

SURVIVAL KIT

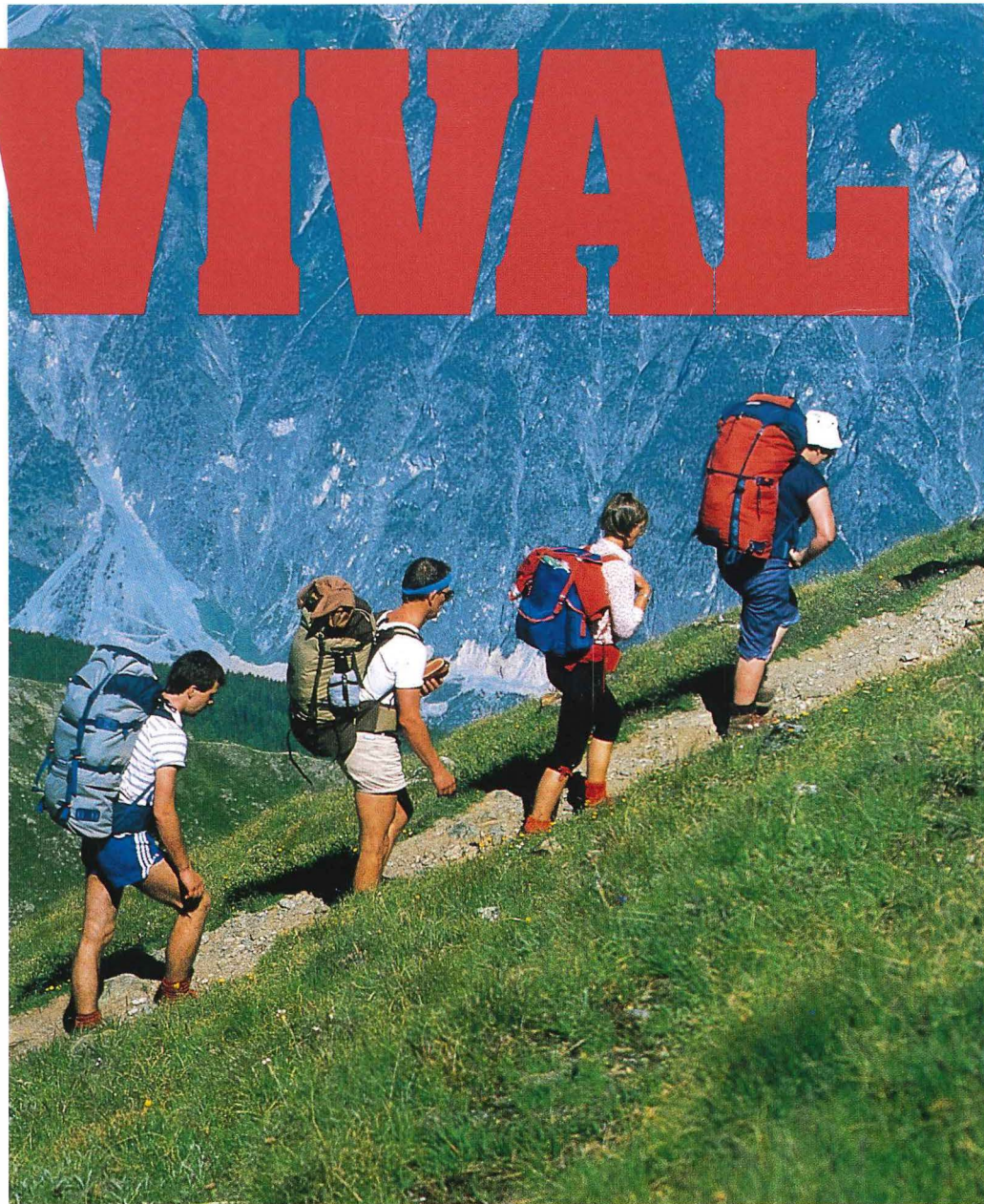
for New Christians Basic English

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Your daily companion to help you live every day the same as Jesus want you to live

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WELCOME TO THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST!

You made an important decision. Your decision was to trust Jesus Christ to save your life. You believe Jesus is the Son of God. He is the Lord (boss) in your life. This is the biggest decision for your life.

This book is called SURVIVAL KIT FOR NEW CHRISTIANS. It is written to help you live every day the same as Jesus wants you to live. This book can help you grow spiritually and win the fight with sin.

You began a new life when you prayed to God and accepted Jesus as your Savior. The Bible says you were "born again." This means you left your old life behind you. You started a new life with new values and a new way to live every day. You finished God's forgiveness. Now you are ready to start learning.

There are many things you want to know. You have new life. You need food to help you grow. This food is knowing the Bible way to help you grow from the beginning.

First, decide an exact time and place to meet the Lord daily. This is important for self-control. You will not grow spiritually the way you should if you do not do this. Call this time every day your Quiet Time. The place should be the same place every day. The first week of study is to help you start a regular Quiet Time.

This book is to help you learn and start new habits. These new habits will take time to develop. Sometimes these new habits will conflict with your old habits. This is normal. All of us have experienced it. Your first new habit is to start a daily Quiet Time.

WHAT IS IN THE SURVIVAL KIT?

There are five Bible principles you will be learning. You can remember them on your hand . . .

- . . . **thumb** is body
- . . . **first finger** is natures (personalities)
- . . . **second finger** is things about salvation
- . . . **third finger** is authority
- . . . **little finger** is Five-and-Five Principle

The **palm** of your hand is CHRIST, LIVING IN YOU AND CONTROLLING EVERYTHING. These **five things** will be studied in your SURVIVAL KIT.

The lessons in your SURVIVAL KIT are planned to help you understand God's working in your life and your world. You will, when you are finished, be able to explain many things about Christian faith to other people.

You face many problems and temptations in everyday life.

This SURVIVAL KIT will help you understand different parts of your life. It will help you get through them. These things in your SURVIVAL KIT will help you have a **foundation** in your Christian life. Activity in other areas of church will help your faith grow on this foundation.

ALMOST ALL CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE THESE STAGES.



1. THE HONEYMOON STAGE

This is a happy time in your life. You understand you have *new* life. You are excited about it!

You learn during this stage that you are a part of the body of Christ. You are a member of *His church*. This is the time when you are baptized. You show the world that your life now belongs to Jesus Christ.

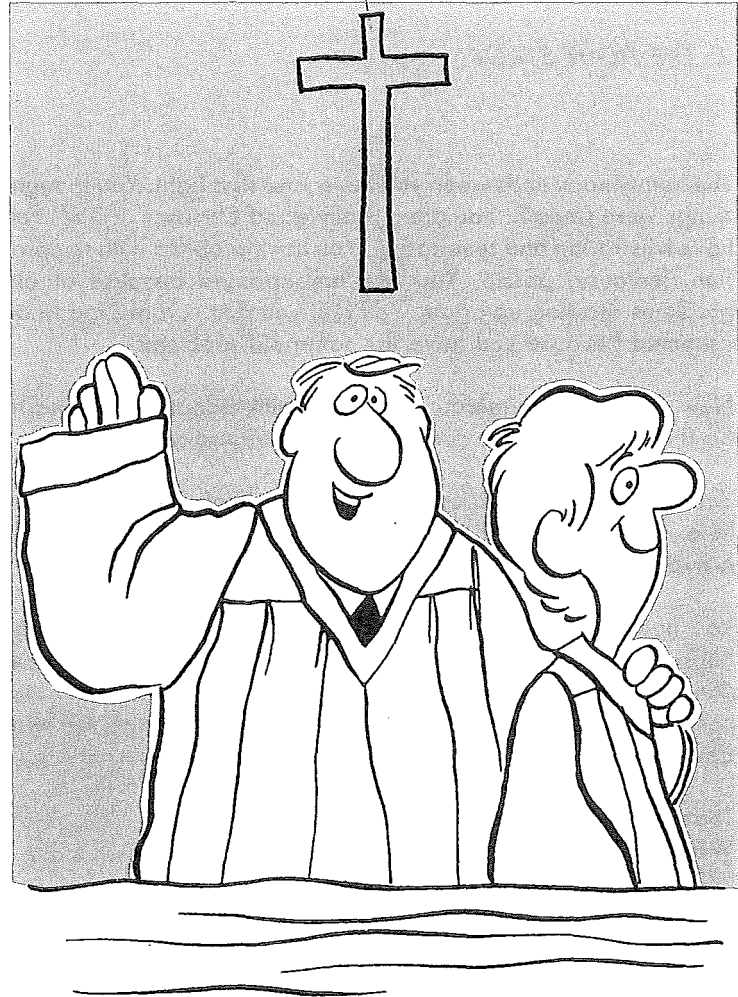
It is important in this stage to learn that much future growth in your Christian life depends on your relationship to the church.

You will learn in this stage . . .

WEEK 1: CHRIST IN YOU

WEEK 2: CHURCH LIFE

WEEK 3: CHURCH SERVICE



2. THE FIGHT STAGE

The honeymoon ends when you have your first fight. You thought things were smooth. You are a really good Christian. POW! You have frustration and temptation. You have problem with temptation, jealousy, gossip. You feel embarrassed because of old problems showing up again. You feel you don't want God to be ashamed because you have the same old problems.

Now comes the dangerous part. You think about pretending to be finished with those problems. They are really still there.

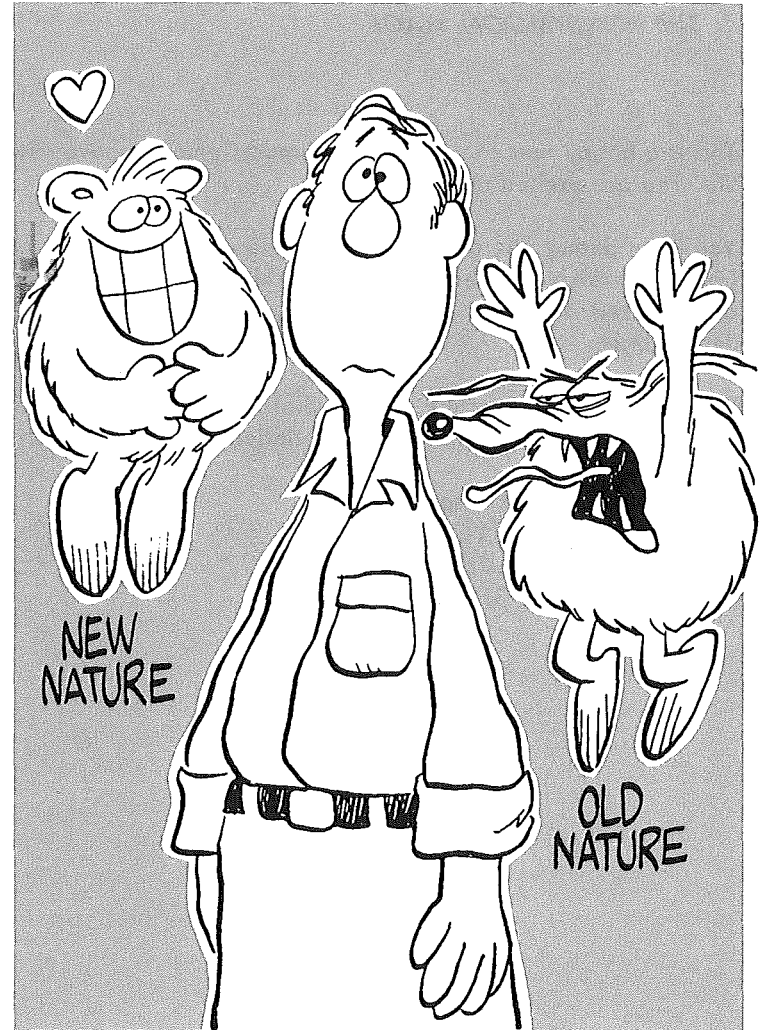
You become busy with church work. You think church work will help. You later learn that church work does not help. You feel as a hypocrite feels.

You need to learn an important principle before these things happen. Christ started to live in you when you began your *new life*. The old self with all the sins did not die. There are now two people in you—your old self with the sins and your new self with Christ.

That is the reason you need to learn about . . .

WEEK 4: THE NEW YOU

WEEK 5: THE OLD YOU



3. THE DOUBTING STAGE

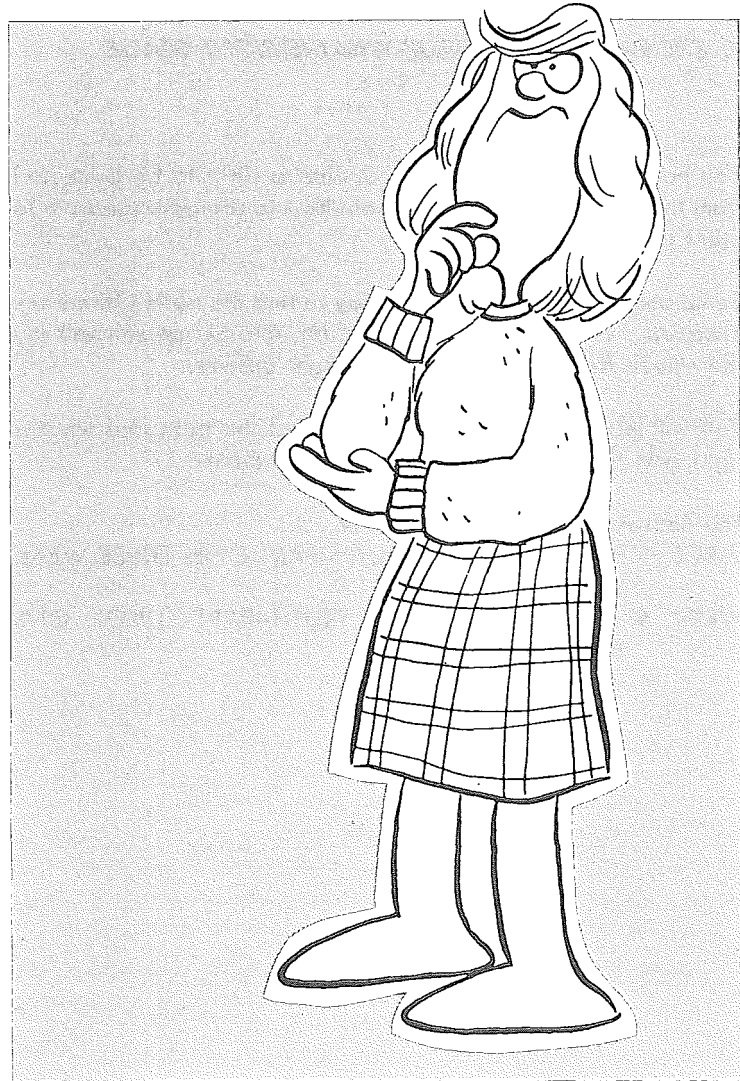
Many people begin to *doubt* their salvation if they do not learn the right things. They begin to feel that their salvation is finished. They know they are saved. They feel that is the only important thing.

Jesus promised when you became a Christian the Holy Spirit would be in you. He would teach you all things (John 14:26). You need more information about salvation when you have conflict in yourself between old life and new life. You need to learn three things about your salvation: it happens at an *exact time*; it is a *process through time* as you beat the old you; and there is a *final time* when Christ will make you free forever.

The next two weeks you will study . . .

WEEK 6: THREE PARTS OF SALVATION—PART ONE, THE BEGINNING AND END

WEEK 7: THREE PARTS OF SALVATION—PART TWO, THE DAILY PROCESS



4. THE PANIC-SEARCH-FOR-WHAT-IS-RIGHT STAGE

You need to learn where to find what is right to be protected from this stage. You also must learn how to compare the truth to other things.

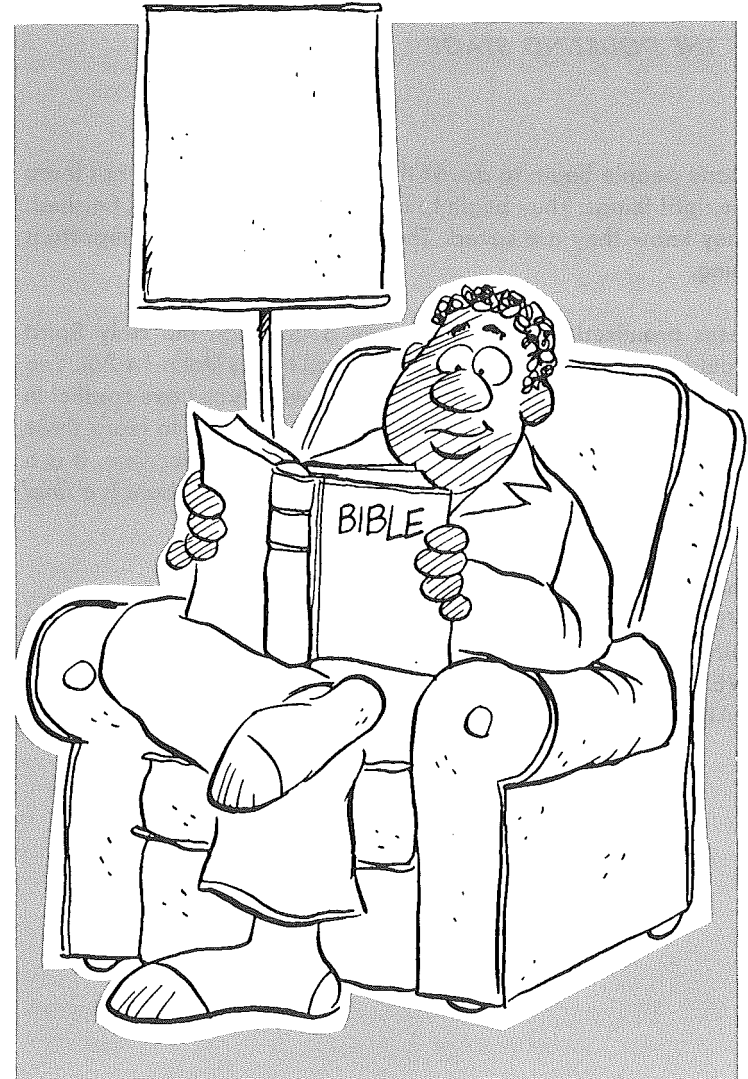
Some people say *thinking* is the way to find the truth. Others say *experience* is the way to find the truth. Another person will say the *church tradition* (habits) is the right answer.

You will learn that the only place to find the truth and what is right is in the *written Word of God, the Bible*.

The next two weeks you will study . . .

WEEK 8: FOUR KINDS OF TRUTH--PART ONE: THREE WEAK SOURCES

WEEK 9: FOUR KINDS OF TRUTH--PART TWO: ONE STRONG SOURCE



5. THE "SILENT CHRISTIAN" STAGE

Do you know some Christians who never witness? Don't worry if you have not met any. You will meet some Christians who never witness. Why not witness?

- (1) They feel that other Christians who know more and are more mature should be the people to witness.
- (2) They don't want to be stuck by talking about the Christian life when they are not living right.
- (3) They have a substitute for witnessing. That substitute is church activities that do not require any witnessing. These activities don't require any *spiritual* power or maturity.

MANY CHRISTIANS ARE IN THIS SILENT STAGE

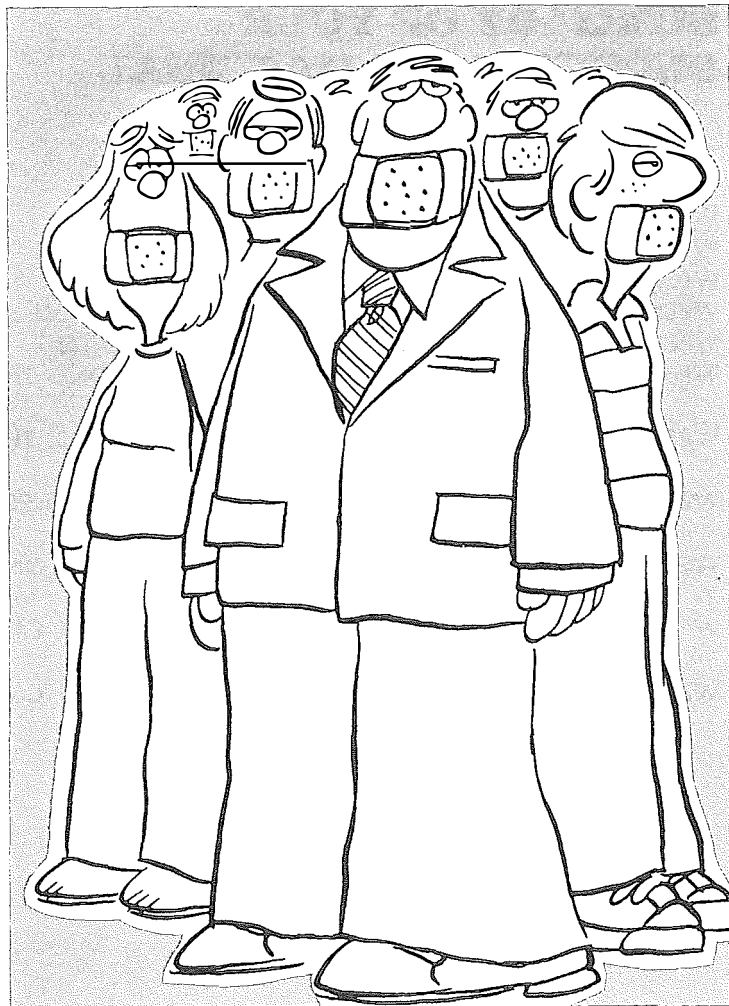
Christians who do not witness are not effective in sharing about Jesus Christ. They may be busy in church. They are not helping anybody become a Christian. Their lives do not influence other people in a positive way for the Lord. You can learn the *Five-and-Five Principle* before this happens in your Christian life.

This principle means you always have *five* people in your life you can witness to in a natural way. There should also be *five* people you cannot witness to but you can pray for these. It is exciting to discover that God answers prayers for saving people.

The last two weeks of your study will be . . .

WEEK 10: THE FIVE-AND-FIVE PRINCIPLE—FIVE YOU CAN WIN BY PRAYER

WEEK 11: THE FIVE-AND-FIVE PRINCIPLE—FIVE YOU CAN WIN BY WITNESSING



SUMMARY OF YOUR SURVIVAL KIT MATERIAL

- WEEK 1: CHRIST IN YOU
- WEEK 2: CHURCH LIFE
- WEEK 3: CHURCH SERVICE
- WEEK 4: TWO NATURES—PART ONE: THE NEW YOU
- WEEK 5: TWO NATURES—PART TWO: THE OLD YOU
- WEEK 6: THREE PARTS OF SALVATION—PART ONE: THE BEGINNING AND END
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