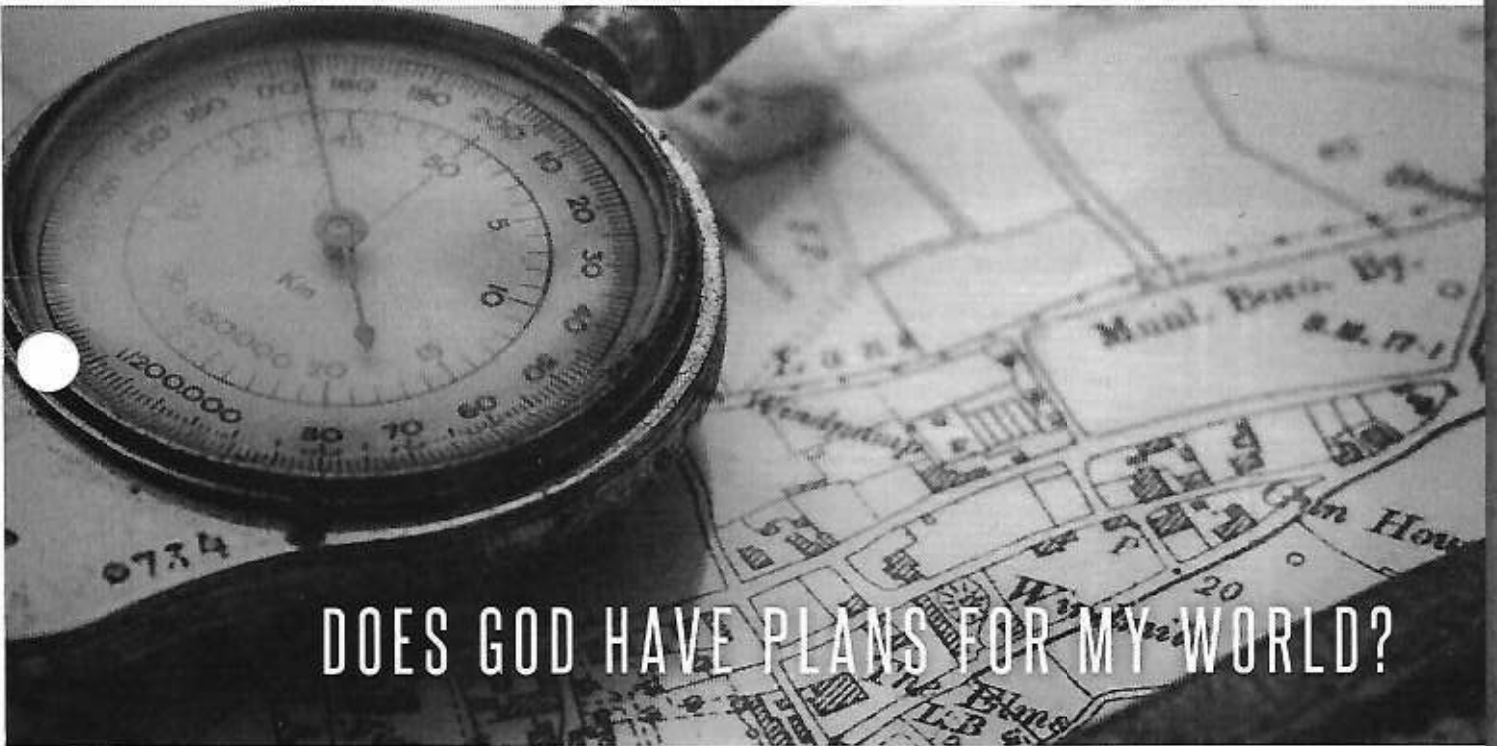


Project 11



DOES GOD HAVE PLANS FOR MY WORLD?

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Instructions

Read each page of this lesson carefully. When you come to the places that say, "Questions for You to Answer," do your best to answer each question.

If you do not understand the question, or cannot answer it, ask your teacher to help you.

When you come to the places labeled **STOP**, follow the instructions carefully before doing any more work on the lesson.

When you look at the world around you,

what do you see?

Is it ugly?

Is it beautiful?

Is there some of both?

Have you ever wondered how the world got here?

Who put this whole universe together?

What about you?

How did you get here?

Why are you living today?

Where are you going for the rest of your life?

Where will you be after you die?

So many questions.

But who has all the answers?

Who can we turn to for help in finding the answers to some of these questions?

Chapter 1

Who Planned the World?

Some people today are saying, "We are all here by chance. Life has been going on for millions of years. Evolution is the best way to explain how we got here."

Others say that we are all here because God made the world. "God is in control," they say. The first sentence in the Bible says,

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

God liked what He made—the birds, the animals, people, the stars — everything.

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

Questions for you to answer

1. What are two different opinions people have about how the world got here?

A. Some people today are saying that [1] _____ is the best way to explain how we got here.

B. Others say that we are all here because [2] _____
[3] _____ the world.

2. Genesis 1:31 (NLT) tells us what condition the world was in when God finished making it.

Then God looked over [4] _____ He had made, and he saw that it was
[5] _____ [6] _____ .

Chapter 2

Who Messed up the world?

What went wrong?

Why is the world in such a mess today?

God didn't make us puppets. He gave us the ability to choose what we will do with our lives. People choose to do their own thing, instead of listening to God.

They are selfish.

All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

Questions for You to Answer

1. God gave us the ability to [7] _____ what we will [8] _____ with our [9] _____.

2. People [10] _____ to do their [11] _____ [12] _____, instead of [13] _____ to God.

3. In your opinion, what is the main idea in the verse, Isaiah 53:6?

[14] _____

4. Look up and read James 1:13-15.

According to these verses, whose fault is it when you sin? [15] _____ Explain why.

[16] _____



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In choosing to go our own way, we disobeyed the guidelines or the laws that God gave us to follow. When we disobey God, the Bible says we sin. The Bible clearly tells us what happens to people who sin.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23 (NLT)*

Why is there so much suffering and pain in the world today? People reject God's plan for their lives, and live for themselves.

Questions for You to Answer

1. When we disobey God, the Bible says we [17] _____.
2. Romans 6:23 says you get what is coming to you when you sin.
For the wages of sin is [18] _____.
3. There is so much suffering and pain in the world today because [19]
 - ___ A. God made it that way.
 - ___ B. People reject God's plan for their lives and live for themselves.
 - ___ C. Everyone enjoys pain and suffering.

Lesson 11 Self Test

STOP: Have your teacher sign here
before you start taking this test.

Teacher's Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Date _____

1. Who planned the world? _____
2. When we disobey God, the Bible says we _____.
3. Look up John 3:16 in your Bible. Read the verse. What is God's plan for every person?

4. What happens to a person who disobeys God?

5. There is so much suffering and pain in the world today because

- _____ A. people reject God's plan for their lives and live for themselves.
- _____ B. God made the world this way.
- _____ C. everyone enjoys pain and suffering.

6. Look up 2 Peter 3:9 in your Bible. Read the verse two or three times. Then rewrite the verse, putting it into your own words.

Lesson 11
Final Test

Name _____

Date _____

Grade _____

1. Who planned the world? _____ (10 points)

2. When we disobey God, the Bible says we _____. (10 points)

3. Read John 3:16. What motivated God to give His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our sins?

4. There is so much suffering and pain in the world today because (10 pts)

_____ A. people reject God's plan for their lives and live for themselves.

_____ B. God made the world this way.

_____ C. everyone enjoys pain and suffering.

5. Read John 3:16 two or three times. Then rewrite the verse, putting it into your own words. (30 points)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)

God's plan for the world sounds good to some people. But how do I know it works?

Listen to what Jake says. He came to Teen Challenge several months ago.

"I came to Teen Challenge knowing that God's presence was here. But I went into the center with the expressed purpose of not letting this religion get next to me.

My body was tired. I needed a place to rest. I went there with the purpose of lying down, getting three hot meals and a bed. I planned to leave after 10 days.

Any time I found myself being kind as a result of somebody else's kindness, I immediately checked that. I immediately backed up and said, 'No, that's not you, Jake.'

Sometimes when people would talk to me and share the Word of God, I would begin to feel like maybe God was trying to tell me something. But immediately I would say, 'Aw, man, you're getting sensitive. It's just because of the environment. Don't worry. You are still as cold-blooded as you ever were.'

I went on like this for 10 days. Then we all went to a church and the preacher told how God respects people. I didn't want to believe that. I thought my life was too bad for God to love me.

But I found that God did love me. God is real. So I accepted God. After that I had a real peace inside. I began to notice that things were beginning to fall in place in my life. Before my life had been going in a thousand different ways, but now everything is coming together. Problems? Yes, I still have problems, but God is helping me.

Soon after, I gave my life to Jesus, I began to feel that God really had a better life for me. Today, I know God has something else for me to be other than a drug addict."

Questions for You to Answer

1. Can you identify with Jake? Can you see some areas of your life where you feel the same way Jake did? [23] ___ Yes. What are they?
___ No. How are your attitudes different?

2. What did Jake say were the main reasons why he came to Teen Challenge? [24] _____

3. Why did you come here or what happened that made you decide to come here? [25]



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Questions for You to Answer

4. Would you like to make some changes in how you have been responding to God's plans for you? Yes / No (circle one) Briefly tell why [38]



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Lesson Completed—Teacher's Signature _____

[31, 37, 38]

Grading Completed—Teacher's Signature _____

You now are ready to study for the self-test. Go back over this lesson and review the main points. When you