

John 8: 1-12

Topic: a) How does sin benefit us?

a) Once there was a mouse standing at the edge of a cliff watching the birds fly high in the air. The mouse thought how nice it would be to be able to fly high in the sky. He wished he could fly. Just then a mean rat came by and saw the mouse at the edge of the cliff watching the birds fly. “You want to fly?” asked the rat. “More than anything!” said the mouse. “Well” said the rat, “All you have to do is jump off this cliff and you’ll be flying! You can flap your arms just like a bird and go sailing through the air! Go ahead, jump!”

- Should the mouse jump?
- Wouldn't it feel cool to jump off and go sailing through the air?
- But then what would happen?
- Sin looks good and feels good, for a moment and then...
- God wants you to fly. Satan wants you to jump off a cliff. The dangerous thing is that Satan can make jumping off the cliff look and feel like flying.
- How do we know the truth?

a) Genesis 3: 1-6...Adam and Eve fall

- Who did they listen to...God or Satan?

a) Thomas has to take a Math test. The trouble is he forgot to study for it and was afraid he was going to flunk it. He was in the bathroom before the test looking very worried. Another boy named Pete was in there too. Thomas told him that he was afraid he was going to flunk the test. Pete told him not to worry. Then Pete pulled out a piece of paper all folded up. “These are the answers to the test!” he said. “All you have to do is sneak it out of your pocket when the teacher isn't looking and you will pass the test.” Thomas listened to what Pete said. In his heart he knew that this was wrong but he really didn't want to get a bad mark on the test so he took the answers. During the test Thomas pulled out the answers, held them under his desk and looked at them. Just then he felt a hand on his shoulder. He looked up and there was his teacher. The teacher took the answer sheet away from him, sent him to the principals office and called his parents.

- Was what Thomas did a sin?
- Why did he do it? (He thought it would benefit him)...Did it?
- Obeying God lifts us up. Disobeying brings us down.

Topic: b) Can we throw stones?

b) There is a rule in school...NO RUNNING! Wesley is coming out of the cafeteria when he sees Beth running down the hallway. Wesley yells at Beth because she is running down the hall. Beth doesn't pay any attention and keeps running. Wesley wants to tell a teacher that Beth is running so he runs down the cafeteria hall looking for a teacher. There's no teacher there so he runs down to the gym. There's no teacher there so he runs to the classroom. There he finds a teacher and Wesley tells her that Beth is running in school.

- Should he be telling on Beth? Why not?

c) Luke 7: 36-39... A woman washes Jesus' feet with her tears.

- "Doesn't Jesus know that she is a sinner?!"
- Was she a sinner?
- Could these men point fingers at her? Why not? (they were sinners too)
- Only God can judge people because He has never done anything wrong and He knows everything.

Topic: c) Finding grace in the sight of God.

c) The men who wanted to stone this woman were sinners just like her. They didn't know the truth about God. When she looked at them, what do you think she saw in their eyes? (anger)

c) Jesus who forgave her, who never did anything wrong, who knows everything, who is God...What did she see in His eyes? (love)

c) The prodigal son... The son came home. The father saw the son coming. He ran out to meet his son. When he got close he started yelling at him and throwing rocks. "Get out of here! You can never come back here, you've been too bad! Go away and never come back here again!"

- Is this what happened? What really did happen?
- Is this what God is like?
- His only desire for you is that you live.
- The woman they were going to stone finally found someone who cared about her and loved her and that someone is God.

Topic: d) What makes us not want to sin?

d) Once there was a cat and a mouse living in the same house. The cat lived in the kitchen and the mouse, whose name was Izzy lived in a hole in the wall. The cat was very nice to the mouse. He didn't chase him or try to eat him. The cat would even share some of his food with the mouse. The

cat would always leave a little bit of milk in his bowl that the mouse could drink. One day the mouse had some other mice come and visit him. One of the mice said, “Hey, there’s a cat in the kitchen. Let’s sneak in there and steal all his food!” Izzy stood up and said, “No...! We are not going to take the cats food!”

- Why didn’t Izzy want to steal the cats food? (Because the cat was so nice to him.)

d) Jesus said to this woman, “Go and sin no more.” Do you think she obeyed? Why?

- When you know how good God is and how much He loves you...You will obey Him with joy.

d) Benny lives on a very busy street. It’s a truck route, which means that all the trucks zoom by his house going very fast and carrying very heavy loads. One day Benny’s father bought him a bike. He told Benny, “You can ride anywhere you want but never, never cross the road.” He made Benny promise him that he would never take his bike across the road.

- Why did dad want Benny to obey?
- Is it hard to obey someone who loves you?
- Who loves you more than anyone else does?

John 8: 13-20

Topic: a) Did Jesus prove that He is God?

a) Once there was bunch of kids who wanted to play baseball. They wanted to be on a team that could win some games. A boy named Jason came up to the kids and asked them if they wanted to be on his team. He told them that his team was going to win a lot of games because he had been practicing and could hit the ball really, really far.

- Would you believe him and join his team?
- What if you saw him hit the ball farther than anyone?

a) Luke 7: 17-22...”Go tell John the things you have heard and seen...”

a) Jesus said that He is God. That whoever believes in Him will never die. That He has the words of life. That He is above all things. That He loves you and wants to give you life.

- Why should we believe Him?

Topic: b) How do people get to know God?

b) Melvin was lying in his front yard one day when he saw a big truck pull up to the house next door. Men got out and started moving furniture into the house. A car pulled up and a family got out. They

were the new people who were going to live in the house. Melvin saw a boy get out of the car. He looked to be Melvin's age. Melvin thought it would be cool if someone his age moved next door. That afternoon Melvin went over to the house. He saw the boy getting his bike out of the garage. Melvin walked up to the boy and introduced himself. He asked the boy if he wanted to go bike riding. They took off together down the street peddling as fast as they could.

- How did Melvin meet the new boy?
- Why did he do these things? (He wanted to get to know the boy)

b) Cindy and LuLu are friends. In the morning on the way to school they sit together every day and talk to each other. At lunch they always sit together so they can talk to each other. They talk on the bus all the way home and when they get home they go outside or sit on the porch and talk to each other. At night after homework is done they talk to each other on the phone. These two friends really know each other.

- How do they know each other so well? (They talked to each other and listened to each other)

b) Charley has a huge Math test tomorrow. The trouble is he forgot all about it and left his book and all his notes that he had to study in school. When he got home he called his friend David. "David, you gotta help me! That big Math test tomorrow...I forgot my book and all my notes! I need your help!" A short time later David was ringing Charley's doorbell. When Charley opened the door he saw that David had brought over his Math book and all his notes. Together the boys went into Charley's room and studied. The next day thanks to his friend David, Charley passed the test.

- Did Charley get to know David? How? (He depended on him to help)
- What did Charley find out about David?

b) This is how we get to know God.

- We have to want to
- We listen to Him (In His word)
- We talk to Him (In prayer)
- We depend on Him
- "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

John 8: 21-24

Topic: a) How can someone die in their sins?

a) Jody's family are having a picnic. They are having it at a park way out in the country. Jody is told by her parents not to wander away from the picnic area because there are dangerous areas in the park. Jody starts chasing butterflies and before long she is far away from the picnic. Now she is close to the woods. Instead of going back to the picnic, she walks into the woods to explore. She soon sees a big sign. Jody reads the sign. It says, "Danger, quick sand Do not go any further!" Instead of paying

attention to the sign, Jody keeps walking into the woods. She feels the ground getting softer and softer. There are signs marked “Danger!” all along the way but she keeps going. She soon realizes that she is stuck and begins to sink.

- If someone doesn’t save her, what will happen to her?
- Why is this happening to her?
- Sin does the same thing. It drags us down. It drags some all the way down to hell.
- Is there any hope for Jody?
- Is there any hope for us?
- The only way not to die in your sins is to have your sins taken away. (Has that happened?)

Topic: b) Is there anyone who can save us?

b) Jody is sinking in the quicksand. She screams for help. A lot of people hear her and come running. She is sinking fast. The people find a long stick and tell Jody to grab hold of the end then they try to pull her out. The problem is that none of the people are strong enough to pull her out and she has sunk up to her neck. Then a man hears all the noise and runs over. This man is a weight lifter with huge muscles. The man takes the end of the stick and begins to pull. Slowly Jody is pulled out of the quicksand and is saved.

- Is there anyone good enough and strong enough to save us from our sins?

b) Once there was an evil street vendor selling poisonous hot dogs. A boy buys one and eats it. Suddenly an ambulance pulls up. A man jumps out of the ambulance and says, “You have just eaten a poisonous hot dog! You are going to get very sick. I am a doctor and know exactly what to do. Here, take this pill and you will live.”

- What does this boy have to do in order to get well?
 -believe that he is sick
 -believe that the man is a doctor.
 -believe that he is telling the truth.
 -take the pill.
- How are we saved?
 -Believe that Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior.
 -Know that we have sinned and need forgiveness.
 -take the gift of salvation for yourself.

John 8: 25-29

Topic: a) Do we always do those things that please Him?

a) God told Adam and Eve to enjoy the life and the place He has given them and don't do anything that would wreck things like eating the fruit of that tree.

- In the beginning, were they pleasing to God? Why? (They were doing what He said)
- And then what happened?

a) Ralph woke up one morning and said a prayer. "Lord, today I am not going to do anything wrong. I am only going to do those things that make you happy." Just then his little sister ran into his room. "Ralph, can I ride your bike for a little while this morning?" "NO!!!!" yelled Ralph, "You cannot ride my bike! That bike is mine and I don't want you using it! Mom...!!!! Tell her to get out of my room and stop bugging me!" Ralph then pushed his sister out of his room and slammed the door. "Like I was saying Lord, today I'm only going to do those things that make you happy."

- Will he make it?
- We want to please God but do we always?
- Is there anyone who has never done anything bad?

a) Luke 23: 39-41..."We deserve what we're getting but this man has done nothing wrong."

- Then why was Jesus on the cross? (To take the punishment for the things we've done wrong)

Topic: b) What pleases God?

b) Why were Adam and Eve pleasing to Him? (They were doing what God said and living)

b) John 6: 28-29..."What shall we do that we may work the works of God?"

b) Williams dad came home from work one night in a good mood. He told William that after he had done his homework he had a surprise for him. William got his work done quickly and dad told him that the surprise was in the trunk of the car. William ran out and there in the trunk was a brand new bike. His dad got the bike out of the trunk. William jumped on it and his dad taught him how to ride the two wheeler. He also told him the rules. He could not go across the street and he could only go as far as ten houses down the street. Later that day dad looked out the window and saw William riding his bike up and down the sidewalk, obeying the rules, laughing and having a good time. Williams dad smiled.

- Did William make his dad happy? How?
- Can we make God happy the same way?

John 8: 30-36

Topic: a) Staying in Gods word.

a) Once there was a flower growing in the front yard. In the morning the sun was shining in the back yard, not the front. So the flower pulled itself out of the ground and walked to the back yard. She planted herself in the back yard but even though there was a lot of sun there, there were also a lot of trees that blocked the sun. So the flower pulled herself up and moved to the side of the house. There was sun there but the house was blocking it. Then the flower looked and saw a large field next to the house. She pulled herself out of the ground and walked into the field. There were no trees in the field, nothing to block the sun. So she planted herself in the field right in the middle of all that sunshine. "I am staying right here forever!" she said.

- Why was it important for the flower to stay in the sunshine? (It needed it to live)
- Why is it important for us to read the Bible and think about it? (Same reason)

a) John 6: 66-68.... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

a) Once there was a boy who got into a boat and began to paddle across "Shark Lake." It was called Shark Lake because hundreds of man eating sharks were in the water. It was not a good place to go swimming. As soon as his boat started out on the water, it was surrounded by hungry sharks. "Hey!" yelled one shark, "Why don't you jump in for a swim? It's really hot out and the water is perfect!" "Yeah!" yelled another, "Jump in and we'll do lunch!"

- Why is it important for the boy to stay in the boat?
- Why is it important to stay in Gods Word? (same reason)

a) On a hot day Randy's big brother and his friends would go down to the ice cream shop and get cones. Sometimes Randy's mother would make his big brother take Randy along. Randy's big brother didn't like this and was always in a hurry to take Randy back home so he could go out with his friends. When they got to the ice cream shop Randy saw a big sign with a lot of words on it that Randy couldn't read because he was little and didn't know how to read. The sign listed all the different flavors of ice cream they had. Every time Randy would ask his brother to read him the sign, his brother would say, "All they have is vanilla." He said this because he wanted Randy to hurry up. Eventually Randy learned how to read. He went to the ice cream shop and saw that they had much more than just vanilla. They had all kinds of flavors of ice cream. Randy got "Peach strawberry with chocolate sprinkles" on it. When Randy's big brother saw him he said, "How did you get that?" Randy answered, "Now I can read. Now I can find out for myself."

- When you are able to read you can find out for yourself what God says.

a) Beth got up one morning and turned on her TV. The man on the weather station said that there were going to be very, very high winds that day. These winds were going to be blowing so hard that they might be able to knock over a house. Beth knew she had to do something. She went into the barn and found an old anchor. She dragged it out, dug and stuck it deep in the ground. Then she tied a rope around the anchor and around her ankle. Soon the wind started blowing. It wasn't so bad at first but soon it was blowing so hard that the trees were bending over. The wind picked

Beth up off the ground. There she was blowing around in the air. But no matter how hard the wind blew, as long as Beth was tied to that anchor she would never be blown away.

- The word of God is like an anchor when trouble or lies try to blow us away.

Topic: b) Living by His word.

b) Seymour is very sick. He has a rare disease called “Big ear disease.” He woke up that morning and felt strange. Then he looked in the mirror and realized that overnight his ears had grown. They were gigantic! He looked like a short thin elephant. His mom screamed when she saw him then she called the doctor. The doctor looked at him, wrote a prescription, told him to go to the drug store to buy it and take the medicine two times a day. Seymour pulled back his ears and did what the doctor told him. The next day when he woke up, his ears were normal

- Why was Seymour healed? (He believed what the doctor said and obeyed)
- How are we saved? (We believe what Jesus says and obey)

b) There was a girl who was going on a journey. She stood at the beginning of the road, looked down it and really didn't know the way to get to where she wanted to go. Suddenly a big car pulled up. The man in the car asked the girl if she needed help. The girl told him about her journey and that she didn't know how to get there. The man in the car was the man who built the road. He knew exactly which way to go. “Look” said the man, “I'm going to write down the directions so you can get where you want to go. Don't lose them.” The girl took the paper and started off down the road following the directions that the man who built the road had given her. Along the way there was someone else standing by the side of the road. This person told the girl that the directions the man who built the road had given him were all wrong. He told her that there was an easier, more fun way.

- Whose directions should she follow? The man who built the road or the other person? Why?
- Who is He who made all things?
- The Bible is the directions He has given us for our lives.

Topic: c) Why is it important to know the truth?

c) Gods advice to Adam and Eve in the garden and Satans advice.

- Why was it important to know who was telling the truth?

c) So the girl is walking down the road with the directions that the man who built the road gave her. This other person tells her that there is an easier and more fun way to get to where she wants to go. The girl listens to him, shoves the directions that the man who built the road gave her into her pocket and starts off in the direction this other person told her. It wasn't long before she

realized that she was lost. Not only lost but she got hurt on the road because it was very dangerous.

- Is there any hope for her? What should she do?
- Jesus said, “You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.”
- God’s work is truth. Don’t get lost.

Topic: d) How can the truth make us free?

d) There was a boy who was a slave to a king in a castle. This boy wanted more than anything else to be free. But he couldn’t leave the castle because every time he tried, the guards at the gate would stop him and make him go back. The king’s gardener knew how much the boy wanted to be free and leave the castle. One day he said to him, “I set you free, you may leave the castle.” The boy started for the gate but one of the guards stepped in front of him and said, “Get back in there slave!” The king’s cook knew how much the boy wanted to be free so she said to him, “I set you free, and you may leave the castle.” The boy headed for the gate. The guard grabbed him and said, “Get back in there slave.” Finally the king heard that the boy wanted to be free and leave the castle so he sent his son to tell the boy that he was free. The king’s son said to the boy, “You are free. You may leave the castle.”

- Will he be able to leave the castle now? How come?
- Did God send His Son to set us free?
- Free from what? (sin, fear and death)

John 8: 37-42

Topic: a) Making a place in our hearts for God’s word.

a) There were some people going on a long journey. The place they were going was far away. There were no stores or water on the way so they had to bring everything they needed with them. Everyone packed their clothes and got on the bus. The bus was very full of people. Last of all the person who was bringing all the food and water came. By then the bus was really full. Should they make room for this person? Why?

- We fill our heads and hearts with TV, music, school work, video games...Should we make room for the word of God?

a) It was winter. Susan had to put her bike away before it started snowing. She opened the garage door and saw that the garage was full of stuff. In order to make room for her bike she had to move boxes, an old television, tires and a lot of lawn furniture. Finally there was enough room for her to bring her bike in.

- How do we make room for Gods word in our hearts? (By picking up the Bible and reading it every, every, every day and pray that God will speak to your heart.)

Topic: b) Abraham believed God.

b) Abraham was called a friend of God.

- Would you like to have God call you His friend?
- What do you have to do? (Believe what He says)

John 8: 43-45

Topic: a) Who is Satan?

a) Satan is an angel who rebelled against God. He is the destroyer. He hates people and wants them to die. He is the father of lies. He will end up in hell.

Topic: b) Why are his lies so dangerous?

b) Once there was a fish whose parents had told him, “If you ever see a string in the water with a worm on the end of it...Don’t touch it! It’s a trap to catch you.” One day the fish saw such a string in the water. At the end of it was a juicy worm. A mean crab who hated the fish happened by. “Hey go ahead and eat that worm!” he said. “The people who sent that string down want you to have a good lunch. And if you grab that worm not only will you be full but that string will bring you to a beautiful place where you will have so much fun!” The fish listened to the crab and hungrily bit at the worm. That fish was never seen again.

- Why was the crabs lie so dangerous? (Because it sounded so good and took him away from what kept him alive)
- Anything that takes us away from the truth is dangerous. (And sometimes it will sound good.)

b) Once there was a place that was full of fuzzy biters. There were hundreds of them. You could find them in the woods or in the road, even in your house. These fuzzy biters were blue fluffy balls of fur. They had big cute eyes and little smiles and would make little purring noises like a kitten. But behind those smiles were big, sharp teeth that the fuzzy biters loved to use if anyone picked them up. So the rule in this place was “Do not pet the fuzzy biters.” One day a boy was walking through the woods and saw a whole group of fuzzy biters under a tree. They smiled at him and made their little purring noises. The boy got closer and looked at them. He thought, “How could anything this cute be dangerous?!” Later that day as he lie in his hospital bed he was sorry that he had been fooled.

- The bible says that Satan comes as an angel of light. Why would he do that?
- Do you think the snake in the garden was scary or do you think it looked beautiful and sounded nice?

Topic: c) How can we not believe his lies?

c) Randy went to the library and read a book about ants. The next day one of the kids said that ants like to live alone. Randy said that wasn't true. He told them that ants liked to live in large groups so they could help each other. The next book that Randy read was about cars. Later one of the kids said that his dad's car could go five hundred miles an hour. Randy said that was impossible because the kind of car this kid's dad had could only go ninety miles an hour. The next book that Randy read was about astronomy. Later all the kids were talking and one said that the earth was way bigger than the sun. Randy said that wasn't so. He told them that the sun was a million times bigger than the earth. One of the kids had been listening to Randy. He turned and said to a friend, "How come Randy knows the truth about these things?"

- Why does Randy know the truth about these things? (He reads)
- Is there anything we can read to know the truth about life?

c) Adam and Eve were told two different things. How could they have known what was the truth? (Listened to God)

- Pray that God will give you a love for the truth so you don't believe the lie.

John 8: 46-50

Topic: a) Why don't people believe the truth?

a) There were some people who were going to camp out in the woods overnight. The first thing they did was to build a fire. When it got dark and time to go to bed some of the people set up their sleeping bags next to the fire. Others wandered deep into the woods and slept in the dark.

- What would be the only reason to sleep in the woods in the dark? (They like it better)
- Jesus is the light of the world. Why don't people come to Him? (They like the darkness better)

Topic: b) If you are in the light you get to do cool things.

b) So...the people who camped near the fire got to do some things because they were near the fire. They got to make smores. They played games. They roasted hot dog and marshmallows. When it was time for bed they were able to lie in their sleeping bags and read and in the middle of the night when they heard strange sounds coming from the woods, they felt safe because they were near the fire. The people who liked the darkness better got to do two things...wander around in the dark and trip over things.

- Which is better? Close to the fire or darkness?
- When we're close to God we get to do those things that make our lives better and we stay away from things that will hurt us.

Topic: c) There is one who judges.

c) Matthew 25: 13-30...The parable of the talents.

- Are we living in the light of truth that God has given us?

John 8: 51-59

Topic: a) What is death?

a) Death is when we're separated from what keeps us alive.

a) Once there was a blue fish who was caught in a fisherman's net. When the fisherman took all the fish out of the net he threw the blue fish on the beach because he thought it was too small.

- What will happen to this fish?
- Why? (Because it was separated from that which kept him alive)

a) Some people were walking along the beach and saw the blue fish lying there. They thought he was a pretty color and that he would look good in a bowl on their living table. So they put the blue fish in a pail, carried him home and put him in a bowl of water on the table. This bowl was so small that the fish couldn't even move. All he could do was sit in the bowl and stare out. He couldn't even move his fins.

- Even though the fish is in water...Is this sort of like death? Why? (Because he can no longer swim free in the beautiful ocean he used to be in)
- Death is when we're separated from what keeps us alive.
- Death is being separated from God.

Topic: b) Why wont we taste death? (Because someone tasted it for us)

b) In the old days, kings had many enemies. Sometimes these enemies would try to kill the king by poisoning his food. So the king would have a "food taster." This was someone who would taste all the kings food before the king ate it. If the food taster lived after he ate the kings food then the kind knew it was ok to eat. If the food taster died, then the king would not eat the food and he would live.

- Jesus tasted death for us so that we could live.
- Our sin would have separated us from God forever (death)
- All our sins were put on Him. He was separated from God the Father for us. He died so that we could be forgiven. He rose from the dead so that we could live.

Topic: c) Before Abraham was...I AM

c) Exodus 3: 13-14....From the burning bush..."I AM"
John 8: 56-58...."Before Abraham was...I AM"

- Who is Jesus saying that He is?

Topic: d) Why did they throw stones at Him?

d) Herman thinks he is the best baseball player on the team. He lets everyone know it and always wears his baseball uniform so everyone will think he is the best player on the team. Then one day a new kid joined the team. This new kid hit the ball every time he got up. He got more home runs than anyone on the team and he was a better fielder than anyone on the team. When Herman saw how good this new kid was...he got angry.

- Why did Herman get angry? (He thought he was better than anyone else and found out he wasn't)
- Some people got angry when Jesus came because they found out that they weren't the best. They found out they were sinners and needed to be forgiven.
- They found out that there is a God who is greater than all.