



DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS AND ACTIVITIES

These devotionals and activities are designed for you to do as a family each night. They focus on what your child learned this past week in Kids Connect. Also challenge them to say the Big Idea and Power Verse every day. You can visit our Facebook page, KidsConnectChildrenMinistry where we will be posting new content regularly.

Touch Choices Service Overview:

Main Focus: God loves us so much, He sent Jesus

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World!

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

This Weeks Message Points: God CHOSE To Send Jesus; Jesus CHOSE to Leave Heaven; Jesus CHOSE To Die On A Cross

How Can We Pray? Heavenly Father, thank you for choosing to make away for my salvation. Help me to always choose to obey your Word. In Jesus Name Amen.

Lesson Info: Life is full of choices. Some are easy - like what color socks to put on in the morning or which type of cereal to eat for breakfast. Some are tough - like where to go to college or who to marry.

Choices are just part of being a human being. The choices we make can make or break our futures. But we are not the only ones who have had to make some tough choices.

God made an extremely tough choice when He chose to send His one and only Son, Jesus, to Earth. Jesus made a tough choice when He chose to leave Heaven to come to Earth. Most of all, Jesus made an excruciatingly tough choice when He chose to die on the cross.

This week, your child learned about those tough choices and how they impacted the world.

MONDAY

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

POWER VERSE: Review the Power Verse together.

ASK:

- Do you think it was tough for God to give His only son to die on a cross? Why or why not?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

- If you were a parent, how hard do you think that decision would be?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

- Why do you think God still chose to let Jesus die for us?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

SAY: God chose to let Jesus die on a cross for us because He knew that was the price that had to be paid in order for us to receive forgiveness for our sins so that someday we could go to Heaven and be with Him. He made the toughest choice there could ever be because He loves us and wants a relationship with us.

ASK:

- Have you ever had to make a touch choice? What was it?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

- Have you ever had to make a tough choice about following Jesus or sharing with your friends about Him? (Examples – praying at school, telling someone about Jesus, not doing what others were doing because you knew it was wrong, etc.)

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

- Is it easy to make tough choices to follow Jesus?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

SAY: It's not easy to make tough choices - that's why they are called "tough" choices! God promised that He would help us. Because He is the best at making tough choices, He can help us when we face tough choices too! All we have to do is ask Him for help and He is ready and willing to do what He can to help us.

PRAY: Pray for the tough choices your children are facing. Pray that God will help them. Thank God for making the tough choice of sending Jesus to die on the cross for us! Thank Jesus for choosing to die in our place.

TUESDAY

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

Supply List: Bible Story Pictures (provided at the end of this devotional)

Before Family Devotion Begins: Before Family Devotion Begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. One family devotion begins, use the pictures to tell the story. This week's sermon was all about choices. Jesus made tough choices when he decided to go through with being crucified. Hold up the pictures one at a time and ask what Jesus might have been feeling during that moment. Identify and discuss what the tough choice was and why Jesus made that choice. Continue this way until the story is complete.

SAY: Your service this week was all about choices. Jesus was faced with some very tough situations and there is so much that you and I can learn from the choices he made. I have a set of pictures from the Bible story. I am going to hold them up one at a time so that we can review them together. I want you to think about three things with each picture. What do you think Jesus was feeling in that moment, what was the tough choice that was made, and why did He make that choice. Let's begin."

~Hold up the first picture~

ASK: Let's see if we can think through our three questions.

- What do you think Jesus was feeling in that moment?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- What tough choice is Jesus making here?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- Why do you think Jesus made this choice?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

~Hold up the second picture~

- What do you think Jesus was feeling in that moment?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- What tough choice is Jesus making here?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- Why do you think Jesus made this choice?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

~Hold up the third picture~

- What do you think Jesus was feeling in that moment?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- What tough choice is Jesus making here?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- Why do you think Jesus made this choice?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

~Hold up the fourth picture~

- What do you think Jesus was feeling in that moment?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- What tough choice is Jesus making here?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

- Why do you think Jesus made this choice?

~Allow time for the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the family. ~

PRAY TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

Tonight, study Watt's Up and Power Verse

READ: Luke 22:47 - 23:49

PRAY:

Note: See you tonight for Family Night at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY FAMILY GAME/ACTIVITY

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

Supplies: Choose Print Piece (provided at the end of this devotional)

Before Family Devotion Begins: Print and cut the Choose Print Piece (one per child). Once family devotions begin, give each child a copy of the Choose Print Piece letters. Have them place the letters face down in front of them. Ask the questions. If a child thinks they know the answer, they should raise their hands and say, "Choose Me!" If they answer correctly, allow them to flip over one letter. The child to flip over all of the letters wins. This activity will be a fun lesson concept reinforcing activity.

SAY: I am giving each child a set of letters. These letters spell the word CHOSE. Place the letters face down in front you. I am going to ask you some questions. If you think you know the answer raise your hands and say, "Choose Me!" Answer correctly and you will be allowed to flip over one letter. The team to flip over all of the letters first wins!

Q. Who let the Roman soldiers to Jesus?

A. Judas

Q. How much money did Judas accept in exchange to betray Jesus?

A. 30 pieces of silver

Q. How did the religious leaders feel about Jesus?

A. They were jealous of him

Q. True or False, The religious leaders accused Jesus of doing things he had not done?

A. True

Q. True or False, The soldiers beat Jesus but he fought them off?

A. False

Q. Pilate aske the crowd what they wanted to do with Jesus and they said what?

A. Crucify him

Q. True or False, The soldiers laughed at Jesus and made fun of him while he was on the cross?

A. True

Q. What did Jesus pray as he hung on the cross?

A. Father, forgive them, they don't realize what they are doing?

Q. Who chose to send Jesus?

A. God

Q. Why did Jesus choose to leave heaven?

A. Because of us!

SAY: Life is full of choices. Some are easy - like what color of socks to put on in the morning. Or there is the easy choice of which type of cereal to eat for breakfast. Even when playing, there are some choices to make that aren't too hard - like which video game system is better.

Those choices are easy. But some choices we have to make in life are really tough. Choices like where to go to college, what job or career we want, or even who we will marry. Those aren't easy choices at all. Choices are just part of being a human being. The choices we make can make or break our futures. But we are not the only ones who have had to make some tough choices.

I want to talk about some tough choices that had to be made that affected ALL of us. We learned in our Bible Story this week that Jesus died on the cross. But I want to tell you the story behind the story and show you some tough choices that had to be made.

God CHOSE To Send Jesus. God is the creator of the entire universe. He is the ruler of all. He is the greatest power that ever was or ever will be.

Ask: He doesn't have to do anything, does he?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

SAY: Nobody can make God do anything. He does whatever He pleases.

God is our Heavenly Father. He created us to be in a relationship with Him. Adam and Eve, the first humans created, walked with God in the Garden of Eden. However, when they chose to sin, they were separated from God. Sin is anything that goes against God's commands that we find in the Bible. Romans 6:23 says, "The payment for sin is death."

So, God made one of the toughest choices of all. Our Power Verse teaches us about that tough choice. It says, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." God chose to send His one and only Son, Jesus to come to Earth and die in our place. That's a tough choice. Can you imagine being a parent and choosing to let your child die in someone else's place when they were innocent? That is a tough choice. But

that's how much God loved us. He chose to send Jesus to Earth. Not only that, but...
Jesus CHOSE To Leave Heaven.

Jesus lived in Heaven, the most perfect place in the Universe. He had the perfect life as the Son of the Creator of all things. However, Jesus chose to leave all of that to come to Earth and be born as a baby. If you remember, Jesus was born in a stable with a bunch of animals around. That's not exactly a birth fit for a King, is it? That's why Jesus' choice to leave Heaven is so amazing! He left a perfect home to come be a human being just like us. But the toughest choice of all was...**Jesus CHOSE To Die On A Cross.**

Jesus let the men arrest Him. He didn't say a word. Jesus let the religious leaders accuse Him, even though He was innocent. Jesus let the soldiers beat Him and nail Him to a cross. He didn't fight them. As the Son of God, Jesus could have called 10,000 angels at any time to come and destroy the soldiers who were mistreating Him. But He didn't. He chose to die on a cross. Why? Because of you. Because of me. Jesus knew that this was the only way we could ever receive eternal life and forgiveness of our sin.

Jesus chose to die in your place. Most of us can't imagine choosing to take someone else's punishment when we are innocent. Can you imagine if your brother or sister disobeyed your parents, then you chose to take their punishment for them? Most of us would probably never make that choice, but Jesus chose exactly that just for you and me.

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend some time worshipping God and thanking Jesus for the tough choices that enabled us to have eternal life!

FRIDAY: FAMILY SHARING

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

Supplies: Chose Me Print Piece (provided at the end of this devotional), Pencils, Crayons or Markers

Before Family Devotion Begins: Print and cut the “Chose Me” Print Piece. Once family sharing starts, give each child something to write with and a copy of the print piece. Family Sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up and discuss the lesson concepts and relate those concepts to their life. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

SAY: Jesus made a lot of choices that were tough to make. He made every single one of those choices because of YOU. WHOA! That's a big deal. You're a big deal! Jesus chose to leave heaven, come to earth and die for you. God chose to send his son just for you. Let's take a few minutes and think about that. The words to your power verse are printed at the bottom of your page. Read and then we will discuss the verse together. Why do you think God chose us? Write your answers in the blank box.”

~Allow kids time to complete this task and then discuss the Power Verse together~

ASK: Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

~Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the family~

SAY: God made a lot of tough choices, but he was able to make them because of his love for you. Jesus made a lot of tough choices, but he was able to make them because of his love for you. These were huge sacrifices made because of you and me.

ASK:

- What are some ways that we can honor what was done for us?

~Allow time for the kids to answer ~

~Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the family~

PRAY TOGETHER: The best way we can end our family devotions today is to spend some time telling Jesus thank you for giving his life for you and me. He gave us everything because he loved us; lets tell him just how thankful we are! (PRAY)

SATURDAY

Watt's Up: God Loves Everyone In The World

Power Verse: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

SAY: Let's say the Watt's Up together. One, two, three: God Loves Everyone In The World

Let's say the Power Verse together. One, two, three: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life – John 3:16

SAY: Jesus made the ultimate tough choice. He gave his life so that you and I could be forgiven. That was a tough choice to make, but he did it because of his great love for you and me. Jesus was willing to do anything to save us. He chose us over himself. WOW! That is some powerful love. I think it is important that we take time and remember what Jesus did for us. We should remember that he chose us and that choosing us meant he gave up his life. When we remember what Jesus did for us it definitely affects the way we live our life. Our attitudes, words, and actions should honor the sacrifice that Jesus made!

PRAY TOGETHER!

Note: See you tomorrow at Kids Connect and don't forget you are earning points for prizes so when you arrive make sure you have your Bible or a Device with a Bible on it for 2,000 points (if you need one tell Pastor Rob or Pastor Michelle), attend Sunday School (9:00 a.m.) for 1,000 points, attend Kids Connect (10:00 a.m.) for 1,000 points, know your Watt's Up and Power Verse for 4,000 points and if you bring a visitor, you will get 10,000 points.

Bible Story Pictures: Tuesday



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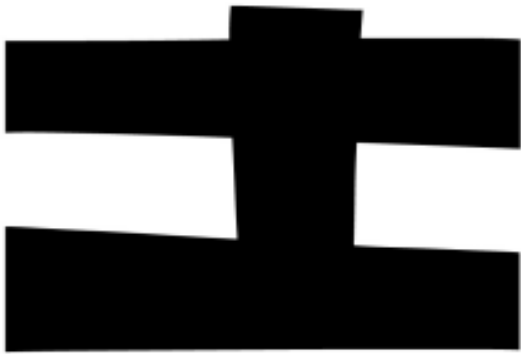
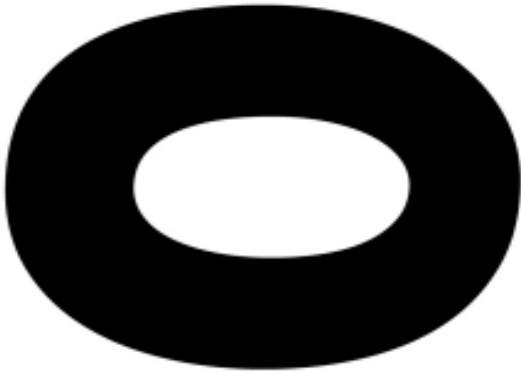
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Choose Print Piece: Thursday



Chose Me Print Piece: Friday

JESUS CHOSE ME!



"FOR THIS IS HOW GOD LOVED THE WORLD: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." - JOHN 3:16

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