

John 18: 1-3

Topic: a) Why would anyone hate the light?

a) There were a bunch of mice living in a cellar. They lived down there in the dark. They liked it in the dark because then they could steal food that the people stored down there. One day someone opened the cellar door and light streamed into the cellar. Some of the mice ran towards the light, ran outside and discovered how beautiful it was outdoors. The other mice ran from the light and hid in the dark corners hoping the light would go away.

- Why did some of the mice hide from the light?
- Jesus is the light of the world. Some come to Him and live. Some love badness and stay in darkness.

John 18: 4-6

Topic: a) Why would He?

a) What if you knew there was a pit ahead with the most terrible things in the world in it? Would you go forward or walk back?

- Jesus was walking towards the cross. All sin was about to be put on Him. He went forward.
- Why?

a) In the jungle the monkeys hated the lion. One day they figured there were enough of them to go arrest the lion and put him in a cage. The whole gang of monkeys came to the lion and said, "You are coming with us whether you like it or not!" The lion roared. When he roared the monkeys got so scared that they scampered up trees. Then the lion said, "Well let's go." The monkeys came down, arrested the lion and took him away.

- What was the only reason the monkeys were able to take the lion away? (He wanted to go.)
- Jesus the Son of God let these men take Him to the cross.
- Why did He go? (He wanted to)
- Why would He want to?

John 18: 7-9

Topic: a) He has lost none.

a) There is a boy sitting in a baseball stadium watching a baseball game. He is worried. He's thinking, "Boy, I hope I get to go to the game."

- Why doesn't he have to worry? (Because he's already there)
- Do you know that God already sees you in heaven?
- You will get there. Jesus promised. He will keep you and never lose you.

John 18: 10

Topic: a) Does God need us?

a) There was a lion, the king of the jungle. The lion lived in a beautiful castle. One day the monkeys came to bow before the king. They brought a wagon full of bananas as a present for the king. The only thing is that lions would not and never do eat bananas. So when the monkeys brought the bananas the king rewarded them and let them live in the beautiful castle.

- Did the lion need the monkeys?
- Then why did he reward them and let them stay? (The lion was good)
- Does God need us? Is He lonely?
- Then why does He want us to be with Him?

John 18: 11

Topic: a) Shall we not obey God?

a) There is a boy who is very hungry. He goes to a restaurant and buys a big juicy cheeseburger. Suddenly someone runs up to him and says, "Wait...! You don't have to eat that cheeseburger. Here, try this delicious worm burger!" The boy wonders, "Gee what should I choose?"

a) There is a girl who is going to Disney World. She has her bags packed and is about to go to the airport when suddenly someone runs up to her and says, "Wait...! You don't have to go to Disney World. You can spend the whole week in your room with the lights off and the curtains closed!" The girl wonders, "Gee what should I choose?"

a) It is very hot outside. There is a boy who has a ticket to get into the best swimming pool in the whole world. It is huge. It is surrounded by water slides and even has an island in the middle of it that kids can swim out to and play on. He is just about to jump in the water when someone runs up to him and says, "Wait...! You don't have to go swimming in this pool. You can jump into the old slime pit! Just don't let any of the dead bugs get into your mouth." The boy wonders, "Gee what should I choose?"

a) There is a girl who wants to obey God, have abundant life and live forever in heaven. Suddenly someone runs up to her and says, “Wait...! You don’t have to obey God. The Bible isn’t true. There are more fun things than being with God! The girl wonders, “Gee what should I choose?”

- Just as it would be dumb to choose to jump into a slime pit instead of the worlds greatest swimming pool...we’re even dumber when we choose to disobey God and miss out on life.

John 18: 12-14

Topic: a) Can you tie up God?

a) The man on the news issues a warning. He tells everyone that there is a tornado headed this way. Everyone gets ready and takes cover. There is one boy who says, “I am going to tie up this tornado and pull it out to another place. The wind starts to blow so hard that he can barely stand up. The boy takes his rope and walks out to meet the tornado. “Tornado, I’m going to tie you up!” he says.

- Is this going to happen? What is the only way it could happen? (If the tornado lets him)
- They bound Jesus. What’s the only way that could happen?
- Why would he let them?

John 18: 15-24

Topic: a) Jesus didn’t zap this guard.

a) There was a boy named Max. Max was known for being mean. One day he was being mean to a girl named Shirley. Max was making fun of her. Shirley didn’t say anything to Max. She didn’t yell at him or hit him or anything. Shirley’s friend Mary asked her why she didn’t yell at Max or hit him. Shirley said, “Would you rather be mean and hurt someone or would you rather have a friend?” Max was surprised that Shirley didn’t yell at him. When he heard what Shirley said to Mary, it made him think about the way he was behaving.

- This guard slapped the Son of God
- What should have happened to him?
- But Jesus made him think and maybe this man changed.

John 18: 25-26

Topic: a) Peter sinks again.

a) Matthew 14: 23-33....Peter sees the waves and got scared.

- This time Peter got scared by people.

a) There was a little tree. This little tree wanted to stand up straight and grow strong but every time the wind blew, it would knock the little tree over. Try as it might the little tree could not stand before the wind. One day the wind was blowing really hard. The little tree was trying to stand up straight but it could feel itself beginning to tip over. A man was walking by. He saw the little tree trying to stand up but the wind was knocking it over. The man ran over, put his hand on the little tree and held it up. No matter how hard the wind blew it could not knock that tree over as long as the man was holding it up.

- Why was the tree able to stand?
- In order for us not to get knocked over by fear, we need to ask God to hold us and help us to stand.

Topic: b) Only Jesus is faithful.

b) Billy's dad had just bought him a new bike. His dad told him not to ride his bike in the vacant lot because there were holes and if he hit one of them he would break his bike. Plus it was very dangerous because there was broken glass on the ground. So Billy is out riding his bike and he sees the vacant lot. There's a little hill in the middle of the lot and Billy thinks it would be fun to jump over the hill on his bike. So totally disobeying his father he speeds through the lot towards the hill. Before he gets to the hill he runs over some broken glass and gets a flat tire. Then he hits a hole and the bike goes flying through the air, lands on the ground and bends the handle bars. Fortunately Billy wasn't hurt. He walked back to the house with his broken bike. His dad saw him. For disobeying Billy was sent to his room for the night. As he sat on his bed wishing he never disobeyed, Billy heard something outside. It was the sound of his dad fixing his bike in the garage.

- Was Billy faithful?
- Was his dad? (Yes not only in giving consequences out of love but fixing the bike out of love)
- God is always faithful even when we're not.

John 18: 28

Topic: a) Are we better than others?

a) Everyone on earth looks different from everyone else.

- Does our Creator make mistakes?

- a) Every snow flake that falls is different from every other snow flake.
- Is one better than the other?
 - God made every person different (You are the only one made like you)
 - Is one person more valuable than another?

John 18: 29-32

Topic: a) Jesus an evil doer?

- a) Look at all the bad things Jesus did...
- Healed sick people
 - Brought dead people back to life
 - Showed the world the love of God
 - Taught us the truth.
 - Rescued people from evil.
 - Healed the broken hearted
 - Made happy those who were sad.
 - Died for our sins
 - Rose from the dead.
 - Opened the door of heaven for us.
 - Takes care of us every day of our lives.
 - What an “evil doer!”

John 18: 33-36

Topic: a) Two kingdoms.

a) There was a king who lived on a star. There was a planet that orbited around this star. The king always made sure that the star shown on the planet to give it light and heat and keep the people alive. One day the people on the planet decided they didn't want the king anymore. They decided to have everyone on the planet start rocking back and forth. This way the planet would be knocked out of orbit and the people could be away from the king. So the people started rocking. Soon the planet started moving farther and farther away from the star. The planet soon became a cold and dark place. The king loved the people and didn't want them to die so he made a spaceship. He sent the spaceship to the now dark planet. Whoever wanted to could board the spaceship and be transported to the star where it was warm and there was life.

- God created the earth
- People sinned and took themselves away from God. This is why there is sadness and death on earth.
- God sent His Son to bring whoever wants to go...to heaven.

John 18: 37

Topic: a) Everyone who is of the truth...hears.

a) There were some people who lived in a very, very cold place. One day all the people were walking across a bridge when the bridge collapsed and all the people fell into the water. They crawled out of the water freezing cold and wet. They stood there shivering so bad that they couldn't even move. A man came by and saw the people. He yelled to them, "If you don't dry off you are going to get sick!" All the people heard him. Some of the people said, "No way, that's not true. We're just fine." But there were some of the people who heard him who said, "I know this is true. I'm shivering, wet and I don't feel good." So they went inside, dried off and felt great.

- Jesus is the truth. His words are truth
- Everyone who can see that He is the truth will come to Him to be saved.

John 18: 38

Topic: a) Would you prefer something else?

a) You have fallen into deep water. Do you want someone to throw you a life jacket or a rock?

a) You are on a plane. The engine blows up and the plane starts going down. Do you want someone to hand you a parachute or a bowling ball?

a) You want to live. Are you going to come to Jesus or someone or something else?