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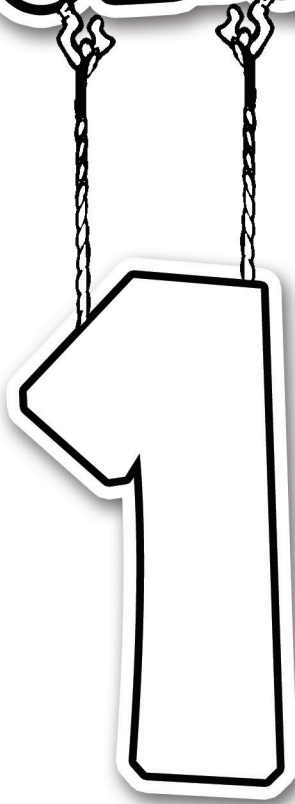
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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number One**

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# Welcome to SUMMER CAMP



Do you know that the **United States Treasury Department** has a special group of people whose job is to track down **COUNTERFEITERS**? So these people REALLY need to know a **COUNTERFEIT** bill when they see it!



Do you know how they learn which bills are fake?

Do they spend time looking at fake bills?  YES  NO

Do they spend time looking at real bills?  YES  NO

Do they spend time making real bills?  YES  NO

The truth is they spend their time looking at and holding the real bills so when they come to a **COUNTERFEIT** bill, they know right away it isn't real.

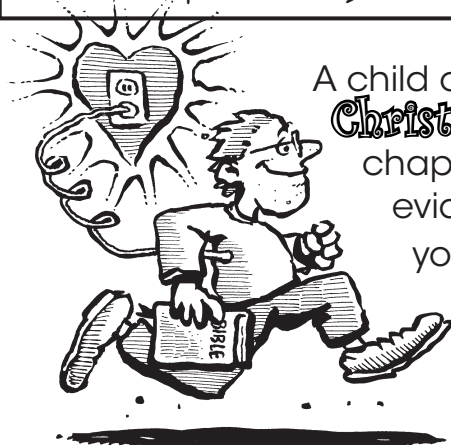
This week we are going to spend some time seeing what **1 JOHN 3** has to say about a **COUNTERFEIT** person; a person who says that he is a **Christian** but really isn't, and what the Bible says is a true, a REAL **Christian**.

We are warned in **1 JOHN** that in the world today there are **COUNTERFEIT Christians**!



LET'S READ... **1 JOHN 3:10 TOGETHER**

"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."



A child of **God** practices righteousness and loves other **Christians** no matter what! If you have read the first **2** chapters in the book of **1 JOHN**, you know that the evidence of being a **Christian** is revealed in your fellowship with **God** and that the fruit of that fellowship is shown in the practicing of righteousness and in your love for others.





### LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 3:6,9 TOGETHER

"Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

In verse 6 it says "whoever abides in Christ does not sin", and in verse 9 we are told "whoever has been born of God does not sin".



### LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 1:8,10 TOGETHER

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

In verse 8 we see that "we do sin", and in verse 10 we are told "If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and His word is not in us."

In the original language...

The word "sin" here means "to live in sin."

HOW CAN BOTH THESE STATEMENTS BE TRUE?



So what 1 JOHN 3:6 says is,

"No one who abides in God lives in sin... No one who lives in sin has seen God, or even knows God."

So what 1 JOHN 3:9 says is,

"No one who is born of God lives in sin... he cannot live in sin because he is born of God."

### SO THE PERSON WHO LIVES IN CHRIST DOES NOT GO ON SINNING.



1 JOHN 3:8-9 explains that there will be times in our lives that we will sin, but if we confess and repent from the sin, God will forgive us.



So to live in sin is to sin as a way of life. It does not refer to committing an occasional sin. It is clear that no Christian is sinless (1 JOHN 1:8-10), But God wants a true believer to sin less and not to sin habitually.

We read about people in the Bible who at one time or another sinned.

Such as when...

ABRAHAM LIED ABOUT HIS WIFE (GENESIS 12:10-20),

MOSES LOST HIS TEMPER AND DISOBEYED GOD (NUMBERS 20:7-13),

AND PETER'S 3 DENIALS OF THE LORD (MATTHEW 26:69-75).



He may sin sometimes, but he will not practice sin, making it a way of life.

But they didn't live in sin as a way of life. You could say that those were incidents which took place in their lives, but they were totally contrary to their normal way of living.

**And** when they sinned, they admitted their sin and asked **GOD** to forgive them!

### AN UNSAVED PERSON-

(Even if he professes to be a **Christian**, but is **COUNTERFEIT**), lives a life of habitual sin - sin is the normal way of life for him.

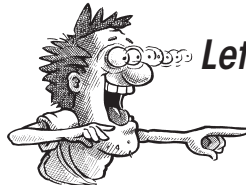
### A TRUE BELIEVER-

**Does not live** in habitual sin. He may commit sin - sinning sometimes, but he will not practice sin - making it a way of life.



The difference is that a true **Christian** knows **GOD**. A **COUNTERFEIT Christian** may talk about God and go to church, but he doesn't really know **GOD**.

A person who has been "**BORN OF GOD**" through faith in Christ knows **GOD** and because he knows **GOD**, he lives a life of obedience - he does not live in sin.



Let's take a look at **BIBLE STUDY**

## Number One



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 2:29-3:3**

"If (since) you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. Behold what manner of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF HEBREWS 1:8-9**

"But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of \_\_\_\_\_ is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved \_\_\_\_\_ and hated \_\_\_\_\_; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.'"

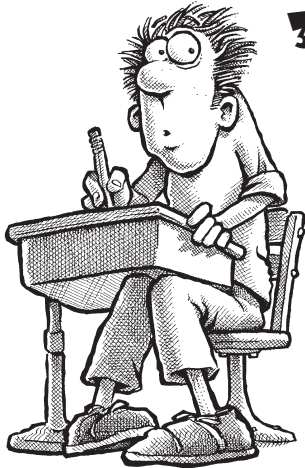


In **1 JOHN 2:29** we are told...

Whoever practices righteousness is a true **Christian**.

List **3** things that you could do to practice righteousness this week:

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



Now, think about those 3 things and ask yourself the question, "Do I practice these things at home or school?"

John relates doing righteousness to being born of **God**.

Do you know that a person demonstrates who they are by what they do?



**WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE DO???**

**A FIREMAN**

**A TEACHER**

**A POLICEMAN**

**PROTECTS**  
**WRITES BOOKS**  
**TEACHES**  
**FIGHTS FIRES**  
**PLAYS SPORTS**  
**SINGS OPERA**

We demonstrate who we are by what we do! Many people talk the right talk, but don't walk the right walk. (They are **COUNTERFEITS** - not the real thing)



**JAMES 1:21-25 SAYS**

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

The Bible tells us that we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the word. We are to practice what **God** says! The Bible says that if we don't do (practice) the word, we are deceived!

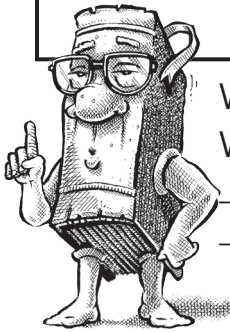
What does it mean to be deceived? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happens to someone that has been deceived? \_\_\_\_\_

# We are told of people in the Bible who are deceived.



**MATTHEW 7:13-23 SAYS**

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"



Who goes to heaven? A counterfeiter will say: "Everyone goes to heaven!" What does **GOO** say?

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This next part is really



**EXCITING!!!**

**1 JOHN 3:1 SAYS**

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."



**1 JOHN 3:1**

**tells us of **GOO'S** love for us.**

**GOO** K UP & READ **1 JOHN 3:2-3**. WHAT **HOPE** IS BEING TALKED ABOUT?



**GOO** K UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF **ROMANS 5:8**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us."

**DO YOU GET IT?!**

**GOO** SENT HIS SON TO TAKE THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS



THOSE THINGS THAT SEPARATE YOU FROM **GOO**



AND **GOO** DID THIS EVEN BEFORE YOU EVEN CARED ABOUT HIM.

When you were doing bad things, when you didn't care about being good, when you were at your worst - **GOO** loved you then!





# ACTIVITY PAGE

# 1

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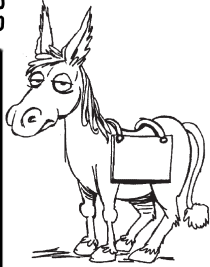
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

REVELATION 3:20



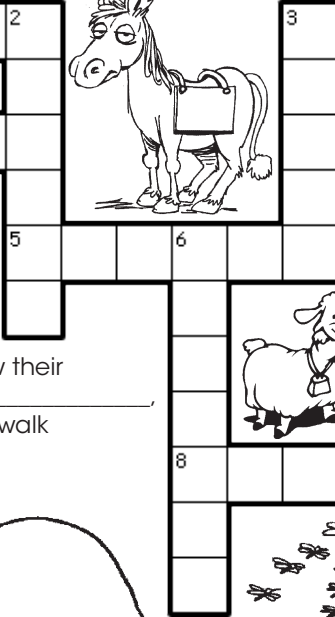
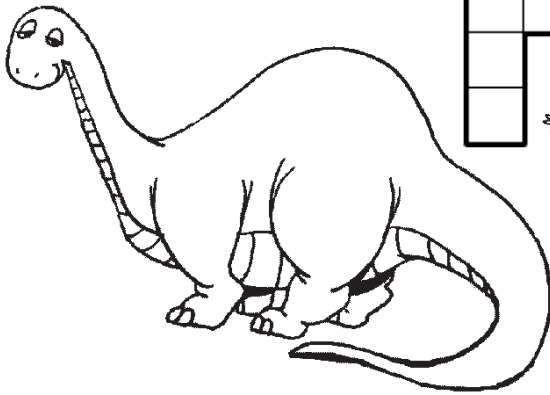
# ACTIVITY PAGE 2

## CRITTERS OF THE BIBLE



### ACROSS

- 1. I laid down my life for all mankind. (John 1:29)
- 4. I am the fiercest creature that God created. (Job 41)
- 5. "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount on wings like \_\_\_\_\_ they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)
- 8. Samson found us in the carcass of a lion he had slain. (Judges 14)



### DOWN

- 2. Jesus rode me into Jerusalem (Matthew 21)
- 3. Aaron stretched forth his hand over all the waters of Egypt and these came forth. (Exodus 8)
- 6. John the Baptist ate these along with honey. (Matthew 3)
- 7. I have a tail like a cedar tree, my bones are like bronze, and my ribs like bars of iron. (Job 40)

