

Some women
who are in the Bible

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Introduction

- It is women who have written this book.
- It is women that we have written this book for. Whether they are Christians, whether they are not Christians, they can gather in one place and learn. It is not necessary that they all know reading, except one woman. She it is who will lead them in learning.
- It is about the bodies/lives of women that we have written this book. We have taken the bodies/lives of twenty women to teach many lessons. Sometimes the life of one woman is one lesson, sometimes it is long, therefore we teach in parts.
- Of these women, ten are in Judah People History book (Old Testament). That is a big book that they are on, but they have not yet finished writing. Because you have not had chance to buy it, we have written the matter of these women in this book.
- The ten remaining women are in Word-of-God Book (New Testament), that is to say the book they have already made. Therefore we have not written about their lives in this book, but the chapter and verses only. When you reach where they are, it is necessary to bring Word-of-God Book to your meetings. You who don't have, it is necessary that someone go and buy!
- When you meet, how you should do follows. Firstly, someone should read the things we have written at the top of the lesson. At that time, she should read the lessons about that particular woman. If those who are listening well have not heard such a matter before, it is necessary that she should read it again a second time. When she has finished reading, she should read the questions one by one, so that those who are listening answer. It is not she who reads who should answer, but those that are listening only. What she can do is that she should encourage them so that everyone says their own. Many times, the last question is a question about our living (cultural question). Therefore they can have a lot of conversation!
- May God bless every woman who learns so that God will get a great name!

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1 Eve

1. Human being

God created this world and all its trees and animals. Listen to how God created a human being.

Genesis chapter 1 verses 26-28, and 31

Questions

1. When God created human being(s), what were they like?
2. Did even woman come from God?
3. What job/work did God say that the human being(s) should do?
4. Of these two jobs, which one is good for man? And which one is good for woman? Be careful! How many people did God speak to?
5. In our living, what can we do to change?

2. The first woman

Genesis chapter 2 verses 7-8 and 15-24

Questions

1. What did God use to make the human being? How did the human being become a person (literally knows-life)?
2. What work did God say the person should do? Where?
3. What did God say to the person that he should not do?
4. Why are animals not good as a helper for a person?
5. What helper did God create?
6. What did God use to create the woman?
7. What does the creation of woman teach about marriage?
8. What must each man do from that time onwards?
9. In our living, sometimes a man will build his room near the house of relatives. Talk about whether this is good or what?

3. The first sin

Genesis chapter 3 verses 1-20

Questions

1. Who said to the woman that she should not eat the fruit of the tree?
2. Why did the woman eat some of the fruit?
3. Did her husband tell her she should not eat?
4. Straightaway, what happened? What is the meaning?
5. When God asked the man why he ate, who did the man accuse/blame?
6. When God asked the woman why she ate, who did the woman accuse/blame?

7. Who did wrong more than his fellow?
8. In what two ways did God punish the woman?
9. In what two ways did God punish the man?
10. Talk about how, at first, each of them had two works to do, and now their work is different.
11. Somebody should say the names of the man and the woman. What is their meaning?
12. What punishment came on them both?
13. In our living, is it good for a man to follow what his wife says?
14. In our living, if a woman does wrong, what should her husband do?

2 Sarai or Sarah

After many generations, there was a man, and he gave birth to Abram and Nahor and Haran. They called Abram's wife Sarai. And God said to Abram that he should remove from the land he is living in, and leave his relatives so he can go to a land God will show him. This land they call Canaan. And he also said to him that he would cause his descendents to be many. When Abram and his wife had reached there and lived there long, Sarai had still not given birth, she was a barren woman. Listen to what happened.

1. Sarai and her slave

Genesis chapter 16 verses 1-6

Questions

1. Who did Sarai accuse/blame that she did not give birth?
2. Because of their customs/laws, what did she do?
3. When Hagar gave birth, what trouble came?
4. Why was Sarai angry? Who did she accuse/blame?
5. What did Abram respond to his wife? Did he accuse/blame his wife?
6. Is it true that every man and his wife will accuse/blame each other?
7. Was what Sarai did to Hagar good? Say what would have been good to do to her.
8. In our living, if rival wives have a quarrel, what is good for the husband to do?

2. Sarai became Sarah

Abram gave Hagar's child the name Ishmael. And God again spoke to Abram and told him to circumcise every man to show that God had made a vow with him. And he changed his name from Abram which means Father-owns-heaviness, to Abraham,

which means Father-has-children. And he again told him that his descendents would be many. Listen to what he said about Sarai.

Genesis chapter 17 verses 15-21

Questions

1. What should they call Sarai from that time? What is its meaning?
2. How old was Abraham? How old was Sarah?
3. If you are old and you have not given birth, what is your living like?
4. When God told Sarah that she would give birth, what did her husband do?
5. What should they call the child? What is its meaning?
6. Which of Ishmael and Isaac would get descendants?
7. In our living, if a man marries a woman, and they don't give birth, is it good that he refuse her?

3. Sarah conceived

Genesis 18 verses 1-15

Questions

1. What house did Abraham and Sarah live in? Why?
2. What food did they make for the strangers?
3. At first they said that 3 people came to them, but later they wrote that it was God who spoke. What is its meaning?
4. When Sarah heard what God said, what did she do?
5. Is it true that there is nothing that is too hard for God?
6. In our living, if you worship God, and trouble comes to you, what will you do?
7. Tell what you did when a trouble came to you.

4. Sarah gave birth

Listen to how what God promised came true.

Genesis chapter 21 verses 1-7

Questions

1. What name did they give to the child?
2. Sarah said that the name was very good. Why?
3. When God told Sarah that she would give birth, she laughed, she didn't believe him. Now her laughter shows that she has believed him. Why?
4. When Sarah gave birth, do you think that she repented that she had not been patient?

5. If you are old, and you give birth, is rearing the child hard?

They called the descendants of Isaac, Israelites. After a while, Sarah and her slave Hagar again quarrelled. So Abraham drove Hagar and her child away. Does any of you know what we call their descendants today?

3 Rebecca

This Isaac grew and became a young man, and his mother Sarah died. Listen to how Abraham engaged a woman for Isaac.

1. Young woman Rebecca

Genesis chapter 24 verses 1-28

Questions

1. Why did Abraham not want his child Isaac to get a woman from among the Canaanites?
2. In our living, do they make a vow the way Abraham and his servant did? How do they make a vow?
3. Where did the servant go? You should hear that it is where they fought a war in the year 2003, that is the land of Iraq.
4. Talk about the prayer that the man made by the well.
5. Who were the relatives of the young woman Rebecca? That shows that the relationship between Isaac and Rebecca was what?
6. How did Rebecca take care of Abraham's servant?
7. What did Abraham's servant give to Rebecca?
8. When Abraham's servant heard that he had reached his master's relatives' house, what did he do?
9. In our living, why is it not good if a man marries his sister?

2. The bride Rebecca

At that time, Abraham's servant told Rebecca's relatives everything that had happened, and he again praised God. And he stayed there that night. Listen to how Rebecca became a bride.

Genesis chapter 24 verses 57-67

Questions

1. When they asked Rebecca if she would go with the man, was she shy?
2. With what blessings did they bless her?
3. Where was Isaac living at that time?

4. Why did Isaac go into the bush?
5. Talk about how Abraham engaged a woman for his child, and they had not yet seen each other. Do you think such a marriage will go well?

4 Miriam

1 Young woman Miriam

The Israelites, whom they also call Hebrews, migrated to the land of Egypt because of a famine. After that, The Egyptians made them work as slaves. It was not long, and the Egyptian king saw that the Israelites had become many. Therefore he made a law that when any Israelite woman gave birth to a male child, they should kill the child. Listen to how they gave birth to Moses, and how his sister Miriam looked after him.

Exodus chapter 2 verses 2-10

Questions

1. Why did the Egyptian king make a law that they should kill the Hebrew male children?
2. What two things did Moses' mother do so that they would not see him?
3. When Miriam asked the princess if she should call a woman to nurse him, did it come from her own thoughts?
4. How old do you think Miriam was?

2 The woman Miriam

When Moses had grown, God called him to take his people, the Israelites, out of the land of Egypt. And his older brother Aarón helped him. Then God caused that the Red Sea divided, and the Israelites walked on dry ground and crossed, whilst the Egyptians ran and chased them to catch them. Listen to what happened, and how Miriam praised God.

Exodus chapter 15 verse 19-21

Questions

1. What did they call Miriam?
2. Take the words of the song and learn them.
3. Take those words and make a song in your language. Do not forget to put Miriam's name in the song.

3 Sinner Miriam

The Israelites continued wandering in the desert, and Moses married a second wife. This woman was not an Israelite, but

she had come out of the land of Egypt with them. Listen to the trouble that came.

Numbers chapter 12 verses 1-15

Questions

1. How did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses? There are two answers.
2. Did God send a bad disease on Miriam because the woman did the work of God's prophet, or what?
3. How did God punish Aaron?
4. Why was Miriam's punishment more than that of Aaron?

5 Rahab

1 Prostitute Rahab

When the Israelites had finished wandering in the desert, they reached the bank of the Jordan river. At that time, their leader Moses had died, and Joshua was the one who looked after them. The land that God had promised to give them was overbank. They call that land Canaan, and its big town Jericho and the river are not far apart. Listen to how a woman helped them to fight and conquer her own land.

Joshua chapter 2 verses 1-21

Questions

1. What work did Rahab do? There are two answers.
2. When the two spies reached Rahab's house, what did she do to hide them?
3. How did Rahab know that God had helped the Israelites?
4. Rahab's relatives were who?
5. What did the spies tell Rahab that she should do so that later they will get chance to help her?
6. Why did Rahab help her people's enemies? What did she say to the spies? Is what she did good?

2. They saved Rahab and her relatives

So, the Israelites crossed the Jordan river, and they came near Jericho town. And God said to them that they should walk round the town one time every day for six days, and they should blow trumpets. Listen to what happened on the seventh day. Remember that Rahab and her relatives remain in the town!

Joshua chapter 6 verses 15-25

Questions

1. Who did Joshua send to save Rahab and her relatives?

2. Where did they send Rahab and her relatives?
3. What did they do to the rest of the town people?
4. What did they do to the town?

3. Rahab's descendants

As for now, Canaanite Rahab is included among the Israelites, and she married, and gave birth to a child. Time passed. Listen well to the generations that followed.

Matthew chapter 1 verses 1-6

Questions

1. Who did Rahab marry?
2. Who did he give birth to? And who did HE give birth to? And who did HE give birth to? And who did HE give birth to?
3. Do you think Rahab had repented?
4. In our living, if a prostitute repents, do they marry her?

4. Rahab and her belief

Time again passed, and one of King David's descendants was Jesus Christ himself. Listen to what Jesus's younger brother James wrote about Rahab.

James chapter 2 verses 20-26

Questions

1. Rahab was not an Israelite, she was a stranger. She was also a prostitute. What did God call her? Why?
2. Learn verse 26.
3. In our living, if God told you to kill your child to sacrifice to him, would you kill?

6 Deborah

The Israelites fought and captured the land of Canaan, but there were still people that they did not finish conquering. And Joshua died. And God chose some people that they called Judges to look after the Israelites. One of them was a woman called Deborah.

Judges chapter 4 verses 1-22

Questions

1. What work did Deborah do? There are two answers.
2. Who told Barak that he should go to war?
3. Because of Barak's fear, who would get a name and praise?
4. Someone should tell how the battle went on.

5. What happened to all the enemies of the Israelites?
6. What happened to their leader Sisera?
7. When Deborah said that a woman would get a name and praise after the war, who was she thinking about? Should we praise someone more than her?
8. In our living, if war comes, is it good if a woman leads?

7 Ruth

When the Judges were looking after the Israelites, there was a woman that they called Ruth who came from the land of Moab. Listen to a part of her life.

1. Ruth the Moabitess

Ruth chapter 1 verses 1-5

Questions

1. Where did Ilimilech come from?
2. Why did they migrate to the land of Moab?
3. What was the name of Ilimilech's wife?
4. Her children's wives names were what?

2. Ruth and her mother-in-law

Ruth chapter 1 v 6-22

Questions

1. Do your people have a custom that if a woman's husband dies, she should marry her husband's younger brother?
2. Of the two, Orpah and Ruth, who do you think you resemble?
3. How do you think that Ruth knows something about God?
4. What shows that Ruth believed in God?
5. When they reached Bethlehem town, what were Naomi's thoughts like?
6. In our living, if you and your husband and his mother lived in your house, and if your husband died, and your mother-in-law got up to go home, would you follow her in going?

3. Ruth helped her mother-in-law

Ruth chapter 2 v 1-12, 19-20

Questions

1. Does one of you remember the name of the mother of Boas?
2. Who was it that thought that Ruth should go and work in the guinea-corn fields?

3. And whose farm did she enter?
4. Someone should say how they harvest guinea-corn there.
5. When Boas saw Ruth, what did he say to her?
6. What two things had Ruth done for which Boas praised her?
7. What blessings did Boas bless Ruth with?
8. When Naomi heard what Ruth told her, was she still bitter?

One of their customs was that every widow has her relative who is her redeemer. Soon we will see its meaning. Now however, Ruth crept up to Boas one night so he didn't see her. And she slept at his feet. In the middle of the night, Boas awoke, and he asked Ruth why she had done this. And she said to him that she didn't have a husband, and Boas was the relative who was her redeemer. But Boas said there was someone who was older than him, therefore she should wait small. Truly his house people knew that she was a good woman. And Ruth got up early in the morning and returned home.

4. Ruth got a husband

Ruth chapter 4 verses 1-11

Questions

1. How many people gathered in the town meeting place in the gateway?
2. When Boas asked the redeemer who was older than him if he would collect Naomi's land, what did he say?
3. When he heard that it would be necessary to marry Ruth, what did he say? Why? You think its meaning is what?
4. How did Boas and the elder redeemer make a vow? How do your people do that?
5. What did the elders witness?

So, Boas married Ruth, and the woman got pregnant and gave birth to a son, and they called him Obed. And he gave birth to Jesse, and he gave birth to King David.

8 Hannah

Listen to how Hannah gave birth to the last of the judges of the Israelites.

1. Barren woman Hannah

1 Samuel chapter 1 verses 1-19

Questions

1. Why was Hannah jealous of Peninah?
2. Did Hannah know that her husband loved her more than her rival wife?
3. In our living, if you believed in God that he will cause you to have a child, would you take that child and give it to God?

2. Woman-who-has-given-birth Hannah

1 Samuel chapter 1 v 19b-28

Questions

1. What did Hannah do so she could get a child?
2. If God causes her to have a child, what two things did Hannah say she would do?
3. Someone should say how Hannah did what she had promised she would do.
4. Was it hard for Hannah?

3. Hannah praised God

1 Samuel chapter 2 verses 1-3

(We haven't written all the song in this book!)

Questions

1. Hannah composed a song saying, "Now I am able to laugh at my enemies." What is its meaning?
2. What did Hannah say that God is like?
3. In our living, if God does something for you, are you able to compose a song to praise him?

9 The woman who lived in Shunem town

It was Hannah's child Samuel who chose the first of the kings for the Israelites. But the deeds of the kings that followed him were not good, therefore God chose two prophets Elijah and Elisha, to accuse them. Listen to how Elisha helped one woman.

2 Kings chapter 4 verses 8-37

Questions

1. Someone should say how the woman cared for Elisha and why she did this.
2. Did the woman want the payment/reward she got?
3. When the child died, what thoughts did the woman have?

4. When the woman reached Elisha, how did she accuse/blame him?
5. But why did she even go to him? And why did she not return home without Elisha going with her?
6. Someone should tell how Elisha made the child rise from death.
7. Sometimes we get something good, but later it hurts us. Talk about such matters. Is it better not to have got it?

10 Naaman's wife's girl

Listen to another matter about God's prophet Elisha. At that time, the big town of the Israelites was Samaria. The land of Aram was to the north of Israel, and its big town was Damascus.

2 Kings chapter 5 verses 1-6, 9-19

Questions

1. Have you forgotten the girl? Who was she?
2. What did she do?
3. When Naaman's trailer stopped at Elisha's house, why was Naaman angry?
4. What did Naaman's servants say to him?
5. When Naaman returned to Elisha, what two things did Naaman say?
6. Did Elisha accept the things Naaman wanted to give him?
7. What did Naaman say he would no more do?
8. What did Naaman ask Elisha to give him? Do you think God is strong over the people of only one land?
9. Who did a big thing, Naaman or his wife's girl?
10. Tell how the girl believed in God.
11. In our living, is telling God's matter hard? Does what the girl did encourage you?

So, we have finished reading from Judah People History Book (Old Testament). Therefore, when you meet again, everyone who has Word-of-God Book (the good news about Jesus Christ) (New Testament) should bring it.

11 Elisabeth

A long time passed, and the time came for Jesus Christ to come into this world. Therefore from today onwards, you should bring your Word-of-God Book (New Testament), and read from it. It is no more necessary that we write all the matter, except the questions only.

At that time however, the Jews no longer had their own government, they were under the Romans. And the Romans chose one of them to be king for them in the land they call Judea.

1. Elisabeth, wife of a priest

You should read Luke chapter 1 verses 5-25.

Questions

1. What tribe (part of Israel) did Zechariah and his wife Elisabeth come from?
2. Therefore what work did the man do?
3. When Zechariah stood in God's worship place, who came?
4. What child did God's messenger say they would give birth to?
5. Why did Zechariah not believe God's messenger?
6. What punishment did Zechariah get?
7. Do you think that Elisabeth believed what God's messenger said to Zechariah?

2. Elisabeth, mother of John the Baptist

You should read Luke chapter 1 verses 57-66.

Questions

1. When Elisabeth gave birth, who was happy?
2. When someone gave birth to a boy there, what were their customs?
3. How do you think Elisabeth knew the name to call the child?
4. When Zechariah wrote that the name his wife said was true, what happened?
5. And now, what did they say about the child?

12 Mary, mother of Jesus

Listen to what happened before Elisabeth had even given birth.

1. Young woman Mary

You should read Luke chapter 1 verses 26-38.

Questions

1. What clan/compound did Joseph come from?
2. Joseph and Mary were what?
3. When God's messenger greeted her, what did Mary think about it?
4. And how did God's messenger encourage Mary?
5. What did God's messenger say about the child?
6. Had Joseph and Mary already slept as man and woman?

7. Why did God's messenger tell Mary about Elisabeth?
8. In our living, are being a lover and being engaged the same thing?
9. In our living, are being engaged and being married the same thing?

2. Pregnant-woman Elisabeth and Mary

Now listen to what happened when Mary and Elisabeth met.

You should read Luke chapter 1 verses 39.48.

Questions

1. When Mary had just reached Elisabeth's house, what happened?
2. Why did Elisabeth say that she had good luck?
3. Why was Elisabeth's child happy that Mary's child had come?
4. When Mary praised God, why did she say we should call her I-have-blessings?

3. Woman-who-has-given-birth Mary

Listen to how Mary gave birth to Jesus.

You should read Luke chapter 2 verses 1-7.

Questions

1. Where did Joseph and Mary live?
2. And where was it necessary that they go?
3. If you are pregnant and your time of giving birth is near, and it is necessary that you go somewhere, what are your thoughts like?
4. When they didn't get a good place to stay, do you think that Mary thought that she had got blessings? You should read Luke chapter 1 verses 46-48 again.
5. When she gave birth, did she get blessings?

4. Mary and God's prophetess Anna

Now listen to how Jesus's parents performed one of their customs.

You should read Luke chapter 2 verses 21-24.

Questions

1. What did their law say that they should do for a new baby boy?
2. How did they cleanse the dirt from Mary's giving birth?

3. Someone should teach what Anna looked like.
4. What did she do in God's worship place?
5. Who did Anna tell about the child?
6. What does that teach today's church women?
7. In our living, if you marry, and you are a young woman, and you live seven years, and your husband dies, can you live like that?

5. How Mary saw her child's death

We cannot read every place in Word-of-God Book (New Testament) where they mention Mary's name. But listen to how her child died.

You should read John chapter 19 verses 17-18 and verses 25-27.

Questions

1. Someone should teach how the Romans put evil doers on a cross to die.
2. Who was standing with Jesus's mother Mary where they killed him?
3. Why didn't Jesus say that his junior mother should look after his mother?
4. Do you think Mary had blessings?

6. Mary, one of Jesus's disciples

So, Jesus died, but it was not bad. We all know that he rose from death and went up to heaven.

You should read Acts chapter 1 verses 12-14.

Questions

1. The eleven apostles and who met in the upper room?
2. What happened at that time?

13 The Samaritan woman

So, Jesus grew and became a man, and he went here and there to teach things, and he healed sick people. You need to know that at that time and place men tabooed speaking to women in public. Listen to how it was between Jesus and women.

1. The woman at the well

You should read John chapter 4 verses 5-30.

Questions

1. Why was Jesus at the well by himself?
2. Is it alright for a man to ask a woman for water?

3. What water did Jesus say he could give to the woman?
Did the woman understand its meaning?
4. Because the women knew that Jesus did not have anything to fetch water with, what did she think about Jesus?
5. Why was it midday that the woman came to fetch water?
6. What do you think about this woman?
7. When Jesus told the woman about her living and all her husbands, who did the woman think Jesus was?
8. What trouble had come between Jews and Samaritans?
9. Jesus did not want to be included in the argument, but he said what?
10. And now, who did the woman think Jesus was?
11. When Jesus's disciples returned, what did they think about how Jesus and the woman were talking?

2. The woman returned to the town

You should read John chapter 4 verses 39-42.

Questions

1. By what two ways did many people believe in Jesus?
2. Who did they Jesus was?
3. What does it show that today's church women can do?

14 Mary Magdalene

1. Mary Magdalene, disciple of Jesus

You should read Luke chapter 8 verses 1-3.

Questions

1. What did Jesus teach good news about?
2. Who followed Jesus?
3. What disease did Jesus cure in Mary who came from the town of Magdala?

2. How Mary Magdalene saw the death of Jesus

You should read Mark chapter 15 verses 40-41. (You have already read how Jesus died but it was not in Mark's book!)

Questions

1. Why were these women there where they nailed Jesus on the cross to die?
2. Why were these women standing far away?
3. When Jesus was walking about telling the good news, what work were these women doing for him?

3. Mary Magdalene, the one who took the lead in reaching Jesus's grave

Jesus died on one Friday, and they buried him in a grave which was in a rock. At that time, the day when they were not allowed to work was Saturday. And when day broke, it was Sunday. Listen to what happened.

You should read John chapter 20 verses 1-18.

Questions

1. When Mary Magdalene reached Jesus's grave, what surprised her?
2. What were Mary Magdalene's thoughts?
3. What did the two men not see in the grave?
4. As for Mary, she did not enter the grave. What did she do?
5. When Mary bent down and looked in the grave, what did she see?
6. Why did these two men not see what Mary saw?
7. At that time, what were Mary's thoughts?
8. When Jesus stood in front of Mary, why did the woman not recognise him?
9. How did the woman recognise him in the end?
10. What work did Jesus give Mary?

15 The daughter who died and the woman who was sick

It is not only our thoughts that Jesus is interested in, but also our bodies. Listen to something about a certain woman and a certain girl.

You should read Luke chapter 8 verses 40-56.

1. The woman who was sick

Questions

1. What sickness did the woman have?
2. If someone is sick with such a disease, what is her body like?
3. Think about how the woman knew that she was healed.
4. One of their customs was that, if a woman was menstruating, she was dirty/unclean, she could not even go and worship God. When the woman was healed, and Jesus called her, why do you think she trembled?
5. How did Jesus encourage her?
6. In our living, if a woman is menstruating, is she dirty/unclean?

2. The daughter who died

Questions

1. Jairus was who?
2. Why did Jairus love this child very much?
3. When Jesus called the woman, and he delayed going with Jairus, what do you think were the thoughts of Jairus?
4. When the messenger told Jairus that his child had died, what do you think Jairus's thoughts were?
5. Had the daughter died, or what?
6. When he raised her, did Jesus preach?
7. Why did they write that the daughter was twelve years old?
8. When we have heard these two matters, what does it teach us women about Jesus?

16 The widow whose son died

You should read Luke chapter 7 verses 11-17.

Questions

1. What do we know about this woman?
2. If your husband and your children have all died leaving you, what is your living like?
3. When Jesus saw the funeral, what were his thoughts?
4. When Jesus told the corpse to rise, what happened?
5. When the young man woke and sat up, what did Jesus do?

17 Martha and Mary

1. Martha complained about her younger sister Mary

You should read Luke chapter 10, verses 38-42.

Questions

1. Who was older than the other, Martha or Mary?
2. Why did Martha complain about Mary?
3. Why did Jesus refuse to complain about Mary?
4. Which of these women do you resemble?

2. Martha's brother died

You should read John chapter 11 verses 1-16

Questions

1. Why did Mary and Martha message Jesus?
2. When Jesus heard, he said what?
3. Look at verses 9-10. What is the meaning of this proverb?
4. Had Lazarus truly died?

5. Why did Jesus not go quickly to Lazarus's place? Look at verses 14-15?

You should read the same chapter verses 17-37.

Questions

1. Why was it not Mary who ran to meet Jesus?
2. Both Martha and Mary said to Jesus that, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." How was what Martha said different from her younger sister? Look at verses 21-22 and 32.

You should read the same chapter verses 38-44.

Questions

1. Martha knows that Jesus is God's son, but when they reached the grave, and Jesus said they should open the grave and enter, why did she say, "We will hear a bad scent"?
2. When Jesus called out to Lazarus, what happened?

3. Mary poured perfume over Jesus

You should read John chapter 12 verses 1-11.

Questions

1. At that time, what work did Martha do?
2. What did Mary do? Why?
3. Why did Judas complain about Mary?
4. Why did Jesus say that Mary had not wasted the perfume?
5. We ask again, which of these women do you resemble?

18 Dorcas

After Jesus had died and risen from the dead and gone up to heaven, one of his apostles Peter who he had chosen to become elder in the church walked from town to town preaching the word. Listen to what happened at Joppa.

You should read Acts chapter 9 verse 32 and verses 36-43.

Questions

1. What was the name of the woman who lived in Joppa and what is its meaning?
2. What work did the woman do for Jesus?
3. When Dorcas died and Peter came, what were the widows doing?
4. Do you think that the widows were among those that believed in Jesus before Dorcas rose from the dead?

5. In our living, if someone dies, is it only widows who cry?

19 Lydia

After Jesus had died and risen from death and gone up to heaven, there was a man who had not met Jesus, except he saw him in a dream and became one of his apostles. They call him Paul. He went to the towns where Jews were not many. Listen to what happened in Philippi town. It is Paul who is speaking.

You should read Acts chapter 16 verses 11-15 and verse 40.

Questions

1. If Jewish men did not reach ten in one town, they were not allowed to build a prayer house there. Where did Paul and Silas go to meet the Jews?
2. Who did they meet?
3. Truly, Lydia was like an Ashanti woman! What work did she do?
4. How did Lydia get to believe in Jesus?
5. How did Lydia show in public that she believed in Jesus?
6. How do you think Lydia's house people got to believe in Jesus?
7. So, a trouble arose, and they put Paul and Silas in prison. And God did a miracle and they got out. When they went to Lydia's house, who did they meet? (Verse 40) What does that show?
8. In our living, if someone has a big work that gives her money, should she leave that work to follow God's work?

20 Priscilla

1. Priscilla, welcomer of strangers

Afterwards, Paul saw that the Jews did not want to believe in Jesus. Therefore he went far far away to teach those who were not Jews.

You should read Acts chapter 18 verses 1-4. Also look at the maps at the end of the New Testament to see all the towns.

Questions

1. Someone should say where Aquilla and Priscilla came from, and all the towns that they lived in.
2. Why did Paul stay in their place?
3. What did Paul do on the rest day? Do you think that Aquilla and Priscilla went with him?

2. Teacher Priscilla

You should read the same chapter verses 18-21.

Questions

1. As for now, where had Priscilla and Aquilla migrated to?
2. Was Paul with them?
3. What did Apollos know and what had he not yet learned?
4. Where did Apollos preach God's word?
5. Did Priscilla and Aquilla get up and accuse Apollos that he was not teaching well? What did they do?
6. Why every time they write their names do they mention the name of the woman before that of the man?

3. How Paul praised Priscilla and her husband

You should read Romans chapter 16 verses 1-5.

In all this chapter, Paul is greeting those people who helped him.

Questions

1. Who did Paul say welcomed him well?
2. Why did he praise this woman?
3. Who did Paul greet second?
4. How did Paul praise them?
5. Remember the name of the book you read from. It shows that Priscilla and Aquilla again are living where?
6. Who did Paul greet third?
7. In our living, if we meet in a house and pray, will God hear?