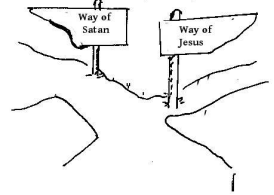


WEEK 1: CHOOSING THE WAY
DAY 1: THE WAY OF JESUS AND THE WAY OF SATAN

1. Sometimes you and I take journeys to strange places. A journey is like taking a trip. The way is new to us. We do not know it well. We come to a place where there are two ways. We stop because we do not know which way is right. We are afraid of making a mistake, so we ask someone to tell us the right way.



Do you know that our life is like a journey?
There are two different ways which we can take in life. These are the only ways we can take:

- 1) The way of Jesus
- 2) The way of Satan

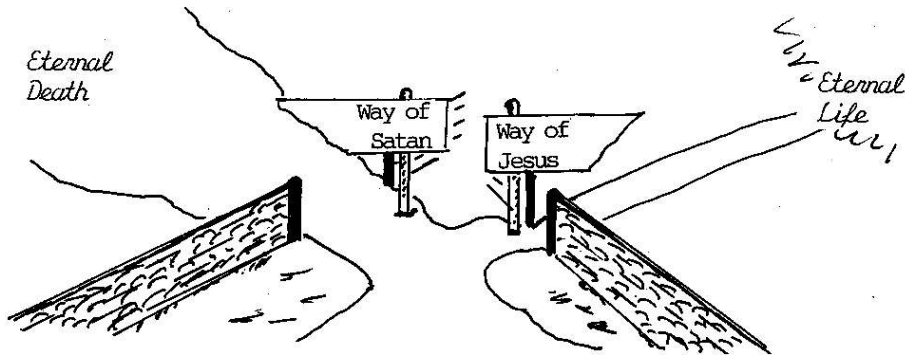
How many ways are there to choose from in life?

2. There are two ways which we can take. We can choose the way of Jesus or the way of Satan. We have to choose one way or the other. Life is like a journey. The journey starts when we are born and it ends when we die. Some people die when they are young. So they have a short journey. Others die when they are old. They have a longer journey. But one day all of us will come to the end of the journey of life.

Who must choose the way for your life?

3. You must choose which way you will take. There are two ways from which we can choose. The Bible tells us about these two ways. Take your Bible now and find Matthew 7:13 and 14. Read these verses and keep your Bible open to them. **Also memorize these verses.**

4. The first way these verses tell about is easy to take. The gate is wide and many people go into it. But it leads to death.



Do you think this is the way of Jesus or the way of Satan?

5. Satan's way is easy. Many people go into it. But the way of Jesus is not so easy. The gate to the way of Jesus is narrow, but it leads to life. Few people find the way of Jesus.

Whose way leads to life?

6. The way of Jesus leads to life. The way of Satan leads to death. Satan's way has a wide gate. It is easy to enter this way. Many people walk in Satan's way without thinking about it. The way is easy. Satan lets people do what they want when they walk in his way. They can take their sins with them. They can take their sinful friends with them. People think they are taking their own way, but it is really the way of Satan. Look at Matthew 7:13 again.

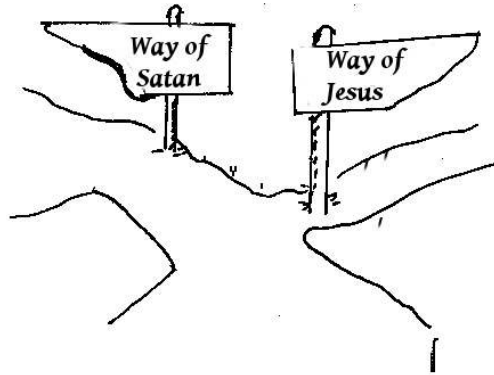
Where does the easy way lead us?

7. It leads to destruction. Destruction means to die and to be separated from God. It is easy to go down to destruction. It is like riding a bicycle downhill. Many people take this way which leads to death.

But we do not have to go to eternal death. We do not have to take Satan's way. God has made another way. The way of Jesus leads to life.

If we take our own way, are we taking the way of Jesus or the way of Satan?

8. We can take our own way. It is easy. But it is the way of Satan. We can also choose the way of Jesus. The gate to the way of Jesus is narrow. This means that we must turn away from our sins and leave them when we take this way.



Look at Matthew 7:14 again. Is the way of Jesus easy or hard?

9. The Bible says that this way is hard. This means that we must overcome temptation and sin. Temptation is that which makes us want to do something wrong. We must live holy lives. This way is not easy, but it is full of joy. It leads to life.

Whose way leads to life?

10. The way of Jesus leads to life. This way takes us to live with God forever. It also gives us a good life now. Because of this, the way of Jesus is full of joy. Many people do not understand this, so they do not take this way.

Look at Matthew 7:13. Are there more people in the way of Jesus or in the way of Satan?

11. There are more people in the way of Satan than in the way of Jesus. Those in Satan's way are on the way to eternal death. If we take

the wrong path in the bush, we can turn around and come back. We can find the right way. We may have wasted much time, but we can still reach the right place. We cannot do this on the journey of life. When we reach the place of eternal death, we cannot come back. We live in this world only once. So we must choose our way very carefully.

What are the two ways from which we can choose?

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12. We must choose the way of Jesus or the way of Satan. Some people say they will try Satan's way for awhile. But there is danger here. We have seen that some people die when they are young. We do not know how soon we will reach the end of our journey. This means that we must make sure now that we are on the right way.

Have you ever stopped to think carefully about the way you are choosing?

13. You have memorized Matthew 7:13 and 14. Write out these verses carefully. Then check your Bible to see if they are correct.

14. What are the two ways from which we can choose in life?

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WEEK 1: CHOOSING THE WAY
DAY 2: SATAN TELLS LIES AND LEADS PEOPLE TO DEATH

1. Yesterday we read the words of Jesus. We read that there are two ways from which we can choose. What are they?

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2. There is the way of Jesus. And there is the way of Satan. Many people take the way of Satan. God wants everyone to take the good way and have eternal life. But Satan tries to get people to follow the bad way. Satan is the great enemy of God. He tells lies to get people to go his way.

Whose way is the good way?

3. The way of Jesus is the good way. God wants to give us eternal life in the way of Jesus. But Satan tries to get people into his way. He does this because he is the enemy of God. When God made Satan, Satan was good. He was an important angel and he served God. But one day Satan became proud. He wanted to be as great as God.

Isaiah 14:13,14

You (Satan) said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; . . . I will make myself like the Most High."

Who wants to be as important as God?

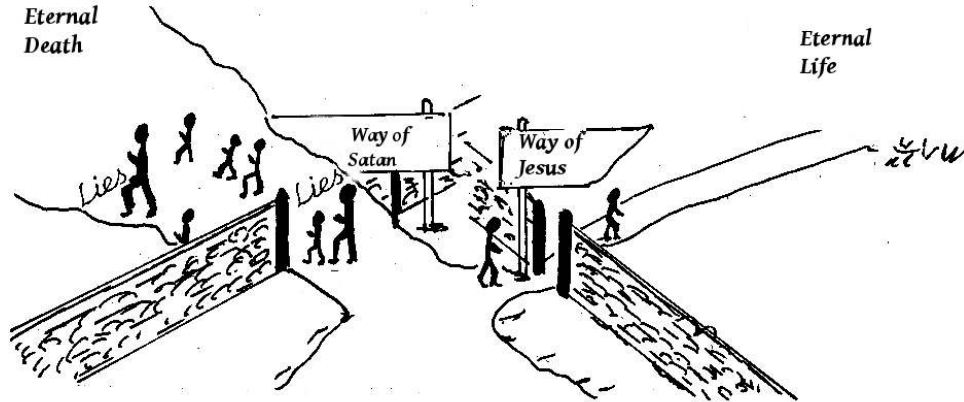
4. Satan wants to be as important as God. Satan tried to be like God. But he failed. He and some other angels fought against God. They were put out of heaven. Jesus told his disciples about this.

Luke 10:18

I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Why was Satan put out of heaven?

5. Satan was put out of heaven because he wanted to be as important as God. He wants people to walk in his way or to fight against God. Satan hates God. Ever since he was put out of heaven, he has been fighting against God. He tells lies to people.



Satan fought against God in the garden of Eden. God made Adam and Eve to be like himself. He wanted them to be his friends. He told them not to eat fruit from one of the trees, or they would die. But Satan told lies to Eve. He wanted Adam and Eve to join him in fighting against God. Eve listened to Satan's lies. She did what Satan told her to do.

Whose way did Eve take?

6. Eve took the way of Satan. Satan came to Eve and talked to her. He did not tell her the truth. He told her she would not die. Eve listened to Satan. The Bible tells us what happened.

Take your Bible now and read Genesis 3:1 to 6.

What did Satan use to trick Eve to go in his way?

7. Satan told lies to Eve. He said that if she and Adam ate the fruit, they would not die. This was not true, but Adam and Eve believed

Satan's lie. Their bodies did not die that day, but they were separated from God spiritually.

Satan still tells lies to people. He is still trying to get people to follow him and fight against God. We saw this yesterday.

Matthew 7:13

For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Does Satan deceive many people or few people with his lies?

8. Many people follow Satan because they believe him. Satan has been deceiving people for many years. He is very clever. Jesus explained what Satan is like.

John 8:44

. . . When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

What does Satan use to deceive people so they will go his way?

9. Satan tells lies to people. He told Eve that she would not die. He told her that if she ate the fruit, she would be like God. She would know good and evil.

Satan still says this to people today. He says, "Do not listen to God. Do not take his way. If you do, you will have a bad, unhappy life. Be free! Do what God tells you not to do. Then you will escape from God's rule. You will be equal with God. And you will enjoy yourself in this world." These are Satan's lies.

Whose way ends in eternal death?

10. Satan's way ends in eternal death. But he does not tell people this. Let me show you how it is.

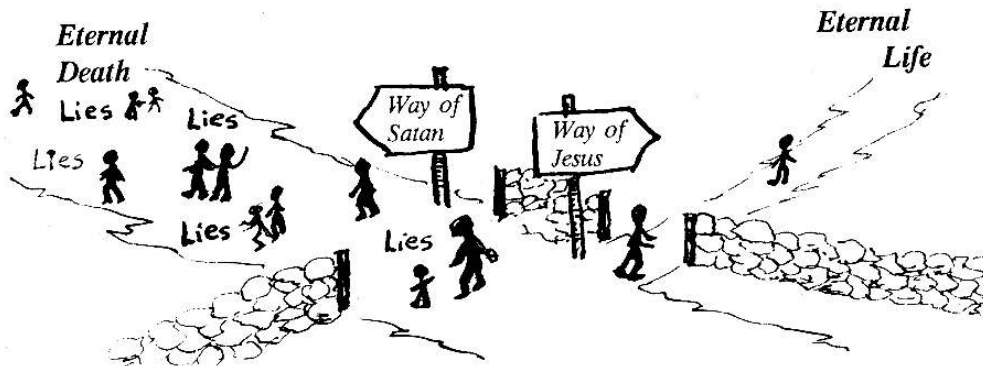
One day a preacher saw a man with some pigs. The pigs were following the man down the road. They were going to the place where the pigs would be killed. The preacher could not understand why the pigs went to death so easily. He asked the owner of the pigs about it.



The man showed the preacher a small bag of beans. He said, "As I walk along the road, I drop a few beans behind me. The pigs see that I am dropping beans, and they follow me. They do not see where I am leading them until the gate is closed. Then it is too late for them to get out."

What does Satan use to get people to follow him?

11. Satan uses lies to make people follow him. He tells people that there are good things in his way. He gives people "beans." These are not beans that grow in the garden, but "beans of sin." Drinking, adultery (sex sins) and stealing, are some of Satan's beans. He makes sin taste sweet, so that many people will follow him. Satan tells people that there is nothing better in life. They do not look where he is leading them. One day it will be too late and they will not be able to turn back.



What does Satan use to deceive people?

12. Satan uses lies to deceive people. Satan’s way leads to eternal death. Jesus told about a man who followed the way of Satan until it was too late.

Luke 16:22,23

. . . The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

The man saw that the way of Satan led him to a bad place. He begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers. He wanted them to leave their sins. He did not want them to come to the place where he was.

Where did the way of Satan lead the rich man?

13. The rich man went to hell. This is the place of eternal death. The rich man was in a place of pain. This is where everyone goes who follows the wrong way.

Whose way ends in eternal death?

14. Satan’s way is the wrong way. It does not lead us to God. It does not lead us to life in heaven. When we take our own way, we are following Satan.

Where does the way of Satan end?

15. Satan’s way ends in eternal death. But he tries to make his way look good. He tells us that if we follow him we will have many good things. He tells us that we will enjoy life. He says that drinking, adultery (sex sins) and stealing will bring us joy.

Write two other sins than these which Satan uses to deceive people.

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16. We will talk about your answer in class.

Which verses tell us about the two ways in life?

17. Find these two verses in your Bible again, Matthew 7:13 and 14. Learn them well.

What does Satan use to deceive people so they will go his way?

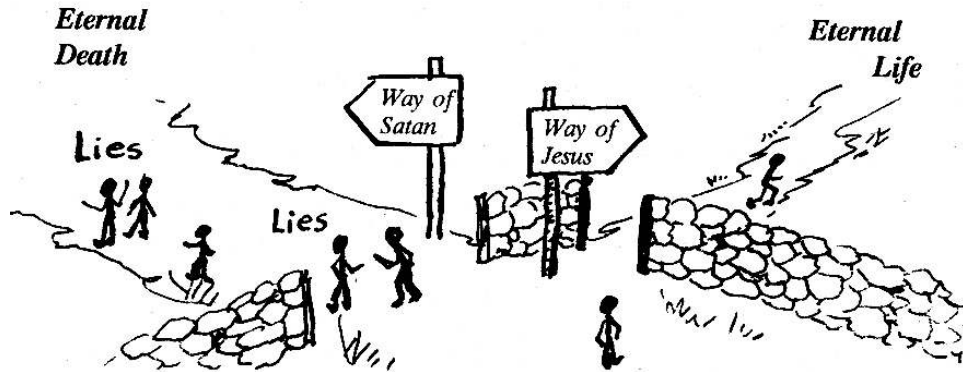
Where does the way of Satan end?

WEEK 1: CHOOSING THE WAY
DAY 3: JESUS PROMISES US ETERNAL LIFE

1. Yesterday we learned about the way of Satan.

What does Satan use to deceive people so they will go his way?

2. Satan wants us to follow him. He uses lies to get people to follow him. Many people follow the lies of Satan. They think that sin can give them joy.



Jesus also wants us to follow him. But he does not use lies as Satan does. Jesus is the Son of God. He is the one who made us. So he knows what will give us true joy. Today we will learn what Jesus promises us if we take his way. He promises to give us eternal life.

Where does the way of Satan end?

3. The way of Satan ends in eternal death. But we do not have to take the way of Satan. We can take the way of Jesus. If we do, we will have eternal life. That is what the Bible tells us. Take your Bible now and read John 3:16.

Who promises us eternal life if we will believe in him?

4. It is Jesus who promises this. He invites us to choose his way.

We have all been invited to do things that make us happy. When we were children, we were invited to go and pick fruit or berries. Or we were invited to go to town or to the city. Since we have grown up, we have been invited to happy things like weddings.

But have you ever received an invitation from a great person like a chief? If a chief invited me to his house, I would be pleased. If he invited me to take a journey with him, I would think this a great honour.

How would you feel if you received an invitation from a chief?

5. It would be very good to be invited by a chief. But there is someone inviting us who is much greater than a chief on earth. The One who invites us to follow him is the Son of God. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. He invites us to follow him and to be his friends. He promises everlasting life to those who follow him.

Luke 9:59

Follow me.

John 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I command.

To whom does Jesus promise eternal life?

6. Jesus promises eternal life to those who will believe in him. He will give eternal life to us if we choose his way. We can be his friends. We can be happy. We do not have to die and go to hell.

Jesus can give us eternal life because he is God. He was born as a baby on earth, but his life did not start then. He was living before the world was made. He came from heaven to earth. He is the Son of God.

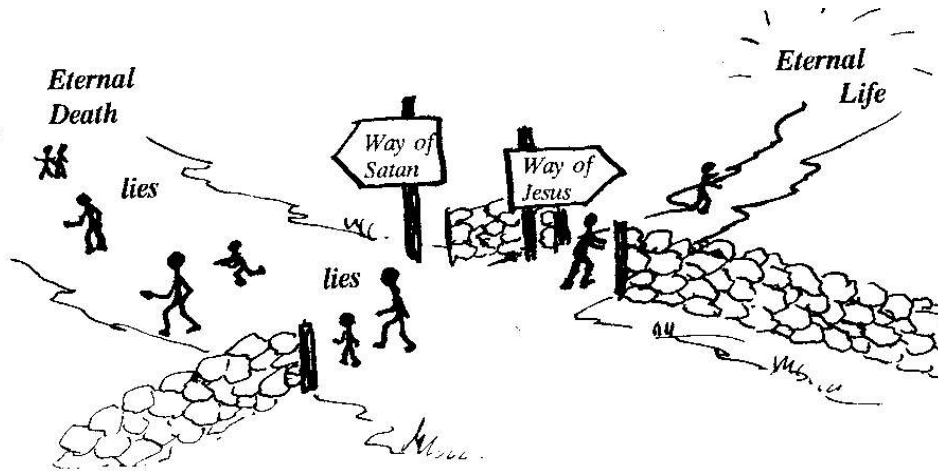
John 1:2,3

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Philippians 2:6,7

Who being in very nature God, . . . being made in human likeness.

Jesus has always been as God is. . . He became human by being born as a man. (N.L.T.)



Because Jesus is God he can do great things for us. What does he promise to give us that will never end?

7. Jesus promises to give us eternal life. He wants us to go on living forever. But eternal life means more than living forever. It means we can be happy now. Jesus wants us to be his friends. He wants us to be like him and have good lives. This is why he came.

John 10:10

. . . I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Do you think we should choose to follow Jesus?

8. We should choose to follow Jesus. We should believe in him. We should take his way.

What does Jesus promise to give us if we choose his way?

9. Jesus promises to give us eternal life. He feels sad when we reject him (don't want him). Jesus is coming back again. He will come in the clouds for those who have received him. We will be with him in heaven.

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

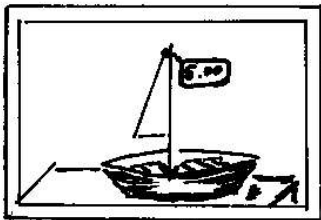
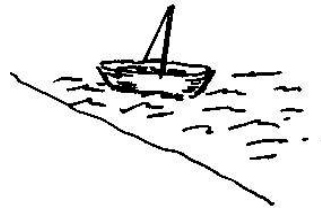
1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven, . . . we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

If we receive Jesus, and choose his way, how long will we live with Jesus?

10. We will live with him forever. We will have eternal life. We will belong to him.

One time a boy made a little boat. He worked on it for many days. When it was finished, he took it down to the water. But the wind blew the boat into the deep water and the boy could not follow. He went home crying because his boat was gone.

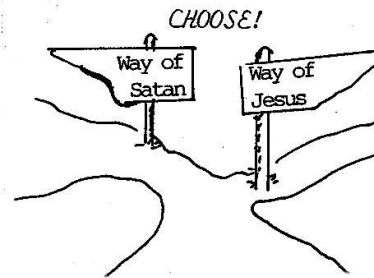


Then one day the boy passed a store in his town. There he saw his boat for sale with other things. He went quickly to the store keeper and asked for his boat. But the store keeper said he had paid money for it. And the boy would have to pay money to

him. The boy gathered money and paid for the boat. As he walked home he said, "Little boat, you are mine. You are mine two times, because I made you and now I have bought you." This is how Jesus feels when a person leaves the way of Satan and follows him. Jesus made us. Satan stole us. But Jesus died on the cross to get us back from Satan.

What does Jesus promise to those who choose his way?

11. Jesus promises to give us eternal life. He made us and he bought us. Now he asks us to believe in him and choose his way.



Why do you think we should choose to follow Jesus?

12. We will talk about your answer in class. We are learning two verses which tell us about the two ways in life. They are found in Matthew 7:13 and 14. If you can, write out these verses from memory.

13. What does Jesus promise to those who choose his way?

WEEK 1: CHOOSING THE WAY
DAY 4: JESUS CALLS EVERYONE TO TAKE HIS WAY

1. Yesterday we saw that Jesus is the Son of God. We saw that he invited us to follow him.

What does Jesus promise to those who choose his way?

2. Jesus promises to give us eternal life. Today we will see that he calls everyone to follow him.

The Bible says clearly that everyone is invited. God wants everyone to take the way of Jesus. We read this verse yesterday. Let us look at it again.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish (or die forever) but have eternal life.

Does God want people to die forever?

3. God does not want anyone to die forever. He does not want anyone to be separated from him. Peter wrote about this in the Bible.

Take your Bible now and read 2 Peter 3:8 and 9.

How many people should repent?

4. God wants all people to repent. He wants everyone to have eternal life. But some people think they are good enough. They think that they do not need Jesus. They do not know that before God they are sinners. The Bible says that we have all sinned.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Are there any people who are good enough by themselves?

5. No one is good enough by himself. But there are people who think they are good enough. They say that they have not sinned. Or they say that they have done many good things to save themselves. The Bible says that we cannot save ourselves by our good works.

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

God wants all people to repent. He wants those who think they are good to repent. To repent is to be sorry for sin so that we turn from sin and begin a new life.

To go the way of Jesus, what must people do?

6. To go the way of Jesus, people must repent. All have sinned and began in the way of Satan. Everyone must follow the way of Jesus to be saved. We may think we are good enough. But look what Isaiah said when the people thought they were good enough.

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

How many people does Jesus call to take his way?

7. Jesus calls everyone. He calls those who think they are already good. But some people think they are too bad to come to Jesus. They think they cannot get rid of their sins. They think Jesus will not forgive them. But this is what Jesus said.

Matthew 9:13

For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

Jesus was sitting with sinners when he said this. He showed them that he came for them and wanted to give them eternal life. He did not come for good people because there is no one who is good enough.

What does Jesus want to give to all people?

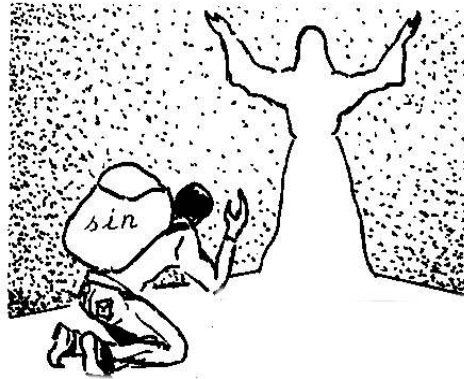
8. Jesus wants to give people eternal life. He wants to give them good lives now. And he wants to give them good lives in heaven forever. This is the way Jesus gives the invitation:

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

How many people does Jesus call to take his way?

9. He calls everyone. Jesus knows that sins are like a big, heavy burden (load). Sinners cannot free themselves from this burden. But Jesus calls them to come to his way with all their sins. Then he takes away the burden and gives them rest.



If a person is very bad, does it mean he cannot come to Jesus?

If a person thinks he is very good, does he need to come to Jesus?

10. Bad people should not stay away because of their sins. They cannot get rid of their sins by themselves. They must come to Jesus.

People who think they are good must come to Jesus too. They are sinners before God. They can only be saved through Jesus.

Whom does Jesus call to take his way?

11. Jesus calls everyone to follow his way. Some people think that sin will make them happy. They go to drinking parties. They take things which do not belong to them. But these things do not make them happy. Their hearts are still thirsty. Jesus has an invitation for them.

John 7:37

If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

John 4:14

. . . but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Some people are trying to be happy with things on earth. But these things do not really make them happy.

Do you know some people who are thirsty in their hearts?

12. We will talk about your answer in class.

Can you say the two verses we learned in Matthew 7:13 and 14?

13. Whom does Jesus call to take his way?

WEEK 1: CHOOSING THE WAY
DAY 5: WE MUST BELIEVE JESUS AND RECEIVE HIM

1. This week we have been learning about choosing the right way for our lives.

What are the two ways from which we can choose in life?

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2. We can choose the way of Jesus. Or we can choose the way of Satan. Today let us learn how we make this choice. We will see what we need to do to choose the way of Jesus. We will learn how to get out of the way of Satan.

What does Satan use to deceive people so they will go his way?

Where does the way of Satan end?

3. Jesus promises us eternal life. We can get this life by choosing the way of Jesus. But how can we choose the way of Jesus? What must we do to take his way? This is what we will learn today. We can choose the way of Jesus:

1) By believing Jesus.

2) By receiving (taking) him into our lives.

Whom does Jesus call to take his way?

4. Jesus calls everyone. He calls those who think they are good enough. He calls those who are very bad. He calls you and he calls me. The way of Jesus leads to life and heaven. So it is very important that we and our friends choose the way of Jesus. We must be sure that we are following him. We must be sure we are not being deceived by Satan.

We get out of the way of Satan by repenting. Next week we will learn what it means to repent. We must also choose the way of Christ. There is a verse which tells us how to choose Christ.

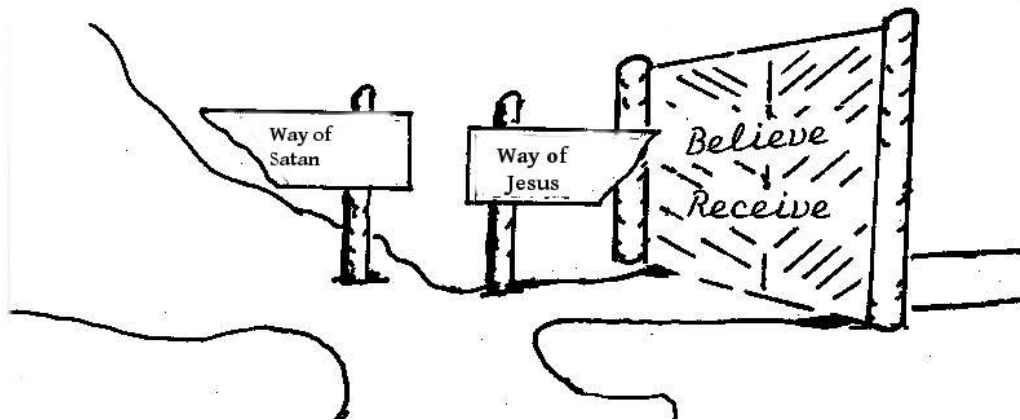
Take your Bible now and read John 1:12.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

In this verse, which people have the right to be God's children?

5. It is those who received him. Or perhaps you said those who believed him. Both answers are right. You must do both of these things to choose the way of Jesus.

- 1) Believe Jesus.
- 2) Receive him into your life.



Ephesians 2:8,9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

What must we have to be saved by grace? (In this verse we are saved by grace through what?)

6. We must have faith to be saved. We must believe that Jesus died to save us from sin, and that he wants to give us everlasting life.

Let us look at some of the people in the Bible who chose the way of Jesus. One day Jesus was walking near the sea of Galilee. He saw Peter and Andrew fishing.

Matthew 4:19,20

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

If we really believe in Jesus, will we just go on living for ourselves?

7. We will not live only for ourselves. We will not only love ourselves. We will begin to love and receive others. We will do these things because we received Jesus into our lives. We will follow Jesus and do what he says.

We are learning how to choose the way of Jesus. Besides repenting, what must we do before we receive Jesus into our lives?

8. We must believe what Jesus says. We must believe that he died for our sins. This is what we must do as we repent.

- 1) Believe Jesus.
- 2) Receive him into our lives.

When we do these things we have everlasting life. We have joy here on earth and we will have joy in heaven. This is what Jesus promised.

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 14:2,3

In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if

I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Whom must we receive into our lives?

9. We must receive Jesus. What does this mean? It means that we accept him as our Saviour. We accept forgiveness of our sins. And it means that we accept him as our Lord. A lord is someone who tells people what to do. When we receive Jesus, we let him tell us what to do. We follow him in everything. We follow him by leaving our sins and doing what he says.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify (clean) us from all unrighteousness.

Receiving Jesus is the second thing we do to choose the way of Jesus. What is the first thing?

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2) Receive him into our lives.

10. First we must believe Jesus. Then we must do something about it. We put Christ first in our lives. We follow him. We let him rule us.

As we repent, what is the second thing we do to choose the way of Jesus?

1) Believe Jesus.

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11. We must believe Jesus and receive him into our lives. It is very important that we do this. We must do it now, while the way is open. We must get out of the way of Satan while we can. Tomorrow may be too late. The disciples followed Jesus right away.

Matthew 4:20

At once they left their nets and followed him.

2 Corinthians 6:2

. . . I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

When we believe and receive, which way are we taking?

12. We are taking the way of Jesus.

As we repent, how can we choose the way of Jesus?

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13. We must believe Jesus and receive him into our lives. But many people have not yet understood this. Maybe you did not understand before you read this lesson. Perhaps you thought you were in the way of Jesus because your parents are Christians. Perhaps you thought you were saved because you are a leader in a church.

Have you ever believed Jesus and received him into your life?

14. As we repent, what two things must we do to choose the way of Jesus?

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15. Write out Matthew 7:13 and 14. We want to remember the verses which tell us about the two ways in life.

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