carefully at this verse. In what way should we be like God? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. God is clean or pure. This means that he has no sin. John says that we must cleanse ourselves so that we are like God.

John is saying that Christians must get rid of sin in their lives. We know that when we receive Christ we confess our sins. God forgives us. Some sinful things never come to our minds again. They are gone. But other things come back to us. If we told lies all the time, we may be tempted to tell lies again. As new Christians, we may listen to this temptation. We may tell a lie.

If I tell a lie in this way, does it mean I am no longer God's child? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The answer is No. But some people say Yes. They say that if you sin in this way, you are not God's child any more. They look at this verse.

1 John 3:6:

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

They say that a Christian never sins. But that is not what John means. John is talking about people who live in sin. False teachers taught that Christians could go on sinning.

Do you think that a child of God can live in sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. A child of God cannot live in sin. He may fall sometimes. He may commit a sin. But he does not stay in that sin. He does not keep on doing it. Some people say it does not matter if you sin. You are still a child of God. God will just forgive you. John says this is not right.

1 John 3:7-8:

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Some people keep on sinning. They live in sin. Whose children are they?

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11. People who live in sin are children of the devil.

1 John 3:10:

By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil; whoever does not do right is not of God.

But Christians fail sometimes. They do wrong things. Does this mean they are not God's children? No. If your child does wrong, you do not drive him out of your house. You tell him that he has done wrong.

When your child sees that he has done wrong, what do you expect him to do?

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12. You expect your child to be sorry. You expect him to agree that he has done wrong. This is what Christians must do. We must not stay in sin. There are two things we must do.

- (1) We must confess sin.
- (2) We must overcome sin.

When you see that you have sinned, what should you do right away? \_\_\_\_\_

13. The first thing we must do is to confess sin.

1 John 2:1:

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; and if any one does sin, we have an advocate (or helper) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 1:9:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins.

Many Christians do not know this. They fall into sin. Instead of confessing their sin right away, they stay in it. It is like a little child who is learning to walk. Sometimes he falls.

What does a little child do after he falls? \_\_\_\_\_

14. The child does not stay on the ground. He gets up and tries again. Soon he learns to walk. In the same way, a Christian must learn to overcome sin.

Dondo was a young man who looked after cattle. He was not a Christian. He worked with other young men who did many bad things and used bad words. But one day Dondo received Christ.

What does God make us when we receive Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

15. God makes us his children. Dondo became a child of God. His life was changed. People could see that he was now a Christian. But one day Dondo had trouble with the cattle. The cattle would not enter the pen. Dondo became angry. He spoke sinful words as he did before becoming a Christian. When he saw what he had done, he felt very sad.

What was the first thing Dondo should do? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Dondo confessed his sin. God forgave him. His heart was clean again. Dondo was tempted many times. Sometimes he used sinful words, but he always confessed his sin. After a time, the temptation did not come so often. And when the sinful words came to his mind, he stopped without saying them. At last he overcame this sin.

This is what we must do with sin:

- (1) We must confess sin
- (2) We must overcome sin.

What must we do after we confess sin? \_\_\_\_\_

17. We must overcome sin. God is patient with his children. He does not

drive them away when they sin. But he wants them to do something about it.

What does God want his children to do first with sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. He wants them to confess sin. God wants his children to get up again after they fall. He also wants them to learn to walk.

What is the second thing he wants them to do with sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. God wants his children to overcome sin. He wants you to overcome it. He wants you to be his faithful child.

Perhaps some things in this lesson were new to you. Write something from this lesson which has helped you.

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20. What does God make us when we receive Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What should Christians do with sin in their lives?

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**WEEK 8: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 2: HOW DO WE KNOW A PERSON LOVES GOD?**

1 John 3:11-24

1. What does God make us when we receive Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What should Christians do with sin in their lives?

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2. God makes us his children when we receive Christ. Sometimes a Christian sins, but he must not go on sinning. He must confess and overcome his sin.

A Christian should also show his love to God. Today we will learn three things which show that a person loves God.

(1) He loves his Christian brothers.

(2) He has a clean heart.

(3) He keeps God's commandments.

At the end of the lesson, you will write two of these.

The things which show our love to God are found in 1 John. Take your Bible now and read 1 John 3:14 to 24.

3. John had much to say about love in his letter. He wrote about God's love to us. And he wrote about our love to others.

1 John 3:14:

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death.

From this verse, how do we know that we have passed from death to life?

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4. John says we know because we love the brothers. He means our fellow Christian brothers. This is important because people can see our love to God in this way.

Think about your church. If the Christians quarrel among themselves, do the sinners respect their teaching about God?

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5. They do not respect the teaching. They do not believe it. They do not

see that the Christians love God.

1 John 4:20-21:

If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

When we love our Christian brothers, what does this show to people? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. There are three things which show that we love God. One is that we love other Christians.

Gichana wanted to be a church leader. One day the people of his church were choosing a new leader. Gichana and another man could take the position. The people would choose between them. Gichana was afraid that the other man would be chosen. He began to talk to many people. He told them the bad things in the life of the other man. He did this to make himself look better, so people would choose him.

Did Gichana show love for his Christian brother? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he show love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Gichana did not show love for his brother or for God. All Christians belong to the family of God. They are all children of God.

1 John 5:1-2:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God; and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

When a Christian loves God, whom else does he love? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. He loves the children of God or his Christian brothers. This is what John wants to tell us.

1 John 3:16-17:

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

When we love our Christian brothers, what does this show? \_\_\_\_\_

9. It shows that we love God. But we should not just say that we have love. We should do things to show it.

1 John 3:18:

Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

What is the first thing which shows that a Christian loves God? \_\_\_\_\_

10. These are the things which show that a person loves God.

- (1) He loves his Christian brothers.
- (2) He has a clean heart.
- (3) He keeps God's commandments.

1 John 3:21:

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence (or courage) before God.

If a Christian has sin in his life which he has not confessed, can he have a clean heart?  
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11. We cannot have the right kind of hearts when there is sin in them. Sin keeps us from coming to God. It keeps us from having courage before him. It keeps us from loving him.

What kind of hearts should we have in order to show our love to God? \_\_\_\_\_

12. We should have clean hearts. There are two ways to have clean hearts. The first way is not to do wrong. The second way is to repent when we do wrong. John wants us to do both of these things.

If we have clean hearts, what does it show? \_\_\_\_\_

13. We are talking about things which show our love to God. Our love to

God shows when there is no sin between us and him. When we do sin, we confess our sin. God forgives us. He says that he does.

But sometimes our hearts still condemn us. They keep telling us that we have done wrong. John says that we can quiet our hearts and know that they are clean.

1 John 3:19:

By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure (or quiet) our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

What kind of hearts must we have in order to show our love for God?

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14. We must have clean hearts. Our hearts tell us when we have done wrong. Then we confess our sin. We can be sure that God forgives us and makes our hearts clean again. As we keep our hearts clean, we show our love to God.

Having clean hearts is the second thing which shows a Christian's love for God. What is the first thing?

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15. The first thing is loving our Christian brothers.

What is the second thing which shows that a person loves God? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. These are the things which show that a person loves God.

- (1) He loves his Christian brothers.
- (2) He has a clean heart.
- (3) He keeps God's commandments.

1 John 3:24:

All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them.

Do you expect your children to obey you? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. You expect your children to obey you. And God expects us to obey him. He gives us commandments in his word. As we act on these commandments, we show that we love God. Or we show that we do not love God.

If we love God, what will we do with his commandments? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. We will obey them or keep them. We have already seen this in Chapter 2 of this letter.

1 John 2:3-5:

And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected.

When we keep the commandments, what do we show? . \_\_\_\_\_

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19. We show that we love God. Some people think that God's commandments are too hard to keep. But when we love God, his commandments are not hard.

1 John 5:3:

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome (or hard).

What are the first two things which show that a person loves God?

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20. First, he loves his Christian brothers. Second, he has a clean heart.

What is the third thing which shows that a person loves God? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. A Christian shows love to God when he obeys the commandments. As God's children we want to show our love to him. We need to remember all the things which show our love. We must be careful about these things which each day.

Go to a friend and tell him what you have learned in this lesson. Ask him whether he sees these things in your life. Then pray together that God will help you show your love for him.

22. Write two things which show that a person loves God.

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**WEEK 8: 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 3: WE MUST TEST THE SPIRITS**  
**1 John 4:1-6**

1. Yesterday we learned that there are three things which show that a person loves God. Write two of the things.

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2. A person shows his love to God when he does these things: He loves his Christian brothers. He has a clean heart. He obeys God's commandments. In today's lesson we will see what John says about spirits. We will learn how to test the spirits.

1 John 4:1:

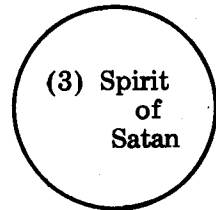
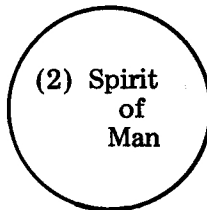
Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God.

Are all spirits of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Not all spirits are of God. There are three kinds of spirits. We can show them this way.



Every spirit is one of these three kinds.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 4:1 to 6. From Verse 1, what should we do to the spirits before we believe them?  
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4. John says that we should test the spirits. We do this to see if they are of God. John also tells us how to test the spirits. At the end of the lesson you will memorize these verses.

**1 John 4:2-3:**

**By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (or body) is of God and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.**

From these verses, what does the Spirit of God confess? \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. He confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh or in the body. This means that he agrees with Jesus. He agrees that he is God. He agrees that he came to earth. He agrees with what he taught.**

But not all spirits agree with Jesus. Many spirits say they are of God when they are not of God. We must ask questions to see if a spirit is good or bad. Perhaps you remember how it was in school. After your teacher taught you, he asked you questions. He tested you. This is what we must do with the spirits.

Which spirit confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh? \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. The Spirit of God confesses this. All the spirits which are of God confess this. The Spirit of God is the first kind of spirit. When we talk about spirits, we sometimes mean different things. Some peoplessay that a spirit does not have a body. This is partly true. But sometimes spirits do have bodies. Did you know that man has a spirit while he is still alive? These verses talk about the spirit of man.**

**Job 32:8:**

But it is the spirit in a man. . . .

**2 Timothy 4:22:**

The Lord be with your spirit.

Does man have a spirit only after he is dead? \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. No, he has it while he is living. And it was made by God.**

**Zechariah 12:1:**

Thus says the Lord, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him: . . .

From this verse, what does a man live with besides a body? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. He has a spirit. It is important that we know the difference between the Spirit of God, the spirit of man, and the spirit of Satan. The Spirit of God confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh. He confesses that Jesus is Lord.

The Spirit of Satan does not confess this. The spirit of Satan is evil. He tries to get men to do wrong. But men have their own spirits with which to choose right or wrong.

Proverbs 16:32:

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his own spirit than he who takes a city.

Which spirit should we rule? Is it the Spirit of God, the spirit of man, or the spirit of Satan?

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9. We should rule the spirit of man. We should make our spirits obey. We can make our spirits angry, proud, jealous, or happy. We can also let our spirits be ruled by God or Satan. Our spirits can be led by one of these two.

Kiranga saw his brother becoming rich. His brother had finished school and had a good job. Kiranga became very jealous. Every time he saw his brother, he refused to speak to him. He began to hate his brother. He let his spirit rule him.

Instead of letting his spirit rule him, what should Kiranga have done to his spirit?

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10. He should have ruled his spirit. He should have kept his spirit from being jealous.

We know that our ancestors have spirits. They are spirits of men which left their bodies at death. When these spirits left the body, they went to God for judgment.

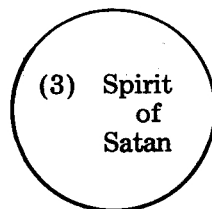
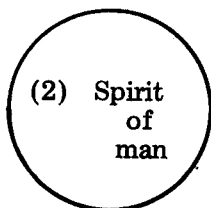
Ecclesiastes 12:7:

And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

What is the second kind of spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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There are the Spirit of God, the spirit of man and the spirit of Satan. The Spirit of God confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh. But the spirit of Satan does not agree with Jesus. He is called the antichrist, or the one who is against Christ.

1 John 4:3:

This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

Is the spirit of Satan good or evil? \_\_\_\_\_

12. He is evil. He says that Jesus is not God. He says that Jesus did not come in the flesh. He leads many other evil spirits who tempt and trouble men.

Which spirit says that Jesus did not come in the flesh? \_\_\_\_\_

13. This is the spirit of Satan. The Bible tells us that Satan is the prince and the power of the air. But we do not have to be under his power. Our God is stronger than Satan.

1 John 4:4:

Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

What does the spirit of Satan say about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

14. He says that Jesus did not come in the flesh. He says that Jesus is not God. He does not agree with what Jesus taught in the Bible. He often comes to talk to us. He tries to deceive us. If we let him, he will rule our spirits. That is why we must test the spirits and not listen to every one.

What is the third kind of spirit, which is the enemy of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

15. The third kind of spirit is the spirit of Satan. He has much power on earth. But his is not the greatest power.

What are the first two kinds of spirits?

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16. First there is the Spirit of God. Then there is the spirit of man.

One night Othiambo heard a voice speaking to him. It told him certain things to do.

What must Othiambo do before he obeys the voice? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the third kind of spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. The third kind of spirit is the spirit of Satan. Othiambo must test the voice to see what kind of spirit it comes from. If it is from the Spirit of God, it will agree with Jesus and the Bible. John tells us how to test the spirits.

1 John 4:2-3:

By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.

Take time now to memorise this verse. When you can say it without looking at it, write it here.

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18. What are the three kinds of spirits?

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Write 1 John 4:2-3.

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**WEEK 8: 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 4: THE LOVE OF GOD HELPS US**  
**1 John 4:7-21**

1. We have been learning what John wrote about spirits.

What are the three kinds of spirits?

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Say 1 John 4:2-3 to yourself.

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2. The three kinds of spirits are: the Spirit of God, the spirit of man, and the spirit of Satan. Look in your Bible to see if you said 1 John 4:2-3 right.

Each person who is born of God has the Spirit of God. He has the Spirit of God in his own spirit. He is saved because of the love of God. Today we will see what the love of God does for us. It does three things. At the end of the lesson you will write two of them.

- (1) The love of God shows us we are saved.
- (2) The love of God takes away fear.
- (3) The love of God makes us love our brothers.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 4:7 to 21.

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3. John had much to say in these verses. He wanted to say many things about love.

1 John 4:7:

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God.

Where does true love come from? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Love comes from God. At one time, all the world was lost and separated from God. We were to die for our sins. But God loved us and made a way to save us from death.

1 John 4:14, 16:

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. . . . So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

How did God show his love to the world? \_\_\_\_\_

5. God showed his love by sending his Son. Jesus died for our sins. Now we can be saved from sin and from death. God's love shows us we are saved. Some people say they do not know if they are saved. John tells us that we can know.

1 John 4:13:

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit.

When people believe on Jesus, what happens to them? \_\_\_\_\_

6. When people believe on Jesus they are saved. This is the first thing which God's love shows us. We are saved from sin and from death. The love of God comes into us. We love God and other people.

1 John 4:8:

He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

Can a person have the love of God in him, if he is not saved? \_\_\_\_\_

7. The sinner cannot know the love of God. But the Christian can know the love of God.

What is the first thing which the love of God does for us? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The love of God shows us we are saved. It also helps us to know in our hearts that we really are saved. Look again at the three things God's love does for us.

- (1) It shows us we are saved.
- (2) It takes away fear.
- (3) It makes us love our brothers.

1 John 4:18:

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love.

Can we truly love God if we are always afraid of his punishment? \_\_\_\_\_

9. We cannot. We are like Fibi. Fibi liked to dance. But her father did not want her to go to dances. Sometimes Fibi went secretly. For the next few days she would hide from her father. She was afraid because she had disobeyed.

John 14:23:

Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him.

What does love take away? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Love takes away fear. When we love God we keep his words. If we keep his words, we are obeying him. We do not have to fear, because we have done right.

When we love God, what happens to fear? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. When we love God, fear goes away. God loves us, and he takes our fear. We should not obey God because we are afraid of him. We should obey him because we love him. He loved us so much that he gave his Son to die for us.

The first thing God's love does for us is to show us we are saved. What is the second thing his love does for us?  
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12. God's love takes away fear. We do not fear punishment when we love and obey someone. God loves us, and we should love him.

There is also someone else we should love. Earlier this week we learned the things which show that a person loves God. We know that a person loves God when he has a clean heart. He loves God when he keeps God's commandments.

What is another thing which shows that a person loves God? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. We see that a person loves God when he loves his Christian brothers. But by ourselves, we cannot really love as God wants us to love. We need God's love to help us.

1 John 4:19:

We love, because he first loved us.

**1 John 4:21:**

**And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.**

**Is it sometimes difficult to love a Christian brother from another tribe?**

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**14. Sometimes this is hard. But Christians of other tribes or countries are our brothers in Christ too. God makes no difference in tribe or colour. All of his children are the same to him.**

**Whom does God's love help us to love?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. It helps us love our Christian brothers. We may not like the way our brothers in another tribe do things. But this does not have to cause quarreling and fighting. Even though we are different, we can have a spirit of love.**

**What causes us to love our brothers?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**16. God's love does this.**

**1 John 4:11:**

**Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

**What is the third thing which God's love helps us to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**17. God's love helps us to love our Christian brothers. We read this many times in the letter which we are studying. God's love also shows us we are saved and takes away fear.**

**In what letter do we read many times that God's love helps us?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**18. We read this in the letter of 1 John. John says many things about God's love.**

**From 1 John 4, what are the first two things which God's love does for us?**

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19. God's love shows us we are saved. It takes away fear.

What is the third thing which God's love does for us? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. God's love makes us love our brothers. God's love is great. It is strong and true. It will make our lives good. Our people need to hear about God's love.

Prepare a sermon to preach to your people about God's love. Write on another paper the things which you want to say. Bring the paper to class.

21. From 1 John 4, write two things which God's love does for us.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 8: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 5: WE CAN OVERCOME THE WORLD**

1 John 5:1-21

1. This is our last day in the letter of 1 John. John wrote much about love. We should always thank God for his love.

From 1 John 4, write two things which God's love does for us.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. God's love saves us. It takes away our fear. It makes us love our brothers. In the last chapter of 1 John, John wants to give courage to his people. He writes about things that they can know. He writes about eternal life and overcoming the world.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 5:4 to 15.

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3. In these verses, John makes us sure that we can overcome the world. He tells us who it is that overcomes. And he tells us how to overcome. These are the things we will learn today.

(1) Those who are born of God overcome the world.

(2) To overcome the world, we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

As we have learned, what should Christians not love? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. We should not love the world. We learned that when we love the world, we do sinful things. We love other things more than we love God. When we do this, we are overcome by the world. We are overcome by the power of Satan in the world.

Instead of being overcome, what should we do to the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. We should overcome the world. The world is in the power of Satan. He tempts us to sin. When we overcome the world, we refuse temptations, evil desires, and sin.

1 John 5:4:

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.

From this verse, what overcomes the world? \_\_\_\_\_

6. John says that whatever is born of God overcomes the world. Sometimes people try to stop doing bad things by themselves. They try to overcome the world before they are born again. But they cannot overcome the world because they are still part of the world.

Which people can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

7. It is those who are born of God who overcome. When we are born again we have faith. Our faith makes us to overcome. We can live lives that are free from sin. We are no longer under the power of Satan.

1 John 5:19:  
We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

When we are born again, what can we overcome? \_\_\_\_\_

8. We can overcome the world. But we cannot do this by ourselves. We cannot do this when we are children of Satan.

What must happen to a person before he can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

9. He must first be born of God. John wants us to understand this very well. Some people think we become good just by trying. But John says we must be born again. We must be born of God.

1 John 5:4:  
For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

From this verse, what is the victory that overcomes the world? \_\_\_\_\_

10. It is our faith that gives us the victory. It is our faith that makes us overcome the world. But what **faith must we have?** What must we believe

**in order to overcome? John tells us we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**

**1 John 5:5:**

**Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

**We must have faith to overcome. But what must happen to a person before he can overcome?**

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**11. A person must be born of God. How is he born of God? He is born of God when he believes on Jesus.**

**What must we believe about Jesus in order to overcome the world?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. We must believe that he is the Son of God. John says that there is something to help us believe this. It is the testimony of God. Through the Holy Spirit, God tells us that Jesus is God.**

**1 John 5:9-10:**

**If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.**

**When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, what can we do to the world?**

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**13. We can overcome the world. Our faith gives us eternal life. Our faith gives us victory over the world. John wants us to know that we can overcome sin. We can overcome the power of Satan.**

**What must we believe in order to overcome the world?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**14. We must believe that Jesus is the Son of God. We have learned that some people do not believe that Jesus is God. They say that he was only a good man or a great prophet or teacher. People who say this cannot have victory over Satan. They cannot overcome the world.**

**But when we truly believe that Jesus is God, something happens to us.**

**1 John 5:11-12:**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

What must happen to us before we can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. We must be born of God. We must have new life which is eternal.

Gikonyo wanted to be a good man. He began to go to church. He heard the teachings of Jesus. He believed that Jesus was a good man and taught many good things. But one day Gikonyo's neighbour spoke evil of him. The neighbour told other people lies about Gikonyo.

Gikonyo knew that Jesus said we must forgive others. But Gikonyo said, "I do not think Jesus could forgive my neighbour. He has hurt me very much. No man could forgive such a thing."

Did Gikonyo overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think he failed? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. You can answer in different ways. We will talk about this in class. Even though Gikonyo went to church, he was not born of God. And he did not believe that Jesus is God. That is why he did not overcome the world.

We overcome the world by the power of Jesus. Jesus gives us faith, and through faith we have victory. When we overcome the world, we overcome sin. Jesus keeps us by his power. His power is stronger than Satan's power.

What must we believe in order to overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. We must believe that Jesus is God or the Son of God. In this way we can overcome the world. It is wonderful to know that we do not have to be under the power of Satan. We can overcome. We can live above the world.

Some people live defeated Christian lives. They are always failing. They always stay down for awhile when they fall into sin. They say that the power of Satan is too strong for us.

As a child of God, do you believe that you can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. We will talk about this in class.

What must happen to us before we can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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What must we believe in order to overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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