

GIRLS FOR GOD

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Explore the Christian faith

What is it like to be a woman of God?
How can I grow in my faith?
What does Jesus teach us?
How should a girl live?

*Includes
activities
and crafts!*

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JESUS

FAITH

FUN

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS

Hey!

We are Girls For God . We all belong to the Fenlands Church - Beyond Youth Group. We have a real passion for God and for sharing the Gospel to other girls that feel there's something more to life. Whoever you are, this magazine is for you.

In February 2023, an idea was shared about a Christian magazine for girls based on Godly principles. So, we created a WhatsApp group and started to plan.

We hope that this is a blessing to you and answers some of your needs and questions about God!

Please pray for us as we continue to produce this magazine. God willing, it will bear fruit.



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INTRODUCTION

NEW LIFE

The theme of this issue of Girls for God is new life. New life abounds in Springtime: bare, spindly trees become clouds of pink or white blossom: daffodils seem to reflect the ever warmer sunshine: and long-legged lambs are born. Easter is also included in the springtime gaities. For many people, Easter just means chocolate Easter eggs, but for us as Christians it means much, much more.

It is the time that we celebrate our new life. However, our new life does not originate in longer days, warmer weather, or rainbowy spring showers, but in what Jesus did for us on the cross. He came to give up His life to renew ours. He died on a cross, taking upon Himself all of our sin and shame. But it doesn't end there, for though our sin was finished, Jesus wasn't. He rose to life, and now lives on forever. If you want to have new life, and to be forgiven for all of your sins,

than what you need to do is to say this prayer, asking Jesus into your heart.

Dear God

I am sorry for my sins. I confess that Jesus is Lord and Savior, and that Jesus and only Jesus can forgive and cleanse me. I want You to come and live in me, so that I might receive new life.

Amen






Verse of the month:

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- Ephesians 4:22-24



Bible Study Page

The way of life that we have before we put on our new self- provided for us by

Jesus- is totally different to the way of life that we are called to lead in Christ. This old nature is characterised by its empty and corruptible (able to be destroyed or spoiled) desires, whereas the new nature that we put on through Jesus cannot be corrupted, and can stand the test of time, hardship, and even death.

(See page 12 for book recommendations on this topic.)

The only true righteousness that we can achieve is through Jesus who took our sins upon himself, so that we might have new life and be able to have the righteousness and holiness of God.



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The desires of this world very often are deceitful, meaning that they are empty, and have no long-lasting value. For instance, an interesting video to watch or a cute guy to date. They may feel nice and even fulfilling for the moment but they will always have an end. None of them last, but the hope that God gives us is a hope of seeing Him in Heaven, where there will be no more sorrow, and He Himself will wipe every tear from our eyes.

God wants our hearts to be pure in the attitude of our minds, which means to clear out all the ungodly thoughts, and substitute them with purity.

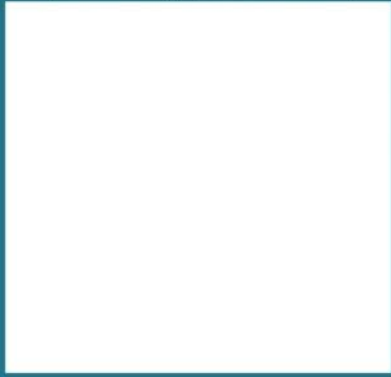
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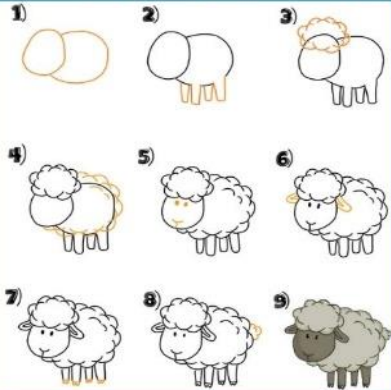


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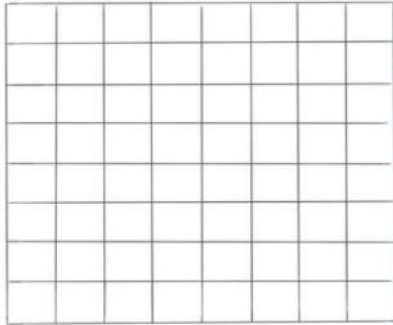
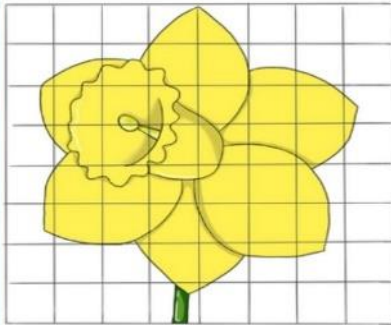
Draw an image that pops up in your head
after reading Ephesians 4:22-24



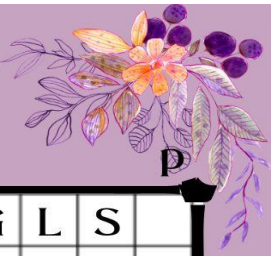
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-LOVE - ACCEPTED -CLEANSED -FORGIVEN
 -ALIVE -KNOWN -FULFILLED -PEACEFUL

*These are all the things that we have, become and are in Jesus Christ.
 We have love from the Almighty God, we become fulfilled through
 Jesus, and are known, cleansed, forgiven, alive, accepted, and at peace with
 our God.*

By Charis






Recipes

Flapijacks:

Serves 16

500g of oats
170g of sugar (any kind: granulated, demerara, light brown, etc.)
250g of butter
4 tbsps. syrup (or 60 grams)
50g chia seeds
50g sunflower seeds

1. Heat the oven to 160 degrees or gas mark 5.
 2. Line a 24 centimeter square tin
 3. Combine the dry ingredients (oats, seeds, sugar).
 4. Melt butter and syrup in a saucepan and pour into the dry ingredients.
 5. Scrape out into lined tin and press down.
 6. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
 7. Watch carefully, as this recipe can burn easily.
 8. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.
 9. Cut into squares and enjoy!
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Questions

How do we know that God exists if we can't see Him?

We can see that God exists not only through the beauty of the world around us (Romans 11:8-20) but also in the intricate and awe-inspiring way that all things have been created (Psalm 19:1-4). There are many things in Creation that are exceedingly difficult to explain away without the presence of an all-powerful Creator. DNA for example, while so incredibly complex, it is in almost everything from daisies to dolphins. So even when we can't see Him, there is much evidence in creation, and in many people's personal lives (see book recommendations).

Is the Bible sexist?

No, the Bible isn't sexist. Everything in the Bible has to be taken in context, and though it is very easy to prejudge, we must also look at the bigger picture. See Proverbs 31:10-31 to see how God values and loves women.

If God exists, why is there suffering in the world?

Suffering exists in this world because God has given us free will. We as humans can choose right or wrong because God doesn't control us (Romans 8:5-6). Also, God doesn't necessarily bring trouble upon us for judgement; however, He can use these things to develop our characters and to bring us closer to Him. Romans 5:1-5. We as Christians know that suffering is not in vain because every hardship that we face brings us closer to God, and makes us ever more aware of His love. Moreover, we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, so whatever we face, we know that God is in control (Romans 8:28).

Questions for you to answer

Say what has been good and bad about your day?

Good

Bad

Do you believe in the Lord ? If you don't believe in the Lord, why is that? Does something stop you? If you do believe in the Lord how did you start believing in Him?


Could you read the verse Ephesians 4:22-24 and try to think about what it means?

Think of a question that you would like to ask us and you could write it down in the box. If you want, you could email it to us - you will find that information in the back (we will answer the questions in the next magazine).

Challenge for the month:

**Smile at one person
every day**

Claudia's Testimony




Hi, I'm Claudia. I have been a Christian since 2020 and have recently been baptised. I have a real heart for helping girls who want to believe in God, but don't know how, because I have felt like that. I have always believed in God, but didn't understand how to pursue a relationship with Him. I never really had a father figure in my life, except my grandfather.



When he died, I felt like God had let me down, and I was angry, and had a lot of questions. I also stopped praying and going to church.

From that time on, I felt empty and alone, until in 2020 God revealed himself to me and my eyes were opened. Before this I feared death, and felt anger about my grandfather's death, and resentment and hatred towards my father. Now I realize that God is not to blame, and I have forgiveness for my father, and no longer fear death, because I know that when I die, I will go to be with Jesus.

I will never forget the afternoon when I prayed and asked Jesus to come into my life and felt God's presence within me, transforming me. So now I choose life over death, freedom over chains, hope over hopelessness, and light over darkness. I want to serve my king, and give my whole life to Him. I know that my life is not mine anymore, but is God's, and I wish to serve Him all of my days.



By Claudia



Do you have any questions about God
or the Bible or Christianity in general?

If you do, please send us an email at
girlsforgodmagazine@gmail.com
We will try to feature your question in
one of our future publications.

Book Recommendations

10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer)
About Christianity - Rebecca McLaughlin




The Hiding Place - Corrie Ten Boom
The Bible - God

Music Recommendations

Nathan Hayward- @nathanhayward2466 on
YouTube
Rend Collective

Film Recommendations

God's Not Dead
War Room



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group and zoom Bible studies that you can join!

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