

Four 1.02 saving Scriptures



EN fundament conversion

What is this TXT Fondue program about?

How do you know if you have been saved? Do you actually need to be saved at all? This is perhaps the most important TXT Fondue of your (eternal) life!

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the first fundament: conversion.

We recommend you to read the books of Mark and Galatians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

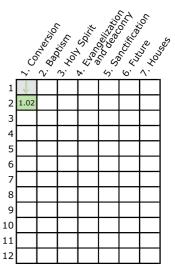
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For an overview of all programs, see the <u>Learnhouse</u>.





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1a. In this program, we analyze four Bible passages, that together clearly explain the gospel. We do this by reading a text and discussing it with a few questions.

The first "saving Scripture" is Romans 3:23–24, which says: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Who have sinned? (answer) Every human being.

(comment) This means everyone except King Jesus, because about Him we read in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2a. What is sin?

(answer) Missing your goal.

3a. What is the consequence of sin with regard to your relation with God? (answer) That you miss out on the closeness of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Father of King Jesus. Who does not believe, lives separated from Him.

4a. The next questions are about Romans 1:16-21:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Say in your own words what righteousness means.

(answer) In a Biblical sense, it is a measure of legality (abiding by the rules), and the opposite of lawlessness. It also means acting or being morally upright or good, or getting your right. (comment) The Merriam-Webster dictionary says: "Acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin. Morally right or justifiable; arising from an outraged sense of justice or morality."

5a. The second "saving Scripture" is John 1:12, which says: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." Which two steps does this Bible verse name that make you a child of God the Father?

(answer) The other team must name both answers:

- 1. Accept/receive King Jesus.
- 2. Believe in (the Name of) King Jesus.



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6a. Why did King Jesus come to Earth?

(answer) To achieve that we are saved from our sins.

(comment) Matthew 20:28 says: "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

7a. In the third "saving Scripture", 1 John 1:9, we read: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." What must you do to be forgiven of sin?

(answer) Confess your sins.

8a. God the Father keeps providing for His people (the Israelites, approximately 2 million people) with water and healthy nutrition, even though they were disobedient by not directly entering the promised land out of fear. What was their monotonous but healthy food called?

(answer) Manna.

9a. In what way is looking at the snake on the pole still relevant for us today? (answer) We must look to the snake on the cross, that is a symbol of King Jesus, who has died for the forgiveness of our sins.

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10a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime how one can truly show repentance. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Pick which of these you will perform:

- 1. Mountains, fall on us (hide us).
- 2. To wear sackcloth and ashes (go in mourning dress wish ashes on the head).
- 3. Pulling hair from head and beard.
- 4. Beating your chest in repentance.

(comment) See Revelation 6:16; Esther 4:1; Ezra 9:3 and Luke 18:9-14.

11a. The next questions are about the fourth "saving Scripture", Acts 2:38-40 (NASB), where it says:

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Which two things must you do by yourself?

(answer) The other team must name both of these answers:

- 1. Repent (convert).
- 2. Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.



12a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The apostle Peter encouraged his audience to do something. What did they have to do? Someone from the team asking the question is going to explain this, but he or she is forbidden to use the words the apostle Peter used. The other team will try and guess these "forbidden words".

(answer) Let themselves be saved (from this perverse/corrupt generation).



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1b. What does "mercy" mean? (answer) Undeserved favor.

2b. What is the goal of a human being from the viewpoint of God the Father? (answer) That you believe in God the Father, which means that you trust and obey Him. This is what saves you.

3b. So long as we do not believe, we reject God the Father and live in rebellion against Him. What can He not do, because of this? (answer) Accept us as His children.

4b. God the Father is righteous. Are there also people who can hide behind the excuse "I didn't know [that God the Father existed]"? Please explain.

(answer) No; you can understand and fathom that God the Father exists from all of creation, so that there is no excuse.

(comment) Romans 1:20 says: "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

5b. The apostle John says the same thing in different words in 1 John 5:11–12: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Please explain what this "life" is about.

(answer) That you may be with Him forever.

6b. That King Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross brought us salvation. Ever since, people have had the choice to accept or reject His offer. What happens if you don't grab a hold of this "life buoy" that you are thrown?

(answer) Then you will be lost forever, because God the Father cannot accept you. (comment) Matthew 10:28b says: "Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."



7b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)
The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what one must do to be cleansed from all evil. The other team will try and guess this. (answer) Confess your sins.



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8b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Even though the people of Israel are fed daily, they remain unthankful and unbelieving. They demand better food and they fear they are going to die in the desert. Eventually, God the Father sends venomous snakes that bite the Israelites as a punishment. They now realize that they have sinned by blaming God the Father and Moses, and they call for help because people are dying of the snake bites.

God the Father assigns Moses to make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Anyone who is bitten but looks at the snake, will live. King Jesus applies the image of that snake on Himself in John 3:14–15: "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

Someone from the team asking the question will draw several examples of how serious a snake plague can be. The other team will try and guess them. They need to answer two of them correctly.

(answer)

- 1. Snakes are everywhere.
- 2. Anyone can be bitten.
- 3. The people died in masses.
- 4. There was no antidote then.

9b. Why did the people of Israel have to look up to a snake, of all creatures? Why not to a lion for example?

(answer) The snake was punished in paradise and became the image of a life with sin. King Jesus does not triumph on the cross as the Lion of Judah, but as the bearer of our sins; as the snake.

10b. When King Jesus was crucified, two more men were also crucified. One of them mocked King Jesus on the cross. How did the other man respond? (answer) He asked King Jesus for help.

(comment) It says so in Luke 23:41–42: "'We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

11b. And which two things does God the Father do after you did the two things from question 11a?

(answer) The other team must name both of these answers:

- 1. Forgive your sins.
- 2. Give you the gifts of the Holy Spirit (baptizing in the Holy Spirit).

12b. How can you apply the four saving Scriptures from this program to explain the gospel to others?

(answer) By memorizing them or have them at hand (in your Bible or on a small card), and to use them in conversations in which you testify.



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Do you want yourself be saved now and be saved forever? Then pray this prayer along with us. Do this aloud. King Jesus is the mediator between God the Father (the Creator) and you. In this prayer, you make your conversion known:

King Jesus, I have sinned, so that I lived separated from You.

I need You. Without You I do not stand a chance and I will be lost forever as a sinner.

You were sent to me by God the Father, to judge me righteously and to save me.

From now on, I believe in You and I acknowledge You as my only Savior and King.

You died for my sins on the cross. You then rose from death so that I may live eternally because of that. This is why I will serve you from now on with all of my life. You are my Lord.

I ask you for forgiveness for all of my sins and I confess them as wrong.

Please accept me as Your child now, I beg of You.

I worship You, because I may start over by believing in You.

I dedicate my entire life forever entirely to You.

I trust You and will forever obey You and from now on live a life led by Your Holy Spirit. As of now, You are the rightful owner of my life.

Thank You that You have saved me. You are my King Jesus. Amen (= so be it).

After you have prayed the above prayer, it is important to find out a lot about King Jesus. Start by reading the Bible books Mark and Luke. Join a house feast near you, so that you may experience your faith together with other followers of King Jesus. For more information, you can visit huisfeestnetwerk.org and facebook.com/houseFeastNetwork.