

John 12: 1-2

Topic: Jesus' friends

a) Luke 10: 38-42... Jesus with His friends / Only one thing is needed.

John 12: 3-6

Topic: a) The fragrance of one who loves Jesus and one who doesn't.

a) Two kids are walking down a path. One of them fell into a pit. The pit was filled with flowers that smelled really good. The other kids fell into a pit also. This pit was filled with mud, slime and dead bugs.

- Which kid would you rather sit next to?
- Mary did things to make God happy. Judas only thought about himself. Which would you rather sit next to?

a) Ralph was outside one summer's day. It was really hot. Ralph was running around all day. He and his friends were wrestling in the mud. Ralph was all hot and sweaty and his clothes were filthy. He smelled. He went home and none of his family wanted to be near him because he smelled so bad. Even his dog ran away from him. Ralph went upstairs and took a long hot shower. He put on clean clothes and ran downstairs. His family was in the kitchen. "Ralph" they said, "You smell good!"

- We smelled of badness and sin.
- Jesus took our sin and badness and put it on Himself.
- Now because of Jesus we smell nice to God

John 12: 7-8

Topic: a) Put God first.

a) All the kids in Sid's class were lined up at the drinking fountain. It was right after gym class. The kids had been running around and were really thirsty. Sid was towards the end of the line. He didn't want to be there so he pushed all the kids aside and ran up to the front of the line. He cut in front of everybody. Some of the kids were on the floor because Sid pushed them down. None of the kids were very happy with Sid.

- Why does Sid want to be first? (For himself)

a) There were a group of people hiking down a mountain. The path was narrow so they walked in a line. One man looked up and saw a huge rock tumbling down the mountain. No one else

saw it. The man saw that the rock was rolling towards the front of the line. He knew that the first person in line was going to get squashed. The man pushed everyone out of the way and ran up to the front of the line.

- Why did the man want to be first in line? (So the others can live)
- Why does God want to be first in our lives? (So we can live)

a) Once there was a race. Every kid in school was running. They all lined up at the starting line. When the coach said “Go!” they took off running down the field. One boy named Luke was faster than anyone. He ran as fast as he could and crossed the finish line. He was the first to cross the finish line.

- Why should he be first? (Because he was the fastest)
- Why should God be first? (Because He is the creator of the universe above all things.)

a) Jana’s family was going on a trip. It was going to be a long fun trip. They packed their suitcases and got snacks and games ready for the trip. The car was filled with gas. They packed everything in the car and everyone piled in. They sat in the car and dad said, “OK everyone, let’s go!” The car didn’t move. They just sat there in the driveway. The kids started whining because they wanted to get going. Dad said, “We’ve done everything. Why isn’t the car moving?”

- What was the one thing dad didn’t do? (Turn the key to start the car)
- If you don’t do the first thing...You’re not going anywhere.
- If you don’t put God first...Your life isn’t going anywhere.

John 12: 9-11

Topic: a) Do we reflect the light?

a) Tim tells his friends that the bike store on the corner sells the fastest bikes. His friends don’t believe him. Then one afternoon they see Tim riding his bike down the street going faster than they had ever seen anyone on a bike. He zoomed by so fast they could hardly see him. They caught up with him at the end of the street and asked him where he got his bike. “At the bike store on the corner” he said.

- Now do they believe Tim that the bike store on the corner sells the fastest bikes? Why? (Because they saw the bike)
- Many people believed when they saw Lazarus alive.
- Do people believe in Jesus when they see us?

a) Mr. and Mrs. Brown are sitting on their front porch watching the kids play in the street. The kids decided they were going to have a race to see which one of them was the fastest. They all ran to the end of the street and lined up. One of the kids yelled “Ready, set...Go!” All the kids took off running as fast as they could. Mr. and Mrs. Brown watched as the kids zoomed past their house. Suddenly one little girl tripped and fell down on the road. She scrapped her knee really bad and was sitting in the street crying. All the kids zoomed by her. One of the older girls named Katy stopped. She picked the little girl up and carried her to the side of the street. Then Katy went up to Mr. and Mrs. Browns porch and asked if they had any Band-Aids. Katy then held the little girl in her lap, put on the Band-Aid and prayed for her. Soon the little girl was smiling again. Mr. Brown turned to Mrs. Brown and said, “You know, Katy’s a Christian.” Mrs. Brown said, “I know she is.”

- How does she know? (She saw the light)

John 12: 12-16

Topic: a) Are we joyful?

a) There was a field. In this field there was a big tree and a large rock. One day a strong wind storm came through. One of these things was blown away. Which one do you think was blown away? (The rock couldn’t be blown away by any wind)

a) Sam was happy. It was Saturday so there was no school. The sun was shining and he was planning on going skateboarding with all his friends. He got his board and his helmet and ran happily outside. As soon as he got outside it started to get dark. Then he heard thunder. Soon it was pouring rain. That rain washed all of Sams happiness away and he went inside with a sad look on his face.

- Happiness is like that tree. It’s good while it’s here but it can be blown away.

a) Acts 16: 23-25....Paul and Silas singing in prison at midnight. Are they crazy? They are in a place where there is no happiness and they are singing.

- They have joy which like that rock, can’t be blown away.
- They have joy because they know they belong to Jesus. They know how awesome God is, that He loves them and will deliver them.

Topic: b) The Bible tells the future.

b) Friday is the day that all the kids have recess in school. They get to go outside on the playground. On Thursday the kids were all hoping for a nice sunny day on Friday because if it rained, they couldn’t go outside. One boy named Charley stood up at lunch and said, “I predict that tomorrow is going to be warm and sunny and we will be able to go outside!” All the kids cheered. The next day when the kids woke up for school it was pouring rain.

- Waqs Charley able to say what will happen tomorrow?
- Can God say what will happen tomorrow? Why?

b) There was mountain. The people all lived at the bottom of the mountain but there was one man who lived on the very top of the mountain. One day the man on top of the mountain called the people at the bottom of the mountain and told them that there was a train coming and would be there tomorrow. “Wow!” the people said...”He can tell what’s going to happen tomorrow!”

- How does he know that the train is coming and will be here tomorrow? (He is high above everything and can see)
- God can see all the yesterdays and all the tomorrows. He created them. Gods word, the Bible tells us what is going to happen in the future.

John 12: 17-18

Topic: a) What is a witness?

a) A witness is someone who tells what they know or have seen.

a) There was a boy walking down a path. He turned a corner and saw a huge lion sitting right in the middle of the path. The boy ran back and told the other people who were walking down the path what he had seen.

- Is he a witness?
- Why did he run back and tell the people?

a) Acts 16: 28-33...Paul and Silas are a witness to the jailer.

a) Acts 10...Peter witnesses to Cornelius.

a) Acts 11: 19...The persecuted Christians spread out preaching the gospel.

a) Jenna is going to the mall on Sunday. She calls up her friend Celia and asks her if she wants to go. Celia says she can’t because she is going to church on Sunday. Jenna says, “Why do you want to go to church?”

“To learn about Jesus” replied Celia.

“Who is Jesus” asked Jenna.

So Celia told her friend who Jesus is, why He came, how He saves us and how much love there is in Him. Jenna said, “Maybe someday I’ll go to church with you.”

- Is Celia a witness?
- God wants all people to hear that if they believe in Jesus they will go to heaven.

a) Isaiah 6: 8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

- If you want to be a witness, God will use you to show and tell others about Jesus.

John 12: 19

Topic: a) There are those who believe that Jesus is the Christ and those who don't.

a) There are a bunch of mice who live in a dark hole. Some of the mice like to go outside and play. They run into the tall grass and play hide and seek and tag and a whole lot of other games that made up. The other mice never come out of the hole. They sit in the dark all day and watch television.

- Which would you be?
- Some people believe in Jesus and walk in the light. Some stay in the darkness. Which will you be?

a) It's a hot day. A whole group of kids went to the pool. Some of the kids jumped in the water. They swam, they played tag. They played Marco Polo. They splashed and had a great time in the water. The other kids didn't go in the water. They sat on the side of the pool and watched. Which would you be?

- Those who follow Jesus have abundant life. Those who don't just watch. Which will you be?

Topic: b) How do we treat those who don't believe?

b) Nancy believes in Jesus. There was an elderly woman named Mrs. Nately. Mrs. Nately did not believe in Jesus. In fact Mrs. Nately was kind of mean. She would sit on her front porch and yell at any kids who happened to walk past her house. If one of the kids walked through her yard she would run out with a broom and try to hit them with it. Because she was so mean the kids weren't very nice to her either. Sometimes they would yell mean things back at her. Nancy was different. She wondered why Mrs. Nately was so mean and she prayed for her. One day Nancy found out it was Mrs. Nately's birthday. Nancy made her a card and put it in her mailbox. When Mrs. Nately saw Nancy putting something in her mailbox she ran out on her porch and started yelling at her. Nancy ran home and Mrs. Nately ran out to see what Nancy had put in her mailbox. Mrs. Nately took out the card Nancy had made her. For a moment it looked like Mrs. Nately was going to cry. No one had ever given her a birthday card before. After that, things changed. Mrs. Nately wasn't so mean. After a while she even waved at Nancy from her porch. Then one day Mrs. Nately invited Nancy to sit on the porch and visit. Nancy prayed that she would be able to tell Mrs. Nately about the one who loved her more than anyone ever could.

- Does Nancy have God's heart toward people?

John 12: 20-21

Topic: a) Can we get closer to Him?

a) There were some people camping out. It was a cold night. Some of them stayed close to the fire where it was light and warm. Some of them were a little farther away from the fire. Some were even farther away and some were so far away from the fire that they were in total darkness and cold.

- Where would you be?
- You can be as close to Jesus as you want to be.

a) The Barkley family was having a reunion. All the moms, dads, aunts, uncles and kids were there. All the kids were running around when suddenly they saw someone they had never seen before. He was their grandfather. They had never seen him before because he lived in another state. They stood far away and watched him as he talked with the grownups. Slowly they moved closer and closer. Pretty soon they were sitting on grandpa's lap, talking and laughing with him. .

- We're either moving farther away from Jesus or moving closer.
- Pray...." Jesus bring me close."

John 12: 22

Topic: a) Bringing others to Jesus in prayer.

a) Jenny was in school. During lunch she happened to look over and saw a little girl sitting at a table all by herself. This little girl had the saddest look on her face that Jenny had ever seen. She looked like she was going to cry. Jenny walked over to her and tried to talk with her but the little girl wouldn't answer. She wouldn't even look at Jenny. After lunch in class, Jenny couldn't help thinking about that little girl and her sad face. Jenny whispered a little prayer. "Lord, please help that little girl so she'll be happy today."

- Will there be help for that little girl? How come?
- Bring people who need help to Jesus.

John 12: 23

Topic: a) What is the greatest thing that God has ever done?

a) Was it:

- Parting the Red Sea?
- Bringing dead people back to life?

- Dying on the cross for our sins and coming to life again?
- Bringing water out of a rock?
- Calming the storm?
- Creating the universe?
- What has God done that should really make us say “Wow!”
- The greatest thing that God has ever done is when He came to earth...took the punishment for our sins so we can go to heaven. Then He came alive again so He can give us life forever.
- The greatest thing is the thing that shows who God is...God is love.

John 12: 24

Topic: a) His death and resurrection created something new.

- a) Plants were created by Jesus saying it
 Animals were created by Jesus saying it.
 Humans were created by Jesus saying it.
 Angels were created by Jesus saying it.
 Children of God were created by His death and resurrection

a) There was a boy who inherited a huge mansion. There were many rooms all large and beautiful. The largest room was the toy room. This room was filled to the ceiling with every kind of toy you could imagine. The walls were giant video screens to play games on. The boy couldn't wait to get into the toy room. He ran upstairs grabbed hold of the big door knob and pulled but the door wouldn't open. He tried pushing it open. He tried kicking it open. He got an ax and tried smashing it open. Nothing would get that door open. Later that day as he was going through some drawers he found a large key. He wondered if it would work. He ran upstairs, put the key in the lock, turned it and the door opened. The toy room was his.

- No one could get into heaven
- What was the key that opened the door to heaven for us? (Jesus dying on the cross to take away our sins and coming to life again to give us new life.)

John 12: 25

Topic: a) You can do what you want or you can do what God wants.

a) There was a war. A bad army attacked the good army. The battle raged and the bad army lost. The general of the good army is nice and kind and wants the bad army to live. The general of the bad army can either keep fighting and die or surrender to the general of the good army and live.

- What would you do?
- Surrender your life to Jesus. He is God and He is good.

a) Once there were a bunch of cocoons. Inside the cocoons were caterpillars who were changing into butterflies. Soon the cocoons opened up and beautiful butterflies came out. Just in time too because a cocoon eating bug was climbing up the tree getting closer and closer to the cocoons. One caterpillars' cocoon opened up but he didn't come out. One of the butterflies flew over to the cocoon and said, "You better get out of that cocoon. There's a cocoon eating bug on the way. Besides you can fly out of there and be a butterfly!" The caterpillar in the cocoon said, "No, I'll stay in my cocoon. I like it in here."

- The earth is like that cocoon. Someday it's not going to be here anymore.
- Live you life here on earth and enjoy all that God has for you but love the life that's coming and lasts forever.

John 12: 26

Topic: a) Serving Jesus

a) What does it mean to serve someone? (To do what they say)

a) There was a king who needed a lot of things. He asked a young boy to serve him. The king needed his breakfast. The boy got him his breakfast. The king needed his royal robe cleaned. The boy cleaned it. The king couldn't find the remote for his TV. The boy found it. The king needed lunch. The boy made lunch. It was time for bed. The king couldn't find his teddy bear. The boy found it for him.

- Why did the king want the boy to serve him? (Because he needed things)
- God doesn't need anything. So why does He want us to serve Him?
- Because when we do what God says...we live.
- Because we need to know His love.
- Serve Jesus and be where He is.

John 12: 27

Topic: a) The worst thing in the world is about to happen to Jesus.

a) There was once a contest to see who the strongest man in the world was. The winner would receive one million dollars. In order to win the contest you had to lift a house. One man who was very strong decided to try it. Then the people who ran the contest changed their minds. They now said that in order to win the million dollars you would have to lift every house in the world. The man stood there as they piled every house in the world on top of him. The weight of all those houses crushed the man.

- In order to get to heaven we can't have even one sin.
- All the sin of every person who ever lived or is going to live was piled on Jesus at the cross and He was crushed.
- He did this for you.

Topic: b) Doing the right thing isn't always easy.

b) Dad was in the driveway spray painting some chairs. Timothy was watching him. Spray painting looked like a lot of fun. His dad had to go somewhere. He told Timothy not to touch the cans of spray paint. His dad left. Timothy looked at the cans of spray paint. He thought it wouldn't hurt anything to just spray a little bit on the chair. One spray led to another. Timothy stepped back and looked. The whole driveway under the chairs was covered with paint. Timothy knew he was in big trouble. He dropped the can of spray paint and ran inside. His little brother came out and picked up the can of spray paint that Timothy had dropped. Just then his dad pulled in the driveway. Dad saw the paint all over the driveway. When he saw Timothy's little brother holding the can he figured that he had done the spraying. Timothy saw his dad in the driveway and heard his little brother crying. He knew what he had to do. It wasn't going to be easy but he knew what God wanted him to do. Timothy went downstairs and told his dad that it wasn't his little brother who did it. He told his dad that he had used the spray paint. Timothy got into some trouble for this but his dad was really happy that Timothy had done the right thing and so was Timothy.

- How could Timothy have avoided all this trouble in the first place?
- It isn't always easy to do the right thing but it is definitely always the best thing to do.

John 12: 28-30

Topic: a) What is glory?

a) Glory is when people see something and go, "Wow!!!!"

a) One time there was a moustache contest. Whoever had the biggest moustache would win one thousand dollars. All these men entered the contest. They all had huge moustaches. Then the door opened. All the people turned around to look. The man standing in the doorway had the biggest moustache they had ever seen. It was so big he couldn't even fit through the door. Everyone looked at him and said, "Wow!"

- Did he get the glory?
- Why did he want the glory? (For the thousand dollars)

a) Exodus 14....God parts the Red Sea.

- Who got the glory?
- Why did God want the glory? (So the people would believe and live)

a) Judges 6 and 7....Gideon beats the Midianites with a tiny army.

- Who got the glory?
- Why did God want the glory?
- Should we trust God or have a big army?

John 12: 31

Topic: a) Can evil win?

a) Once there was a flower garden. It was full of beautiful flowers. Then one day a evil and ugly weed grew up in the middle of the garden. This weed grew taller than the flowers. It grew stronger than the flowers. The evil weed started choking the life out of the garden. The flowers were getting weaker and beginning to fade. Then one day the man who owned the garden came out to look at it. He saw the evil weed. The man walked over, grabbed the evil weed, pulled it out by its roots and threw it in the fire.

- Did it look like the evil weed might win?
- Why was the man able to overpower the weed?
- Is there evil all around us?
- Will it last? Why not?

Topic: b) How did Jesus beat evil?

b) Once there was a land called “The land of green sneakers.” It was called the land of green sneakers because that was the only kind of shoes there were in that land. Everyone wore green sneakers. There was no other kind of shoes to wear. One day a wicked king and his army came into the land of green sneakers. He said, “Whoever is wearing green sneakers will be my slave forever!” The people were sad because they were all wearing green sneakers. Then another king came into the land. This king was driving a truck. The truck was full of white sneakers. All the people exchanged their green sneakers for the kings white sneakers. Now they didn’t have to be slaves of the evil king anymore.

- Whoever sins...dies.

- Satan thought...”If I can get them to sin then they will all die.”
- We have all sinned.
- Jesus took out sin on Himself. He died, rose again and gave us His goodness.
- We are free from death and the power of Satan.
- We have exchanged our badness for Jesus’ goodness.

John 12: 32-33

Topic: a) Which road would you go down?

- Darkness or light?
- Thunder, rain and lightening or sunny and warm?
- People with mean looks or people smiling at you?
- Someone who loved you or someone who hated you?
- Jesus is the light of the world
- He wants you to live so much that he died so you will never have to die.
- Will you come to Him?

John 12: 34

Topic: a) Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of man.

a) Jesus is God. How far down did He have to go to become a man?

- As far down as a man becoming a child or even more than that?
- As far down as a man becoming a squirrel or even more?
- As far down as a man becoming a fish or even more?
- As far down as a man becoming a worm or even more?
- As far down as a man becoming a fly or even more?
- As far down as a man becoming a piece of dirt or even more than that?
- Why did Jesus leave heaven and become a man?
- Don’t ever doubt that God loves you.

John 12: 35-36

Topic: a) Do you know where you’re going?

a) There was a bunch of people who had to get from here to there. The only problem was that between here and there were hundreds of roads. It was like a maze. The people started on their journey from here to there. They all took different roads and every one of them got hopelessly

lost. Some fell off cliffs and some are still wandering around lost in the dark. One girl had a map. This map showed exactly which road to take to get from here to there. She read the map, obeyed the map and soon she was there.

- How come she got there and no one else did?
- The Bible is the map for our lives. If you read it every day and let God speak to you...you will get there.

a) There was a circus. In this circus there were two animal trainers. Their job was to train the elephants. One trainer was mean to the elephants. He would yell and hit them. The other trainer was nice to the elephants. He took good care of them, petted them and spoke nicely to them.

- Which trainer do you like better?
- Which one is smarter?
- Do we hurt people by our words and actions or do we love them?
- *1 John 2: 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

a) Jeff's dad had made him a promise. He promised that on Friday night he would take Jeff to the movies. All that week the other kids asked Jeff if he wanted to do something on Friday night. Jeff told them that he couldn't because he and his dad were going to the movies. The other kids said, "Today's only Monday. How can Jeff know that he is going to the movies on Friday?"

- How can Jeff be so sure that he's going to the movies?
- If God promises us something will it come true?
- God has promised that if we believe in Jesus we will definitely go to heaven.
- You can know on your good days and on your not so good days that you are going to heaven because Jesus saved you.

John 12: 37-38

Topic: a) Who has believed?

a) There were a bunch of cars traveling down a road heading towards a river. Before they got to the river they all saw a huge sign that said, "Danger...Bridge Out!" Some of the people when they saw the sign, turned their cars around and went another way and some of the cars kept going.

a) There was a group of hikers going through a forest. As they were going down a path through the trees they saw a sign nailed to one of the trees. It said, "Go Back! Danger! Quicksand!" Some of the people when they read the sign, turned around and walked another way. Some of the people when they read the sign kept going.

a) It was a hot day and all the kids wanted to go swimming. One of the kids said he knew where there was a pond where maybe they could swim. The kids grabbed their towels and waked to the pond. When they got there they saw a big sign that read, "Shark Pond." Some of the kids went elsewhere to swim. Some of the kids jumped into the water.

a) There was a group of people walking through a jungle. They were taking pictures of all the different animals they saw. Suddenly they heard someone screaming and a noise that sounded like thunder. They saw a small boy running towards them on the path. "Run for your lives! Elephant stampede!" he yelled. Some of the people turned around and started running. Some of the people kept walking down the path.

- Some believe and some don't.
- The smartest thing is to believe what you know to be true about God.

Topic: b) How can you tell if someone believes?

b) There are a bunch of people in a building. One of them says that he thinks he smells smoke. Suddenly a fireman runs into the building. The people can see that he is a fireman. The fireman yells, "Get out, the buildings on fire!!" Some of the people run out of the building and some stay inside.

- Who believed in the fireman? How can you tell?
- Those who believe in Jesus...obey Him.

Topic: c) Why do we obey God?

c) Edward was sitting in his living room. Outside it was raining really hard and thundering and lightening. Edward heard something scratching at his door. He opened the door and there was a little puppy wet and shaking with cold. Edward brought the puppy in. He got a towel and dried it off. He gave it some food and water. He let the puppy sleep under the blankets with him so it would be warm. The next morning Edward had to go out to the mailbox. He didn't want the puppy to go near the street so he said, "Stay!" The puppy sat down and did exactly what Edward told him to do. He stayed right there until Edward came back.

- Did the puppy want to obey? Why?
- We obey Jesus because we know who God is. We know His love.

c) Luke 18: 35-43....The blind man followed....Why?

c) John 8: 1-12....”Go and sin no more.” Do you think this woman obeyed? Why would she?

c) Matthew 19: 13-15...Do you think the kids wanted to be with Jesus? Why?

John 12: 39-41

Topic: a) Keep my heart soft.

a) If you start playing the guitar your fingers will hurt. You have to keep playing until the skin on the tips of your fingers gets hard. Then when you play you can't feel anything.

- Some people's hearts can get like that. They can become so hard that pretty soon they can't feel anything good.

a) There was a field. Nothing grew in this field. There were no trees for shade. There wasn't even any grass. The reason nothing grew in this field was because the ground was hard. If a seed happened to fall on it there was no way it could get into the ground. If it did there was no way any growth could push its way up through the ground. The ground was just too hard. Then one day it started to rain. It rained all day. The ground became soft. Soon little flowers started to push their way through the ground. In a short time that field was a beautiful garden.

- There is one thing that hardens our hearts....unbelief
- What softens our hearts? (His love and goodness)

a) Once there was a mouse who was searching the kitchen floor for food. The mouse saw a huge piece of cheese on the floor. Unfortunately this cheese was attached to a mouse trap. The mouse was just about to grab the cheese when the cat who was very nice grabbed the mouse and saved his life. The mouse was very angry with the cat because the cat didn't let the mouse take the cheese. Days passed and the mouse wouldn't talk to the cat. He would only give him mean looks if the cat said anything. Has the mouse's heart become hard? Even though the mouse was being so mean the cat was still nice to him. He even shared his food with the mouse. After a while the mouse wasn't mad anymore. He even thanked the cat for keeping him away from that cheese.

- What softened the mouse' heart?
- Lord keep my heart soft with your love.

John 12: 42-43

Topic: a) What's more important?

a) Luke 18: 18-23...

- He was rich. He was popular. He had a good life.
- What was most important to him?

- What did he miss out on?

a) Its garbage day on Jim's street. The day when everyone puts their garbage cans out so the garbage truck can pick them up. Jim and his friend Stephen were walking down the street when they met up with some other kids. These other kids told Jim and Stephen of a plan they were hatching. "Tonight after it gets dark we're all going to meet here. Then we're going to run down the street and knock over everyone's garbage cans. It'll be fun!" Jim and Stephen are Christians and they know that running down the street knocking over garbage cans would not be the right thing to do. The other boys could tell from the looks on Jim and Stephen's face that they definitely did not want to do this. The boys said to Jim and Stephen, "Hey if you don't go with us you can't hang out with us anymore. You guys will be chickens with no friends!" The boys had to make a decision. Stephen decided to go with the boys because he didn't want to lose any friends. Jim chose not to go with them.

- Who would you go with? Why?

John 12: 44-45

Topic: a) Jesus is God

a) There are oranges growing on a tree. They are bright orange. They look so good on the tree that people stop and look at them. Sometimes people will even stop to take pictures of them. One day some workers came into the orchard and picked the oranges. The oranges were brought to a factory where they were peeled, sliced into pieces and put into cans.

- Now what are they? (Still oranges)
- Jesus was God in heaven in all His glory. He came down into a human body. Now who is He?

John 12: 46

Topic: a) He is the way.

a) You have to go through a very dangerous place. You can't get through it by yourself. You need someone to show you the way.

- Would you rather have someone who says he'll show you the way but he doesn't know where he is going or...?
- Someone who believes he knows the way but really doesn't...or?
- Someone who doesn't really know the way but he has a flashlight...or?
- Someone who knows the way and won't just show the way but will carry you and bring you safely there?
- Jesus shows us the way but more than that...He is the way.

a) There are a bunch of kids who have to get across a river. The river is deep and the water is running very fast. People come up and give the kids advice on how to get across. One says they

should swim across (even though some of the kids can't swim). Another says they should take the ferry boat across (even though there is no ferry boat.) Another said they should try to jump over the river (even though it was way too far to jump.) Finally a huge talking bridge walked up to the kids and told them to follow. They went down to the river. The bridge stretched across the river and the kids crossed safely.

- Jesus doesn't just show us the way to life. He is the life.

John 12: 47

Topic: a) Not to judge but to save.

a) There was a kitchen. In this kitchen lived a cat and some mice. The cat told the mice that they could eat whatever they found in the kitchen but there was one rule. The mice were not allowed to take any food out of the refrigerator. The cat told the mice that if they did take any food out of the refrigerator, they would be thrown out of the house and not be allowed to return. One day while the cat was sleeping, the mice crept across the kitchen floor. They came to the refrigerator, stood on each others shoulders and reached for the door handle. They pulled and the refrigerator door came open. They were just about to feast on a big hunk of cheese when one of the mice knocked over a jar of mayonnaise and it came crashing to the floor waking up the cat. The cat was not happy when he found the mice in the refrigerator. He picked them all up, opened the front door and threw the mice out into the snow.

- Were the mice guilty
- Did the cat save them or judge them?

a) John 8: 1-12....the woman caught in sin.

- Was she guilty?
- Did Jesus judge her or save her?
- Are you guilty? Have you sinned?
- Do you want to be judged or saved?
- Tell Jesus. If you want to be saved....you are.

John 12: 48-49

Topic: a) In the end...all will know the truth.

a) People were traveling down a road. A policeman stood in the middle of the road. He stopped every car and told them if they were going to go any further they would need a boat. Some of the people believed him and brought along a boat. Some didn't believe. When they got to the end of the road they saw that the policeman was right. The road was covered with water. Those who brought boats kept going.

- When we get to the end of the world...everyone will see that the Bible really is true.

- Those who believed in Jesus will go to heaven.

John 12: 50

Topic: a) God speaks...what does He want?

a) There was a boy named Wes. Wes was known for having the messiest room in the world. It was so messy that even his friends wouldn't go up to his room. One day Wes's mom came into his room. She screamed. She told him that his room was a disgrace and if he wanted to continue living in the house something would have to be done.

- Mom spoke to him about the room. What did she want?

a) Genesis 3: 1-5...Satan spoke to Adam and Eve. What did he want? (He wanted them to die)

a) God speaks to us through His word. What does He want? (He wants us to live)