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Teacher's Notes

Inductive Study Method:

There are 3 ingredients to using the inductive method to study the Bible:

1. Observation, What does it say?
2. Interpretation, What does it mean?
3. Application, What does it mean for me?

For each passage, there are 4 activities designed around these three principles:

Observation:

- ~ Read the passage given and mark the key words, writing comments as you read.*
- ~ Complete the "Gather the Facts" page.

Interpretation:

- ~ Answer the questions on the "Think and Explain" page.

Application:

- ~ Write a paragraph for the "Reflection Time" page about what the passage means for you. Apply it to your own life.

Each activity is designed to take 15-25 minutes

Intro and Culmination Activities:

- ~Choosing symbols for each key word listed on bookmark to use throughout study
- ~Pre-reading writing prompt
- ~Post-reading writing prompt
- ~Book at a Glance (Finding the theme)
- ~A Letter From Paul (Summarizing)
- ~3 Tests, chapters 1-4, chapters 5-8, chapters 9-16

Church or Sunday School Use:

Any part of this study can be used independently.

If you are limited on time, I would recommend using the *Gather the Facts* pages as they are designed to give a full picture of the passages. If there is time to read the passages and mark key words beforehand, students always enjoy being able to draw on the actual text of the Bible and the process of marking enhances their understanding immensely.

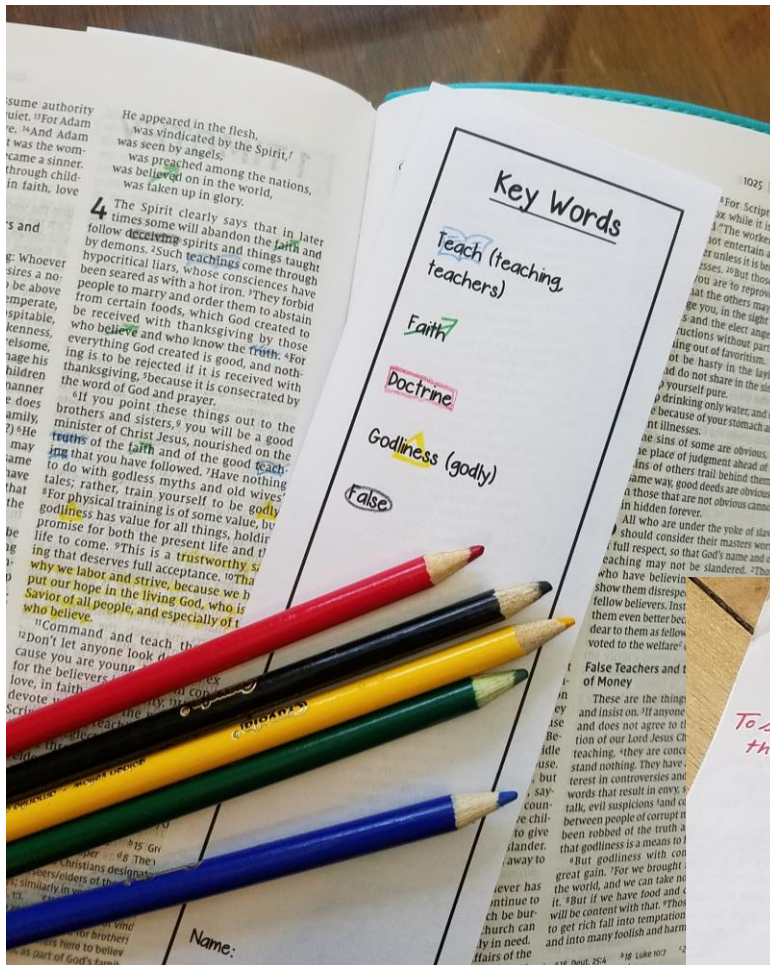
*Passages and verses quoted are in NIV unless otherwise noted.

Instructions for Using Key Words

Marking the key words in the text is one of the most important parts of this study. It gets students interacting with the Bible and enables them to see at a glance the themes in each passage. Study works best with NIV version.

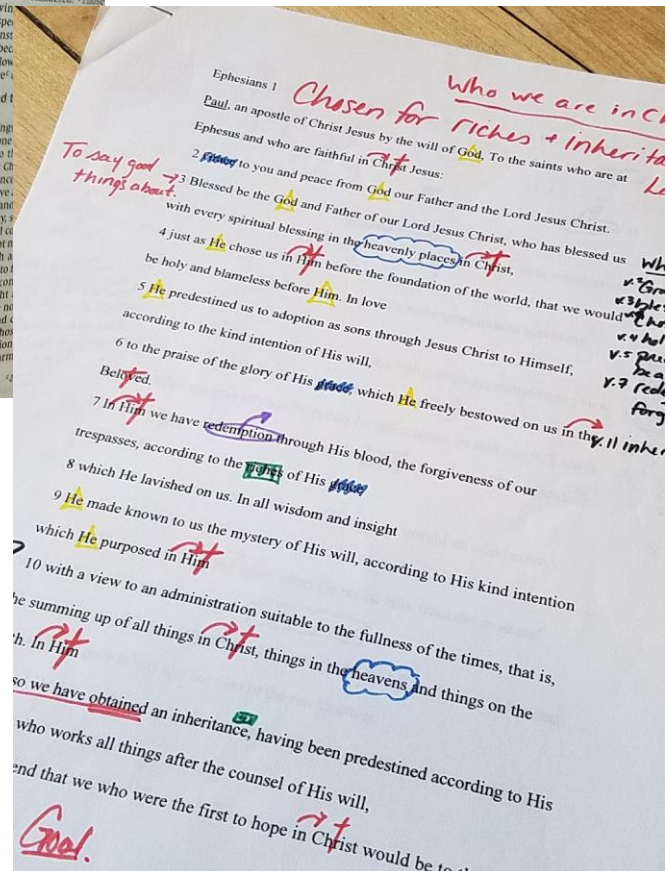
Option 1: You may choose to have students mark in their own Bibles.

Colored pencils or colored ballpoint pens work the best, as space is limited in most Bibles and they won't bleed through the page.



Option 2*: Another option that works well is to print out the passages. Most Bible websites offer printable options, or copy and paste the passage into a Word Doc. This gives you freedom to increase margins, fonts and spacing if desired.

*Please be aware printing passages is allowed by copyright with some limitations.



Instructions for Using Key Words

Continued

The purpose of the key words is to give students a stronger connection with the text through creativity, color and a sensory drawing experience.

Key Word Bookmarks:

Copy the bookmarks and cut. Each student will need one.

Text:

Students will need a Bible they can write in OR you may choose to print the text for each student from a site like Biblegateway.com.

(Note: copyright laws allow for printing the text of the Bible, with certain limitations.)

Key Word Symbols:

Students choose what color/symbol to use for each key word. You can let each student choose for themselves for a more personal experience, or you can develop symbols as a group if you want everyone using the same ones.

Reading the Passage:

As students read the text, they can use the bookmark to find and mark the keywords.

They can also write comments in the margins on thoughts and observations.

Key Words

God

Faith

Dead, death

Life

Rich

Poor

Humble

Righteous (righteousness)

Evil

Wise (wisdom)

Law

Judge (judges, judgement, judged)

Persevere (perseverance)

Testing (trials, temptations)

Actions (deeds, works)

Instructions for Using Gather the Facts

The purpose of the Gather the Facts page is to give students a framework to sort the information in the text through grouping, listing, visualizing, etc.

***If you are limited on time, this page is the “meat” of the study and the one that will give students the greatest chance to work with the entire text.

***All questions for assessments come from the Gather the Facts pages.

Graphic Organizer

Various graphic organizers are designed for students to work with the content of the passages in order to clearly see what the text says and gain a deeper understanding of to concepts.

You can choose whether to have students list references with their answers.

The graphic organizers are especially helpful for visual learners and reflective learners.

Summarize

This section gives students a chance to think about what they’ve read as a whole, and come up with a theme for the passage.

Choose to have students complete this section independently, in small groups and/or as a class.

Name <u>Answer Key</u> Date _____	
<h3>Gather the Facts</h3> <p>Chapter 1:1-14</p> <p>Directions: Look at the key words in Ephesians 1:1-14 to fill in the chart below.</p>	
God's Actions	We Are
God made Paul an apostle. 1:1, Paul blesses God. 1:3	
God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. 1:3	We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. 1:3
He chose us to be holy and blameless. 1:4	We are chosen to be holy and blameless 1:4
He predestined us to be adopted, to be his children. 1:5	We are predestined to be adopted into God's family. 1:5
He freely gives grace to us. 1:6 He lavished grace on us. 1:7	We have grace and redemption. 1:6-8
He made his will known to us and has kind intentions for us. 1:9	We are predestined for an inheritance. 1:11
He predestined us so we would be to the praise of His glory. 1:11, 12	We are to the praise of His glory. 1:12
	We are sealed with the Spirit of promise. 1:13
Summarize	
What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?	
<u>Answers will vary.</u>	
Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:	
<u>Sample Summary:</u>	
<u>God chose us and gave us every blessing we could every hope for.</u>	
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Instructions for Using Think and Explain

The purpose of the Think and Explain page is to get students thinking about what they read, using background knowledge and bringing their own thoughts and opinions to the study.

If you are limited on time, these pages can be used on their own, but do not provide a thorough overview of the passage. The questions are supplemental to the Gather the Facts pages, engaging thinking on a personal level.

Questions

All the questions in the Think and Explain pages are short answer. They are most often inviting students to share what they think about what they have read.

These work well as questions for small groups and discussions.

Answer Key

Answers provided are sample answers. As most of the questions are asking for student's thinking and opinion, they are not designed to be right or wrong answers.

I Wonder...

This section gives students a chance to practice questioning skills.

Questions may be things the students are truly wondering, or they may ask a question as if they are encouraging someone else to think about a part of the passage.

If desired, have students write factual questions and turn them into a game!


Sometimes students feel they should not question God or the Bible. However, it is through questions that our understanding deepens and as Michael Card says, "God doesn't give us answers, He gives us Himself."

Name Answer Key Date _____

SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 1:1-14



"Bless" means to "say good things about" What happens when God speaks? (Creation in Genesis 1?)
Bless means to "say good things about" which may seem like just a nice thing to do until you think about what happened during creation: When God says something, that's the way it is!

How does this passage make you feel about yourself? Why?
Hopefully, reading what God has said about us will give students a different perspective of themselves. We are not just what we see and feel. God has made us holy and blameless, His children who will inherit His riches, we are sealed with the Spirit of promise!

What part does Jesus play in this passage?
Everything God does for us, He does "in Christ".

What part does the Holy Spirit play in this passage?
The Spirit seals us, seals the promises that God has given us.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage. Then tear along the dotted line and hand in to your teacher.
Questions will vary.

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Instructions for Using Reflection Time

The purpose of the Reflection Time is to give students a chance to apply the passages to their own lives, letting God's word speak to their hearts.

In our classroom, we usually did this page on Friday. After studying the passage over the course of the week, students had time to think about what they were reading. Then, Bible time on Friday was a chance to journal privately about what they were thinking and feeling about what God was saying through His word. I was always pleasantly encouraged to see even the least focused of my students fill up pages with what they were reflecting on in God's Word.

While any of the other pages can be used for small and large groups, I would encourage you to let the students keep the thoughts they write here, private. I told my students I would glance at these pages to make sure they were completed, but the thoughts they wrote here were between themselves and God.

Name <u>Answer Key</u>	Date _____
<h1 style="margin: 0;">Reflection Time</h1>	
<p>Take a few moments to think about what you've read. Re-read the section and write your thoughts about what you read. What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?</p>	
<p><i>Personal reflections will vary.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 300px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	
<p>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12</p>	
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Key Words

Suffering

Salvation

Jesus Christ

God

Holy Spirit

Called

Chosen

Holy

Live (living)

Hope

Fear

Love

Faith (trust)

Humble

Submit (submissive)

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Name:

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

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Have you ever experienced suffering? (It could be as simple as suffering through a workout to be a better athlete.) What do you think is worth suffering for? Explain your thinking:

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Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 1:1-12

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 1:1-12 find the author and the audience, then fill in the chart below.

A Letter:

From: _____

To those who are: _____

And have been chosen according to: _____

And have been chosen through: _____

And have been chosen for: _____

God

What God has done for us:

We do not see him, but still we:

We have trials for a
little while to prove:

Us

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 1:1-12

What do you think it means that we have a "living hope"?

What do you learn about yourself from this passage?

What do you think it means that the prophets served us as they studied the suffering and glory of Christ?

Peter says we are receiving the goal of our faith: salvation of our souls. What do you think this means?

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 1:13-2:3

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 1:13-2:3, fill in the box with the things Peter tells us to do because of our salvation and inheritance.

Therefore, Do These Things:

2 Reasons:

Since:
(1:17)

For:
(1:18)

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 1:13-2:3

What do you think it means to be holy as God is holy? Is this possible?

What do you think it means to live our lives as strangers in reverent fear?

Peter says that we are to have sincere love for our brothers. What does this mean for you?

Explain in your own words what it means to grow up in your salvation:

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

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Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 2:4-12

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 2:4-12, find what Peter says about being living stones, then list who we are compared to who we once were.

Living Stones

Jesus, the living Stone is: _____

We, like living stones: _____

You Are:

Once, You Were:

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 2:4-12

Peter says we are being built into a spiritual house as we come to him (Jesus). What do you think he means?

Why does it matter that Jesus is the cornerstone?

What do you think Peter means that Jesus is a stone that makes men stumble?

What do you think Peter means when he says we are a royal priesthood?

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 2:13-25

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 2:13-25, fill in the boxes with the jobs we, authority and slaves have. Then list the things Jesus did for us, as our example.

Our Job:

Authority's Job:

A Slave's Job:

What Jesus Did:

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 2:13-25

What is our attitude supposed to be toward those who are in authority? Why?

Why do you think Peter tells us to live as free men? (verse 16)

What reasons does Peter give for suffering? What does this mean for you?

What did Peter mean when he said Jesus bore our sins so we might die to sins and live for righteousness?

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

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Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 3:1-22

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 3:1-22, fill in the boxes with the jobs husbands, wives and all of us have. Then list the things Jesus did for us.

Husband's Job:

Reason:

Wife's Job:

Reason:

Everyone's Job:

What Jesus Did:

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 3:1-22

Do Peter's instructions to husbands and wives surprise you at all? What instructions might you give to married people if you were Peter? _____

From Peter's instructions to all of us, explain in your own words how we are to act:

What do you think Peter means when he says not to fear what they fear?

Peter says we are saved through baptism into the resurrection of Jesus. What do you think he means?

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 4:1-19

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 4:1-19, fill in the instructions in the chart below.

Instructions and Reasons

	Because Christ suffered in his body. 4:1
	So you can pray. 4:7
	Love covers a multitude of sins. 4:8
	In all things, God may be praised through Jesus. 4:11

For Those Who Suffer

	So you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 4:13
	For it is time for judgement to begin with the family of God. 4:17

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 4:1-19

How do you think suffering causes us to be "done with sin"? (verse 1-3)

What do you think it means to live like a pagan? Why are we not supposed to live like this?

Why do you think Peter thinks it is important for us to love and serve each other?

What do you think it means to commit yourself to your faithful creator when you suffer?

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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Hebrews 4:12

Name _____

Date _____

Gather the Facts

Chapter 5:1-14

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 5:1-14, fill in the chart with the missing instructions or reasons from the passage.

Elders: Instructions and Reasons

You will receive the crown of life when the chief Shepherd appears.

Young Men

God gives grace to the humble. 5:5

All of You

He will lift you up in due time. 5:6

Cast your anxiety on him. 5:7

Be self-controlled and alert. 5:8

Your brothers all over the world are undergoing the same suffering. 5:9

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Name _____

Date _____

Think and Explain

Chapter 5:1-14

What do you think it means for someone to be a shepherd of God's flock?

What do you think it means to clothe yourself with humility?

What might happen if we don't cast our anxiety on God?

Peter says to resist the devil by standing firm in the faith. What do you think might happen if we do not resist the devil? _____

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Date _____

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

Date _____

After studying 1 Peter, explain what Peter says about suffering.

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Date _____

Even though we know 1 Peter as a book, it is really a letter from Peter to persecuted Christians all over the world. Summarize what Peter wrote to them in your own words below.

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Name_____

Date_____

1 Peter at a Glance

Go back through each Gather the Facts page and write down your summary statement for each passage.
Then, based on all your passage summaries, write down one statement summarizing the theme of 1 Peter.

Theme	
Passage Summaries	
1:1-12	
1:13-2:3	
2:4-2:12	
2:13-25	
3:1-22	
4:1-19	
5:1-14	

Name _____

Date _____

Test

Chapters 1-5

Fill in the Blank: (Complete the sentences below)

1. 1 Peter is written by _____ to God's _____, who are strangers in the _____.
2. God has given us new birth into a _____ and an _____ that will never spoil or fade.
3. Jesus is a living _____ who has been _____ by men, but chosen by God to be the _____. We, like living _____ are being built into a spiritual house.
4. List 3 things Peter tells us we are (from chapter 2) _____ and _____.
5. List 1 instruction Peter gives to each of the following
Slaves: _____
Wives: _____
Husbands: _____.
6. Peter tells us to _____ to authority. Their job is to punish _____ and commend _____.

Multiple Choice: (Circle all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7. What are some instructions Peter gives all of us? | 8. We are NOT supposed to | 9. When Jesus suffered |
| a) Set your hope on Jesus. | a) Suffer. | a) He trusted himself to God. |
| b) Resist the devil. | b) Be surprised when we suffer. | b) He bore our sins so we could live. |
| c) Love deeply. | c) Suffer for doing wrong. | c) He left us an example. |
| d) Read your Bible | d) Conform to the world. | d) He redeemed us with his blood. |
| | e) Be holy. | e) He did not retaliate. |

Short Answer:

Explain what we have been given that makes suffering worthwhile in our lives:

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Answer Key



Name **Answer Key**

Date _____

What Would You Suffer For?

Have you ever experienced suffering? (It could be as simple as suffering through a workout to be a better athlete.) What do you think is worth suffering for? Explain your thinking:

Answers will vary

Gather the Facts

Chapter 1:1-12

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 1:1-12 find the author and the audience, then fill in the chart below.

A Letter:

*** From: Peter (an apostle) 1:1

*** To those who are: God's elect, strangers in the world 1:1

And have been chosen according to: the foreknowledge of God 1:2

And have been chosen through: the sanctifying work of the Spirit 1:2

And have been chosen for: obedience to Jesus and sprinkling by his blood. 1:2

God

What God has done for us:

*** God has given us new birth into a living hope. 1:3

*** And into an inheritance that will never spoil or fade. 1:4

Shielded us with his power until salvation is revealed. 1:5

We do not see him, but still we:

We love him. 1:8

We believe him. 1:8

We are filled with joy as we receive
salvation. 1:9

We have trials for a
little while to prove:

Trials prove our faith. 1:7

Us

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary: Peter reminds us of our hope, our trials and our salvation.

Name Answer Key

Date _____

SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 1:1-12

What do you think it means that we have a "living hope"?

Well, I know our hope is in Jesus who is alive and actively working in our lives and loving us!

What do you learn about yourself from this passage?

Peter tells me I am chosen through the Spirit by Jesus blood and for obedience. He says I have a living hope and an inheritance in heaven, that I am shielded by God's power and that I am both waiting for my salvation to be revealed and am receiving it now.

What do you think it means that the prophets served us as they studied the suffering and glory of Christ?

I am not sure, but I know that all the work the prophets did helped us to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Peter says we are receiving the goal of our faith: salvation of our souls. What do you think this means?

I think salvation must mean more than just going to heaven when we die. I think we are being saved from our sinful tendencies and transformed into righteous people through our faith in Jesus and we get to start that process here on earth!

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

Gather the Facts

Chapter 1:13-2:3

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 1:13-2:3, fill in the box with the things Peter tells us to do because of our salvation and inheritance.

Therefore, Do These Things:

Prepare your minds for action. 1:13

Be self-controlled. 1:13

*** Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus is revealed. 1:13

*** Do not conform to the desires you once had. 1:14

*** Be holy in all you do. 1:14

*** Live as strangers; in reverent fear. 1:17

*** Love one another deeply. 1:22

2 Reasons:

Since: You call on a Father who
(1:17) judges impartially.

*** For: You were redeemed with the
(1:18) precious blood of Christ.

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary:

Peter tells us what to do because of our great salvation.

SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 1:13-2:3

What do you think it means to be holy as God is holy? Is this possible?

It's tempting to think that Peter is telling us to be completely perfect, but this does not make sense. 2 things to consider: 1. Holy means to be consecrated or set apart. 2. the verse before says do not conform. SO I think that Peter is telling us to live lives that are not the same as the ones we used to live, but ones that are focused on believing and obeying God.

What do you think it means to live our lives as strangers in reverent fear?

Well, I think we are to keep in mind that our home is not here, but with God. I think our fear comes from knowing that we could be distracted by getting ahead in this world, but that we live by faith in God's salvation and make our decisions based on that.

Peter says that we are to have sincere love for our brothers. What does this mean for you?

For me, this means that my focus needs to be on loving those who are brothers and sisters in Christ, and not just trying to love people to win them for Christ.

Explain in your own words what it means to grow up in your salvation:

I think growing up in our salvation means that we get stronger and more skilled at trusting God and living life in his power, the way he wants us to live it.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

Gather the Facts

Chapter 2:4-12

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 2:4-12, find what Peter says about being living stones, then list who we are compared to who we once were.

Living Stones

- *** Jesus, the living Stone is: rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious to him. 2:4
the cornerstone, precious to those who believe, the capstone, a stone that makes men stumble. 2:6-8
- *** We, like living stones: are being built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering
sacrifices to God. 2:5

You Are:

A chosen people 2:9 *** Students will
 A royal priesthood 2:9 need to know 3.
 A holy nation 2:9
 A people belonging to God 2:9

We are the people of God. 2:10
 We have received mercy. 2:10

Once, You Were:

Once we were not a people (of God). 2:10
 People who had not received mercy. 2:10

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary:

Jesus is the living cornerstone, and we are the people chosen to be made into his house.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 2:4-12

Peter says we are being built into a spiritual house as we come to him (Jesus). What do you think he means?

I think as we come to Jesus, he connects us more closely with himself and with other believers.

Why does it matter that Jesus is the cornerstone?

Jesus is righteous and "perfectly aligned" so that the rest of the building has a firm foundation. He is the one we all rest on.

What do you think Peter means that Jesus is a stone that makes men stumble?

I think he is referring to all the people who think they can do something to be OK with God. Jesus says we will never be OK unless we stop trying and rely only on his blood for our salvation.

What do you think Peter means when he says we are a royal priesthood?

I am not sure, but I know priests were people who had direct access to God in the temple. I think he means that we live closely with God as his special people. Perhaps also that we are now people others come to when they are looking for God.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

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Reflection Time

Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

Re-read the passage and write your thoughts about what you read.

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

Personal reflections will vary.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5

Gather the Facts

Chapter 2:13-25

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 2:13-25, fill in the boxes with the jobs we, authority and slaves have. Then list the things Jesus did for us, as our example.

Our Job:

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| *** Submit to authority. 2:13 | Show proper respect to everyone. 2:17 |
| By doing good we silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 2:5 | Love believers. 2:17 |
| Live as free men, not using our freedom as a cover-up for evil. 2:16 | Fear God. 2:17 |
| | Honor the king. 2:17 |
| | Suffer for doing good. 2:20 (inferred) |

Authority's Job:

- *** Punish those who do wrong
And
*** Commend those who do right.
2:14

A Slave's Job:

- *** Submit to their master (whether good or harsh). 2:18
Suffer for doing good. 2:20 (inferred)

What Jesus Did:

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| *** Suffered for us, leaving us an example. 2:21 | *** He bore our sins in his own body so we might live. |
| *** He did not retaliate when they insulted him. 2:23 | 2:24 |
| He did not make threats when he suffered. 2:23 | |
| *** He trusted himself to him who judges justly. 2:23 | |

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary:

Peter tells us how we are to treat authority, following the example of Jesus.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 2:13-25

What is our attitude supposed to be toward those who are in authority? Why?

We are supposed to respect and submit ourselves to authority because by doing good we silence the talk of foolish people.

Why do you think Peter tells us to live as free men? (verse 16)

No matter what our government is like, in Christ we are free. Our real home is in God's kingdom where we are free in every sense of the word!

What reasons does Peter give for suffering? What does this mean for you?

Peter says that suffering for doing good is commendable. He also says we were called to suffer because Jesus did. I guess this means that I am to do good no matter what. I need to trust myself to God in every situation, especially when it hurts.

What did Peter mean when he said Jesus bore our sins so we might die to sins and live for righteousness?

I think the freedom that really matters is freedom from sin and freedom to live righteously. Jesus gave us this freedom when he took our sin from us on the cross.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

Gather the Facts

Chapter 3:1-22

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 3:1-22, fill in the boxes with the jobs husbands, wives and all of us have. Then list the things Jesus did for us.

Husband's Job:

*** Be considerate as you live with your wives. 3:7
Treat wives with respect as weaker partner and heirs with you. 2:7

Reason:

So nothing will hinder your prayers. 3:7

Wife's Job:

*** Be submissive to your husband. 3:1
Let your beauty come from inner beauty. 3:4

Reason:

So an unbelieving husband may be won over. 3:1

Everyone's Job:

Live in harmony with one another. 3:8
Be sympathetic. 3:8
Love as brothers. 3:8
Be compassionate and humble. 3:8
Do not repay evil with evil, but with blessing. 3:9

Don't fear what they fear; don't be frightened. 3:14
In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. 3:15
Be prepared to give the reason for your hope. 3:15
Keep a clear conscience. 3:16

What Jesus Did:

*** Christ died for sins, once for all to bring us to God. 3:18
He was put to death in the body and made alive by the Spirit. 3:18
He preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago. 3:20

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary: Peter teaches us how husbands and wives are to treat each other and encourages all of us to do good and trust even if suffering, because we have the hope and salvation of Jesus' resurrection.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 3:1-22

Do Peter's instructions to husbands and wives surprise you at all? What instructions might you give to married people if you were Peter? I like what Peter says to husbands, and am still figuring out what it means to have a gentle and quiet spirit. I think if I were Peter I might add a few things about how to resolve conflict and work together raising children!

From Peter's instructions to all of us, explain in your own words how we are to act:

I think we are to act as people who trust God to take care of us. We don't need to defend ourselves or protect ourselves from others, but can love them and give good when we get evil because God is for us.

What do you think Peter means when he says not to fear what they fear?

This one is hard for me. There are so many awful thing in the world, it is hard not to fear. BUT I believe that God is big enough to turn each bad situation into good, so I do not need to be afraid, but trust him and love others in each circumstance.

Peter says we are saved through baptism into the resurrection of Jesus. What do you think he means?

I think Peter is talking about the baptism of being joined with Jesus in his death. He says that water is a symbol, and it is Jesus' resurrection that saves us.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

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Chapter 4:1-19

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 4:1-19, fill in the instructions in the chart below.

Instructions and Reasons

Arm yourselves with the same attitude as Christ. 4:1	*** Because Christ suffered in his body. 4:1
Be clear minded and self-controlled. 4:7	So you can pray. 4:7
*** Love each other deeply. 4:8	Love covers a multitude of sins. 4:8
Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 4:9	In all things, God may be praised through Jesus. 4:11
Each one should use his gifts to serve, faithfully administering God's grace. 4:10	
For Those Who Suffer	
*** Don't be surprised, but rejoice that you participate in Christ's sufferings. 4:13	So you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 4:13
Make sure your suffering is not because you are a criminal. 4:15	For it is time for judgement to begin with the family of God. 4:17
Don't be ashamed for suffering as a Christian, praise God. 4:16	

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary:Peter tells us what living for God means, even when suffering.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 4:1-19

How do you think suffering causes us to be "done with sin"? (verse 1-3)

I am not sure, but I think when we experience suffering, it helps us see more clearly and puts things in perspective.

What do you think it means to live like a pagan? Why are we not supposed to live like this?

I think that living like a pagan just means that we do what feels good, even though the result may be terrible. As Christians, we have a Father who loves us and sets us free to live in a way that will truly fill us with love and joy- which is what every person truly wants!

Why do you think Peter thinks it is important for us to love and serve each other?

When we serve each other, we get to experience God's love flowing out of us and let others feel God's love because of us.

What do you think it means to commit yourself to your faithful creator when you suffer?

I think it just means that even when we suffer, our job is to trust that God is still faithful, that he still loves us and that his promises are greater than any pain we could feel.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

Date _____

What stands out to you? What questions do you have? How can you apply what you read to your own life?

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Hebrews 4:12

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Chapter 5:1-14

Directions: After reading 1 Peter 5:1-14, fill in the chart with the missing instructions or reasons from the passage.

Elders: Instructions and Reasons

Be shepherds of God's flock under your care. 5:2
 Serve as overseers willingly. 5:2
 Don't be greedy, but be eager to serve. 5:2
 Don't lord it over those entrusted to you, but be examples to the flock. 5:3

You will receive the crown of life when the chief Shepherd appears.

Young Men

Be submissive to those who are older. 5:5

God gives grace to the humble. 5:5

All of You

Be humble. 5:5-6

He will lift you up in due time. 5:6

Cast your anxiety on him. 5:7

He cares for you. 5:7

Be self-controlled and alert. 5:8

The devil prowls around looking for someone to devour. 5:8

Resist the devil, standing firm in the faith. 5:9

Your brothers all over the world are undergoing the same suffering. 5:9

Summarize

What do you notice about your notes above? What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Answers will vary.

Write one sentence that sums up what this section is about:

Sample Summary:

A few more instructions for those living for God.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Think and Explain

Chapter 5:1-14

What do you think it means for someone to be a shepherd of God's flock?

I think a shepherd is someone who protects and leads sheep (or in this case people) to food and water.

So elders are people who look out for the people of God, leading them to God for their needs.

What do you think it means to clothe yourself with humility?

It sounds like humility is something that we can wear. I think that when we relate with each other, we are

supposed to put on an attitude that is approachable and that considers other's needs ahead of our own.

What might happen if we don't cast our anxiety on God?

When we are afraid or worried about something, it is easy to try to fix it on our own, or let the worry

control us and stop us from doing what we know is good to do.

Peter says to resist the devil by standing firm in the faith. What do you think might happen if we do not resist the devil?

I think what the devil wants is simply for us to stop trusting God. If we don't resist the

devil, I think we live life without trusting God, and without his power in our lives.

I Wonder...

Write down a question about the passage.

Questions will vary.

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Take a few moments to think about what you've read.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Suffering For God

After studying 1 Peter, explain what Peter says about suffering.

Was there anything that encouraged you or surprised you? Do you think you would be willing to suffer for your faith? Explain your thinking:

Answers will vary

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A Letter From Peter

Even though we know 1 Peter as a book, it is really a letter from Peter to persecuted Christians all over the world. Summarize what Peter wrote to them in your own words below.

Dear Christians,

Answers will vary

*Peace to you,
Peter*

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SAMPLE ANSWERS:

1 Peter at a Glance

Go back through each Gather the Facts page and write down your summary statement for each passage. Then, based on all your passage summaries, write down one statement summarizing the theme of 1 Peter.

Summary	
<p>Sample Answer:</p> <p>We have a hope that gives us reason to love and serve others even through suffering.</p>	
Passage Summaries	
1:1-12	Peter reminds us of our hope, our trials and our salvation.
1:13-2:3	Peter tells us what to do because of our great salvation.
2:4-2:12	Jesus is the living cornerstone, and we are the people chosen to be made into his house.
2:13-2:5	Peter tells us how we are to treat authority, following the example of Jesus.
3:1-22	Peter teaches us how husbands and wives are to treat each other and encourages all of us to do good and trust even if suffering, because we have the hope and salvation of Jesus' resurrection.
4:1-19	Peter tells us what living for God means, even when suffering.
5:1-14	A few more instructions for those living for God in the midst of suffering.

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Test

Chapters 1-5

Fill in the Blank: (Complete the sentences below)

- 1 Peter is written by Peter to God's elect, who are strangers in the world.
- God has given us new birth into a living hope and an inheritance that will never spoil or fade.
- Jesus is a living stone who has been rejected by men, but chosen by God to be the cornerstone, capstone. We, like living stones are being built into a spiritual house.
- List 3 things Peter tells us we are (from chapter 2) Possible answers: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, A holy nation, a people belonging to God, and people who have received mercy.
- List 1 instruction Peter gives to
Slaves: submit to masters
Wives: submit to husbands
Husbands: be considerate to your wife, treat them with respect
- Peter tells us to submit to authority. Their job is to punish those who do wrong and commend those who do right.

Multiple Choice: (Circle all that apply)

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| 7. What are some instructions Peter gives all of us? | 8. We are NOT supposed to | 9. When Jesus suffered |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a) Set your hope on Jesus. | <input type="radio"/> a) Suffer. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a) He trusted himself to God. |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b) Resist the devil. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> b) Be surprised when we suffer. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> b) He bore our sins so we could live. |
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| <input type="radio"/> d) Read your Bible | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d) Conform to the world. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d) He redeemed us with his blood. |
| | <input type="radio"/> e) Be holy. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e) He did not retaliate. |

Short Answer:

Explain what we have been given that makes suffering worthwhile in our lives:

Answers will vary.

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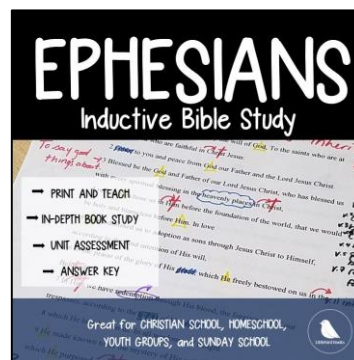
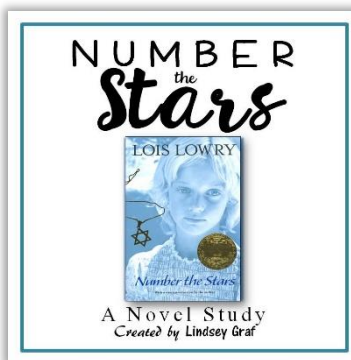
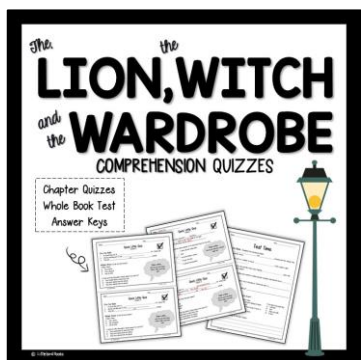


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