

Jesus Is The Greatest Gift!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 8

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - CHOOSE CHRIST

Great leaders believe in Jesus and follow His example.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that the reason Jesus was born was so He could take the punishment for their sins so they can be forgiven

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Salvation Story. (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: BEST GIFTS

Meet together and tell your family members to go find two gifts that they have received. Both gifts should be ones they liked a lot when they got them. One should be a favorite gift from a recent birthday or other occasion. One should be an older gift that is a little worse for wear or even broken. Discuss the older gifts first.

- When did you get it?
- Did you like it when you got it?
- Is it broken or worn out in any way?
- Do you play with it as much as when you first got it?

Then discuss the newer gift with the same questions.

After discussing the two different gifts tell your family that the gift God gave to us in Jesus is different than these gifts. It will never wear out or get old. You'll never tire of it. It will last for all eternity because through Jesus, we can spend forever with God in Heaven. As you open new gifts this year, remember that as great as the gifts are, Jesus is the greatest gift.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NLT)

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Main Point: Jesus Is The Greatest Gift!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Jesus Is The Greatest Gift*
File name: Elevate_CHOOSSECHRIST_PPSW_L8_JesusIsTheGreatestGift.mp4
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Jesus in Luke 1:26-38. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What did Pastor Mike say was the greatest story every told?
2. Jesus' story began when God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He gave them some rules to follow. Did Adam and Eve obey God or go their own way?
3. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the world. What is the payment for sin? Circle the correct answer.
A. Death.
B. Candy.
C. Gifts.
D. A bath.
4. Death would separate us from God, but God loves us and doesn't want to be separated from us. Fill in the blanks to find out what God promised us.
God promised a _____ would one day come and bring _____ for our sins.
5. Who did God send to Earth to be the savior?

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6. As Jesus grew older, He taught people about God. How old was Jesus when he begin his ministry to teach, serve, and minister to people?
7. In all of His life, did Jesus ever sin?
8. Jesus was God's Son and was perfect in every way. Because Jesus was perfect, He was the only one who could take the punishment for our sins. How did Jesus take the punishment for our sins?
9. Jesus did not stay dead though. He came back to life to offer us _____ for our sins.
10. When we accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness we can live with God and Jesus in Heaven when we die. To accept the salvation Jesus offers, you can do three things. According to the video, what do A, B, and C stand for?
A - _____
B - _____
C - _____

When we do these three things, our sins are taken away. When you are forgiven, you can spend forever with God in Heaven. If you have prayed the prayer to accept God's forgiveness through Jesus, then spend time this week thanking God for His incredible gift. If you have not prayed that prayer, you can do that now. When you do, you will receive God's forgiveness so you can follow Jesus and become more like Him. Pray the following prayer with your parents and then find a leader or pastor at your church who you can talk with about your decision.

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and have messed up. But I believe in your Son, Jesus. I believe that He came to this world and lived a perfect and sinless life. And I know that He died on a cross to pay the price for my sins. Jesus is the greatest gift, and I choose to follow Him. Please forgive me of my sins. Help me grow more like Jesus every day. Amen.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce." Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

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1. The story of Jesus.
2. Went their own way.
3. A.
4. Savior. Forgiveness.
5. Jesus.
6. Age 30.
7. No.
8. He died on the cross.
9. Forgiveness.
10. Admit. Believe. Choose.