

John 11: 1-4

Topic: a) What does glorified mean?

a) Glory is when everyone looks at something and thinks it's the coolest thing they've ever seen.

a) People are watching strong men lift weights. The first one lifts one hundred pounds. Everyone looks at him and cheers. The next one lifts two hundred pounds. Everyone turns, looks at him and cheers. The next one lifts one thousand pounds. Everyone turns around, looks at him and cheers really loud.

- Who was glorified?

Topic: b) Why does God want to be glorified?

b) John 12: 32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

b) Numbers 21: 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."

9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

b) There was an evil food vendor who set up his food stand in the park. He put a sign up that said, "Bad Cheeseburgers." The people in the park all bought his cheeseburgers and everyone got sick. Suddenly a man who had not eaten the cheeseburgers stood up and said, "Everyone look over here and listen to me! I'm a doctor and I have medicine that will make everyone well. Come here and get it, it's free! The people cheered and thanked the doctor.

- Was he glorified?
- Why did he want the people to look to him? (Was it so they would cheer for him?)
- God wants to be glorified so that people will come to Him and live.
- How is God glorified? (On the cross He saved everyone who would believe in Him)

Topic:

c) How can sickness glorify God?

c) Once there was a town inhabited by cars. One day one of the cars broke. The broken car was sad and all the other cars were sad. They didn't know what to do. A few days later a man walked into town. This man said he was a mechanic and could fix cars. He got out his tools and started to work on the broken car. When he was done he started the engine and the car ran like it was brand new. All the cars cheered and were very happy. They were happy that the broken car

got fixed and they were happy because now they knew that if they broke, there was someone they could go to fix them.

- It was a sad thing that the car broke but did it turn out to be a good thing? Why?
- When sad things happen to us and people see Jesus taking care of us, maybe they will come to Him when they're sad.

c) There was a man who prayed for a Christian friend of his who was sick. He prayed that the Lord would heal him. A week later his friend died.

- Did God heal him? (Yes, he took him to heaven and gave him a new body that will never get sick)

Topic: d) Do we have to worry about death? (No because for the Christian it doesn't exist)

d) Zack was lying in bed trying to get asleep. His room was dark and his house was quiet. He looked on the floor, saw his sneakers lying there and had a terrible thought. "What if there is a tiny sneaker monster hiding in my sneakers! When I fall asleep it's going to crawl out my sneakers and eat my socks!" He slowly got out of bed. Quietly he tip toed across the floor over to the sneakers. Everything was so quiet he could hear himself breathing. Slowly he walked over to his sneakers. He reached down and very slowly picked one of them up. He looked inside the sneaker and ...and ...and... Do you know what was inside it?! NOTHING! Zack went back to bed, covered up and went to sleep with a smile on his face, no longer afraid.

- Why wasn't he afraid of the sneaker monster anymore? (It didn't exist)
- Should we be afraid of death? Why not? (Because it doesn't exist)
- Why is there no death for those who believe?

John 11: 5-6

Topic: a) God will only do what is best.

a) Once there was a boy who wanted his dad to buy him a pet. He wanted his dad to buy him a pet lion. He begged his dad and promised that he would clean up after the lion, feed him and everything! Soon his birthday came. He was sure he would find a lion tied up in the garage. He ran downstairs and heard something scratching the garage door. "It's my lion!" he thought. He opened the door; something burst out of the door and almost knocked him over. It was a puppy. The boy was disappointed. He didn't know why his dad didn't get him a lion. Maybe his dad didn't love him anymore. The puppy jumped up on the boys lap and started licking his face. Soon they were outside playing together, having a great time. Then the boy realized that his dad had done the best thing for him.

- God our Father will only do what is best for us.

- If God says yes...It's the best. If God says no....It's the best.

Topic: b) Only He knows what is best.

b) Zev has to go on a journey. It's a long journey so he wants to know exactly what route to take. He was sitting there wondering how to get there when one of his friends pulled up in his car. Zev asked him which way he should go. His friend in the car said he should take the road that goes over the river because he had driven over that roads and knew it was way faster than any other way. Just then another friend Zev's landed his helicopter in Zev's back yard. Zev asked him which way he should go. His friend in the helicopter said that he should take the road that goes through the woods because the bridge over the river was out. Which one of Zev's friends knows best? Why?

- Who really is above all things and knows all things?
- Can we trust Him? (He loves us and knows all things)

John 11: 7-8

Topic: a) Shouldn't you be afraid?

a) 1Samuel 17: 4-11...David fights Goliath. Shouldn't he be afraid? (No, God told him to do it)

a) Judges 7: 12....Gideon. Shouldn't he be afraid? (No, God told him to do it)

a) Luke 8: 22-23....The storm at sea. Shouldn't they be afraid? (No, God told them that they were going over to the other side.)

a) Tony was lying in bed one night when suddenly a huge storm happened. It was thundering and lightning so loud that the windows in his bedroom shook. Should Tony be afraid? The thunder got louder and louder. It got so loud that Tony covered his head with his blanket. Should he be afraid now? Finally it got so loud that Tony prayed to the Lord that He would make the storm go away. It didn't. Should he be afraid now?

- (No because Jesus has said, "I will never leave you.")
- If the storm stops....Jesus is close.
- If it keeps going and gets louder....Jesus is even closer.

John 11: 9-10

Topic: a) if anyone walks in the day he does not stumble.

a) It was a bright sunny day. Thomas decided to go for a walk. He decided to take a walk through "Rock valley." This was a valley that had all different sizes of rocks all over the place. Some of them were really sharp too. Thomas walked through the valley and he didn't fall once.

When he came out on the other side there wasn't a mark on him. How was he able to do this? (Because the sun lit everything up.)

a) Matthew 4: 8-11... "And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

- Did Jesus fall? Why not? (Because He **is** the light of the world)

a) Williams parents had to go somewhere. They left William home by himself because they figured he was old enough to take care of himself. They told him to stay out of trouble and drove off. William plopped down on the couch and watched television. A show came on that William was always curious about. His parents had told him that they did not want him watching this show. William always wondered why. He started to watch the beginning. It was like there was a little voice inside of him saying, "Go ahead, watch it! You're parents will never know. All the other kids can watch it. You're missing out! Go ahead, you won't get into any trouble." William also knew what God wanted him to do so he made a choice, grabbed the remote, turned off the TV and went outside to shoot baskets.

- Did William fall?
- He is walking in the light
- If you do what God wants you to do...you wont fall.
- Sin is like falling. When you fall you get hurt. Sin hurts us and everyone around us.
- Walk in the light.

John 11: 11-14

Topic: a) When we die...Will we wake up?

a) Tim believes in Jesus. One night he crawled into bed and went to sleep. Will he wake up in the morning? The next night he crawled into bed, went to sleep and it started to rain. Will he wake up in the morning? The next night he crawled into bed, went to sleep and a giant meteor fell from outer space, landed on his bedroom and flattened everything in it including him. Will he wake up? (Yes)

- Where will he be when he wakes up?
- When our body quits we don't die. We go to the party.

John 11: 15

Topic: a) God always has something better

a) Jesus' friend is sick. He doesn't come and heal him. He lets him die.

- Why didn't he come and heal him? (Jesus had something better. He would raise him from the dead and when people saw it they would believe and get saved.)

a) *Genesis 2: 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;*

17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- Why didn't God want Adam and Eve to eat the fruit? (He had something better for them)
- Why doesn't God want us to sin? (He has something better for us)

a) *Matthew 4: 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

- Why did they leave all ? (Jesus had something better for them)
- Jesus says to you, "Follow me." Why does he want you to? (He has something better for you)

John 11: 16

Topic: There is only one thing God wants you to do. (Live)

a) God's basic commandment to Adam and Eve....Live, enjoy this life I have given you and don't do anything that will hurt you.

a) There was a group of mice living in a land that was always dark and always frozen. No matter what the mice did, they couldn't get warm. The sun saw the mice freezing to death and felt sorry for them. So the sun sent down one beam of sunlight. When the mice saw the sun beam they stepped into it. Inside the sunbeam the mice felt warmth for the first time and they lived.

- How will they stay alive? (By staying in the sun beam)
- Why did the sun do that? (Wanted the mice to live)
- Why did Jesus come down from heaven? (So that we could live)
- How do we stay alive?

John 11: 17

Topic: a) Does God ever panic?

a) Jesse didn't hear her alarm clock. When she finally woke up she was already late. "Oh no!" she cried, "I'm late!" She dressed quickly, ran downstairs just in time to see the school bus pass her house. "Oh no...! I missed the bus!" So she started walking to school. When she got there she realized she had forgotten her backpack. "Oh no...! I forgot my backpack and all my

homework is in it!’ She finally got to class and the teacher told the kids to clear their desks so they could take the test. Oh no...! I forgot about the test and now I’m going to flunk!!” At the end of the day she was running to catch her bus. A teacher stopped her and gave her a lecture about running in the halls. “Oh no...! Now I’m going to miss my bus again and have to walk home!” When she finally got home she sat down at the kitchen table. “How was your day at school?” asked her mother. “Jesse frowned, “I am soooo stressed!”

- Do you ever get like this?
- Does God?

a) One day God brought the sun up. “Oh no...!” He screamed. “I forgot to make it rain and now everything is going to dry up!” So God made it rain. “Oh no...! It’s thundering! I’m afraid of thunder! Somebody make it stop! He looked down on the earth and saw Sarah disobeying her mother. “Oh no...! God screamed. “Sarah is disobeying her mother and now her whole house is going to be sad! What am I going to do?! I’ve shown people the way and no one is obeying and they’re wrecking the whole earth! An angel came by and asked God how His day was going. God frowned and said, “I am soooooo stressed!!”

- Does God ever get like this?
- God never panics, isn’t worried, can’t be surprised and is never afraid.
- Let Him take care of you.

John 11: 18-22

Topic: a) God why didn’t you stop this?

a) I don’t understand....You loved Lazarus. You knew he was sick. Why did you let him die?

a) Once there was a mouse who loved to stand in the sun to get warm. One day the mouse went outside and stood in the bright sunlight. What the mouse didn’t know was that on top of the hill there was a mean monkey with a rock in his hand. He was going to throw the rock at the mouse and hit him right in the head. An elephant was standing near by. When he saw the monkey throw the rock, the elephant ran over and stood over the mouse. The rock hit the elephant and bounced off. The mouse was now standing underneath an elephant. “This elephant made the sun go away!” said the mouse. “Why is he so mean?” The mouse was very sad because he was no longer standing in the sunlight.

- Was it a sad thing that happened to the mouse? (He thought it was)
- Did the mouse understand why it happened?
- Was there a reason?
- Do we always understand why sad things happen? Is God in control?

John 11: 23-27

Topic: a) He is the life.

a) There was once a boy who was out in the desert. He was dying of thirst. Some people tried to help the boy. One person brought him a bag of sand. Another brought him a hamster. Another brought him some stamps. Are any of these things going to help the boy? A spring of water that was underneath the ground heard the people talking to the boy. The spring of water decided to help the boy. All of a sudden a hole opened up in the ground. The spring bubbled up. The boy drank and lived.

- Not only did the spring give water. It was water!
- Jesus gives life because He is life.

Topic: b) Do you believe this?

b) *Genesis 3: 1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said...."*

- You will be hearing this for the rest of your life.

John 11: 28-29

Topic: a) Jesus is always there in our sadness.

a) Once there was a little bird flying in the sky. The bird was flapping her wings as hard as she could but she was tired and started to drop lower and lower towards the ground. The wind saw the little bird and lifted her back up and helped her to fly. The little bird was flying along and saw some big mountains. She got scared because there was no place to land and she was afraid of crashing into them. The wind picked the little bird up and lifted her high above the mountains where she was safe. It then began to get cloudy and dark. The clouds covered the sun. The little bird became sad because it was so dark and cloudy. The wind saw the little bird and lifted her high above the clouds. Up above the clouds it was a perfect sunny day. The little bird felt safe and happy.

- God is like the wind. When you're sad or scared, talk to Him. He will lift you up.

John 11: 30

Topic: a) She came to Jesus

a) Rabbit was out in a field eating clover. Suddenly a big storm came through. The rain was coming down hard. Rabbit looked around and saw a big tree. He ran to the tree. The branches and leaves of the tree were like a giant umbrella keeping rabbit dry. Then the wind began to pick up and blow really hard. It blew so hard that it picked rabbit up off the ground. Rabbit held onto

the tree. The tree was strong and as long as rabbit held on, he couldn't be blown away. Soon the storm was over. Rabbit decided that he would live under that tree from then on.

- How did rabbit survive the storm? (He ran to the tree)
- Why do you think he decided to live under the tree?
- Run to Jesus. Stay with Him.

John 11: 31

Topic: a) Can we who believe in Jesus expect more?

a) The kids in school were in the cafeteria line waiting for lunch. They looked on the board to see what was being served for lunch. The kids weren't very happy when they saw that they were going to get a bowl of green slop. The first student walked up to the lady who worked in the cafeteria and she gave him a bowl of green slop. The second student walked up and got a bowl of green slop too. The third student knew the lady who worked in the cafeteria. He knew that she was really nice and loved kids so when he got up in line he asked her if he could have a hot dog and potato chips. She said, "Sure." The boy walked happily to his table with his hot dog.

- How come he got more? (He knew that the lady was nice and he asked her)
- There is a lot of sadness in this world. God has something better for you. He will lift you up.

John 11: 32

Topic: a) Why don't things happen like I want them to?

a) It was a dark and snowy day. The kids went outside and built a snowman in front of the house. Soon it stopped snowing and the sun came out. The snowman liked this. He could see all the way across the street and it was nice, sunny and warm. A short time later the kids came outside, lifted the snowman up, carried him to the back of the house and put him down in the back yard. The snowman didn't like this. He couldn't see anything and it was dark and cold in the back yard. He thought, "Why don't things happen the way I want them to?"

- Even though the snowman didn't think so...was it a good thing that happened to him?
- If things don't happen the way you want them to...maybe God is moving you to a better place.

Topic: b) Does God ever fail?

b) Margaret's mom was supposed to pick her up after school. Sarah walked out of school with the other kids to wait for her mom. Her bus driver yelled over to her, "Are you sure you don't need a ride?" "Nope" said Sarah, "My mom is picking me up." All the busses and all the kids were gone. Her teacher pulled up in her car. "Sarah, do you need a ride home?" "Nope" said Sarah "My mom is picking me up." Sarah waited. Soon it started to get dark. Sarah wondered where her mom was. After a while she saw the headlights of a car speeding into the school driveway. Her mom pulled up and got out of the car. "Oh Sarah, I'm so sorry! I was busy at work and forgot what time it was. I am really, really sorry!"

- Did Sarah's mom mean to forget to pick her up? (No but people do sometimes)
- Does God ever forget?
- Is He ever late?
- Does He ever do anything wrong?
- Wait for Him. He will take care of you.

John 11: 33-34

Topic: a) Jesus cares.

a) Amanda was getting ready for bed. Her mom and dad prayed with her, kissed her goodnight, tucked her in and turned off the light. Amanda was all ready to go to sleep when she realized she was missing someone...Puffer, her stuffed rabbit. Her aunt had given Puffer to her a long time ago and Amanda slept with him every single night. There was no way she could get to sleep without Puffer. Amanda went downstairs and told her parents that she couldn't find Puffer. Her mom and dad looked everywhere. Mom looked through all the drawers and even through the dirty clothes. Dad looked in the car and the basement. They couldn't find Puffer. They told Amanda that she would have to go to bed without Puffer. Amanda crawled back into her bed. She was sad and worried about Puffer being alright. She prayed. She asked the Lord to take care of Puffer wherever he was. Then she snuggled down into her bed. She felt something at the bottom of her bed. She threw off the blankets and guess who was there. Amanda went to sleep with a smile on her face, thanking Jesus.

- Are you telling me that God, who is taking care of the whole universe and all the people on earth, cares about a little girl and her lost bunny? (He does)

a) Genesis 16: 6-13..."You are the God who sees."

- He is the God who sees and cares about everything in your life.

a) Sandra had a hard day at school. She came home and sat at the kitchen table looking sad. "What's the matter with you?" her mom asked. Sandra just frowned. "Well honey, you're going to have to move. I have to get dinner ready." Sandra went out to the garage where her dad was working. "What's the matter with you?" asked dad. Sandra just frowned. "Look out honey; I

have to start the lawn mower.” Sandra went into the living room where her brother was watching television. “What’s the matter with you?” he asked. Before Sandra could even frown, he jumped off the couch...“Gotta go, I have a game tonight.” Sandra went upstairs and lay down on her bed. She thought, “Nobody knows how I feel and nobody cares.”

- Is there someone who knows how she feels and cares?
- What should she do? (Pray)
- *1 Peter 5: 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

John 11: 35

Topic: a) There will be sadness in this life.

a) *Ps 56:8 You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?*

a) *Re 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

a) For Sam, Saturday was a happy day. Then came Sunday. That was a happy day too. Monday was a sad day. Tuesday was happy. Wednesday was happy. Thursday was even happier. Friday was sad. Saturday was sad too. Sunday was happier. Monday was even better and Tuesday was really happy. Then Wednesday came. It was sad again. But the rest of the week was happy.

- This is the way life is...some days are happy days and some are sad days.
- Do you think you will have more happy days in your life or sad days?
- Whether you are happy or sad, Jesus loves you and for those who trust in Him...it will always get better.

Topic: b) It’s the sad days that bring us closer.

b) There are two kids. They both believe in Jesus. One lives in the land of soft fluffies. These are fluffy little creatures that purr like kittens when you pet them. They like to get close to people and snuggle with them. They are very friendly and soft. The other kid lives in the land of biters. These are mean little creatures with sharp teeth. They hide behind trees, sneak up behind and bite!

- Out of these two kids...which one do you think prays more? Why?
- Which one of these kids is closer to Jesus? Why?
- Which one of these kids do you think is stronger? Why?
- Some of your days will be soft fluffies. Enjoy them.

- Some of your days will be biters. Get stronger. How?

John 11: 36-37

Topic: a) If God is so powerful...Why is there sadness?

a) Roberts dad wants to take Robert to the water park. His dad has everything they need. He has the car, the tickets and the money. Dad has everything Robert needs to spend a fun day at the water park. Dad packed the car with snacks and all the stuff they would use. He pulled the car out of the driveway and honked the horn for Robert. Robert came to the door and yelled out, "Dad, I don't want to go! I'm gong to stay in my room all day in the dark!"

- Could dad have taken him?
- Why didn't Robert go?
- Has God shown us the way to live and can He bring us there?
- Then why is there so much sadness in the world? (Because people choose not to go)

Topic: b) Why did God give us a choice?

b) Samantha has a friend named Jenny who really likes her, wants to be her friend and come over to her house and play. Samantha also has a doll. If you pull the string on its back it says, "I am your friend."

- If you were Samantha...Who would you rather be with; Jenny or the doll?
- Would you rather be a person or a doll that can't think?
- If God didn't make us people who think and make choices...there would be no life.

John 11: 38-39

Topic: a) But Lord....

a) Sidney's mom came into his room to wake him up. She looked over at Sidney lying in his bed and yelled, "Sidney, get out of that bed!" "Aw mom, please leave me alone." Sidney sleepily replied. What Sidney didn't know was that there was a giant spider coming down from the ceiling and heading right for his head. His mom yelled louder, "Sidney, get out of that bed right now!!" "Mom, I just want to sleep a little longer. Please go away." The spider was getting closer. "Sidney, you get out of that bed right now!!!!" "Go away mom. I don't want to get up right now." The spider got closer. "Sidney, there's a giant spider coming down right on your

head! Get out of that bed this instant!!” “Aw mom, there’s no spider. I’ll get up in a little while.”

- What do you think is going to happen?
- Should Sidney have argued with his mom or obeyed her?
- When God tells us to do something...Should we do it or argue with Him?

a) Luke 5: 4-7...*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

- What Jesus told Peter to do didn’t make any sense but Peter did it and was glad he did.

John 11: 40

Topic: a) Do you want to see the glory?

a) Exodus 17: 3-6... Moses hitting the rock. He believed and saw a miracle.

a) Would you rather climb a mountain or a tiny hill?

Walk on water or a road?

Hit a home run or strike out?

Be fireworks or smoke?

Be a butterfly or worm?

Would you rather fly or crawl?

- Then believe in Jesus with all your heart
- Believe what He says.

John 11: 41-42

Topic: a) There is one who always hears

a) Once there was a boy named Talkie. They called him Talkie because he talked so much. One day Talkie went out to the kitchen. His mother was there. Talkie talked and talked and talked. Finally his mother said, “Talkie, you must stop talking. I have work to do.” Talkie went out to the garage. His dad was working out there. Talkie talked and talked and talked. Finally his dad said, “Talkie, I can’t really listen now, I have to work on our car. Talkie went into the living room. His sister was there reading a book. Talkie talked and talked and talked. Finally his sister said, “Talkie, you’re weird!” and she walked out. Talkie went up to his room, lay down on his bed and talked to God. Talkie talked and talked and talked and talked and talked...and God listened.

a) Bobby wanted his friend Sam to stay overnight. Bobby went into the kitchen to ask his mom if Sam could stay over. His mom was very busy. “Not tonight, Bobby” she said. “But why?!!” whined Bobby. “Because I said so!” replied mom. Bobby hated it when his parents said

“Because I said so.” He waked out of the house angrily. He kept walking into the woods. He walked so far away that there weren’t even any birds or animals around. He stood in the middle of a field and screamed as loud as he could, “I am very angry!!!”

- Did anyone hear him?
- Does anyone care?

Topic: b) Believe the Father has sent Him.

b) If your father is a monkey...then you would be a ...?

If your father is a fish...then you would be a...?

If your father is a bird...then you would be a?

If your father is a human...then you would be a...?

If your father is God...then you would be...?

- Jesus is the Son of God come to do His Fathers will.

John 11: 43-44

Topic: a) With a word He raises the dead

a) There was a school. In this school there was a very noisy class. The teacher tried and tried to get the students to be quiet but they wouldn’t listen. One day they were being very noisy. The teacher was yelling at them to be quiet. They wouldn’t. Suddenly the principal walked in the room and said one word...”Quiet!” The whole room got quiet.

- Why did the class suddenly become quiet? (Because he is the principal and has the authority)

a) Ge 1:3 *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

- He created the universe by His word

a) Luke 7: 12-15....Jesus raises the dead with His word

a) Mark 4: 35-41...Jesus calms a storm with His word.

a) Luke 5: 12-13...Jesus heals by His word.

- If you believe in Jesus it’s like God has looked at you and said one word...”Live!”

John 11: 45-46

Topic: a) People see the same thing and have different reactions

a) Sally, Jenna and Mildred were all in the same art class. The school was going to have a contest. Whoever painted the best picture would win the prize. The girls got to work. The day for the judging came. All three girls were sure they were going to win the prize. The teacher stood up and said, “All the paintings are great but only one can win. The winner of the art contest is...Mildred!” Mildred was so happy as she went up to get her prize. Sally saw that

Mildred had won and she became angry. "My picture was better than hers" she thought. "I should have won!" Sally sat there with a big frown and wouldn't even clap for Mildred. When Jenna saw that Mildred had won she felt sad because she wanted to win but when she saw how happy Mildred was...Jenna got happy too. Jenna couldn't help but smiling when she saw Mildred up there laughing. Later she congratulated Mildred and told her how much she liked her picture.

- Which one of the girls has Gods heart?

a) Many people saw Jesus on the cross. Two believed.

- Lu 23:35 *And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."*
- Luke 23: 39 *Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."*
- Luke 23: 40 *But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*
- Mt 27:54 *So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"*
- Six million people left Egypt with Moses. They saw all the miracles the Lord did in the wilderness. When they got to the Promised Land; how many believed that the Lord would take care of them?

John 11: 47

Topic: a) Seeing the truth.

a) There was a girl who lived in a far away land. In this land there were no Bibles and there were no churches. No one had ever told this girl about God. She would go out during the day, sit down in the grass and just look at the sky, the trees and the little animals running about. At night she would sit outside looking up into the starry sky and just wonder. One day someone came to where she lived and told her that God created the world. "Oh I know that!" the girl said.

- No one ever told her. How does she know that? (She saw the truth)

a) There was a girl named Emma who never went to church. Every week Emma would visit her grandmother. Her grandmother was sick but she was smiling every time Emma saw her. Even though she was sick, Emma never heard her complain or seem angry. Many times when Emma walked into grandma's house she would find her reading her Bible. Many times Emma would see her grandmother praying. Even though she was sick her grandmother had a happiness about her. One day one of Emma's friends invited her to church. At church the Sunday school teacher said that Jesus takes care of us no matter what. Emma said, "Oh, I know that."

- How does she know that?

a) Once there was a grandpa who never read the Bible or went to church. His granddaughter, whose name was Emily believed in Jesus, went to church and read her Bible. Whenever Emily was at her grandpa's he would watch her. He saw how she was fair and nice to her friends. He saw how she obeyed her parents and brought happiness into the house. He saw how she was nice to her little brother and took care of him even when he wasn't being nice. One day the grandpa went to church with Emily and her family. The preacher stood up and told the people that God is good. Grandpa said, "I know that."

- How does he know that?

John 11: 48

Topic: a) What's more important...now or forever?

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- A mansion now or living in heaven forever?
- A video game now or flying with the angels forever?
- Lots of money now or treasures in heaven that last forever?
- Fancy car now or a new body that can do all sorts of cool stuff we can't do now and will last forever?

a) Mark 10: 17-22... This young man thought now was more important than forever.

John 11: 49-52

Topic: a) Many different groups

a) There are many different groups. People from different countries. People of different colors. People who like to skateboard. People who like loud music,. People who hate loud music. People who are old. People who are young. People who are short. People who are tall. People who are boys and people who are girls.

Out of all these groups, God calls people to belong to another group that lasts forever....children of God.

John 11: 53

Topic: a) Did evil win when they killed Jesus?

a) Once there was a large tree that made all the people and animals happy. In the shade of the tree there grew up an evil weed. This evil weed lived in the shade and hated the tree. The evil weed decided it was going to kill the tree. The evil weed dug its roots deep into the ground. It wrapped its roots around the roots of the tree. By doing this the evil weed took all the food and water away from the tree. Eventually the tree died. The evil weed was happy because he thought he had won. The only problem was that now there was no shade for the weed. Out in the bright sunshine the evil weed started to wither and soon died being scorched by the sun.

After a time a little green stem poked its way out of the ground. It grew larger and larger. Soon it was tall and started growing leaves. The tree was back!

- Did evil try to win?
- Did it think it won? Why?
- Who really won?
- Jesus went to the cross because of all the evil in the world.
- Satan thought he won.
- Jesus died for our sins and came back to life. Now evil has no power over those who believe in Him

a) Esther and Haman....Sometimes it looks like evil is winning but it can't.

John 11: 54-55

Topic: a) What is Passover?

a) Exodus 12....The Passover

a) John 1: 29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

a) John 11: 25 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11: 56-57

Topic: a) Can people mess up Gods plan?

a) Billy loves to play baseball. He made plans for a big game. He invited all the kids in the neighborhood. He told them to bring baseballs and gloves. He was going to bring a cooler of popsicles that the kids could eat because it was going to be hot out. So Billy made all his plans and was ready to go. On the day of the big game he went to the freezer to get the popsicles and found that the freezer had broken and they were all melted. Then he went to the ball field to wait for the kids. Most of the kids didn't even show up. The ones that did brought footballs instead of baseballs. Then it started to rain. Things did not go the way Billy planned.

- Our plans can get messed up. Can Gods...? Why not?

a) There once was a boy who was walking along some train tracks. He could hear the whistle of a train coming from a distance. The boy stood on the tracks, put his arms in front of him and said, "I am going to stop this train!" The train was going ninety miles and hour. The boy stood on the tracks with his arms out. The train got closer and closer. "I am going to stop this train!" the boy yelled.

- Is this boy going to be able to stop the train?
- No one can stop Gods plans either. What God says is going to happen.
- Those who are with God, He brings with Him. Those who fight against God get squashed.