

John 16: 1-4

Topic: a) What lies ahead?

a) There was a boy who had to go on a journey. The boy stood at the beginning of the road, looked ahead and wondered what it was like down the road and what his journey would be like. Just then he saw an old man walking towards him. The boy stopped him and asked him what the road was like up ahead. The old man told the boy that there were beautiful hills along the road. They were sunny and green with beautiful flowers growing on them. You could climb to the top and see forever! The old man said that there were also deep valleys along the road. These valleys were dark and cold and could be very scary.

- Your life is like that road. You will have beautiful hills (good times) ahead and deep dark valleys ahead too (sad times).

Topic: b) How will we ever get through?

b) Psalm 23: 1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

2 *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

3 *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

5 *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

b) There was a boy who had to go on a dangerous journey. His friend who was much older, wiser and stronger than the boy said he would go with him. The boy was still nervous about the journey. He said to his friend, "But what if I get lost?" His friend answered, "You wont...I know the way."

"What if I get scared?"

"I will protect you."

"What if I fall into a hole?"

"I will rescue you."

"What if I get weak?"

" I will carry you."

The boy started off on his journey hand in hand with his friend. He knew that his protector would be with him.

- Jesus said, "I will never leave you." You are never alone. He **is** the way. He is watching over you. He knows what will happen. He is in control of everything. He will rescue you. He will carry you. He will never leave you your whole life.

John 16: 5-15

Topic: a) Who is the Holy Spirit?

a) God the Father is God. Jesus, the Son of God is God. The Holy Spirit is God.

- These three are all the same person.
- There is only one God.

Topic: b) The Holy Spirit convicts.

b) Freddy was allowed to go to his friends house on the condition that he come straight home at five o'clock. Five o'clock came and Freddy started for home. He was walking down the road towards home when he saw another road he had never been down before. He turned off the road he was supposed to be on and started down this new road. Suddenly the "kid safety patrol" came by. They told Freddy that he was going down the wrong road and if he kept going it was going to get dark and he would be lost. They didn't make Freddy turn back to the right road. They just told him what would be best. Now it's up to Freddy to decide what he is going to do.

- When we start to get away from God and do things that will hurt us (sin), the Holy Spirit lets us know. Then we have to choose what we will do.

Topic: c) The Holy Spirit shows us what is needed.

c) Brenda is going to Hawaii to visit her grandmother. Brenda got a suitcase and packed everything she would need for the trip. She called her grandmother to let her know she was coming. She got a ride to the airport. Once there she went to get on the plane but the person in charge of boarding told her that she needed something that she didn't have. What is it?

- Nobody can get to heaven on their own. The Holy Spirit tells us what we need to get to heaven.
- Who do we need?

Topic: d) The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth.

d) Elza has to go from here to there. She has a map. The problem is as soon as she started on her journey from here, she lost her map. She asked some people for directions. One of the them was mean and gave Elza the wrong directions on purpose and she got really lost. Another person she asked didn't know how to get to there. He was no help at all. Another person she asked said he thought he knew the way but it turns out he really didn't and Elza got even more lost. Finally she called the man who made the map. He told her exactly how to get from here to there. She followed his instructions and was there in no time.

- What did the man who made the map do for her? (Told her the truth)
- There are a millions and millions of thoughts and ideas in the world. The Holy Spirit tells us what is true and what isn't.

Topic: e) The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus.

e) Sam is really hungry. Sam's friend says that he knows a place that makes the best hot dogs in the whole world. Sam's friend takes him to this little restaurant. There is a cook behind the counter. He makes two hot dogs for the boys. Sam eats his and says, "Wow that really is the best hot dog in the whole world!"

- Who should get the credit for the best hot dog in the world? (The cook)
- What did Sam's friend do? (Brought him there)
- The Holy Spirit brings people to Jesus so they can get saved.

John 16: 16-22

Topic: a) With Jesus...there is always joy in the end.

a) There was a mouse playing in the sunshine. It was bright and warm and he was having a great time. Suddenly it began to get dark. The sun went down and night began. The mouse was very sad because the sun had gone away. It got darker and darker. Finally the mouse fell asleep sad because of the darkness. When he woke up he couldn't believe what he saw. The sun was back! It was bright and warm and the mouse ran outside to play all day.

- Sadness is like darkness. There are times when we are sad.
- When Jesus comes back the day will begin and never end.

a) John 20: 11-17...Mary weeping at the tomb.

a) Genesis 45: 25-28....Jacob after mourning for years finds out that Joseph is alive.

John 16: 23-24

Topic: a) What kind of things bring joy?

a) You are hungry. There are two places selling food. One sells cheeseburgers.... delicious big burgers with cheese, tomatoes, lettuce and a special sauce that tastes really good. The other place sells water burgers which consist of two pieces of wet bread. Which would bring you greater joy?

a) There is a mouse. The mouse has to choose between two things. There is a big open field where he can play and run free and up by the house is a cage trap with a piece of cheese in it.

- Which would bring greater joy?
- Sin is like that trap.
- God wants you to be free from sin that would hurt you.

a) Would you rather have a wide screen TV or mom and dads love? (Can you see their love?)
 ...A video game or friendship from someone you like? (Can you see friendship?)
 ...A new bike or to know that you're safe? (Can you see safe?)
 ...An ice cream cone or not to be afraid? (Can you see peace?)

- The things we cant see are better.
- God gives us both but the things that give us real joy are the things we can't see. These things last forever.

a) Billy went to the park. He wanted to go on a river run. This is where you get into rubber boats and paddle down the river. There were two places in the park where you could ride down the river. One was run by a man named Zig. Zig gets everyone in a boat, tells them what to do and they go down the river heading towards a huge water fall. By the time they get there it's too late. They all go over the falls and drown. The other one is a park ranger who gets everyone in the boat, tells them what to do and they ride down the river safely. They go through fast rapids, laugh and see all sorts of wildlife. They have a good trip and get home safely. Which one of these two would you choose to be with and obey?

- There is no better life than being with God and obeying Him.

Topic: b) How do we get these things that bring joy?

b) There is a place in the park that is giving away free ice cream cones. Marci runs up and stands in front of the counter. The boy next to her asks for a chocolate cone. The girl behind her asks for strawberry. The boy on the other side asks for raspberry. Soon the place is crowded with kids all asking for their favorite flavor. Soon Marci is standing their by herself watching the other kids run around with their ice cream cones. She thinks, "How come I didn't one?"

- If you want the things God has for you that you cant see , that will bring you joy that lasts forever...ask!

John 16: 25-28

Topic: a) Why does God love you?

a) Once there was a little boy. The boy walked by a tree and saw a birds nest. In the nest was a hungry baby bird. The boy bent over, dug in the dirt and found a nice juicy worm. He put the worm in the baby birds mouth. That baby bird loved that boy.

- Why? (Because of what he did)

a) It was very windy outside. Mrs. Green looked out her window and saw the trees bending over. Suddenly a big gust of wind came by and knocked over Mrs. Greens garbage cans. Now there was garbage all over the lawn. It would be hard for her to pick it all up because she couldn't walk very well. She went over to her window and looked again. She saw her neighbors children running around her yard. They were picking up all the garbage and putting it back in the cans. Mrs. Green loved those kids.

- Why? (Because of what they did)

a) When Gods people left Egypt the Egyptians chased them to the Red Sea. The people were scared. God parted the water so the people could cross on dry ground and be safe. He saved them that day. When the people got to the other side they worshiped God and loved him.

- Why? (Because of what He did)

a) Why does God love us?

- What have we done that would make God love us? (Nothing...we have sinned)
- Then why does He love us? (Because He is love. We have believed in His Son. We have taken the gift of life in Jesus)

John 16: 29-32

Topic: a) What are consequences?

a) Consequences are what happen whenever we do something.

a) There is a sign at the zoo..."Do not put your hand in the lions mouth." A boy comes to the zoo. He sees the sign. Then he reaches over the bars of the cage and puts his hand in the lions mouth. "Lefty" as he is called now was sad that he didn't obey the sign.

a) There is another sign at the zoo..."Do not jump on the alligator." Lefty sees the sign. Then he jumps over the wall and starts jumping on the alligator. "Lefty Limpy" as he is now called was sad he did not obey the sign.

a) There is still another sign at the zoo..."Do not stick your head in the bear cage." Lefty Limpy sees the sign. Then he walked over and stuck his head in the bear cage. "Lefty Limpy Baldy" as he is now called was sad that he didn't obey the sign.

- Everything we do has a consequence.

a) Billy and Fred want to spend the night over at their friend Pete's house. Billy's mother told him that if he didn't clean his room he wasn't going anywhere. Fred's mother told him the same thing. Fred spent the afternoon cleaning his room. When he was done it looked perfect. Billy spent the afternoon watching television. Later on Billy told his mom that he was going over to Pete's house. His mom looked at his room. "Oh no you're not!!" she said. Fred told his mom that he was going over to Pete's house. His mom looked at his room. "Have a good time!" she said.

- Did Billy's and Fred's choices have consequences?

Topic: b) How do we avoid bad consequences?

b) There was a boy who was on a journey. The problem was that he had to pass through the valley of bad consequences. The bad consequences were little creatures who had very sharp teeth and would run out and bite your ankles. The boy didn't want to pass through the valley. There was an old man who lived near the road. The boy stopped and asked the old man how could he avoid the valley of bad consequences. The old man told him, "When you get to the

valley, yell for help as loud as you can.” The boy decided to do what the old man said. He got to the edge of the valley of bad consequences and yelled for help as loud as he could. Suddenly a huge eagle swooped down, grabbed the boy, flew him across the valley and let him down on the other side. The boy continued his journey with his ankles intact.

- How did the boy avoid the valley of bad consequences? (He did what the old man told him)
- How do we avoid bad consequences? (Do what God says)

Topic: c) What happens when I mess up?

c) William was lying on the couch watching television. His dad came in and told him to take out the garbage. William heard but he didn't obey. While he was on the couch the dog got into the garbage and spread it all over the house. Williams father came home and found William on the couch and the floor covered with garbage. Williams father said, "I'm sorry son but you disobeyed me. You will have to leave home and never come back." William went upstairs, packed his suitcase and walked sadly out the door.

- Did William mess up?
- Does God do this to us when we mess up?

c) Luke 15: 11-24....The prodigal son

- Did the boy have bad consequences?
- Do you think Jesus was saying that God is like the father in the story?

John 16: 33

Topic: a) Why is there peace in Jesus?

a) Once there was a caterpillar. It was starting to get cold out. The caterpillar started spinning a cocoon and attached it to a leaf. Just before it was done the caterpillar crawled inside and sealed himself in. Outside it got cold, dark and stormy but inside the cocoon the caterpillar had peace.

- Why did the caterpillar have peace? (He was surrounded by the cocoon)
- People who believe in Jesus are surrounded by Him.

Topic: b) Will there be trouble in this life?

b) There was a mouse who had a terrible week. First he got in trouble at mouse school because he took someone's cheese without asking. Then he was playing Super Mouse and fell out of a tree. Then the worse thing happened. The mouse and his friend were looking for food in the kitchen when the cat saw them. The cat started chasing them. The mouse and his friend ran as fast as they could. The cat was faster. He got so close that he bit off the mouse's tail. Finally

the mouse made it to a hole in the wall but when he looked back, his friend wasn't there anymore. This was the saddest day the mouse ever had.

- Do you think you will ever have a sad day?

Topic: c) How will we get through?

c) There was a place that all the birds called the sad place. It was called the sad place because it was filled with hungry cats. Many birds had gone into the sad place and never come back. There was a nest high in a tree where the cats couldn't get to it. There was a little bird in the nest. One day the little bird fell out of the nest onto the ground. It was too little to fly away. Soon the little bird was surrounded by hungry cats. The little bird started screaming for help. A boy happened to be walking by and heard the bird. He chased the cats away. He picked the little bird up and put him back in the nest where he was safe. The little bird was very thankful and happy.

- Was the little bird in a sad place? Was he sad, scared and worried?
- Did he live? Why?
- When you are in a sad place there is someone who will lift you up.
- Those who believe in Jesus ...live!