

BIBLE LESSON WORKSHOP

SUBSTANCE

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Designed for those in Junior High and beyond

1. What does the word "Sub/stance mean?"

2. From the following list, check out the items that you think are substantial. In other words things that can never be destroyed, lost, stolen, etc. That which is permanent.
 - a. Love
 - b. A computer
 - c. Intelligence
 - d. A wide screen TV
 - e. A brand new SUV
 - f. Good
 - g. Life

3. Why did Mrs. Eddy choose *Substance* as a Bible Lesson subject?

4. True Story: When Mary Baker was a young girl in school the teacher gave them this riddle to solve: "Take this orange; peel it; throw away all the seeds and then eat the orange. When it's all gone what do you have left? The children all said; "Nothing." Do you know what Mary said? (The idea of the orange). You can never destroy an idea. We are all God's ideas, hence we are permanently perfect.

5. If I took a piece of paper and drew the outline of a dog, a window, and a girl – what would the substance of each be? (Most say fur, glass & wood and flesh, blood and bones). Do you think that answer is correct? (Correct answer: The substance of all 3 would be "Paper.")

6. Gen. 1 – God made man and **EVERY THING** in His image and likeness – from His essence which is what?
 - a. Spirit
 - b. Matter
 - c. Air
 - d. Good DNA

7. Consequently, the substance of everything must be _____ . Just because we might think things are material – matter based doesn't make it so. Just because someone thought the earth was flat didn't make it true. When Columbus proved the earth was round, it didn't instantaneously become round at the moment folks believed it to be true – how come?
8. Explain – what does it mean when we say GOD IS **ALL?**
9. How do you spell “Relief?”
10. Going around the room for as long as possible, name one thing you know about Mary Baker Eddy?
11. Name some words in the Bible that are used for “God.” What is the definition of God that Mrs. Eddy gives in Science & Health (Page 587)? What is **your** definition of God – what does He mean to you?
12. Write 3 goals you would like to accomplish in S.S.
13. Your best friend calls you. He/she knows you are a Christian Scientist and Christian Science heals. He had an argument with his parents and in anger said some things he didn't mean. He calls to ask you to help him mend fences with his family. What would you say to him?
14. Another friend calls a week later; he/she has the flu and is feeling miserable. Your friend asks you to pray for him/her. What do you say to him? How do you pray?
15. Before you play a stringed instrument such as a violin, harp, etc. what's the first thing you have to do?
16. Christ Jesus and Mrs. Eddy could heal instantly because they were always _____ .
17. True or False: Genesis. 1 was written 300 years after Gen. 2?

WHO AM I? (Pop Quiz Game)

- 1a. Who would have sung this song when a major storm came while on a ship at sea? “Sit down, you're rocking the boat.”
- 2b. I tried to walk on water but got scared and started to sink, until my best buddy saved me. Who am I?

- 3c. I betrayed the most perfect man that ever lived and afterwards I was so ashamed I hung myself. Who was I?
- 4d. I was bitten by poisonous sake, but remained unharmed. Who Am I?
- 5e. After our husbands died I followed my mother-in-law and moved back with her to her old neighborhood. Who am I?
- 6f. In Genesis 1, God created my gender last – Who am I?
- 7g. I came to Jesus when he was eating supper at Simon's house and washed his feet. Who Am I?
- 8h. God called me to the top of a mountain to take dictation. I wrote what he told me to on two tablets of stone. Who am I and what did I write?
- 9i. We are the first monogamous couple in the Bible – Who are we? (Gen. 24;25)
- 10j. My husband and I both burst out laughing when told we would have a baby boy. Who are we? What was so funny about it?
- 11k. It rained for 40 days & 40 nights but my family and I were safe and dry. Who am I?
- 12 l. I was the first to acknowledge that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the son of God. Who am I?
- 13m. I masqueraded as my brother & stole his birthright – who am I?
- 14n. In Genesis 1, I am the only one talking – who am I?
- 15 o. I am crafty, subtle, dishonest, deceptive, and can crawl on my belly like a worm. But once upon a time I made a man and a woman believe I could talk. What am I?
- 16 p. How many animals did Adam bring into the ark?
- 17q. How many stones did David put in his pouch to use against Goliath. How many did he use?
18. What's different about this week's lesson?
- a. there are 7 sections instead of 8
 - b. there are 5 sections instead of 6
 - c. Nothing
 - c. There's no healing from the Bible
 - d. There's no mention of Jesus

19. Each section of the lesson deals with an erroneous postulate (false assumption). As we touch upon the stories, see if you can come up with a sentence that is an out-and-out lie and replace it with the truth.
20. If God is ALL, where did evil come from? When you can answer that question and understand the answer, then you will be able to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers (aids), raise the dead, and cast out demons.
21. Which man are you – the one in Gen. 1 or Gen. 2? Does anyone really want to be a “dust man?” Kind of like a dandelion – you barely blow on it and it’s gone.
22. True or False: The Garden of Eden today is called Iraq.
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23. Mrs. E. says in S & H that “the word beginning is used to signify –
- a – Once upon a time
 - b – *the only*
 - c – the birth of Jesus
 - d – the Passover
24. Christian Science is based on what Chapter in Genesis?
25. How did God actually create male/female?
- a – in His image & likeness
 - b – to originally look like apes
 - c - handsome & beautiful
 - d – everyone had blonde hair
26. What was the substance God used in his creation?
- a – cream cheese
 - b – Spirit
 - c – flesh, blood, and material parts
 - d – good human DNA
27. The last verse in Gen1: 31 states: “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very _____”
28. A friend told me a wonderful story about Creation: “One day Satan and one of his henchmen were taking a walk. Satan told his friend I am going to create the most awful world, full of death, destruction, wars, tornadoes, earthquakes, sickness, hatred, and fear – everything bad I can think of. I’ll show God who’s more powerful. His friend said; “How are you going to do that? God has already created everything – it’s a done deal and it’s good and perfect. **You** have no authority or ability to defeat **God’s** omnipotence and make another creation.” “Oh, said the devil, I’m not going to make another creation – I know I can’t do

that. I'm just going to tell a lie about God's perfect universe." Fear, doubt and discouragement are some of the serpent's favorite tools.

29. We can chose to be either Spirit-filled or dust-filled. What's your choice?

30. How did the Lord God curse the serpent?

- a – He told him he couldn't eat meat
- b – He told him he had to crawl on his belly the rest of his life
- c – He told him he had to eat dirt
- d – He told him his children would all be females

31. If we believe that evil is real then we must also believe that –

- a – God is not omnipotent good
- b – That $2 + 2 = 7$
- c – That there really is a man in the moon
- d – That there is something or someone more powerful than God
- e – That there are ghosts & goblins

32. Gen. 2: 21 – God put man into a deep sleep when he made the woman known as Eve. Is there another biblical verse that says he woke Adam up? Why do Christian Scientists call this section the "Adam Dream?"

33. The Lord God made Eve from Adam's –

- a – Right Leg
- b – Heart
- c – Fingers & Toes
- d – His Rib

34. If that talking Serpent had had his jaw wired shut in the beginning - he never would have grown to be a huge red dragon, with 7 heads & 10 horns mentioned in Rev. 12. Like David, all we need is one smooth stone – one spiritual idea affirming that God is constantly whispering in our ears His words of truth, and we can annihilate, terminate, obliterate, & erase error of any kind, whether it's called Goliath, a talking snake, a great red dragon, or even Potiphar's wife

35. Where was Adam when the serpent was tempting Eve?

- a – Standing next to her totally mute.
- b – Eating a hamburger at McDonald's at the far end of the garden
- c – Standing next to Eve but begging her not to listen to the talking snake
- d – Was busy building an ark in case of rain

36. "Who told you that you were naked? What are some other words used in the definition of "naked?" Uncovered, defenseless, unprotected, unguarded, vulnerable, powerless, helpless, and unsafe. Has any of the above definitions reminded you of a time when you also felt "naked," unprotected, hurt?"

37. Biblical definitions in Glossary in S & H.

Page 579 – ADAM

Page 585 – EVE

Page 593 – RED DRAGON

Page 594 – SERPENT

38. In the definition of Red Dragon & Serpent, what characteristic is used to describe both of these mythical animals?

a – Handsome

b – Subtle (cunning, crafty, sneaky)

c - Great speaking voice

d – Show-off

e - Likes to dress up in weird outfits

f – Enjoys all winter sports

39. If the serpent calls how should you answer the phone?

a – Hang up

b – Call Mom or Dad & give them the phone

c – Don't try and talk to him

d – Tell him to call back later - you're too busy doing homework now

e – Tell him to get permanently lost

f. – Remove my phone number from your data base

g – Sorry, I don't know anyone by the name of "Serpent."

h – Please speak louder, I can't hear you

i – I don't accept telemarketing calls after 6 p.m.

j – I'm not in the market for what you're selling

k – Try this kid (give him their name) in school who I don't particularly like

40. Why did the Lord God tell Adam & Eve not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of good & evil? Why did they do it?

Serpent: Hi their guys, what are you doing? I hear God told you not to eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – is that true?

Eve: No that's not true, Mr. Serpent or Snake or whatever your name is. He said we could eat the fruit of all the trees except that one over there, the one in the middle of the garden. That one is the tree of good and evil and if we eat that one – kiss Adam and I goodbye, because we're goners.

Serpent: Don't worry, My Dear, you won't die. The Lord God was just protecting his turf. He didn't want you to be as smart as he is and know evil and good. Go ahead, take a bite of that delicious red apple, and give it to your spouse, Adam, who's standing next to you, not saying a word. Once you eat that mouth-watering fruit you'll be just like God knowing everything he does.

Eve: Adam, here comes God walking in the garden. We have to hide because we have no clothes on. How come we didn't notice that before we ate that forbidden apple? I feel so self-conscious and ashamed. How come you're so quiet, Adam? Cat got your tongue? Why didn't you speak up when that sneaky snake was suggesting we disobey God. We're in big trouble now.

God: Hey, Adam, Eve – where are you? Why are you playing hide and seek?

Adam: Hello God – I heard you calling, but I was afraid because my wife and I are naked, so we hid ourselves.

God: Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from?

Adam: Don't blame me, God, my wife, Eve, the woman **you** gave me to marry – it's all her fault; she gave me the fruit from the forbidden tree and told me to eat – punish her not me. I'm the good guy in this story. Eve and that lying, good for nothing talking serpent are the ones you should punish.

41. Class – you finish “the rest of the story?”

42. We now have the 3rd and 4th erroneous postulate as given in Science & Health. What are they? S12 & 19. Page 91.

43. What are the lessons we learn in this fictional story? What was the purpose of this allegory?

44. B16 – Healing of Peter's mother-in-law.

45. B19 – Luke 24. “A Walk to Emmaus.” If time permits, read and discuss this incident which happened after Jesus' resurrection. He showed himself to his disciples with the exact same body he had when they crucified him – nail holes and all. What does this prove?

46. What happened to Jesus while he was blessing his disciples?

HAVE A HAPPY WEEK. PERFORM AT LEAST ONE GOOD SAM/SAMANTHA DEED FOR SOMEONE AND SHARE IT WITH US NEXT SUNDAY.

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