

parachute!” The boy answered, “Nah, I don’t need it. I’ll just flap my arms and fly.”

■ Why didn’t he take the parachute?

■ Did he need it?

■ People wouldn’t come to Jesus because they thought they could get to heaven by themselves. ■ Could they?

Topic:

c) How do we come to Jesus?

c) Robert came home from school and saw his mother working in the front yard. He ran up to her and she told him some good news. “Your father went to the store and bought you that remote control car you wanted.”

Robert was so happy to hear this! He had seen the car in the store and had wanted it a long time. “Wow!” said Robert, “Can I have it?!” Robert’s mother said, “Your father paid for it and he wants you to have it.” Robert ran into the garage where his father was working on the car. “Dad, can I have the car you bought me?!” Robert’s dad smiled, reached into the car and handed Robert a box. Inside was the remote control car. He and his dad put the car together and played with it in the driveway.



■ Jesus paid for you to go to heaven by taking our sins on the cross.

■ Want heaven? Ask Jesus...the answer is always, always yes!

John 6: 1-13

Topic: a) Jesus tested Phillip. What is a test?

a) (Give kids a Bible test) ■ How many of you passed the test? ■ This is not the kind of test we’re talking about. ■ It’s not a “See if you get the right answer” kind of test ■ It’s a “Trust in God, obey Him, watch what He does and your faith will get stronger” kind of test. ■ It’s not a test to see what we will do. It’s so we can see what God will do.

a) Genesis 22: 1-14...Abraham tested. ■ Abraham believed, trusted and obeyed God. ■ When Abraham walked back down that hill, do you think he was closer to God or farther away? ■ Do you think his faith was stronger or weaker?

a) Exodus 16: 15-20...God told the people to gather only enough for one day to test the people. ■ Those who believed that God would send more got fresh manna. ■ Those who didn’t believe and obey got worms.

a) When Phillip saw what Jesus did...Do you think he believed?

Topic: b) Why do testings come?

b) Gold when it comes out of the ground looks like a clump of dirt. When it is put in the fire, all the yucky stuff burns off and you have a pure piece of gold. It's called testing the gold.



b) When something happens that makes us sad or scaredwe are being tested. We trust God and see what He does.

b) Daniel 3: 15-30...three boys in the fiery furnace.

■ Was this a pleasant thing? Was it a test?

■ When they got out was their faith even stronger?

■ Were they closer to God?



b) Job...went through severe testing.

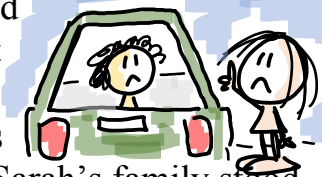
■ Job 42: 5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You."

■ What did the testing do for Job? Take him farther away from God or bring him closer? When something happens in your life that you don't like...will it bring you closer to God or farther away?

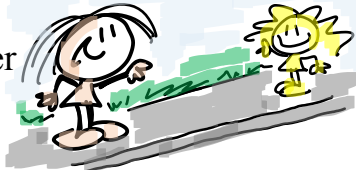
b) Sarah and Amy were best friends. They were better than best friends, they were best bestest friends. They lived next door to each other. They rode the bus and sat together every day. They were in the same classes.

They ate lunch together every day. After school they would do their homework together then they would play together till dark. On weekends Sarah would spend the night at Amy's and the next weekend Amy would spend the night at Sarah's. Actually they were more like sisters than just friends. Then one day something happened that made Sarah feel very, very sad. Amy told Sarah that her dad had gotten a job in a different state and they were moving. Once Amy moved, the girls would probably never see each other again. Both Sarah and Amy sat on Sarah's porch steps. They didn't talk, they just sat there sadly.

Then the day came. A moving van pulled up to Amy's house and loaded all their furniture. Then Amy's family and Sarah's family stood on the front lawn and said goodbye. Sarah and Amy hugged each other. They were both crying. As the car pulled away, Sarah waved goodbye to Amy who was waving from the back window of her car. When the car disappeared, Sarah just stood there on the sidewalk staring. Her best friend was gone. She walked into her



house, went up to her room and lay on her bed. She had never felt this sad before. Then she prayed. She told Jesus how she was feeling. She prayed that He would watch over her friend. After she prayed she felt a little better. As the days went on Sarah still missed Amy. Every night she prayed that the Lord would give her a new best friend. A few weeks later a moving van pulled up in front of Amy's old house. Then a car pulled into the driveway. A family got out of the car. Last to get out was a girl about Sarah's age. The girl looked over at Sarah, waved and smiled.



- Did Sarah get tested?
- Did it bring her closer to the Lord or farther away?
- When something happens that you don't like... Will it bring you closer to God or further away?

John 6: 14-15

Topic: a) Is Jesus a king?

a) A king sits on a throne. Does Jesus? (Isaiah 6: 1-3...The Lord high and lifted up.)

a) A king is obeyed. Is Jesus? (Mark 4: 36-41)...The wind and the waves obey Him.

a) People bow before a king. (Mark 5: 1-6)

■ Did the evil badness that was in this man want to bow down and worship Jesus?

■ Then why did he? (He had to....Why?)

a) People ask a king to help them. (Luke 5: 12-13....the leper)

Topic: b) Did Jesus come to be king?

b) Earls sink is broken. Every time you turn the water on it sprays all over you. He calls the plumber. When the plumber comes Earl says to him..." Oh, you must be here to fix the bathtub."

■ Is he a plumber? ■ Did he come to fix the bathtub? ■ But he's a plumber!

Why not fix the bathtub?

■ Is Jesus a king?

■ Yet He didn't come here to be king. He came to fix what was broken.

b) He is the ruler of the universe yet He came to earth to save us by taking our sins.

Topic: c) When He returns, He will be king.

c) The Bible tells us what is going to happen. (Make a time line) 🎬 Jesus came, died and rose again

🎬 We are here today 🎬 Badness is going to get worse. 🎬 Jesus comes to take his children home. 🎬 Badness gets so bad that it takes over the whole earth 🎬 Jesus comes back (Us with Him) 🎬 He reigns on earth as king for one thousand years. (The party begins) 🎬 New heaven and new earth (The party gets even better) 🎬 Forever begins (The party gets unbelievably better and better)

Topic: d) Jesus got alone. It's good to get alone.

d) Timothy has a lot of stuff. He has his own cell phone to call people and text his friends. He has a television. He has a CD player. He has an portable DVD player. He has a regular DVD player. He has a brand new X Box game system with a bunch of games to go with it. He has an I Pod and a DS.

He has all this stuff and sits in his living room playing with it a lot. But Timothy's favorite place in the whole house is his room. Do you know what is in his room?.....Nothing! No phone, no texting, no movies, no video games, no music, no nothing!



He loves it in his room because it is totally quiet and he is totally alone. He lies on his bed, stares up at the ceiling and just thinks and enjoys being alone... Although he isn't really alone.

d) What happens when you use a cell phone all day? (the battery gets low)

🎬 How do you recharge it?

🎬 After a whole day of playing and school and homework and everything else you have to do...you need to be recharged.

🎬 How? (by being alone)

John 6: 16-21 or Matthew 14: 23-33

Topic: a) Jesus got alone and prayed

a) Once there was a car named Norman who had to drive to New York City. It was really far away. The car pulled out of its driveway and headed for New York. On the corner there was a gas station. Norman zoomed right by it. On the expressway there were a lot of cars going very fast. Norman stepped on the gas and made himself go really fast in order to keep up with the other cars. There were a few gas stations off the expressway but Norman zoomed right past because he didn't want to get behind the other cars. Once off the expressway he headed for

New York. He passed four gas stations but didn't stop because he was in a hurry to get to where he wanted to go. Then as he was turning a corner, Norman began to slow down.

His engine started to sputter and he stopped right in the middle of the street. Try as he might, he couldn't get himself started again and had to stay in the middle of the road with all the other cars honking at him.



■ Why do you think Norman stopped moving?

■ What should he have done and why?

a) Once there was a boy named Isaac. Isaac's alarm clock went off one morning to wake him up for school. He reached over, turned it off and went back to sleep. By the time he woke up he could hear the school bus honking its horn outside. He tried to get dressed as fast as he could but by the time he ran outside the bus was gone. Now his mom had to give him a ride to school. She was in a hurry, they jumped into the car and took off. Once in school he had to run down the hall to get to class. It was then that he realized he forgot his homework. Not only had he forgotten his homework but he forgot his whole knapsack which had all his books in it and his gym stuff. His teachers were not very happy. His whole day went like that. In art class he spilled paint all over his picture. He couldn't wait for lunch but then remembered that he had left his lunch at home. By the time he got home that night he was exhausted. He fell on the couch and wondered why the day had been so confusing and hard. He felt like he had run out of gas.



■ There was something that Isaac didn't do that day.

■ Something that we should do first thing and keep doing it all day. (Pray)

Topic: b) Sometimes we get scared

b) Exodus 14: 9-13...The people get scared at the Red Sea.

b) Betsy's family has moved. She had to leave her old house and move into a new one that was far away. She had to leave her old friends and her old school. Now she had to go to a new school where she didn't know anyone. The first day she waited for the bus, when she got on, all the kids stared at her. She sat in a seat all alone and rode to school. When she got to school she saw how



big it was. This school was way bigger than her old school and she had never seen so many people in one place before. Everyone there seemed to know where they were going. She saw lots of kids walk by laughing with their friends. Betsy didn't even know where her classroom was and she didn't know anyone in the school.

How do you think she felt?

■ What should she do?

■ Do you think she'll eventually make new friends? Will Jesus take care of her?

Topic: c) God is in control of everything. He never gets scared.

c) Mark 5: 2-6....Jesus and His friends meet a very scary man

■ What do you think Jesus' friends did when they saw this man running at them?

■ Do you think Jesus ran away?

■ Why did the evil that was in this man bow down to Jesus? (It had to. Jesus is more powerful than any scary, evil thing. Evil is afraid of Jesus.

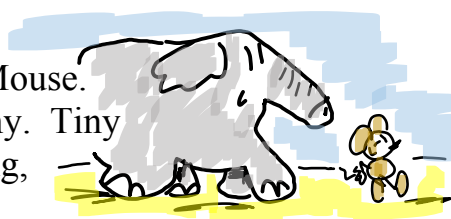
c) Mark 4: 35-41...Even the scary storms obey Him

c) William was in his bed. It was night and it was dark and quiet. All of sudden it started to rain. Then it rained harder. Soon it was thundering and lightening. Then it started thundering so loud that the windows in Roberts bedroom started shaking. Robert was scared. He pulled the blankets up over his head and prayed, "Jesus please make this storm go away!" The storm didn't go away. It got louder. William wondered why Jesus didn't make the storm go away like he wanted. He prayed again..."Lord if this storm isn't going away please take care of me and watch over me." Then he remembered what Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." When he thought about this he felt better. William lay there in his bed and listened to the thunder and rain. He watched the lightning flash and knew that Jesus was watching over him. Soon the storm was over. William pulled his blankets tight around him and went to sleep...braver and stronger.

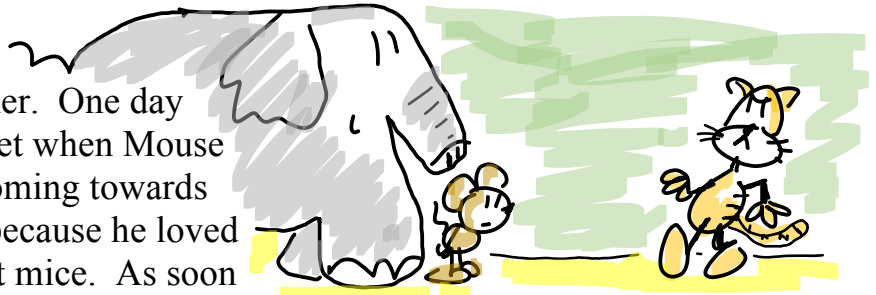
■ Why did William end up stronger and braver? (Because he trusted in Jesus even when the storm didn't go away.)

c) Once there was a mouse whose name was Mouse.

Mouse had a best friend, an elephant named Tiny. Tiny wasn't really tiny, in fact he was huge and strong, everyone just called him Tiny. Mouse and



Tiny liked to go for walks together. One day they were walking down the street when Mouse saw a hungry cat named Eater coming towards them. They called the cat Eater because he loved to eat. He especially loved to eat mice. As soon as Mouse saw Eater he became scared. Every step he took he got more and more scared. Tiny stopped, looked down at Mouse and said, "Don't be afraid."



■ Shouldn't he be afraid? He's a mouse and Eater is walking towards him!

■ Why shouldn't he be afraid? (Because Tiny is with him.)

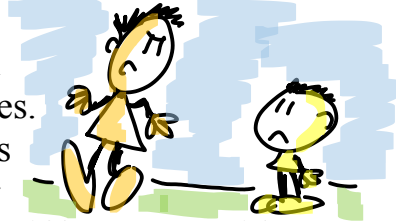
■ Why shouldn't we be afraid? (Because God is with us)

Topic: d) Whatever Jesus tells us to do; He gives us the grace to do.

d) Can you walk on water? What is the only possible way you could do it? (If Jesus told you to.)

d) There is a house. In it live a mom, a dad, a big brother and a little brother.

Little brother always wants to hang out with his big brother. He thinks his big brother is the coolest person in the world and wants to do everything big brother does.



Big brother isn't very nice to little brother. Sometimes when little brother asks big brother to play with him or if big brother is going somewhere and little brother asks if he can go with him...big brother yells at little brother and tells him to get lost. This makes little brother very sad because he loves his big brother and can't understand why big brother doesn't want him around. Is big brother doing what God wants him to do?

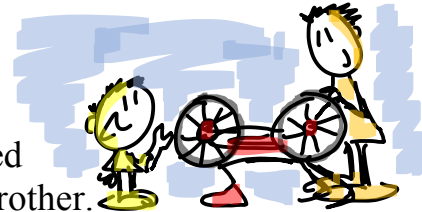
One day big brother was working on something and

little brother came up and asked if he could help.

Big brother told him to get lost. Then big brother

noticed the sad look on little brothers face as he walked

away. Big brother felt bad that he had hurt his little brother.



He prayed and asked God to forgive him and to help him be a good big brother to little brother. The next day big brother was fixing his bike. Little brother came over and asked if he could help. Big brother said, "Sure!" He gave little brother some tools and showed him how to use them. It was the happiest day of little brothers life...Big brothers too.

■ Where did big brother get the love to do what God wanted him to do?

■ Did things get better and happier?

d) Wilbur got a job at the zoo. The first day there his

boss gave him a special job. He had to brush the giraffe's teeth. Wilbur got a huge toothbrush and tried to reach up to the giraffe's mouth. He couldn't. He tried and tried to get the giraffe to bend down even offering him some food but the giraffe just stared ahead and paid no attention to Wilbur. Wilbur's boss saw this, went and got a long ladder and brought it to Wilbur. Wilbur put the ladder up next to the giraffe. When he got to the top with his huge toothbrush the giraffe smiled at him and Wilbur was able to brush his teeth.



- Did the boss want Wilbur to do something?
- Could Wilbur do it?
- Did his boss give him what he needed?
- What kind of things does God want us to do?
- Can we do them?

Will God give us what we need?

d) Exodus 4: 10-13...Moses at the burning bush. "Lord I can't do this. Send somebody else."

- Can he do it? How?

Topic: e) God wants you to do the coolest things.

e) Matthew 4: 18-22..."Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

- Would fishing have been a cool job back then?
- Yet they left everything and followed Jesus. Why? (That was the most exciting thing.)
- Whatever God wants you to do There will be nothing better.

Topic: f) The storm became more real than what Jesus said.

- f) What did Jesus tell Peter to do? What was Peter doing?
- What did he see that scared him? Why did he sink? (He got scared and forgot what Jesus said) Was there anything that storm could have done to Peter as long as he was doing what Jesus said?



f) Mark 4: 35-41..."Let us go over to the other side." Storm comes and the disciples get scared.

■ What was more real to them...the storm or what Jesus said?

Could anything have stopped them from going to the other side?

f) Exodus 14: 10-12...The people see Pharaoh's army coming

■ What was more real to them...the God who saved them or the army?

■ What is more real to you...the things that scare you or the God who loves you?

Topic: g) Peter sunk...Jesus saved.

g) So Peter is believing and obeying Jesus. Then he gets scared by the storm and starts to sink. Jesus walks over to him and says, "You should have believed me Peter, you don't have any faith!" Then Jesus put his foot on top of Peter's head and pushed him under the water.

■ Is that how it happened?

■ What did Jesus really do when Peter sank?

■ When you get scared, will Jesus leave you?

Topic: h) He will bring all storms to an end.

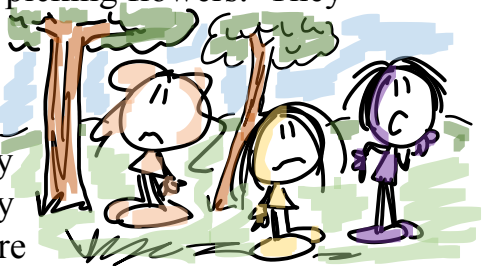
h) Sue, Nancy and Amanda are cousins. Their family all went to the park one day for a family picnic. The park was surrounded by woods and the three girls decided to go for a walk. They went into the woods and started picking flowers. They went wading in a creek. They tried to catch pollywogs with their hands. The girls were having a great time as they were going farther and farther into the woods.

Suddenly they realized something. They were far away from the picnic and didn't know how to get back. They tried walking back the way they came but got even more

lost. Plus it was getting dark! Plus they were walking into branches and falling down! Plus one of the girls accidentally stepped on a dead squirrel! They were tired, dirty and scared. They called out to their moms and dads but nobody heard them. Sue finally said, "We need to pray!" The girls stopped, held hands and asked Jesus to help them get out of the woods.

As soon as they were done praying they heard voices yelling. It was their parents who were out looking for them. That night when all three girls were in their warm beds, they thanked Jesus for saving them.

■ What was the "storm" the girls went through?



- Were they really scared?
- Did Jesus bring the storm to an end?
- Every trouble will end in God's perfect time.

John 6: 22-27

Topic: a) Are you seeking Him?

a) Uncle Zack has two nephews and two nieces, Bobby, Mary, Cynthia and Buzzy. Uncle Zack loves his family and loves being with them and doing things with them. One day uncle Zack called the house and said he was going out and wondered if any of his nieces or nephews wanted to spend some time with him. Bobby didn't want to; he was going to play baseball with his friends. Mary and Cynthia didn't want to, they were going bike riding. The only one who wanted to go with Uncle Zack was Buzzy. "I'll go with uncle Zack! I love hanging out with him!" said Buzzy.



- Why did Buzzy want to go?
- There are those who want to be with Jesus and those who don't.
- When Jesus was teaching the people...there were those who wanted to be right up close so they could hear every word. Then there were those who were way on the outside of the crowd. And there were those who didn't even want to come and hear Jesus.
- Which would you have been?
- Which are you now?

Topic: b) Why are you seeking Him?

b) Buzzy is waiting for uncle Zack. Suddenly uncle Zack calls back. He says, "Oh I forgot to tell you...I wanted to take you all go cart racing." All of a sudden Bobby doesn't want to play baseball anymore and now wants to go with uncle Zack. Cynthia and Mary don't want to ride their bikes anymore. They want to go with uncle Zack too. So Buzzy

, Bobby, Cynthia and Mary are outside waiting for uncle Zack. Soon his car pulled up. Uncle Zack got out and said, "Bad news...I called the go cart place and they're closed today." Bobby walked away, got his baseball mitt and told everyone he was going to baseball. Mary and Cynthia picked up their bikes and rode down the road. The only one left was Buzzy. "I don't care if we don't go to the go cart place." said Buzzy, "I just want to hang out with you today!"



- Why did the other kids change their minds about going? (They thought they were going to get something.)
- Why did they decide not to go?
- Why is Buzzy still going?
- Some people want to be with Jesus. Some people just ask Him for stuff and when they don't get it; they leave Him.

Topic: c) God has something better for you.

c) Once there was a bird named Howard. Howard never learned to fly. He spent his entire life hopping around on the ground. He would see other birds flying up in the sky and wonder about them but he figured the ground wasn't that bad. One day one of the other birds landed in front of Howard and asked him a question. "Hey, how come you never fly? You're a bird, you have wings but all I see you doing is hopping around on the ground!" Howard didn't know how to answer the bird. The bird said, "Listen, if you want to learn to fly I can teach you!" Now Howard has a choice; to stay on the ground or fly.



■ You have a choice too. You can spend all your time trying to get things or be with Jesus.

■ You can walk on the ground or fly.

John 6: 28, 29

Topic: a) the first step is to believe.

a) It was a hot day. Isaac's dad called and left a message on the phone. "Hey Isaac, there's a new water park just opened up. You should go! Ask your mother for some money so you can pay to get in. Pack your swim suit. Take your bus pass and get on the number four bus, it will take you right there." Isaac was very happy. He ran upstairs, grabbed his swim suit, grabbed his bus pass, ran outside and jumped on the number four bus. He sat on the bus and couldn't wait to get to the new water park.



■ Is Isaac going to be able to get into the water park? Why not? (He didn't do the first thing he was supposed to do.)

■ Want life...? The first step is to believe in Jesus.

a) Amanda's mom is having a party. She wants the house to look very festive so she went out and bought balloons, string and tape. Amanda has the job of blowing up the balloons, tying string to them and hanging them from the ceiling. Amanda couldn't wait to do this. She took the balloons, cut off a long piece of string, tied the string to the balloon and then taped the string to the ceiling.



■ When Amanda is all done will the house look festive?

Why not? (She didn't do the first thing...blowing up the balloons.)

■ Want life? The first step is to believe in Jesus.

Topic: b) What does it mean to believe in Jesus? (Believe who He is...What He has done...What He says...and to do what He says.

b) It was a nice day and Mark decided to go for a walk down his street. Mark was five years old. He started walking down the street and looking at all the things in his neighborhood. There were cats and dogs and kids playing. Before he knew it he had walked a long way and wasn't even on his street anymore. In fact Mark had no idea where he was. The further he walked the more he realized that he was lost. Mark stood on the sidewalk and started to cry. Suddenly a man wearing a uniform came over and asked if he could help Mark. Mark told the man that he wasn't allowed to go anywhere with strangers. The man told him it was alright because he was a policeman. "How do I know you're a policeman?" asked Mark. The policeman showed Mark his badge, then he showed him his gun in his holster, then he showed him his police car. Mark told the policeman his address and let the policeman take him home. His mom was waiting for him. They both thanked the policeman.

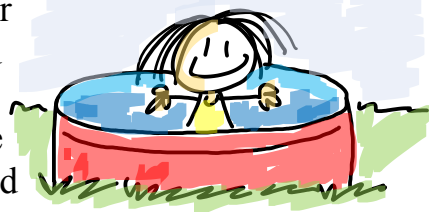


■ Why did Mark go with the policeman? (Mark believed he was who he said he was.)

■ Who does the Bible say Jesus is?

■ To believe in Jesus means to believe who He is.

b) It was a very hot day. Suzy was in the house trying to keep cool. The phone rang, it was her dad. He said, "Suzy I filled up your swimming pool before I left for work. You should go out and jump in it." Suzy thanked her dad, ran upstairs to her room and put on her swim suit. She got her pail, her squirt gun and all the toys she liked



to play with in the water, then she ran outside, closed her eyes and jumped in her pool.

- Why did she do all these things? (She believed what her dad had done for her.)
- What has Jesus done for you? (Died for our sins, rose again.)
- Do you believe that He has done these things for you?
- Believing means believing what Jesus has done.

b) Oscar really wanted to go swimming but he was afraid to jump into the pool. His family and all the other kids were splashing around in the pool and having a really fun time. Oscar kept walking back and forth along the side of the pool trying to work up the courage to jump in. He was just about to give up when his dad saw him. His dad swam to the side of the pool and yelled to Oscar, “Jump in Oscar, I’ll catch you!” Oscar took a few steps backwards then ran with all his might towards the pool. When he got to the edge he jumped off, went sailing through the air, hit the water and landed in his dad’s arms. Oscar has a really good time in the pool that day.



- Why did Oscar jump into the pool? (He believed what his dad said.)
- Why did Peter step out of the boat? (He believed what Jesus said.)
- What has Jesus said? (All the words in the Bible.)

b) There was a man working on the second floor of an office building. The phone on his desk rang. The voice on the phone said, “This is the fire department! There is a fire on the first floor of your building! It is spreading fast and will be at your office any minute! We have a net below your window. We want you to hang up the phone, run across the room and jump out the window. We will catch you!” The man hung up the phone, ran across the room, jumped out the window and landed safely in the net. He was saved from the fire.



- Why did he do what the voice on the phone said? (He believed who they are. He believed what they had done and he believed what they said.)
- Why do we do what Jesus says? (Because we believe in Him.)

John 6: 30-35

Topic: a) How does Jesus give life? (By taking away that which would kill us / All those in Him live.)

a) Once there was a very mean dragon. This dragon had very large and sharp teeth. One day the dragon sent a message to a town that said, “Tomorrow I am going to come to your town and eat you all for breakfast with my very large and sharp teeth.” The people in the town were all scared. That night the town dentist did something very brave. He snuck into the dragons cave, pulled all his teeth out, locked him in a cage, took him away and sold him to a circus where he now sits in his cage all day and eats baby food. When the dentist got back the people cheered because he had saved their lives.



■ Why did the people in the town live? (Because the dragon was made powerless and taken away.)

■ What did Jesus take away so we could live? (our sins)

a) Why would sin kill us?

Once there was a fish who was very foolish. He lived in a beautiful part of the ocean where the water was blue and clean but he thought it would be better if he lived on the land. All the other fish warned him that trying to live on land would be dangerous and that he really would be happier living under water. But the fish wouldn't listen. One day the foolish fish swam as close to the shore as he could. He swished his tail as hard as he could and jumped out of the water onto the beach. “Finally” he thought, “I'm on land. Now my life will be better than ever!

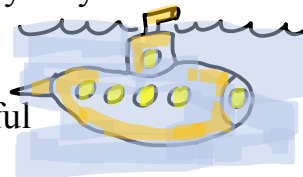


■ Will this fish be able to live?

■ Why not? (He is separated from the only thing that can keep him alive.)

■ Sin separated us from God. Life only comes from God. We couldn't live unless Jesus took all our sins on Himself.

a) Once there was a family who were very rich. One day they went out and bought a submarine. The dad put it in the water, the kids jumped into it and they headed underwater. Underneath the water they explored a lot of places, saw many beautiful fish and had many adventures. Wait a minute! People can't live under water! How can they do all this? (They're in a submarine.)



■ Those who believe in Jesus are in Him and will live forever.

a) There was a man who was very careful about what he ate. He would only eat those foods that were healthy. He never ate junk food. Whenever he wanted a

snack he would eat fruits or vegetables. He also got a lot of exercise. As a result of exercise and good food this man lived to be one hundred years old. There was another man who was the same way. He only ate healthy food and exercised every day too. The difference was that this man also believed in Jesus. He lived to be a hundred years old and then he lived forever.

■ The food gave his body life. Jesus gave the person life.

Topic: b) “He who comes to me will never hunger...”

b) There was once a terrible place to live. It was dark every day, the people never saw the sun. It also rained every single day and the people had no houses to live in. Everyone stumbled around in the dark, cold and wet. In this whole place there was one house. This house had a huge fireplace which kept the whole house warm and lit. Inside it was warm and cozy. Outside it was cold, wet and dark. Whoever wanted to could come and live in this house. The people called the house, “The safe place.”



■ Jesus is our safe place. He is everything we will ever need.

John 6: 36-37

Topic: a) Why do we come to Jesus?

a) Matthew 21: 15-16...Why did children come to Jesus?

a) Luke 7: 37-39....Why did she come to Jesus after all the bad things she had done?

a) Thomas came home from school, plopped on the couch and started playing a video game. His mom was in the kitchen making supper. They were going to have spaghetti that night and his mom was cooking the sauce. The smell of the sauce cooking went from the kitchen into the living room where Thomas was. He could smell the sauce cooking. Soon he couldn't concentrate on his game. All he could think about was that spaghetti sauce. Soon the sauce smell drew him off the couch. Then the smell of the sauce drew him into the kitchen. Soon he found himself sitting at the table with a big plate of spaghetti and meat balls in front of him.



■ Why did he end up eating spaghetti?

■ God's goodness draws us to Him

🎬 “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

a) Mark 10: 46-52....A blind man receives his sight and follows Jesus.

🎬 Jesus opened his eyes to see the world

🎬 God opens our hearts to know the truth.

🎬 If you believe in Jesus it's because God has whispered to you that it is the truth.

Topic: b) He will never say “Go away!”

b) Once there was a dog. Everyone called him “That filthy dog.” He really was filthy. No one ever gave him a bath. He was covered with dirt and mud. He wanted to be petted and be friends with people but no one would let him near them. If someone was walking down the street and they saw the dog running towards them, they would yell, “Oh no, it's the filthy dog!” and they would run away. If the dog saw some little kids playing he would run over to play with them but their moms would yell, “Get away from here you filthy dog!” Filthy dog was very sad. One day he was walking down the sidewalk when he saw a little girl coming towards him. When the little girl saw him, she didn't run away. She held out her arms and yelled, “Come here filthy dog!” Filthy dog ran to her, jumped into her arms and licked her face.



🎬 Who does this little girl remind you of?

🎬 Jesus never says, “Go away!” He always says, “Come closer.”

b) The Bible tells about the weeping woman who came and washed Jesus' feet with her tears. Jesus said to her, “Get away from me you filthy sinner! You have done too many bad things and you're ruining everything!”

🎬 Is this what happened? What did happen?

John 6: 38-40

Topic: a) Why does God keep us?

a) Jeremy loves dogs. One day his parents bought him a dog. The problem was that this dog was a very bad dog. The dog would chew on everyone's shoes and clothes. It bit people. It would never obey. And made a real mess of the house. Even though the dog was so bad and was causing so much trouble Jeremy cared for



it every day. He fed it. He would speak kindly to the dog. He would always be nice to it hoping that the dog would turn nice. Everyone else wanted to get rid of the dog but Jeremy continued to keep him and take care of him.

■ Why doesn't Jeremy get rid of the dog?

■ Have you ever been bad?

■ Why doesn't God get rid of you?

■ What did Jeremy hope would happen to the dog?

■ Did Jeremy love the dog because the dog was good?

■ Why did he love him? (Because Jeremy was good.)

■ Does God love you because you're always good or because God is good and kind?

■ God is love.

Topic: b) What does God want you to do? (Live!)

b) It was dodge ball day in gym class. The kids who liked to play dodge ball were all excited. The kids who hated dodge ball were dreading it. Jacob was one of the kids who hated dodge ball. The game started. One of the boys who could throw the ball really hard saw Jacob standing in the corner hoping that no one would throw the ball at him. This boy drew his arm aback and threw the ball as hard as he could. He threw it so hard that it knocked Jacobs head off. The coach put Jacobs head in a plastic bag and an ambulance took him to the hospital. A team of doctors operated on Jacob for ten hours.



Finally they got the head back on and Jacob was able to go back to school.

■ Why did the doctors do what they did? (They wanted Jacob to live)

b) Luke 7:37-38... Why didn't Jesus throw the weeping woman out?

b) Luke 23: 39-43... Why would Jesus forgive this man who had done so many bad things and tell him that he would be in heaven with Him that day?

b) John 8: 4-11... This woman was guilty. Why didn't Jesus say "Stone her."

b) Why would Jesus leave heaven, become a person and die on a cross? (He wants you to live.)

b) Matthew 27: 39-42..."Come down from the cross!"

■ Could He have come down if He wanted to?

■ Why did He stay on the cross? (He was thinking of you.)

John 6: 41-59

Topic: a) Where was Jesus before He was born?

a) Where were you before you were formed inside your mother? (You were nowhere. You didn't exist)

a) Where was Jesus before He was born? (In Heaven in the form of God)

a) Genesis chapter one....Who said, "Let there be light." ?

a) Pretend you are in heaven. You have your new body, you're flying around in outer space doing all these cool fun things and you have forever to look forward to and every day is better than the one before. God comes up to you and says that He has a job for you. Would you do it? So God shows you this planet. The only inhabitants of this planet are vicious pit bulls. They are biting and killing each other. God says that He wants you to go down to that planet and tell those vicious pit bulls that He loves them. Would you do it? Then God tells you that in order to tell the vicious pit bulls that He loves them...you have to become a poodle and when you go down as a poodle and tell the pit bulls that God loves them, they are going to kill you. Will you do it? But God tells you that after they kill you, He will raise you from the dead. Will you do it? Oh, and one more thing. You are going to have to stay a poodle forever. Will you do it? Jesus did and more so.



■ Jesus came down from heaven and became a person to show you God's love.

Topic: b) How does His death and resurrection make us alive?

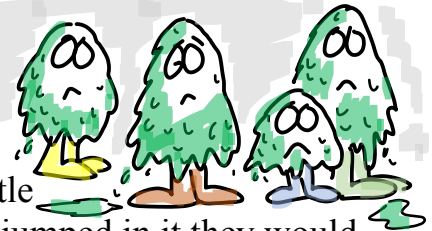
b) There was a huge fence. On this fence was a sign that said, "Do not open this gate! Beware of the vicious wolf!" A boy was walking by the fence and saw the sign. He had always wanted to see a wolf so he tried looking through a hole in the fence. He couldn't see anything, all he could hear was something growling. So the boy opened the gate and went inside the fence. He didn't see anything at first but then he heard something behind him. He turned around and there was the wolf! The wolf lunged forward and bit the boy on the arm. The boy fell down. The wolf was just about to jump on top of him when someone saved him. A man heard the boy screaming. He ran inside the fence and yelled so that wolf would come after him instead of the boy. The wolf left the boy and lunged at the man biting him very hard. The boy jumped up and ran outside the fence.



The man was able to throw off the wolf, run outside the fence and bolt the gate. The boy was very sorry he had ever opened that gate and thanked the man for saving his life.

- Whose fault was all this?
- Did the boys disobedience hurt him?
- How was he saved?
- Does our sin hurt us?
- How are we saved?

b) Once there was a king. This king lived in a castle surrounded by a great wall. The castle was a fun place to live. It had a lot of bedrooms and every bedroom had its own swimming pool. The kings people lived outside the gate. Their houses were very poor, had holes in the walls and no heat. One day the king came outside the gate and made an announcement. He told his people that the next day he was going to open the gates of the castle and anyone who wanted to come and live inside the castle could. They could live there for free and the king would take care of them. The king only had one rule...DO NOT JUMP INTO THE POISONOUS SLIME PIT. Outside the castle



walls there was a pit full of poisonous slime. If anyone jumped in it they would get the poisonous slime all over them and die. This poisonous slime was especially bad because the only way you could get it off you was if you put it on someone else and then they would die. So the king reminded the people not to jump into the poisonous slime pit and that tomorrow he would open the gates and let them all in. As soon as the king closed the gate and went back inside the castle, every man woman and child jumped into the poisonous slime pit. When the king came out the next morning to let all the people in, there they were, covered in slime and getting sicker by the minute. The king loved his people and he wanted them to live. The king went from person to person, took all the poisonous slime off them and put it all on his own son. His son died.

- Is sin poisonous?
- Have we all sinned?
- How are we saved?

b) Once there was a birds nest. In this nest there were three baby birds. They had just hatched out of their eggs. They couldn't fly or do anything. They didn't even have feathers yet. As soon as they were born they were hungry.



The mother bird flew out and searched for juicy worms. Then she would fly back and put the worms in the mouths of the hungry babies. The father bird would perch on a branch high above. He would look out for any mean birds who might attack the nest. If any did, he would fly down and chase them away.

■ How are these baby birds able to live? (Because of their father and mother)

■ How are we able to live? (Because Jesus has risen from the dead and given us life.)

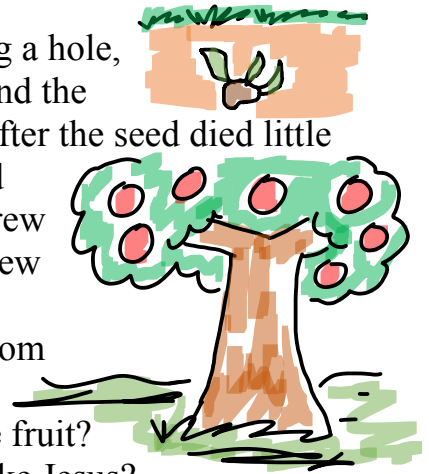
b) Once there was a farmer who planted a seed. He dug a hole, put the seed in and covered it with dirt. Under the ground the seed died. But then something wonderful happened. After the seed died little green things started growing out of it. Soon they pushed their way up through the dirt into the sunshine. They grew taller and taller. Before long those little green things grew into a tree. The tree blossomed with beautiful flowers. Soon apples were growing on it. People would come from all over to pick the delicious fruit and eat it.

■ Who made that dead seed grow, blossom and produce fruit?

■ Who causes us to grow and become more and more like Jesus?

■ What is Jesus like?

■ Jesus is alive. We need Him for everything. This is why we pray.



Topic: c) How do we feed on Him?

c) There was a baby. This baby couldn't do anything except lay in its carrier, cry, eat, and a couple of other things. The baby's parents worked, fed him, gave him a house to live in and took care of everything the baby needed.

■ Can this baby live on its own?

■ We can't live on our own either. We need God for everything. This is why we pray.



c) You love your parents but as you get older do you need their help as much? Do you need your parents to change your diapers? Do you need them to still feed you? When you're old enough to get a car will you need them to drive you around anymore?

■ As you get older do you need God as much? (You will need Him more)

■ As you get older you should become less and less dependent on your parents

■ As you get older you should become more dependent on God.

John 6: 60-71

Topic: a) I don't understand. (Just trust)

a) Do you understand how a pop machine works? Would you put your money into one anyway?

■ Can you understand everything about God? (No...He's too big and our brains are too small)

■ Do you still believe and trust Him?

a) One day a father and son were walking through the jungle. The son stopped to look at something. When his father looked back at him he saw a huge poisonous snake slowly coming out of a tree directly over his son. The son didn't see it. The dad told his son to stand still. He said, "Son, don't move and when I tell you, I want you to run as fast as you can. Don't ask any questions just do as I say." He then yelled, "Run!!!" The boy ran and was safe.



■ Did the boy understand why his dad told him to run?

■ Did he trust his dad and obey anyway?

■ Sometimes we don't understand the things God says or does. Faith is trusting God and obeying even when we don't understand.

a) Mark 5: 35-36....Jesus brings a dead girl back to life.

■ Jairus went to Jesus for help. Jesus said He would heal her.

■ Now she's dead.

■ Jairus didn't understand.

■ "Don't be afraid, just believe."

a) Jamie was getting ready for school. While he was upstairs his mom watched the weather report on TV. The weather guy said that even though it was sunny out now later on it was going to rain really hard. When Jamie came down his mom told him to



bring an umbrella to school. Jamie looked outside and saw that the sun was shining. He told his mom that he didn't need an umbrella. She told him to take the umbrella. Jamie started to whine and complain that he didn't need an umbrella because the sun was shining. His mom told him to take the umbrella.

🎬 Should he trust his mom, obey and take the umbrella? Why? (Mom knows more than he does. She watched the weather report and knew it was going to rain.)

🎬 God knows everything. This is why we trust and obey Him even when we don't understand.

Topic: b) Where will we go?

b) Once there were some people wandering through a desert. It was really hot and there was no water to drink. The people were so hot and thirsty that they were about to die. Suddenly they saw something in the distance. It was an oasis. They crawled to it and found a beautiful place. There were palm trees, fruit trees and a waterfall of cool clean water. The man who owned the oasis told the people that could stay as long as they wanted or they could leave and go back to the desert.



🎬 Would you stay or leave? Why?

🎬 Are you going to stay with Jesus? Why?

b) Job....many bad things happened to him. He lost everything that made him happy.

🎬 His wife said to curse God and die.

🎬 Job said he would stay with Jesus during the happy times and the sad times.

🎬 What would you do?

🎬 During what times do we need Jesus the most?

c) Terry was six years old. His uncle had given him a new DS game system with a game to go with it. Terry was on the bus playing his game when a boy named Robert saw the game. Robert sat next to Terry and spoke nicely to him. Robert told Terry that he would trade him five baseball cards for his DS. Terry didn't think this was a good idea. Robert told him



that the baseball cards were very valuable and were worth one thousand dollars. Do you believe him? Terry believed Robert and traded his DS for the five baseball cards.

🎬 Is this a fair trade? Would you do it? Why not?

🎬 What would you trade being with Jesus in heaven for?

John 7: 1-9

Topic: a) Is it good to be told that you're doing wrong?

a) Betsy is in school working really hard on a Math test. She's sitting at her desk working on the problem for a long time. She wants to get it right so she can get a good mark on the test. Her teacher comes over, stands by her desk and watches her working on the problem. Then her teacher bends down and whispers to her, "You're doing it wrong." She gives her some hints on how to do it right. Betsy has to erase all her work and start all over again.



🎬 Do you think Betsy liked hearing that she was doing the problem wrong?

🎬 Is it a good thing the teacher told her? Why?

a) Tim and Peter are riding their bikes towards the old bridge. They have their fishing poles. They always fish off the old bridge because that's where the biggest fish are. As they get near the bridge they see a police car parked in the road. The policeman gets out and tells them that the old bridge has fallen into the water. He tells the boys that they are going the wrong way. Tim and Peter get on their bikes and go back. They aren't happy. "That policeman just ruined all our fun!" said Peter.



🎬 Is that why he told them they were going the wrong way? Why did he tell them?

🎬 When God tells us we're going the wrong way...Is He trying to ruin our fun?

🎬 Why does He tell us?

🎬 When God corrects...Some people get angry and some people listen. Which one is wise? Which one is foolish?

John 7: 10-13

Topic: a) Who do people say that Jesus is?