

John 19: 1-7

Topic: a) Why is this world cruel?

a) There is a lamb. She has a shepherd. The shepherd takes very good care of her and protects her. The shepherd told the lamb never to go near the dark woods and to stay away from wolves. One day the lamb was running around in the field when she found herself near the dark woods. She had always wondered about those woods. Suddenly she heard a voice coming from inside the woods. The voice said, "I don't have anyone to play with. Will you please come into the dark woods and play?" The lamb listened to the voice and followed it into the dark woods. Soon she found herself in the dark, cold woods surrounded by hungry wolves. The lamb cried out, "Why is it so dark and cold? Why am I so sad and scared?"

- Why is it so dark and cold? Why is she so sad and scared? (She left her shepherd)
- People once were with God. When we sinned and left God the world came under the influence of Satan who is cruel. This is why there is sadness.
- Is there any way the lamb can escape? (Only if her shepherd come to get her)
- Did our shepherd come to get us?

John 19: 8-11

Topic: a) God is in control.

a) Once there was a car sitting in a garage. The car said, "I can go anywhere I want. Nobody can tell me where to go. I can go fast or slow. I can do anything I want." Then the garage door opened and the man who owned the car got in and turned the key.

- Is what the car said true? (Why not?)
- People think they have power and can do whatever they want.
- They can...but God is in control of everything.

John 19: 12-16

Topic: a) Bowing to pressure.

a) Once there was a bunch of fish swimming around in a lake. Suddenly they saw a worm dangling in the water. There was a string attached to the worm. One of the big fish said to one of the little fish, "Hey Stinky, swim over there and get that worm for us." They called him Stinky because he smelled like a fish. They all smelled like fish but they called him Stinky anyway. Stinky looked at the worm and said, "I don't want to. There's something fishy about

that worm.” The big fish looked at Stinky and said, “ If you don’t get that worm for us you can’t be our friend anymore!”

- Should he do it?
- Sometimes people will try to get us to do bad things and if we don’t they won’t be friends with us
- You can’t obey bad people and God.
- You have to choose ...Jesus or bad friends.

John 19: 17-22

Topic: a) With criminals

a) Luke 23: 39-43

Topic: b) What is real to us?

b) Did Jesus look like a king on the cross?

- Was He? (He was king of everything)

b) Matthew 14: 23-33....The only thing real to Peter was Jesus and he was able to walk on water.

- Then the storm became more real to him and he sank.

b) There was a young mouse whose job was to go to the kitchen and collect bits of food that the people had dropped on the floor. One day as he was heading for the kitchen a very old mouse called him aside and gave him some advice. He said, “If the cat finds you in the kitchen, don’t run. Stand perfectly still and you’ll be safe.” The mouse continued to the kitchen. Suddenly he heard a growling sound behind him. It was the cat! The mouse was very, very afraid. He felt like turning around and running as fast as he could but he remembered what the old mouse had told him. He had to decide...what was more real to him, his fear or the words of the old mouse. The mouse decided to believe the words of the old mouse. He stood perfectly still. He didn’t even breathe. He could feel his heart pounding. The cat came near, sniffed around and walked right past the mouse. You see, the cat had poor eye sight. He could only see things if they moved. The mouse gathered his food and went home safely.

- Peace, safety and joy come when Gods word is the only really real thing in our lives.

John 19: 23-24

Topic: a) God knew what would happen and knows what will happen tomorrow.

a) Billy was hiding on Sasha. He was planning to jump out when she walked by and scare her. However Sasha saw Billy when he poked his head out and knew that he was going to jump out and try to scare her. When Sasha walked by the place where Billy was hiding he jumped out and yelled but Sasha wasn't scared at all. She just looked at him and said, "How immature."

- Why wasn't she scared? (Because she knew what was going to happen)
- There is one thing that God cannot be. (Surprised)
- We can believe and trust in the one who makes tomorrows.

John 19: 25-27

Topic: a) Care for those around us.

a) Luke 10: 25-37...The good Samaritan

a) Marci went to church. She liked going to church. All her friends were there and she like her Sunday school teacher. At church Marci sang worship songs along with the other kids. She prayed during the prayer time. She listened during class as the teacher told the kids about how much Jesus loves them. After church was over, Marci was out on the playground with her friends. Her mom came out and said, "Marci we have to go now." Marci didn't want to leave. She was having a good time. She jumped off the swing, looked at her mom and yelled, "I don't wanna go home now! I'm playing with my friends and I'm not ready to leave yet so leave me alone!!!"

- Is there something wrong here? What?

a) Tim was coming out of his house to get into the car. One of his friends was walking by and asked Tim where he was going. "I'm going to church with my family" said Tim. His friend asked him why he was going to church. "Because I'm a Christian." said Tim. Then Tim went to get into the car and saw that his little brother was sitting in the front seat. This is where Tim wanted to sit. Tim opened the door, pulled his little brother out of the car onto the ground, got into the front seat, shut the door and left his brother crying on the ground.

- Is there something wrong here? What?

John 19: 28-30

Topic: a) It is finished.

a) There were a bunch of kids standing outside of a water park. This place had pools and slides and fountains and wave pools and everything else you needed to get wet. It was a hot day and the kids wished they could get into the water park but they didn't have any money. A man walked by and saw the kids standing there. The man walked up to the ticket booth and bought tickets for every one of the kids. He told the kids to go into the water park. They said, "How can we? We don't have any money." The man said, "It is finished."

- Why did he say that?

a) Sam was throwing rocks up in the air and hitting them with his baseball bat. He hit one rather large rock really hard. It went sailing through the air right through his neighbors window. His neighbor came out and was not happy. He yelled at Sam, “Someone is going to pay for this window!!” Sam was very worried because he didn’t have any money. Sam’s friend Lucas heard that Sam had broken the window and didn’t have any money to pay for it. Lucas had a job mowing lawns so he had some money and since Sam was his friend, Lucas went to the neighbors house and paid for the window. Later that day Sam saw Lucas walking down the street. Sam ran up and told Lucas about the window and that he was really worried because he didn’t have any money to pay for it. Lucas just smiled at Sam and said, “Don’t worry, it is finished.”

- Why did he say that?

a) Before He died on the cross, Jesus said, “It is finished.”

- Why did he say that?

John 19: 31-42

Topic: a) Why should we believe those who wrote about Jesus in the Bible?

a) Sam was going around telling everyone he knew a lie. He was telling everyone that he had walked on the moon. When Sam’s dad heard what Sam was saying he was very upset. He decided to give Sam a chance to tell the truth. He told Sam that if he would admit the truth and say that he really didn’t walk on the moon, then everything would be alright but if he kept saying that he did walk on the moon he would be grounded for a month.

- What do you think Sam will do? Why? (Because he knows that he really didn’t walk on the moon and wont let himself be grounded for a lie)
- Those who saw Jesus said that He died for our sins and came back to life.
- Those who hated God told them that if they stopped saying that and would say that Jesus didn’t die for our sins and didn’t come back to life ...everything would be fine.
- But if they kept on saying that Jesus is alive....they would be killed.
- What do you think they said? Why? (Because they knew it was the truth)