

## John 17: 1

**Topic:** a) What is glorify?

a) There was a contest for strong men. One man lifted one hundred pounds over his head. The people said, “Wow.” The next man lifted five hundred pounds over his head. The people said, “Wow!!” The next man lifted a truck over his head. The people said, “WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

- Who got the glory?

**Topic:** b) Glorify God

b) Once there were a bunch of people standing around a fire to keep warm. It was winter and very cold. A boy started to wander away from the fire. As he got more and more lost he became more and more cold. One of the people by the fire took off to find the boy. He found him almost frozen to death. He carried him back to the fire. The boy got warm and lived.

- This is why God wants to be glorified. So people will come to Him and live.

## John 17: 2-3

**Topic:** a) What is eternal life?

a) Is it how long we live?

a) Once there was a boy who loved to watch movies. He would rather watch movies than do anything else. One day his mom told him that since it was raining out and there wasn't anything else to do...he could watch movies all day long.

- Our lives are going to go on forever.
- Yet eternal life is even better than this.

a) Is it quality of life?

a) So the boy starts watching movies. His mom comes back from the store with a bag. He asks her what is in the bag. She says, “They were having a sale on all the kinds of movies you like so I bought a whole bag full!”

- Our lives are not only going to be forever but we will live forever in a place that is going to be so good, we cant even imagine it.
- Yet eternal life is even better than this.

a) So the boy gets to watch movies all day and his mom has bought a bag full of his favorite kind of movies. All of a sudden the phone rings. The man on the other end says, “We are making a movie. We know it's your favorite kind of movie so we want you to star in the movie.”

- Not only are we going to live forever in the greatest and most fun place ever but we will be able to stand in front of God and see Him. God will give us new bodies that will be able to hold all the happiness when we see God.
- This is eternal life. Jesus gives eternal life to all those who come to Him.

## **John 17: 4-5**

**Topic:** a) What did Jesus come to do?

a) Once there were a bunch of bugs. One day the bugs thought it would be good if they went into a house to look for food. So the bugs crawled through the crack under the door. They were marching across the kitchen towards the refrigerator when the lady who lived in the house saw them. She started screaming. The man who lived there came rushing in to see what was wrong. The lady told the man that he should stomp on the bugs and kill them. Instead the man took a paper bag. He led all the bugs into the paper bag. Then he took the bag outside and emptied the bugs in a perfect bug place next to a garbage can that was full of yummy bug treats. The bugs were glad that they weren't stomped and they loved their new home.

- Were the bugs doing what they were supposed to be doing?
- Did the man stomp them or save them?
- Do we always do what we're supposed to be doing?
- Did Jesus come from heaven to stomp us or save us?
- How has He saved us?

## **John 17: 6-8**

**Topic:** a) Keeping Gods word.

a) A boy was walking in the woods. He looked on the ground and found a dollar bill. Then as he walked further he saw something sticking out of the ground. It was a whole dinosaur skeleton. Then a little further into the woods he found a real pirates sword. As he walked further he looked down and saw part of a bag sticking out of the ground. He dug it up and found that it was full of gold. Then as he ventured further he saw a box lying on the ground. In this box was a Bible. He held the Bible close. He knew that out of all the cool things he found that day, the Bible was the most valuable.

- He knew that the Bible contained the very words of God to the people He created.
- The other stuff was cool but he knew it wouldn't last forever. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away."
- Your Bible didn't cost a lot of money but it is the most valuable thing you own. You have the words of God.

## **John 17: 9-12**

**Topic:** a) God will keep you.

a) Tim has been good all week. Everything his mom and dad told him to do he did and he did it without complaining. At the end of the week his dad was so happy with him that he took him go cart racing. They spent all day speeding around the track in little go carts. The next week wasn't so good. Not only did Tim not obey his mom and dad but he complained and whined about everything. At the end of the week his dad was so angry that he told Tim to pack his suitcase and move out of the house.

- Is God like this?
- Does His love ever stop?

a) There were a bunch of kids who went to heaven. One day they were out playing and they decided to have a race around the moon. The first one around the moon and back to earth would win. They got all their friends together and lined up for the race. Suddenly one of the kids looked up and said, "Hey, where's Mark?" The kids all went to Jesus and asked Him where Mark was. Jesus said, "Mark...? Oh no...! I must have lost him!"

- Could this ever happen?
- Will God ever lose you?

a) Randy was on a baseball team. The problem was that Randy was a terrible baseball player. He struck out almost every time he got up to bat and he would drop every ball that came to him. Randy kept playing though because he loved to play baseball and the coach who was very nice kept him on the team. One day some people came up to the coach and said, "Why don't you throw Randy off the team? He's the worst player we've ever seen." The coach said, "As long as Randy wants to be on the team, he will be on the team."

- Why did Randy stay on the team? (Coach was good)
- Why does Jesus keep us?
- We know that we'll always be with Him.

## **John 17: 13**

**Topic:** a) That your joy may be full.

a) Margo went to a toy store. She wanted to get something that would be really, really, really fun. The salesman showed her some roller skates that costs one hundred dollars. Then he showed her some new sneakers that cost three hundred dollars. Then he showed her a skateboard that cost two hundred dollars. Then he showed her a mini bike that costs three hundred dollars. Margo was trying to make up her mind when she saw a huge rocket ship. The salesman told her that the rocket would take her around the moon and then bring her safely back to earth. Margo thought this was the coolest thing she had ever seen. She asks how much the rocket cost. The salesman told her that it was free.

- God wants to take you even further than around the moon.
- Everything from God is free. Jesus already paid for it.
- The things on earth can make us happy. The things of God are way more than happiness.

a) There was a girl who had a tree in her back yard. She could see it from her bedroom window. In the summer she would look at the green leaves blowing in the wind and watch the birds landing on its branches. It made her happy. Then the weather changed and the leaves turned color. She was sad that the green leaves were gone but the colorful fall leaves made her happy. Then it got cold and all the leaves on the tree fell off. This made her sad. Then it snowed and the limbs were covered with beautiful white snow. This made her happy again.

- The things that made her happy came and went but the tree was always there.
- Happiness comes and goes but the joy of knowing that our God who loves us will always be there, grows and grows forever.

## **John 17: 14-16**

**Topic:** a) There are two places.

a) There was a king. He was a good king. He saw that his people didn't have any houses to live in and he didn't want them to get wet and cold. He told his people that he would show them how to build the best houses ever and give them everything they would need to build them. He showed them how to build a foundation so that the house would be able to stand and not fall over. Some of the people obeyed the king and built their houses the way he said. Others didn't listen to the king and built houses their own way. Fifty years later the houses of the people who listened to and obeyed the king were still standing. The houses of those who disobeyed and built the way they wanted had fallen over and were piles of junk.

- God has shown us how to build our lives. The foundation is Jesus the Christ.
- Some obey, some try to build their lives their own way. Some lives last forever, some don't.

## **John 17: 17-19**

**Topic:** a) Set apart by truth.

a) There are some people going on a trip. One of them has a GPS. The people come to a fork in the road and wonder which direction to take. The man with the GPS says that they should go to the right. Another man says that he thinks they should go to the left because there are pretty flowers down that road. Some people follow the man with the GPS and some follow the man who is walking towards the pretty flowers. The people who followed the man with the GPS got to where they wanted to go. The people who followed the other got lost. What got the people who got to where they wanted to go on track?

- What keeps us on track for our lives? (The Bible)

## **John 17: 20**

**Topic:** a) From whom have we heard?

a) Billy is standing on the corner of a busy street. As he's standing there he sees a blue car run into the back of a red car. The police come and the driver of the blue car says that the red car was the one who ran into him. The police ask Billy what happened. Billy tells them that the blue car was the one who hit the red car. The driver of the blue car asks the policeman why he believes what Billy says.

- Why should the policeman believe what Billy says? (Because he actually saw what happened)
- The men who wrote the gospels saw Jesus, heard Him, talked to Him, saw Him die on the cross and saw Him after He rose from the dead.

## **John 17: 21-22**

**Topic:** a) Being in Christ.

a) Once there was a boy who had a gorilla suit. It had a gorilla mask and everything. The boy put the gorilla suit on and walked down the street. A man looked at the boy and said, "That boy reminds me of a gorilla."

- Why? ( Because he's in the suit)

a) There was a girl named Marci. Marci had moved from another. She had to leave all her friends and her school and go to a new school where she did not know anyone. Everyone else in this new school had friends. Marci sat in class by herself. The lunch room was noisy with kids laughing and talking. Marci sat by herself. She was very sad. One day at recess she was sitting by herself watching the other kids play. Marci was feeling very sad and lonely. A girl named Sasha who was a Christian came by and saw Marci. Sasha saw Marci sitting there all by herself looking sad. Sasha stopped, smiled and asked Marci if she would like to come and play a game with her. Marci was so happy that someone was nice. Marci thought, "Sasha reminds me of someone."

- Who?
- Why? (Because Sasha is in Jesus)
- Whoever believes in Jesus is surrounded by Him.
- It's a safe and wonderful place to be.

## **John 17: 23**

**Topic:** a) Are you perfect?

a) There was a sign on the door of the church. “Perfect children club meeting tonight at eight o’clock.” In order to be a member of the Perfect Children club you have to be a totally perfect child. Eight o’clock came and nobody showed up for the meeting.

- Why didn’t anyone show up for the meeting? (Because nobody’s perfect)
- Do you have to be perfect to get into heaven? (Yes)

**Topic:** b) How can we ever be perfect?

b) There is a club at school. It is called The Bald Club. The members of the Bald Club always have a lot of fun. Anyone could join the club, boys or girls. The only thing is you have to be bald to get into the club. There was a boy named Eric who really wanted to join the Bald Club. The problem was that Eric had really long thick hair. He came home sad because he couldn’t join the Bald Club. His mom got a pair of clippers and shaved Eric’s head. He ran to join the club. When the Bald Club saw him coming, they cheered.

- Eric wasn’t bald. How was he able to join the club? (He was made bald)
- To get into heaven you have to be perfect.
- We aren’t perfect. How do we get into heaven? (Have to be made perfect)
- How are we made perfect?

**Topic:** c) There is one thing you don’t have to worry about. (God’s love for you)

c) Maggie was worried. There was a big test in school the next day and she was worried that she might not pass. Also the soccer team was having try outs and Maggie was worried that she might not be good enough to make the team. Also she had a doctors appointment after school and she was worried that she wouldn’t get home on time and would miss the appointment. Also the reason she had to go to the doctors was to get a shot so she was worried about that also. As she sat there thinking about all these worries she suddenly stopped worrying. She stopped worrying because she remembered that there was something bigger and more important than anything else in the world and she would never have to worry about that.

## **John 17: 24**

**Topic:** a) What’s going to happen when you see Jesus?

a) There were some people whose clothes were made out of rocks. It was very hot where they lived and they would have loved to go swimming but they couldn’t. They had never even felt what it was like to jump into cool water. One day a man came by who had a truck load of bathing suits. He told them people to take off their rock clothes and put on the bathing suits. They did and when they jumped into the water they felt better than they had ever felt before.

- What would have happened if they had jumped into the water with their rock clothes on?
- If you were to see Jesus in this body, you would explode because these bodies can't hold that much happiness.
- God will put new bodies on us that will hold all the joy of heaven.

## **John 17: 25**

**Topic:** a) Growing in the knowledge of God

a) There was a balloon. This balloon kept growing bigger and bigger. The bigger it got the higher it went. Soon it went up so high and got so big that it couldn't hold anymore and burst.

a) Every day we should be filled with knowing God more and more and be filled with more and more joy.