

The Most Important Question of Your Life...

If you died tonight, do you **KNOW** if you'd go to heaven?

The Easy Steps to **KNOW** for Sure:

== A == Acknowledge you are a sinner
ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

== B == Believe the shed Blood of Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved.
The wages of sin is death* but the **GIFT** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

== C == Confess to God you know you are a sinner and call upon Him to come into your heart.
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

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More Than Win!

Workshop

Leader's Guide

Book 1 of 2 204

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John 1:1-20

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John 1: 1-20

1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 ¶ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
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MORE THAN WIN !!



is the number of parts in a quartet – sometimes nicknamed a quad. A quad can be groups like winter/summer/fall/spring, or north/south/east/west, or the set of tires on a quadrunner all terrain vehicle (ATV). These quads all have an important part in growing things – growing crops, school reports, healthy bodies and minds and most of all – the

course God has planned for you and me. The COOLEST place to learn about important quads is in the Bible; Heaven's perfect handbook for growth, fun, and learning about my life.

HOLD ON! 'cuz it's gonna get loud, muddy, fast, 'n fun, as we learn about ourselves and Heaven's handbook for fun, growth, peace, and purpose. (uh, that's a quad, isn't it?)

This leader guide gives course markers along the way that start out:

This quad lap teaches:

Each lap in Book 1 begins with a quartet of a quadrunner, then progresses to a similar quartet of principles in a young person's life and character. Last, but most important, the lesson is grounded to specific Bible principles that must be part of the growth/maturing of every young person that seeks lasting peace, purpose, and joy beyond anything the world has.

The last lap teaches us about the QUAD IN JESUS as a young person and growing in a way we should make Him our hero.

My Notes:

Puzzle Partnering

You've been wanting to share your faith in Jesus Christ and His Salvation message with someone close by. But you're not sure of a good way to begin. That person may be a fellow traveler, a family member, a person you work, study, or just hang out with.

In the middle of one of your puzzles, tell that person, "I could sure use your help finding this word... have ya got a second?"

Become partners in finishing the puzzle as you both read the scripture to complete the word and then find it in the letter maze. More puzzles are at: HeavensDiamonds.blogspot.com.

It is crucial though, that you ask God's guidance and blessing beforehand. Also be ready to guide the person through the "Gospel ABCs" on the back cover.

To work the puzzle -

1. read slowly through the scripture page.
2. Choose a word from the list and find its missing letters in the scripture.
3. find the word in the letter maze. It can be hidden in any direction.
4. Ask God to give you His directions for your life today.

Our view of life

is often like a puzzle, like the jumble of letters in these search duo-puzzles. We can't see any picture, or a path, or even a START HERE, where we can take our first step. There seems to be no THIS WAY UP, or THIS WAY OUT.

And sometimes we make a decision too fast and make the whole puzzle of life even worse. I've done that, you've done that. The puzzle becomes painful more each day, when we see others watching us, looking for us to lead them ...

When others try to give us advice, there seems to be gaps in that advice, that keeps us from having any confidence or comfort down deep in our hearts. That advice of others is like the word list that has gaps that have to be filled in to grow and be good leaders to others.

Before you even look at the puzzle, read the page of scripture slowly during some quiet moments. Notice especially the first three words.

IN THE BEGINNING, almost makes me think of the words START HERE. Now the next three words are just as powerful. WAS THE WORD. That "WORD" means far more than just ink on paper, it's actually beginning to tell us about a PERSON. He's the very person that will lead you along the path you're looking for. Read the other scripture, even the second time. Let them sink in. Actually we should more than READ the scripture ... we should FEED on its truths.

As you work the puzzles in the book, notice the path God has set before you. In quiet moments, talk to Him. Tell Him your hurts and how much you want to return His love from your heart to His.

Begin a list of prayer requests here. Tell Him you believe He can answer them, but that you want Him to do it His way, in His time.

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My Notes:

At this point, each of the objects should be discussed, including the negative results of the notes on the objects, and the muddy vision difficulties.

Usually, about now, the youth will want you to travel the course. You agree to do so. Before you do, use a hose, rope, vines, or pebbles to become a guide on the ground to follow. Even though you are blindfolded (muddy vision) you can take small steps, sensing the 'guide' under your feet.

Next, have each of the youth repeat what you just did, using the 'guide'.

Having all the youth seated, explain that God has provided the Holy Spirit to be our guide, each day, around every obstacle, that we can trust, knowing we are not lost or in danger. This results in peace and comfort in us... what we all desire to have.



“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
(John 14: 26, 27)

Break up the above scripture into phrases. Write the phrases on strips of heavy paper. Have a contest to put the phrases back in the correct order. It would be best to begin with only a few of the phrases, and then add more.

Encourage the youth to create their own obstacle course in their own neighborhood and teach their friends about God The Holy Spirit, and the scripture makes alive within us. ~ ~ ~

#6 Crash Course!

This quad lap teaches: God has given us the 3rd Person of the Trinity; the Holy Spirit, to be our indwelling teacher, mentor, and communicator (on our behalf) to Heaven. He breathes life, unity, and application into the Bible's truths and history. Be prepared to dissect each part of the Holy Spirit's power, in Ephesians 3:20. Chapter 4 is rich with meaning, also.

Each of our lives is filled most every day with hazards, opportunities to make bad choices, strenuous trials, and possible fearful events. Sometimes we don't see clearly where to start or where to stop.

Use this quadrunner ATV theme to visually teach one of the greatest of Heaven's gifts to Christians – the Holy Spirit.

Randomly place chairs or boxes or other objects a couple steps apart from each other. On each of the objects write notes like, “Bad Words”, “Disobedient to Parents”, “Neglecting the Bible”, “Disrespecting Others”, etc. Invite the youth to add additional 'objects' as they think of. Explain the objects are an obstacle course, and each youth is on a quad that will 'travel' the course in a specified path around the objects. Let each 'contestant' stare at the course and even walk through it.

CAUTION: have at least one person as the 'safety' person to ensure no one is injured. This can even be done as a 'special olympics' event. Explain that many quad courses contain muddy areas. This mud often covers the rider's goggles, making visibility very poor. So to simulate the muddy goggles, a blindfold is put on each youth when it is their turn at the 'course'.

This 'course' event can become something of a contest if you time each rider or count the times (s)he bumps into an object. It may be wise to start out with just a few obstacles, and then add more.

#0 Warming Up!

The lesson begins even before the first lap. Objects and posters should build a partnership of principles even as the students enter the room. Have pictures of quadrunners and the Bible on the walls – especially in front. Maybe a local store would let you borrow some advertising posters, clean parts, or even a short action clip. If you were to borrow a helmet, boots, or gloves – be very careful with them. Safety and respect in the group is a must. Including a non-teaching adult(s) is also a good practice.



Before lap time, pray for each of the students – by name. And afterward let them know you're praying for them and their efforts.

Your job isn't to teach students! You better read that again. We learn from 2nd Timothy 2:2 that we are to teach teachers. That is, we are to teach clearly with the motivation to help our youth to pass on the principles you've introduced them to. This process begins as you involve your listeners in your teaching process.

DID YOU KNOW that God has already given talents to those in your group? As you get to know each of your group, look for talents or meaningful hobbies that would help the group. Their hobby or talent may help them partner with an adult in your group, club, or church.

#1 Get Runnin'!

This quad lap teaches: How diversity and unity fit together – in machinery and an exciting life that honors God; a neat quad principle in scripture. Before class, the leader should feed on John 15, and 1st Corinthians 12:12-27. Pray for each student, by name – as though (s)he were your own child, because he is.

QUAD means '4' and it also means '*super fun*'. Here we're going to look at the 4 main parts of a super fun Quadrunner all-terrain-vehicle. Why? 'cuz we wanna win' and do it safely – and for some other important reasons, we'll learn about, too.



Interestingly, quads(4 wheels) are composed of a quartet (4 again) of systems. Each system is unique/special and yet it must work in harmony or else nobody gets anywhere, let alone win.

The quartet of quad systems contains **Mechanics** (motor), **Pneumatics** (tires), **Electronics** (GPS), and **Hydraulics** (shock absorbers).

1. Briefly, the MOTOR delivers the POWER and requires clean gas, oil and grease, must be balanced, and the right size to fit the rest of the quad and rider.
2. The TIRES can easily keep you out of the winner's circle and out of the hospital too, if they're not the right kind and kept in good shape. ATVs are used for everything from farming, flying through the air, or serving the military in various ways. Notice that it's important that the front tires are most often larger than the rear ones. Why? The tires provide the CONTROL of the quad including the starting, steering, and stopping. Key to their best operation is tread design, size, air pressure etc.

(2) The plug wire must be connected tight and separate from surrounding parts – we must be separate from the world – in certain ways. (3) The plug must be kept clean and checked often. (4) The creator (of the plug) requires the sparkgap be adjusted to a certain spacing, for maximum performance. – we must be aligned to God's requirements in scripture.

Example #2 – Carburetor. It's almost spooky looking, with all the pipes and hoses connected amid various screws that whisper, "don't touch me unless you really know what you're doing." In some ways, the carburetor might be thought of as the heart of the quad's power system. It mixes the right amount of air with the right amount of gasoline to create an explosive mist that gets fed into the sparkplug's neighborhood. It has to be finely adjusted to take into account for where and when it has to do its job. Take the quad up in the mountains, or on a hot desert, or in a rainy forest – the carburetor has to be 'tuned' differently in each case. You'd better tune the carb considering the environment it will be used, or the race is trashed for sure. The carburetor is a perfect reminder that we must always be aware of the conditions and people around us – our testimony.



Most of the parts that make up a quad are great to use as object lessons. The lesson becomes more powerful with pictures and even available parts that can be handled and passed around. You may have an ATV retailer or repair person that would loan you some items like posters or even a short video to lock in the attention of your listeners. Remember those listeners should become teachers of the lessons they've learned from you.

The bottom line here, as in life, is introducing others to Jesus Christ as our only real Savior. In addition, we need to train others to always honor Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master – not that we are to be His slaves, but that we willingly serve Him with Joy and Trust.

Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says, "For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;" (1st Thessalonians 3:9) ~ ~ ~

#5 Fill Your Thrill Bucket!

This quad lap teaches: The best use of everything around us, is to magnify Jesus Christ by teaching others His ways, resulting in the most thrilling events in our lives – filling our 'thrill bucket'. .grin.



Putting a quad with a young person, 5 or 20 yrs old, is a picture of transition that grows almost every day. The sound of the engine and quick moves fires up the challenge juices inside the rider. The hunger for greater thrills sees the quad increase faster, sharper, and even higher off the ground – those 'airborne thrills'. The blood of manmade thrills, more often than not, is filled with extreme danger, and little or no control of the circumstances. Possible permanent injuries or our negative lessons we're teaching others, never comes to mind in a responsible way.

God has given you and I the ability to experience thrill – whether it's bad or good, satanic or God-honoring. So we need to fill our 'thrill bucket' with things that honor the Giver of our 'thrill bucket' – God. The greatest thrills in life are seeing the peace and joy in the faces and lives of those we've shared the good news – the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, and Him alone. It's part of that 'more than winners' joy.

Without knowing anything technical, without owning a quad, or having never ridden one, there are powerful simple lessons we need to share with youth – probably even more than once.

Example #1 – The Sparkplug. The sparkplug is about the size of a pack of gum and costs about the price of a hamburger – pickles extra. That seldom seen little sparkplug is fed more than 40,000 volts of electricity that gets turned into a spark. The spark ignites the gas fumes in the engine. There are a number of things about a sparkplug that can be related to God and those of us who want to honor him. (1) There are many sizes and colors of sparkplugs; God has made youth different, but each can do things better than others – diversity.

3. The electronic Global Positioning System (GPS) uses orbiting satellites to provide NAVIGATION along competition routes and away from dangers. And... to find your way home.
4. SHOCK ABSORBERS are seldom seen or heard from, but provide crucial SAFETY to the vehicle and its rider (back and neck injury etc.) Why do you think?

Discuss the strengths, limitations, protection, and maintenance of each of the preceding.

This quad lap teaches: The Bible has simple to understand principles for all areas of our life. Bible principles must be given the highest priority, and God gave us the Holy Spirit as teacher.

There is a powerful quartet(that's 4, remember?) that contains good advice for anyone wanting to progress safely...The fun thing is that it's found in the Bible in Psalms 119:105... but you have to look closely. The verse says, “Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

“Thy Word” means the Bible. “A lamp unto my feet” helps me:

1. judge if I am **on the path** and
2. the **condition** of my vehicle, whether it's jogging shoes, or a quad runner. The “Light unto my path” says that God's Word (Bible)
3. shows me the **direction** of the path God wants me to take. It also promises to
4. show me what **dangers** may lie along the path.

So we see then:

For a quad runner to operate, it takes, power, control, navigation, and safety. For us to progress safely, we must see that God designed each of us special – yet we are to work in harmony, like a quadrunner. We depend on the Bible to show us our location, our condition, direction, and dangers. We have been designed by God, to honor God, and spend an eternity with God. ~ ~ ~

#2 Get Racin'!

This quad lap teaches: The Bible is our HOW TO manual for our life of racing to win. Begin asking your listeners what they think is sweeter than honey. In the Bible a teenager that became king, tells us. (Psalm 119:97-104) Always have a Bible open and in front of the group. Pray for each student.

To race... to compete some additional quads must be factored in.

Rules, Testing, Penalties, and Learning.

Discuss what happens when any one of these factors is neglected.



Rules _____

Testing _____

Penalties _____

Learning _____

These four factors for racing are also spoken about in God's Word, the Bible.

Check out verse 16 of 2nd Timothy: *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

In fact these factors apply to the whole of scripture. The lessons in God's Word are so many; so diverse, they fill up the whole Bible.

Take a minute and notice how the two sets of quads match up...

Rules	Testing	Penalties	Learning
Doctrine	Reproof	Correction	Instruction

Reading scripture is a daily reminder of His loving leadership amid this world's evil ways.

Check out the church people in Berea. They lived in southeast Europe during Bible times. This one verse says tons about their actions each day.

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

1. All readiness of mind – they were anticipating goodness from God's Word
2. Searched the scriptures – They didn't scan or skip through scripture. They internalized it... they fed or nourished themselves with it. Feed on God's Word, not just surf in it.
3. Daily – Feeding on scripture MUST be a DAILY process. It regularly washes out the evil ideas that satan tries to seed in our mind.
4. Whether those things were so. – they were validating what they heard by God's Word.

List reasons below, why you see the Berean actions above would also be important for you.

#4 Get Retrievin'!

This quad lap teaches: The Bible is not our reference handbook for occasional searches. Instead, it is critical that we treat it as a FILLING STATION that is often used in responsible ways.

So far we've been looking at some main systems in every quadrunner. But All that still puts you dead in the water' or uh, dead in the mud, if you've not fed your quad as required.



It's a no-brainer to say that if we don't eat the right stuff and often, we'll be about dead – or at least feel like it.

Pretend you are driving your quad on a lane in the wilderness. You hear a loud deep growl not far behind you. And then another. Then fear REALLY grips you as your fuel gauge needle is on the empty mark. Your memory tells you yesterday's choice not to gas up then, is going to result in an ugly outcome in about a minute or two.

The people built your quad with an easy to see gas gauge. But they can't get you to look at it often and make responsible choices. You and I have been given a clear sturn warning about deadly forces close behind us. The apostle Peter warns us, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”* (1st Peter 5:8) Vigilant means to always watch out for the dangers that are always around us. Sober means to think clearly with a sharp mind always making good decisions as though your life or someone's near you, depends on it.

This quad lap teaches: It's super important here, to remind others that our own choices often greatly affect others; even when we don't think so. It may seem odd, but what I eat for breakfast, and when, in some ways can affect others.

OK. So who cares? What's in it for me? The next verse tells us.

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2nd Tim 3:17

Three words in the verse we need to mention: *“perfect”* doesn't mean without error. It's an old time word that means complete, nothing lacking. *“Thoroughly”* is a piercing word that reminds me scripture is an inside job, not just on the surface. The word *“all”* is not difficult to understand but holds a VIP position in front of *“good works”*. Can you include 'computing' into the *“all good works”* group? You sure can, and should!

This quad lap teaches: The powerful '3:16s' that must be first place in our lives and loves. John 3:16 teaches Who Jesus Christ is. In John 1, He is referred to as the Word; the *living* Word. In 2nd Timothy 3:16 we learn the purpose of the Bible; the *written* word. The Bible is organized in ways that guide us in every area of our lives – through the stormy days and the sunshine.

Rules	Testing	Penalties	Learning
Doctrine	Reproof	Correction	Instruction

Plan each day like a competition racer does his preparation for the race.

1. Review the race rules in your mind and commit to following them.
2. Test your vehicle and your own condition to be your best.
3. Remind yourself of past penalties and how to prevent any more.
4. Learn from each hump and hurdle, slide, and skids. Treat others the way you'd want to be treated, that honors God.

As God's Perfect Word talks a lot about races and prizes, none of them excite me more than Romans 8:37. It actually tells us how to *MORE THAN WIN!!* More about that next time

#3 Get Rewarded!

This quad lap teaches: How we can have the greatest victory, receive the greatest love, and look forward to the greatest future. God's love for each person looks past our imperfections. Be ready to describe the love He showed toward us on Calvary.

Everybody wants to win at whatever they're doing! The awards in the Olympics begin with the Bronze Medal. Next above that is the Silver Medal, and the very top is the Gold Medal. You're on the top step with everyone looking up at you. Television cameras are blasting your image across the globe. WOW!

But did you know there's a level of winning that's even above the gold?! There definitely is. It's described nowhere else except in God's Precious Word, the Bible. So we know it's true; it's not a hoax. The amazing truth in Romans 8:37 says, "...MORE THAN winning." It says to be more than a conqueror; more than a winner; more than a victor. It's a rather odd concept to wrap your head around. I ask myself, "How can I become 'better than the best'?"



The first step is to zero in on the next phrase in the verse, 'through Him that Loved us.'

What two important facts does the phrase tell us?

1. _____
2. _____

Answers:

(1) Our 'more than conquerors' status comes from someone (not an action) outside ourselves. (2) We see a special characteristic of that someone: He loves us. He loves us with a very special kind of love. Because our victory – our more than victory is dependant on someone else, we don't have any reason to brag about ourselves. Bragging is certainly a trait God has given to us, but He wants us to brag about Him and His incredible love for us. This special love accepts and

protects us just as we are; with all our imperfections. It's called AGAPE love. (Pronounced 'uh - GAH - pay'),

Discuss the verse: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13) Can you connect the AGAPE love with the shed blood on Calvary? How? Jesus shed His innocent blood on the cross (as was prophecied) to be the perfect sacrifice for all my sins and yours too.

Name some really evil people. Was God's Agape love offered to them too? Some young people have parents that have ugly moments and ugly attitudes. Does God's Agape love apply to them too? I bet we need to tell them so... maybe even more than once.

Philipians 3:14-15 *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

The Apostle Paul wrote that his prize; his goal was 'the high calling of God'. This prize is in the person of God's Son, Jesus Christ. BUT A CAUTION is added, "[if] ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Now is that accountability or what?

Maybe we can say the added prize is to be a RULER over many things. The verse says: Matthew 25:21 *His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

Visualize the judge of the competition coming to you and hanging the GOLD medal around your neck. He takes your hand, looks you in the eye and says, "Because of your love for the contest and the contestants, I want you to rule and judge the following competitions with me. That's what Revelation 20:6 means when it says we will rule and reign WITH HIM a thousand years.

First we saw the THROUGH HIM and now the WITH HIM. All because of His AGAPE love for each of us on Calvary.

Brag to someone you know about God's great love for them. ~ ~ ~