

# LESSON 11

## SALVATION

### OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the reason why we need to be saved.
2. To understand how Jesus Christ gave His life to save us.
3. To recognize that there is only one way to salvation, which is given by the grace of God through faith.

### MEMORY VERSE

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”

(Ephesians 2:8)

### PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, we thank You for bringing us together on this Sabbath day to learn about the priceless gift that you have given to us. This gift is being able to receive salvation and to be called Your precious children. We can never repay You for this grace that You have given to us, but please help us live a life that glorifies Your name.



### Overview

#### 1. Bible Discovery and Spiritual Teaching

- o Why Do We Need to Be Saved?
- o How Does God Save Us?
- o What Must I Do to Be Saved?
- o What Does Salvation Mean to Me?

#### 2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—Saved by grace through faith

#### 3. Life Application—The Way to Salvation

#### 4. Activity—The Cup



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

Mankind needs the salvation of God to deliver us from sin, death, and the dominion of Satan.

Even as technology and living standards continue to improve, many evils still remain in this world. The world has been separated from God and so, even though He is our Creator and source of life, people ignore Him and His commandments to pursue after their own pleasures and wants. God wants us to be saved and, as a result, has made a way for us to receive His precious salvation.

The salvation plan of God has been prefigured from the very beginning! In Genesis 3:21, God made garments of skin to cover Adam and Eve after they had sinned. This covering prefigures the blood that Jesus Christ would shed to cover our sin (Jn 1:29). Similarly, the bronze serpent that God told Moses to set up to save the people from death also signifies the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Num 21:9). Those who have faith in Jesus Christ are able to receive salvation rather than condemnation.

From the Old Testament, we can already see the shadows of Jesus Christ and His salvation plan. The salvation plan comes to fruition in the New Testament, when Jesus Christ offered Himself as the sacrificial lamb to die on the cross for the sins of mankind. Through His death, He opened up a way for mankind to be reconciled with God. In John, Jesus Christ acknowledges that He is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:6)! It is only through Him that we can be with our Father in heaven once again and receive salvation. This precious salvation is free for all to receive if we are willing to accept it.



## Reaching Out to Your Students

Students at this age should already understand that you have to be baptized and have received the Holy Spirit to go to heaven. However, concepts beyond that are abstract to them. It would be beneficial to use images and concrete ideas to illustrate the teachings presented in the lesson. For example, you can choose to present salvation as a gift from God or describe sin as a dirty spot on a white shirt. It is important to use these types of analogies to help students have a deeper understanding of abstract teachings.

It is also important to emphasize to students that the road to salvation does not end once we are baptized and have the Holy Spirit. Rather, we must continue to pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to renew us in our daily life and, most importantly, put our faith into action.

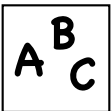


## Opener

5 Minutes

**Materials:** Water, black pepper

1. Fill a small bowl with water. This bowl of water represents the world that we live in.
2. Next, ask the students to sprinkle the black pepper into it. The pepper represents the sin that is in the world. Say to the students, "When Adam and Eve sinned, sin entered into the world."
3. Ask a student volunteer to put his or her finger in water. The student will notice that the "sins" are sticking to his or her finger. Allow other students to have a chance if they'd like.
4. Wipe off their fingers. Say to the students, "The world that we live in is full of sin, so when we are born, we are born into a world that is filled with sin. Every person has it. However, there is one way for us to escape from sin and that is through the salvation given to us by Jesus Christ!"



## Vocabulary

**transgression:** the act of committing a sin against God or of breaking the law of God

**iniquity:** an unjust or immoral act

**condemnation:** the condition of being strongly disapproved of



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students now. Ask students to follow along with the lesson and fill in the worksheet when needed. Keep a copy of the worksheet for reference.

### Why Do We Need to Be Saved?

From the activity before, we know that we have been born into a world that is filled with sin and death. In fact, the world that we live in is under the control of Satan. However, that wasn't always the case. When God first created the world, He intended for it to be good (Gen

1:31) and, to protect the well being of His creation, God established laws for us to obey. But God also created man with the freedom to make choices. He wanted human beings to obey Him out of freewill and choice, which is why, today, we have the choice to obey God or sin against Him. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan and ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As a result, they disobeyed God's specific command, so sin entered the world. Since then, humans have become separated from God.

Though we were created to be like God, because of disobedience, we no longer are able to have eternal life or be with God in heaven. Not only that, but through Adam,

we also inherited our sinful natures. As a result, it is impossible for us to save ourselves from our sin, because we are all bound by sin. Apostle Paul says in a letter to the church in Rome that even though he wants to do good, he does not do it. Rather, he does the evil that he does not want to do (Rom 7:14-15)! Even with the best intentions to obey God, we still sin against God because we are under the powerful control of sin.

In our daily lives, we may also commit our own transgressions against God. There may be many times where we find ourselves doing things that are against what God has commanded in the Bible. For example, we may lie to our parents or we may not keep the Sabbath day holy. There are many different sins that we commit against God! Most of us can probably come up with a long list of sins that we have committed against God.

The result of sin is death, and we as sinners have committed many iniquities against God. However, instead of condemning us all to death, God has opened up a way for us to be saved. This is the love of God for us! Let us now look at how we are able to receive salvation.

### How Does God Save Us?

God's love for us made Him provide a way to salvation. Still, God cannot simply overlook all of our sins and bring us to heaven because this is against His just nature. God's law condemns all sinners to death! In order for Him to deliver us from this eternal condemnation, God had to find a blameless, or without sin, person to be the mediator for our sins. The problem was that no one born from Adam is sinless. Therefore, God Himself had to come to earth in the form of man to fulfill the righteous requirement on behalf of all mankind. This Man is Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. Jesus Christ was a human being just as we are. He was tempted by Satan, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). So, He was a perfect Man.

According to God's law, in a sin offering, a priest had to offer an animal as sacrifice to God and sprinkle the blood of the animal on the sinner. The animal would bear the transgressions of the sinner. But the blood of animals cannot take away sins (Heb 10:4). The offering of animals is only a shadow of the sacrifice of the true sacrificial Lamb, which is Jesus Christ (Jn 1:29). He is the only who can take away all of our sin, and He is the perfect sacrifice to take away the sins of the world.

When Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross, He laid down His life as a payment for all of our sins. Through the blood that He shed, He is able to redeem us and it is because of His sacrifice that we now have a way to be saved from the control of Satan. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead after three days, it showed that He was victorious over death. In His death and resurrection, we

are now able to receive everlasting life!

Today, Jesus Christ continues to save us, through the washing of our sins through water baptism and the continual renewal of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us!

### What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Actually, our salvation is given to us by grace through faith. This means that we do not do anything on our own to receive this grace, but that salvation is a priceless gift from God (Eph 2:8-9). We are not able to "work our way" to heaven through our good deeds, but rather we are able to receive salvation through our faith in Jesus Christ.

At the same time, in the Bible, we can see that faith requires action. In James 2:26, it tells us that faith without works is dead. Therefore, it is important to put our faith into action. The first thing that we should do to show our faith to God is to believe in Him and repent of our sins. God has chosen us to be His precious children, so we should respond in the same way and make sure that we repent for the sins that we may have committed against Him.

Next, we can live out our faith by being obedient to the words of God in the Bible, such as the Ten Commandments. Even more importantly, God has commanded us to keep the sacraments, which have saving effects. Water Baptism washes away our sins. Foot washing allows us to have a part with Jesus Christ. Lastly, when we partake of Holy Communion, Jesus Christ lives in us. These are all required actions that God has commanded us to take, so through faith, we do them in the manner that is taught in the Bible. We do so because God has told us that we need to do them to be saved!

Apart from the sacraments, it is also important for us to be renewed continually by the Holy Spirit. In Titus 3:5, it tells us that we are saved "through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." The washing of regeneration is referring to water baptism, because through water baptism we "regenerate," or are reborn, into a new person when our sins are washed away (Jn 3:5). In order to experience the renewing of the Holy Spirit, we need the Holy Spirit in us to help us live a holy and pure life.

### What Does Salvation Mean to Me?

1. *Salvation allows us to be adopted by God (Rom 8:15)*

We are blessed to be adopted by God and, as a result, we are now children of God. This is a special status that has been given to the people that God has redeemed. We are no longer part of the world, but are God's own

special people. As a result, our lives should glorify God, who has saved us.

2. *Salvation is a hope that we have as Christians (Rom 8:24-25)*

Since God has provided us the way to salvation, as long as we accept it and follow it, we will be able to receive the heavenly inheritance that God has promised to us.

Our life is meaningful because our hope is not in our life on earth but in the eternal life that we will receive in heaven.

**FOR TEACHERS**

Once students have completed the worksheet, go over the worksheet to ensure that the students have completed it correctly. You may choose to give the answers or ask students to volunteer.



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

**We are saved by grace through faith.**

The doctrine of salvation encompasses some of the other Basic Beliefs, such as water baptism or the Holy Spirit. It is the core of our Christian faith, as everything that we do in our walk of faith is because we have hope that we will be able to reach the heavenly kingdom and be with our God in heaven.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

### Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down?

[Ask students to put their thumbs up if the statement is true or thumbs down if the statement is false.]

1. When God created the world, He intended it to be good. (Up)
2. Sin entered into the world because of God. (Down)
  - Sin entered into the world because of the disobedience of man to God's words.
3. Jesus Christ is the only one that can redeem us because He is without sin and perfect. (Up)
4. God saves everyone who does good because they do good. (Down)
  - Salvation is given to us by the grace of God.
5. The Sacraments of Water Baptism, Foot Washing, and Holy Communion are related to salvation. (Up)
6. The Holy Spirit is able to renew us, so that we are able to live a perfect and holy life. (Up)



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### 1. THE WAY TO SALVATION

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet to the students now. Read the short scenario to the students.]

One day, John was planning to ask his close friend Timothy to join him at church this Saturday. John was very nervous, but he made the determination to ask. John excitedly asked, "Hey! My church is having a special service this Saturday. Do you want to join me?" Timothy responded coolly, "Oh, I already believe in Jesus Christ, so I'm good. Thanks for asking, though." At this point, John responded by saying...

**What can John say to Timothy to help him understand that believing in Jesus Christ is only the first step to receiving salvation?**

First, we have to understand that believing in Jesus Christ is the first step to receiving salvation. In Romans 10:9, it tells us that we have to confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Many

denominations stop at this step and, in doing so, they fail to follow the words of God in the Bible. It is important to understand that when we believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior this means that we also believe in the Bible, which testifies about Him.

The next step to salvation is to repent and turn back from our sinful ways. If we only confess the name of Jesus Christ with our mouths, then we are only doing lip service. In acknowledging that Jesus Christ is our Savior, we are also acknowledging that we need to be saved because of our sins. As a result, we should walk away from our sinful past and instead start being obedient to the word of God and living a pure and holy life. This obedience is a sign of us putting our faith into practice.

After repenting and obeying the word of God, we must then also have faith in the Lord by accepting the sacraments and keeping them according to the Bible. Jesus Christ commanded that we keep the sacraments and has promised that by doing them there will be saving effects.

In this whole process, we have to pray continually for the promised Holy Spirit that God will give to us as a seal and guarantee of our inheritance in heaven (Eph 1:13-14).

Faith does not only require us to believe; rather, we have to continue to put our faith in action and make sure that we are obedient to the words of our God in the Bible at all times!

Let us now look at a testimony of what we should pursue after God has given us His precious salvation!

[Read the testimony to the students and go over the discussion questions with the students.]

During a Student Spiritual Convocation, a young sister was praying with one of her spiritual friends during lunchtime. They had made the determination to repent and draw closer to God in their daily lives. In the prayer, the young sister opened her heart and began to repent to God. It was at this time that God opened her eyes and she saw a vision. In the vision, she saw an image of a black heart. As she looked at this black heart, she felt very guilty and sinful, so she began to repent for her sins. As she began to repent, the black heart started to turn white and, by the end of the prayer, her black heart had turned white. The young sister realized the importance of repenting before God and making sure her heart was pure before God.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What determination did the young sister make in the testimony?
2. What did the young sister do to make her heart change from black to white?
3. Think about your own life. How does understanding God's salvation change how we should live our lives?

[As a reflection exercise, ask students to write their sins on a piece of paper and turn it in. You can write the students' responses on the board to share with the class, if so desired.]

Encourage students that Jesus Christ has already given us His precious salvation by delivering us from the sinful ways of the world. It is now our turn to live out our life for Jesus Christ and to pursue after holiness. This is a process that takes time, but the first step towards change is to identify our sins. Next, we have to repent and make the determination not to make the same mistakes again.



## Activity

### The Cup

10-15 Minutes

**Objective:** To illustrate that Jesus Christ cleansed us of our sins, allowing us to receive salvation.

#### Materials

- Clear plastic cups, one per student + 1
- Bleach
- Water
- Food coloring (preferably red)
- Black marker

Before class, label one cup "Jesus Christ" and pour a mixture of bleach and water into the cup.

#### Instructions

1. Hand out one cup to each student and have him or her label the cup. Then, pour water into each of the cups until it is about half full.
2. Ask students, "What would happen if you put one drop of food coloring into your cup?" (Their water would turn the same color as the food coloring.) Then, add a drop of food coloring into each student's cup.
3. Explain that the food coloring represents sin. When we sin, we are no longer clean but have been contaminated by sin. Ask students, "Do you think you can make the water clear again?" (Most of the students would probably respond with a resounding "no.")
4. Next, take out the cup labeled "Jesus Christ." Tell students that when Jesus Christ came into the world, He had one purpose: He came to take away our sins. He is the only one that can save us.
5. Begin pouring a little bit of the mixture from "Jesus Christ" into each cup. (The liquid will turn clear.) Explain that Jesus Christ came to save us and that He is the only one who can take away our sins. He is perfect and has no sin. (Put one drop of food coloring in the cup labeled "Jesus Christ" to show that Jesus Christ resists sin and has never succumbed to temptation! The food coloring will disappear in the cup.) He is our one and only Savior and it is only through Him that we are able to receive the precious salvation.

#### HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. God
2. grace
3. blood (also acceptable: life)
4. We have sinful natures; we commit sin; the world that we live in is sinful
5. Faith does not only require us to believe; rather, we have to continue to put our faith in action and make sure that we are obedient to the words of our God in the Bible at all times.
6. Answers may vary.

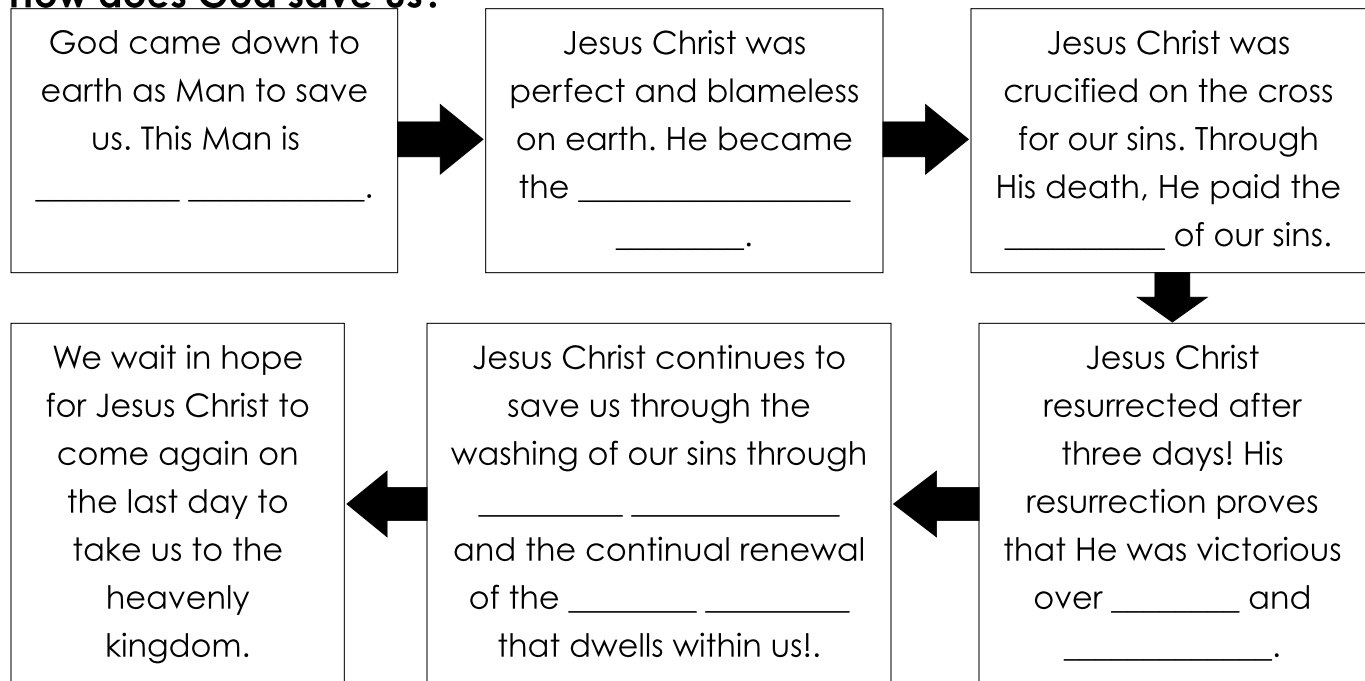
## SALVATION

### Why do we need to be saved?

<p><b>1</b> We have been born into a world that is filled with _____ and _____, because of the fall of Adam and Eve. (Genesis 3)</p>	<p><b>2</b> We have _____.</p> <p> Oftentimes, we find ourselves doing the bad that we don't want to do and not doing the good that we want to do! (Romans 7:18-19)</p>	<p><b>3</b> We commit our own _____ against God.</p> <p>In our daily life, we are also sometimes disobedient to God and do not follow His commandments.</p>
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**CONSEQUENCE OF SIN** \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas 1:15)

### How does God save us?



### What must I do to be saved?

We are saved by \_\_\_\_\_!

This means...

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## THE WAY TO SALVATION

**Directions:** Read the scenario and fill in the missing information.

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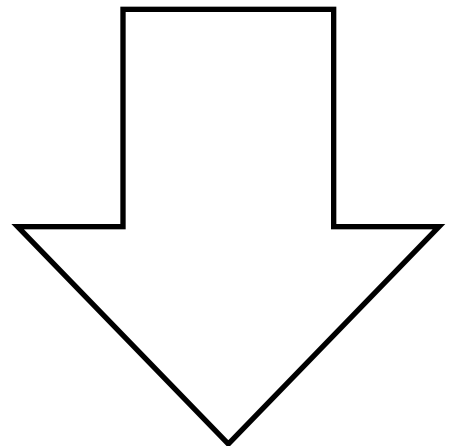
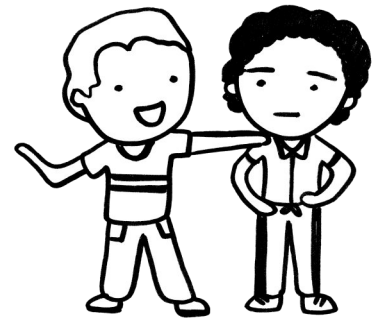
(Rom 10:9)

**Step 2:** Repent and \_\_\_\_\_

(Mat 19:17)

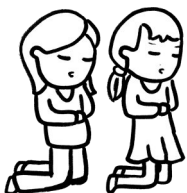
**Step 3:** Receive the \_\_\_\_\_

(Mat 3:16; Jn 13:12; 1 Cor 11:24-25)



### Testimony

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## E2 Year 3 Book 3 Lesson 11—Salvation Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

### What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Ephesians 2:8**)

\_\_\_\_\_

### Fill In the Blank

1. Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh.
2. We are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ was used as payment for our sins.

### Short Answer

4. What are three reasons we need to be saved?
  
  
  
5. Why is it not enough just to confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior to be saved (Rom 10:9)?
  
  
  
6. How will you live your life differently knowing that Jesus Christ has saved you? Please list two ways.