

The Journey with Jesus

Journeying

If you have accepted Christ into your heart, then you are on a Journey with Jesus. You are a disciple (follower) of God. This journey is full of excitement and adventure, and along the way, there are different waypoints (stopping points).

The first waypoint on your journey with Jesus is accepting Christ into your heart. This is called salvation, and it is where your trip begins. After reaching this milestone, you continue on your way, learning and growing in Christ.

Another waypoint is baptism! In baptism an individual goes into the water with his or her pastor, is briefly lowered below the surface of the water and brought back up. The purpose of this act is to show the world that you have left your life of sin behind, and Christ has washed your sins away. Coming out of the water signifies that you have been made new.

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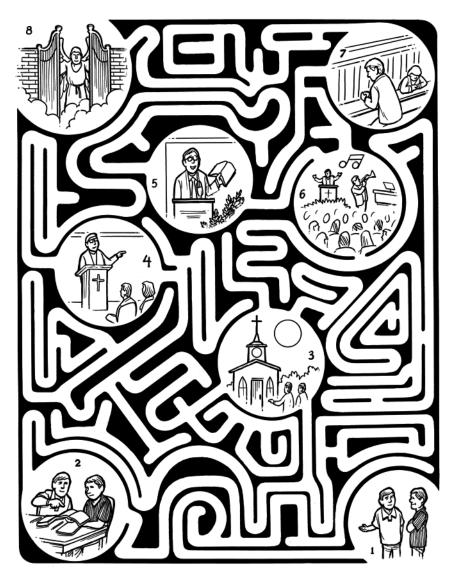
After reaching the waypoint of baptism, you continue to be a disciple of God, but you also begin discipling (teaching) new converts around you.

Missionaries are discipling many new converts in countries across the world. They are teaching those who do not know God how to become a disciple of Him! But remember, it is not just the missionaries who are called to discipleship. YOU are too!

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LET'S MAKE THE JOURNEY

We talked about different waypoints on our journey with Jesus. As we grow in our own walk with Christ, further waypoints could include: reaching out to an unbeliever, explaining about Jesus, taking him/her to church, praying with them, and making sure they get baptised. The final milestone for all Christians is going to heaven! Help this friend find his way to the various milestones throughout the maze!





MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

The Sinner's Salvation

He was just a kid, only twelve years old, but he was already drinking alcohol, smoking, and partying with the wrong crowd. He was such a young boy, but his life of sin caused him to be abusive. He would scream at his mother and throw rocks at her while demanding money for his drug habits. He became a thief, stealing from others to take for himself. His name was Gabriel, and his life was already such a mess.

Gabriel had a cousin named Luís who lived close by. His lifestyle was completely different from Gabriel's. Luís served the Lord and went to church, and the church he attended just happened to be one that was led by HIM missionaries! Luís invited Gabriel to go to a service with him. When he went, Gabriel saw just how badly he needed Jesus. Though his life was filled with sin and seemed hopeless, that Sunday Gabriel gave his heart to the Lord. He was





forgiven of his sins and made new in Jesus. His life was forever changed. He even began sharing the gospel with others as his cousin had done with him!

It is incredibly sad that Gabriel was in such deep sin at only twelve years old. But there are many like him! Who do you know who is not serving Christ? A life of sin leads to eternal separation from God. This thought should help us want to urgently share the gospel—the key to a sinner's salvation. With whom can you share Jesus? Is it your neighbor, or a friend at school? Is it the kid from the park, or the one you met at camp? Be on the lookout for a soul who needs saving. You won't have to search too far!

Check the Chart

Remember on page four we talked about waypoints on the journey with Jesus? Sometimes we can go right past a waypoint and forget about it. To keep these waypoints in your mind, get the help of an adult, and make a weekly checklist! On this checklist include things such as Bible reading, prayer time, inviting friends to church, memorizing scripture, and anything else you want to add. Decorate your chart any way you like and hang it up in a place where you will see it every day. Let it remind you to check the waypoints on the journey with Jesus.

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