



Construction Crew/ Kid Builders!

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“Choosing the Right Door”

Memory verse: I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. Revelation 3:8

Lesson Objective: In this lesson, students will learn the benefits of going God's way. Even though God's ways do not always appeal to children on the surface, they will learn that the fast and easy way is not as good as God's long lasting and gratifying plan for us. He has a specific plan pre-made for every human being, but it is up to us to choose it. Children need to understand why this is so important. This is the point that this lesson will reinforce.

Requirements for the lesson:

1. 2 makeshift doorframes – make out of anything (scrap boards, trim, cardboard, etc.)
 - a) 1 doorframe – make about 3 feet X 5 feet
 - b) 1 doorframe – 12 inches X 6 feet (save this one—it gets used in a few weeks again)
 - c) Decorating material for the doors
 - d) Butcher-block paper

You will need to make the two doorways for this lesson. Keep them simple. All they really need to be is a box frame made out of trim strips, etc. Make one look very appealing. Paint the frame of the **door #1** gold, or attach crepe paper and balloons etc. Leave **door #2** plain, but neat looking. Cover the inside portion of both frames where a door would go with butcher-block paper. Place a big green "?" on the door #1 and leave the other plain.

Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

“Which Door!” It’s a game show! Split you children up into two teams. It’s a game show where contestants must pick the right door. In the end, greediness could get them nothing. They could have the chance to keep what they’ve won already-- eternal life--or take a chance on losing it all for winning the *big, big* prize!

Use two helpers--one by each door. Have them read from response page one for the skit. Door helper #1 will read the first line in their column, and then door helper #2 will read the corresponding line from their column. The leader may comment after each line is read, and the cycle will repeat until the script is done. The idea is to sway the children to pick door #1. As you go along, give the children a chance to respond by saying which door they might pick. Typical children might pick the better-looking door (door #1) and eventually change their decision to door 2. The idea of this drill is to teach children that God's way is a much better value than the alternative.

After the children have decided which door they want, go ahead and read the second response page for the skit. In other words, “Tell them what they’ve won Johnny!”

After the lead-in, ask the students to comment on the skit. See what insight they have.

Explain: How this is often the way we look at Jesus’ wonderful gift that He gave us by dying on the cross. We want the “goodies” that Satan has to offer us now, but what we have as Christians is much more worth keeping. Jesus and God’s kingdom must be the children’s focus.

Kid Builder Questions: Here are some questions that you may want to ask throughout your lesson. These terms will have to be explained at the proper time.

1. What is commitment?
2. What is a Command?
3. What are possessions?
4. What is temptation?

First response page to “Which Door!”:

Door #1	Door #2
You can have all the pleasures of life: unlimited free food, unlimited Nintendo or Play Station.	I'll meet your needs.
You can have what you want now, you don't need to wait.	I know what you need and I'll give it when you need it.
Here you have NO rules to follow.	Obey my commands.
<i>You</i> do what pleases you.	Do what pleases others.
Live life while you can--now!	Here you will suffer many things, but I will reward you someday.
You can feel how you want to—you're free to love, hate, take, say anything--and you don't have to be honest either.	You must love and forgive, let others be first before you, you must become the least. Better to give than receive--and you must live in truth always.
You can have the world now.	You can have Heaven someday, if you do what I say today.
You can have fancy possessions and all the money.	You can give away all you have and follow me.
You can worship any god you like.	You can only worship me.
You can sin all you want, it's OK.	You cannot sin here. You must be responsible and play by the rules.
If you leave, you can never come back.	If you leave, I will always take you back.

Second response page to “Which Door!”:

Door #1	Door #2
<i>After the commitment comes the payment.</i>	<i>After the commitment comes the payment.</i>
All of your possessions are broken or worn out--everything's lost its appeal.	Your needs are still being met, you're not rich, but you're satisfied.
You can't have new things--no money. You'll have to pay for the other things first.	I see you're need and I'm fixing it now.
You have ruined your life because you did not follow the rules.	You have lived a good life. You obeyed the commands and will be rewarded.
No one respects you, because of your greed and selfishness.	Everyone respects you because you're kind.
But you did live life while you could! Now you must give it to me.	Because you suffered and did without for your brother's sake, you will receive a great reward--treasures in Heaven.
Because of your wicked ways--treating people badly to suit you--everyone hates you. At least you didn't have to be honest.	Because you forgave people, and thought of them before yourself, they now love you.
You had the world, but now you must give it up and pay the price.	People will always believe you because you are honest.
You must sell your fancy possessions and give me your money to pay for all your bills, or I'll have you thrown in jail!	You may now receive your Kingdom. Well done good and faithful servant.
Oh! And I can't believe you'd actually accept giving up your right to leave this place! What a foolish thing!	Because you gave me all you had, I'll return to you seven times as much as you had.
	He's lying. You can leave. Just ask for forgiveness and confess that I, Jesus, am your Lord, and you can also come through this door. Because you believe me, you may enter my Kingdom. Look! Here is your street. It's gold, and it's yours. Over there is your huge house that I built for you. You are now a wealthy person and a ruler of many people. Go, enjoy yourself. You're living forever here.
He Always Wins!	

The Lesson:

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: “Which Door!”

RESPONSE: Ask for comments about what they have just seen.

Read: Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1. Two ways you can go

This is either **Gods** way or **Satan's** way.

Question: Is there other ways we can go? If so, what are they?

Let them respond. They may also say my way. However, taking our own way in life is just the same as going the Devil's way.

a. The world is full of temptation

Question: What is temptation? Maybe a few children would want to share what they feel temptation is.

Temptation is often so “pretty” on the outside, but rotten on the inside—kind of like rotten fruit. You never know what you are going to get until you bite into it. It just might even have a worm in it! Crunch!

b. Serving God

Question: Why should we serve God and believe in Jesus?

This is a question that a lot of people think about! Many people spend too much time trying to figure out just how they can get into heaven by doing the *least* that they can. This is a very dangerous thing to do. Jesus was a servant to everyone. We should be too. Serving others doesn't get us into heaven, but doing things for others is something that shows God and others that we do believe.

- (1) For salvation
- The Bible tells us that *we* ask Jesus into our hearts, but it is *Jesus* who decides who gets into heaven—and who doesn't. He knows who really means it and who does not. Some people think they can fool a lot of people; so, they think they can also fool God. This is impossible. God knows what you're thinking better than you do! Some people even think that because they say that they have Jesus in their hearts that God has to save them—like He doesn't have a choice. The truth is that He can keep anybody out of heaven that He wants to—it's His heaven!
- (2) So we won't *die* eternally
- Who wants to die forever! It is a lie to think that anyone who has to go to hell will just die. The Bible says that anyone who goes to hell will die forever—it never stops.
- (3) For heaven
- Jesus wants us to always live with Him in heaven. Just like we have seen today, He is making a fantastic place for us there. We will always be with Him, and he will take care of us. We will never be hungry or feel any pain. We will never be sick, or get any diseases. It will always be perfect for us there.
- (4) Just for God
- God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit love us. They want to help us even now, but we have to let them. God our Heavenly Father wants to meet all of our needs. Jesus wants to save us, and the Holy Spirit wants to give us power. Wouldn't you like to be the strongest person alive? You can be—if you believe and live for God.
2. When do I serve God?
- Question:** Can we serve God part of the time and other times not?
- a. All the time!
- No. God says we must remain on His turf all the time if we are truly His. He wants your friends see "Jesus" in you all of the time.
- b. God is no dummy
- God knows when you're faking. You might fool your parents, and perhaps your Sunday School teacher, but not God.
- (1) He knows all about YOU
- God knows every thought before you think it. He is so smart, that He has every hair on your head numbered. He knows when hair #487 falls out!

- (2) You can't fool Him God says if we say we are his and do not do what He says, we're liars and He won't have anything to do with us. This means he will not save us if we lie to him.
- c. Peer pressure Don't cave in to peer pressure to do bad. Friends and even people we are close to could at times try to get us to do something that's wrong. We can only refuse to do bad things if we truly have Jesus in our hearts.
3. Making a right choice
- a. Worldly things Not all things in the world are bad, but they cannot take the place of God. God will not have anything to do with us as soon as we love someone or something more than we do God himself. We must always make sure that God is #1 in our lives.
- b. Who you going to serve? Are you going to serve Jesus, or are you going to serve yourself, the world, a thing, or Satan. Many parents get divorced today because they thought they loved each other, but found out that they really didn't. We don't want Jesus to think that we don't love him. We want him to always know that we love him because He died for us. He gave us a priceless gift, and now we can live forever.
- c. Ministry time Call to salvation--making the choice, rededication.
- Perhaps a child would like to give their life to Jesus, or maybe rededicate because they realize that they have not truly believed. Now is a good time to have the children confess this.
- Maybe a child is having trouble living for God the way he or she should. You could also pray for these children.

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