

Good choices, bad choices

FOCUS

1. When we sin we are not living the way Jesus taught us. We make choices that are not good, and we hurt ourselves and others.

During lesson time your child:

- *understood and appreciated that they have the power to make good and bad choices;*
- *considered and discussed the effects of good and bad choices;*
- *role-played situations that depict people making good and bad choices;*
- *understood and appreciated that the Commandments serve as a guide to good choices.*

One day, there was a young boy named John, who had moved to a new town. The children were unkind and picked on John because he came from a new school. He had no friends. He felt sad and alone as nobody spoke to him. He would go home, cry and pray to Jesus to make new friends. One lunch time, a girl from his class spoke to him and asked him if he wanted to play. He was so happy and thanked Jesus for his special friend. The boy also prayed for all the children who were mean to him. He asked God to forgive them and teach them to love.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child's understanding of the passage by asking him or her 'I wonder' questions; e.g. I wonder . . . how Jesus behaved if someone was unkind to him?
2. Ask your child to identify good choices and bad choices reported on television and in the newspaper.
3. Take time to sit with your child each afternoon or as often as possible, and ask him or her to name the good things that he or she did during the day. Also ask him or her to nominate one thing he or she could have done better. At the end of the week you could ask your child to nominate the highlight i.e. the best thing that he or she did during the week.
4. Play a word game with your child asking him or her to identify whether the words reflect good or bad choices e.g. Forgive - Good; Argue - Bad.



To Remember:

Let God guide your choices.

By making good choices we will always find Jesus and be able to follow him. Help the young boy find his way to Jesus.

List the good choices the boy must make to find and follow Jesus.



The maze contains the following traits:

- cheeky
- loving
- respectful
- encouraging
- prayerful
- sharing
- angry
- patient
- friendly
- thankful
- honest
- impatient
- nasty
- polite
- dishonest
- cheerful
- selfish
- generous
- happy
- helpful



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polite



Dear God,
 help me to choose what is good not bad.
 The choice will make me happy not sad. Amen.