Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK
"Maintain Moral Purity": (10 min.)

Spiritual Gems: (10 min.)
Le 19:9, 10—How did God’s Law show consideration for the poor? (w06 6/15 22 ¶11)

What spiritual gems from this week’s Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah, the field ministry, or something else?

Bible Reading: (4 min.) Le 18:1-15 (5)

Initial Call Video: (5 min.) Discussion. Play the video Initial Call: Prayer—Ps 65:2 (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY). Stop the video at each pause, and ask the questions that appear in the video.

Initial Call: (3 min.) Use the sample conversation. (3)

Talk: (5 min.) w02 2/1 29—Theme: To What Extent Do the Limits on Marriage Between Relatives Set Out in the Mosaic Law Apply to Christians Today? (7)

Song 134

Become Jehovah’s Friend—Protect Your Children: (5 min.) Talk by an elder. Play the video (video category CHILDREN). Then highlight the lessons learned.—Pr 22:3.

“Parents, Equip Your Children With Knowledge”: (10 min.) Discussion. Play the video Build a House That Will Endure—Safeguard Your Children From “What Is Evil” (video category FAMILY).

Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)
rr chap. 2 ¶28-31, boxes 2A and 2B

Apply Yourself to the Field Ministry

Maintain Moral Purity

Jehovah expects us to behave differently from people in the world (Le 18:3; w19.06 28 ¶1)

Jehovah forbids such sins as incest, homosexuality, and bestiality (Le 18:6, 22, 23; w17.02 20 ¶13)

Jehovah will destroy the unclean world around us (Le 18:24, 25; Pr 2:22; w14 7/1 7 ¶2)

Satan does not want us to enter God’s new world. But Jehovah’s principles can protect us from any satanic trap.

How can we show Jehovah that we hate immorality?
Parents, Equip Your Children With Knowledge

We live in a world that presents good as bad and bad as good. (Isa 5:20) Sadly, some people do things that Jehovah hates, including improper conduct between those of the same sex. Peers at school or others may try to entice our precious young ones to follow their lead. How can you prepare your children to face this and similar tests successfully?

Equip your children with knowledge of Jehovah’s standards. (Le 18:3) Progressively share age-appropriate information with them about what the Bible says is proper sexual conduct. (De 6:7) Ask yourself: ‘Have I taught my children about proper displays of affection, the importance of wearing modest clothing, and the need for others to respect their privacy? Would my children know what to do if someone tried to show them pornography or asked them to do something Jehovah says is wrong?’ Advance knowledge can help them to avoid calamity. (Pr 27:12; Ec 7:12) By educating your children, you show love for your precious inheritance from Jehovah.—Ps 127:3.

WATCH THE VIDEO BUILD A HOUSE THAT WILL ENDURE—SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILDREN FROM “WHAT IS EVIL,” AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Why do some hesitate to teach their children about sex?

- Why must parents train their children in “the discipline and admonition of Jehovah”?—Eph 6:4

- What has Jehovah’s organization provided to help parents teach their children about sex?—w19.05 12, box

- Why should you communicate regularly with your children before problems arise?

Knowledge is a protection
**TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD**

*Jehovah Sets His People Apart*: (10 min.)

**Spiritual Gems**: (10 min.)

Le 21:5—Why did God’s Law prohibit self-mutilation? (it-1 563)

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**Bible Reading**: (4 min.) Le 20:1-13 (5)

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**Jehovah Sets His People Apart**

We must obey all of Jehovah’s laws (Le 20:22, 23; w04 10/15 11 ¶12)

Jehovah promises an inheritance (Le 20:24; it-1 1199)

Jehovah expects clean worship from his people (Le 20:25, 26; it-1 317 ¶2)

Jehovah blesses those who maintain a good relationship with him. To preserve his favor, we must remain separate from the world around us and its unclean practices.

**ASK YOURSELF**, ‘What medical practices should I avoid that are displeasing to God?’

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**APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY**

*Return Visit Video*: (5 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Return Visit: Prayer—1Jo 5:14* (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY). Stop the video at each pause, and ask the questions that appear in the video.

*Return Visit*: (3 min.) Use the sample conversation. (6)

*Return Visit*: (5 min.) Begin with the sample conversation. Offer the Good News brochure, and start a Bible study in lesson 12. (19)

**LIVING AS CHRISTIANS**

*Song 131*  
“Safeguard Your Marriage”: (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *We Must “Run With Endurance”—Obey the Rules of the Contest* (video category FAMILY).

*Congregation Bible Study*: (30 min.) rr section 1, chap. 3 ¶1-10, intro video, box 3A
Safeguard Your Marriage

Consider five important steps.

1. Guard your heart by rejecting such things as flirting and immoral entertainment, which only weaken a marriage.—Mt 5:28; 2Pe 2:14.

2. Strengthen your friendship with God, and increase your desire to please him in your marriage.—Ps 97:10.

3. Continue putting on the new personality, and perform little acts of kindness that will make your mate’s life a bit easier.—Col 3:8-10, 12-14.


5. Render the marital due with affection and love.—1Co 7:3, 4; 10:24.

When Christians honor marriage, they honor the Originator of marriage, Jehovah.

Jehovah views marriage vows very seriously. He said a husband and a wife must stick to each other. (Mt 19:5, 6) There are many exemplary marriages among God’s people. However, no marriage is perfect. Problems do arise. We must not adopt the common view that separation and divorce are the answer when a couple is having problems. How can married Christians safeguard their marriage?

WATCH THE VIDEO WE MUST “RUN WITH ENDURANCE”—OBEY THE RULES OF THE CONTEST, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

• Although a marriage may start out well, what challenges may arise?

• How can Bible principles help those who feel that they are in a loveless marriage?

• What rules has Jehovah established for marriage?

• For a marriage to be successful, what is required of both mates?

Apply Bible principles for a happy marriage
“Seasonal Festivals With Meaning for Us”:
(10 min.)

Spiritual Gems: (10 min.)
Le 22:21, 22—Why must our loyalty and integrity to Jehovah be complete? (w19.02 3 ¶3)

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Bible Reading: (4 min.) Le 23:9-25 (5)

Song 87
“Annual Conventions—Opportunities to Show Love”: (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video “Love Never Fails!” International Conventions (video category OUR ACTIVITIES).

Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)
rr chap. 3 ¶11-20

Seasonal Festivals With Meaning for Us

The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Festival of Unfermented Cakes) (Le 23:5, 6; it-1 826-827)
The Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) (Le 23:15, 16; it-2 598 ¶2)
The Festival of Booths (Le 23:34; w14 5/15 29 ¶11)

We can be “nothing but joyful” as we meditate on the meaning of ancient Jewish festivals and how Jehovah’s promises will be fulfilled.—De 16:15.
Annual Conventions—Opportunities to Show Love

Why do we enjoy our annual conventions so much? As in ancient Israel, conventions in our day often give us the opportunity to worship Jehovah with hundreds, even thousands, of fellow believers. We enjoy the banquet of rich spiritual food. We also treasure the precious time we spend with friends and family. Our deep appreciation moves us to attend all three days of the convention.

When we have occasion to gather together, we should think not only about what we can gain personally but also about how we can show love to others. (Ga 6:10; Heb 10:24, 25) When we hold a door open for our brother or sister or save only the seats we will need, we show that we are looking out for the interests of others. (Php 2:3, 4) Conventions provide wonderful opportunities for us to make new friends. Before and after the program and during the lunch break, we can make it a point to get acquainted with someone we do not know. (2Co 6:13) The friendships we develop on these occasions can last a lifetime! Above all, when onlookers see true love in action, they may decide to join us in serving Jehovah.—Joh 13:35.

WATCH THE VIDEO “LOVE NEVER FAILS”! INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How was love shown to visiting delegates at the 2019 international conventions?

- Why is the unity and love among Jehovah’s people so remarkable?

- What aspects of Christian love were highlighted by members of the Governing Body?

- How has Christian love triumphed in Germany and South Korea?

- What should be our determination?

- How can you contribute to the love displayed at our conventions?
The Jubilee Year and Future Liberty

The Jubilee year helped to prevent endless debt and poverty in Israel (Le 25:10; it-1 871; see cover picture).

The sale of land was essentially a lease based on the value of crops the land would produce (Le 25:15; it-1 1200 ¶2).

Jehovah blessed his people when they obeyed the law of the Jubilee year (Le 25:18-22; it-2 122-123).

In the near future, faithful humans will enjoy the full benefits of the symbolic Jubilee when they are completely liberated from sin and death.—Ro 8:21.

What must each of us do to receive the freedom that Jehovah has promised?
Future Liberty—Thanks to God and Christ

What are your daily struggles? Are you a family head juggling many responsibilities? Are you a single parent trying hard to make ends meet? Are you a young one in school who faces harassment from peers? Are you dealing with poor health or the effects of advanced age? Everyone is dealing with something. Many Christians are dealing with multiple trials at the same time. Yet, we know that we will soon be liberated from these trials.—2Co 4:16-18.

Until then, we find comfort in knowing that Jehovah understands our struggles, appreciates our loyalty and endurance, and has grand blessings in store for us. (Jer 29:11, 12) Jesus too is personally interested in us. As we fulfill our Christian obligations, we have his assurance: “I am with you.” (Mt 28:20) When we stop and meditate on future liberty under God’s Kingdom, we strengthen our hope and our determination to endure present trials.—Ro 8:19-21.

WATCH THE VIDEO AS THE STORM APPROACHES, MAINTAIN YOUR FOCUS ON JESUS!—FUTURE KINGDOM BLESSINGS, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How did mankind become alienated from God, and with what result?

- What future awaits those who are faithful to Jehovah?

- How is this wonderful future possible?

- What blessings of the promised new world do you anticipate?
**How to Receive Jehovah’s Blessing:**

Reject worthless gods (Le 26:1; w08 4/15 4 ¶8)
Worship Jehovah as he directs (Le 26:2; it-1 223 ¶3)
Obey his commandments (Le 26:3, 12; w91 3/1 17 ¶10)

Israelites who faithfully tried to keep Jehovah’s laws enjoyed peace with him and many other blessings.

Which of the following do you now enjoy because of Jehovah’s blessing?
- Accurate knowledge of the Bible
- Peace of mind
- Happy family life
- Hope for the future
- ____________________________________________

**Bible Reading:** (4 min.) Le 26:18-33 (10)
Choose to Serve Jehovah

If you are a Christian youth or a Bible student, do you have the goal of baptism? Why should you want to get baptized? Dedication and baptism result in a special relationship with Jehovah. (Ps 91:1) They also lead to salvation. (1Pe 3:21) How can you progress to these steps?

Prove to yourself that this is the truth. When questions come to your mind, do personal research. (Ro 12:2) Identify any changes you need to make, and follow through out of a desire to please Jehovah. (Pr 27:11; Eph 4:23, 24) Always pray to him for help. Be assured that Jehovah will strengthen and support you with his powerful holy spirit. (1Pe 5:10, 11) The effort you put forth is well worth it. Serving Jehovah is the best way of life!—Ps 16:11.

WATCH THE VIDEO THE ROAD TO BAPTISM, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What obstacles have some overcome in order to be baptized?

- How can you develop the faith needed to dedicate yourself to Jehovah?

- What has motivated some to take the steps needed for baptism?

- What blessings come to those who choose to serve Jehovah?

- What does dedication and baptism mean?

At the conclusion of the baptism talk, the speaker will ask the baptism candidates to stand and answer the following two questions in a loud voice:

*Have you repented of your sins, dedicated yourself to Jehovah, and accepted his way of salvation through Jesus Christ?*

*Do you understand that your baptism identifies you as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in association with Jehovah’s organization?*

Affirmative answers to these questions constitute a “public declaration” that baptism candidates have put faith in the ransom and have unreservedly dedicated themselves to Jehovah. —Ro 10:9, 10.
**Jehovah Organizes His People**

[Play the video *Introduction to Numbers*.]

The Israelites camped according to three-tribe divisions (Nu 1:52, 53; w94 12/1 9 ¶4)

The Israelite camp may have totaled 3,000,000 or more (Nu 2:32, 33; it-1 397 ¶4)

Jehovah wants his people to worship him in an organized way. That was true for the nation of Israel, and it is true for us today.—1Co 14:33, 40.

**ASK YOURSELF,** ‘How can I show my complete support for Jehovah’s organization?’
Organized to Preach to Everyone

Just as Jehovah organized the Israelites, he organizes his people today to do his will. Around the world, branch offices, circuits, congregations, and field service groups all function to further the preaching of the good news. We preach to everyone, including those who speak another language.—Re 14:6, 7.

Have you considered learning another language in order to help someone learn the truth? Even if you cannot devote the time needed to learn a language, you can use the *JW Language* app to learn a simple presentation. Then, after using it in the ministry, you may experience the same joy that our first-century brothers had when people from other lands were amazed to hear “the magnificent things of God” in their own language.—Ac 2:7-11.

WATCH THE VIDEO *BECOME JEHOVAH’S FRIEND—PREACH IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- When might you use the *JW Language* app?

- What are some of its features?

- What languages do people speak in your territory?

- What should you do if someone who shows interest in the Kingdom message speaks another language?—*od* 100-101 ¶¶39-41
The Service of the Levites

Jehovah took the Levites in place of the first-born males of Israel (Nu 3:11-13; it-2 683 ¶3)
The Levites enjoyed precious privileges (Nu 3:25, 26, 31, 36, 37; it-2 241)
The Levites cared for their full duties between 30 and 50 years of age (Nu 4:46-48; it-2 241)

The males in Aaron’s family performed priestly duties. The rest of the Levites assisted them. Likewise, in the Christian congregation today, some responsible men care for weighty spiritual concerns, while others care for necessary routine matters.
How Can You Imitate the Nazirites?

Nazirites practiced self-denial (Nu 6:2-4; it-2 477)

Nazirites were submissive to Jehovah’s will (Nu 6:5)

Nazirites remained clean before Jehovah (Nu 6:6, 7)

Full-time servants today show a spirit of self-sacrifice and submission to Jehovah and his arrangements.
Will You Serve as an Auxiliary Pioneer in March or April?

Would you like to do more in Jehovah’s service during the Memorial season? (2Co 5:14, 15) During March and April, auxiliary pioneers may choose a 30- or 50-hour requirement. If you are able to participate in this special activity, submit an application to the Congregation Service Committee. Each month, the names of those approved to serve as auxiliary pioneers will be announced to the congregation. In this way, the congregation can support the pioneers in the ministry. May all of us take full advantage of opportunities during the Memorial season to sharpen our preaching skills and to encourage one another.—1Th 5:11.

“The love the Christ has compels us.” —2Co 5:14

SAMPLE CONVERSATIONS

Initial Call

Question: Does God listen to prayers?
Scripture: Ps 65:2
Link: What can we pray about?

➤ FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:
• wp21.1 5

Return Visit

Question: What can we pray about?
Scripture: 1Jo 5:14
Link: How does God answer our prayers?

➤ FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:
• wp21.1 10

Memorial Invitation Campaign (February 27–March 27)

“We’re here [or calling or writing] to invite you to a special event that will be attended by millions of people. It’s the anniversary of Jesus’ death.” Hand [or text or mail] the person an invitation. “This invitation shows the time and location of the event in our area [or how you can attend online]. We also invite you to a special talk the weekend before.”

Link When Interest Is Shown: Why did Jesus die?