

Lesson 17

NT Book: 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

Book Theme: Faith Love & Faith Fights

Key Verse: 1 John 3:16 & Jude 3b

Summary: The Apostle John outlived the other apostles, and toward the end of his life he not only wrote the Gospel of John, but three letters, as well. The most prominent themes in these three letters are as follows:

- 1.) The incarnation of Christ
- 2.) Jesus as Messiah
- 3.) Holding firmly to the truth of the gospel.
- 4.) Living in obedience and love.

The people who understand and believe those first two themes respond by loving God. Loving God is best expressed by holding firmly to the truth of the gospel, obeying His commands, and loving His people. In other words, faith is demonstrated by loving God and loving people, which is where we get our theme for these books: "Faith Loves." John often called himself the disciple whom Jesus loved" (Jn 13:23). He came to know love by spending time with Jesus and watching him lay down his life for us (1 Jn 3:16). As a result, and he wanted to encourage all Christians to love each other the way Christ loves them (1 Jn. 4:19).

The Book of Jude is likely written by the brother of James and Jesus (Jd. 1:1, Mt. 13:55). Jude denied the truth about Jesus until after his death and resurrection, and in this short book, he wastes no time in warning other Christians about those who also deny the truth. Christians must not stand by and watch people be led astray by those who dishonor God and scoff at those who follow His Son. Faith Fights! And Jude calls Christians to contend for the faith, knowing that judgement is coming (Jude 3b).

Video: Love that fights

Teaching Points:: How we can lay down our lives like Jesus did.

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "Monk Style Review" worksheet

Small Group Activity (with snack?)

- "Jude Page" - Work together to complete the puzzles on Jude and the Faith Themes; Discuss "Table Talk" question.

Large Group Activity

- Divide into teams and make sure each team has a Bible. Teams sit an equal distance from a bean bag. One person on each team holds the Bible and races to look up the reference given from the Verses on Love sheet. When they have it, they race to the middle and try to be the first to grab the bean bag. Then they read the verse on love.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



New Testament - Lesson 17

1, 2 & 3 John & Jude

Themes: Faith Loves
Faith Fights

Key Verses: This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

Contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all.

Jude 3b

1, 2 & 3 John & Jude

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This Week

Read 1 John 5:10-13.
Why did John write this first letter?

Do you know that you have eternal life? If so, explain to someone how you know this. If not, don't waste another day! Ask a grown-up you trust to find out how you can know for sure.



D6 BELIEFS

Parents & Kids Learning The Bible Together

Instructions: Divide each set of letters to reveal the key verse it contains. Write the reference for each verse in the blank that follows it.

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OF OURFAITHWHO FORTHEJOYTHATLAYBEFOREHIM
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DOWNATTHE RIGHTHAND OFGODSTHRONE**

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ASHAMEDBUTSHOULDGLORIFYGODINHAVINGTHATNAME**

EJOICEINTHELORDALWAYSISAYITAGAINREJOICE

I HAVE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW HOW PEOPLE
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CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION
OF THE TRUTH

BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY
DECEIVING YOURSELVES

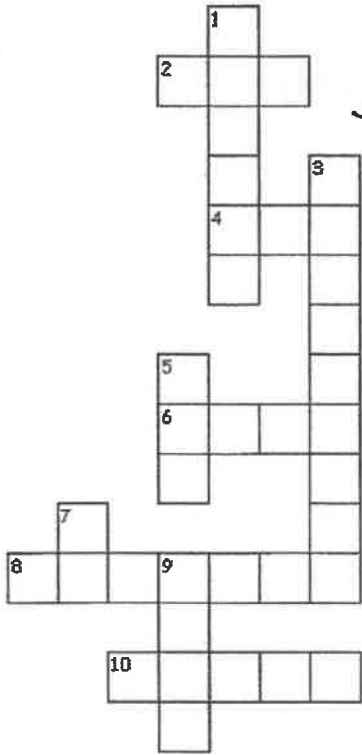
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Jude 3b

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Table Talk

Which of our beliefs are worth fighting for and about which can we "agree to disagree"?



Finish the Faith Themes

- Hebrews - Faith _____ and _____ with _____
- James - Faith _____
- 1 & 2 Peter - Faith is _____
- 1, 2 & 3 John - Faith _____
- Jude - Faith _____



VERSES ON LOVE FROM 1 JOHN

- 1 John 2:15
- 1 John 3:16
- 1 John 3:23
- 1 John 4:7
- 1 John 4:8
- 1 John 4:10
- 1 John 4:11
- 1 John 4:18
- 1 John 5:2