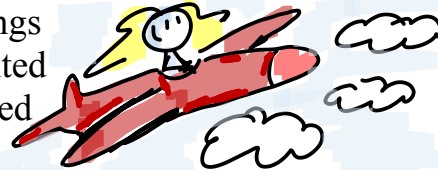


Susan was born. Pretty soon she learned how to crawl and was crawling all over the place. Then she learned how to walk and things got even better. Soon she learned how to run and things got even more fun. Then she learned to ride a tricycle. This was really fun. Then she got a two wheel bike with training wheels. She really felt like a big girl. Soon she took the training wheels off and was able to ride the two wheeler. She could ride really fast. Some time after that she learned how to drive a car. Now things were really cool. She could go wherever she wanted to no matter how far away it was. Then she learned to ride a motorcycle. This was the most fun she ever had. Except for when she got a pilots license to fly a plane. Now she was flying in the clouds.



- Her life got more and more exciting.
- When we follow Jesus (obey) our lives really become more and more exciting until finally we get to go to the party (heaven)

b) Peter left his fishing business (which must have been a fun job) to follow Jesus • He never went back... Why? (Because there's nothing better than being with Jesus.)

John 2: 1-11

Topic: a) Whatever He says to you, do it... Good advice!

a) Genesis 31: 14-17

a) God told Noah to build an arc. Should he do it?... Why?

a) A boy goes up in a spaceship with the man who made it. As they're sailing through space a warning light comes on saying that the spaceship is going to explode in five minutes.

There are two buttons, a red one and a green one.

To save the ship one of these buttons must be pressed.

The man who made the ship tells the boy to press the red one. Which one should he press and why?

- Why should he listen to the man who made the ship?
- If God tells us to do something should we do it?... Why?



Topic: b) When we obey... good things happen / When we disobey, bad things happen.

b) Exodus 16: 14-20... Those who obeyed got breakfast. Those who disobeyed got worms.

b) Why does God want us to obey Him?

One day a father and son were walking through the jungle. The son stopped to look at something. When his father looked back at him he saw a huge poisonous snake slowly coming out of a tree directly over his son. The son didn't see it. The dad told his son to stand still. He said, "Son, don't move and when I tell you, I want you to run as fast as you can. Don't ask any questions just do as I say." He then yelled, "Run!!!" The boy ran and was safe.



- Why did the father want his son to obey? (to keep him from harm)
- God wants us to obey for the same reason.

It was a hot summer day. Julie's family was going to the water park, so was Evans. On the way Julie and her brothers and sisters were obedient to their parents and they took care of each other. All along the way they got to stop and see a lot of fun places. They stopped to eat at a restaurant and could have anything they wanted. Then they got to the water park and had a great day. Evans story was different.



All the way to the water park Evan and his brothers and sisters were disobedient and all they did was fight with each other. Finally Evans father turned around and said, "That's it, I've had it! We're not going to the water park! And they turned around and went home in a sad car.



- Disobedience takes away all the fun.
- When you obey your parents, you are obeying God.

Topic: c) Can we trust Jesus?

c) Matthew 14: 25-33....Peter walking on the water.

- Do you know that God wants you to live?
- Trust Him / Obey Him.

John 2: 12-17

Topic: a) Jesus wants to bring people up. There are those who bring people down.

- a) How were those selling in the temple bringing people down?
- a) God wants you to fly higher and higher forever. Satan wants you to jump off a cliff and go lower and lower.

There was once a man who was very, very nice. This nice man owned one of those big hot air balloons. One day he invited some people to take a ride in his balloon. It was a great ride! The man made the balloon go higher and higher. The people could see for miles. They sailed through clouds and flew next to birds. But there were some mean people on the ground with BB guns. As soon as they saw the balloon they started shooting at it. But as long as the balloon stayed high in the air, they were safe and had the best day ever.



- Why did the man take them up in the balloon? (Wanted to bring them up so they could see everything.)
- Why were the mean people shooting at them (Wanted to bring them down.)
- Jesus wants to bring us all the way up to heaven
- What brings us down? (sin)

John 2: 18-25

Topic: a) Jesus told them what would happen.

- a) He told them that He would die and rise again.
 - a) Genesis 6: 13-22....God told them it would rain. The people didn't believe Noah until they felt those first few drops.

- a) Eli won a prize at school. It was a huge bag of candy filled with every kind of candy bar you could think of. His mom saw him walking up to his room with the bag of candy. "If you eat that whole bag of candy, you'll be sick!" she yelled. Eli didn't listen. He sat on his bed and started eating and he ate and ate and ate. Soon his mom heard some strange noises coming out of Eli's bedroom. Eli was so sick he couldn't even move off his bed.



- Should he have listened to mom?
- How did mom know what would happen?
- Should we listen to God?
- How does God know what will happen? (He can see tomorrow)
- How do we listen to God? (Read His word.)

- a) "Whoever believes in me will never die."....Who said that?

- Do you believe it?
- A million years from now when you are flying around with the angels...you will see.

Once there was a boy who was walking through a field. He didn't know it but he was heading towards a huge pit. In this pit was a huge nest of poisonous spiders. A park ranger happened to be flying over the field in a helicopter. He landed the copter and told the boy he should go back the way he came.

- How does he know what will happen?
- Should the boy believe him?
- Should we believe God?....Why?



Topic: b) Jesus died. Is He still dead?

Sam walked over to his friend Aron's house. As he got closer he saw his friend Aron sitting on the porch steps. Aron had his eyes closed and was talking but there was nobody around. Sam ran up to Aron and asked him what he was doing. Aron told him that he was praying, that he was talking to God. Sam said, "Hey, didn't Jesus die? Then why are you talking to Him?"

- Why is he?



Amber did a lot of fun things during the day. She went to school and saw all her friends. She had her favorite class which was writing class.

She went to gymnastics. And sometimes she would go over to a friend's house after school and they would play until supper. Even though all these things were fun, the best part of the day for Amber was bed time. Hard to believe but it's true. The reason it was her favorite time was because after Amber's mom tucked her in, it was quiet. She would sit there in the quiet and the dark, think about Jesus and talk to Him.

- She can't do that...Jesus died!
- Or can she?
- Can you?



Topic: c) They remembered what Jesus said.

Andrea was playing with legos in the living room. “Go to bed!!” her mother suggested. Andrea picked up her stuff and headed upstairs. The problem was that the light for the stairs was all the way at the top. To get there Andrea would have to walk all the way up those dark stairs to turn on the light and Andrea was afraid of the dark. She took a couple of steps, ran downstairs and her mother had to go up and turn the light on for her. This happened every night. Finally her mother told her that she was old enough to go upstairs by herself and that she wasn’t going to go up and turn the light on for her any more. The next night Andrea’s mom suggested that she “Go to bed!!!” Andrea started up the stairs by herself. It was really dark up there. She was just about ready to run back down and tell her mom that she couldn’t do it when she remembered something...”I will never leave you or forsake you.” Who said that? Andrea remembered and believed what Jesus said. She walked to the top of the stairs knowing that she wasn’t alone. When she got to the top she didn’t even turn the light on for a moment. She just stood there at the top and smiled.



Jeff’s mom had just finished making a gigantic chocolate cake when Jeff came home from school. Chocolate cake was Jeff’s favorite, especially the chocolate frosting. He was just about to stick his finger in the frosting and take a big lick when his mother hit his hand with the big spoon she was holding. “Don’t touch that! It’s for a party tomorrow!” Later Jeff’s parents had to go somewhere , leaving Jeff at home by himself. Jeff walked into he kitchen and saw the chocolate cake sitting on the counter. He stood over it and took a good sniff of the delicious chocolate. He was just about to stick his finger in the frosting when he remembered two things. “Don’t touch the cake!” and “Children obey your parents because this pleases the Lord.” Jeff remembered what the his mom said and what the Bible said. He left the cake and went back to doing his homework. When his parents got home they were so happy that Jeff had obeyed. They had a good night that night. What kind of night would they have had if Jeff hadn’t obeyed? Jeff was glad he remembered what Jesus said. Our prayer should be “Lord help me to remember.”



John 3: 1-10

Topic: a) We have to be born twice?