Lesson 1

- 1. Welcome to your first day of school!
- 2. We're going to start the year off with reading one of the Gospels. We'll do this every year. This year we'll read Matthew and then we'll go back to the beginning and start reading in Genesis.
- 3. Read Matthew 1.
- 4. The list of names shows the generations from Abraham to David to Jesus.
- 5. Tell to a parent the story of Joseph that you read today.
- 6. This is the end of your work for this course for your first day. You are allowed to move at your own pace (this is homeschooling), but it's intended you complete one lesson a day.

Lesson 2

- 1. Read Matthew 2.
- 2. Christ means "anointed one." We will read this year about how kings are anointed with oil to show they are chosen. Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit, showing that He was chosen by God as the leader of Israel, as was prophesied hundreds of years before by the prophet Micah.
- 3. What prophecies are fulfilled in this chapter?
- 4. Are you an anointed one (see 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)? Do you belong to Christ and serve His people alongside Him?
- 5. Check your answers.

Lesson 3

- 1. Read Matthew 3.
- 2. John tells the Pharisees that those who produce bad fruit will go to hell ("thrown into the fire"). What does He say about the kind of "fruit" they should produce? (hint: verse 8)
- 3. John the Baptist didn't think he should be baptizing Jesus, but Jesus told him it was the right thing to do. Jesus gave us the example, and we are to follow in His footsteps and be baptized as well. It's not something to be afraid of. It marks the beginning of our life of following Jesus. Baptism represents our dying to self and resurrecting to our life in Christ. Part of Galatians 2:20 says, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
- 4. There is another baptism mentioned in this chapter. What is it?
- 5. We read about the baptism of the Holy Spirit more in the book of Acts. Actually, it says that Jesus will baptize us with Holy Spirit and with fire. Some people think they are one and the same since the Holy Spirit came down on the church, appearing as fire. I think it's possible fire could also mean trials and tribulation.
- 6. Check your answers.

Lesson 4

- 1. Read Matthew 4.
- 2. Memorize 4:4.
- 3. Jesus and Satan both use Scripture. Satan can use Scripture, but he may twist it or use it out of context. Not everyone using Bible verses is telling you the truth. Even the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) used the Bible. However, the Bible tells us that our sword to fight with is God's Word. Jesus uses God's Word to tell Satan to back off. Memorizing verses puts a sword in your hand to help you fight off temptation.

- 4. In the second part of the chapter, what does Jesus preach? (hint: verse 17)
- 5. In the third part, realize that the disciples walked away from providing for themselves. They left their jobs and they left their families. They had to trust God to take care of them and their families. If God calls you to leave your work, He will provide for you. Our family has seen it happen!
- 6. Look at this map to see where these things took place.



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Lesson 5

1. Read Matthew 5.

