

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/SI77KiqRfs0>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/Fpr702shz_A

Worship Theme: God gives us choices.

Memory Verse: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Job 34:4)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. It's a Great Day <https://youtu.be/Z91SULEHfho>
2. I Will Follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
3. I Have Decided <https://youtu.be/MR1Yv--Q4oo>

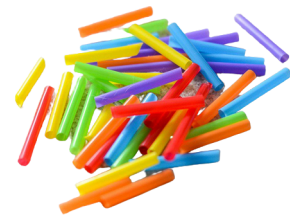
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Find Your Straws"

Materials need: A bowl of straws cut into pieces, 2 papers cups a chair

1. Divide the children into 2 groups. One group is red and the other group is blue. Give a number for each child.
2. Put a chair at the end of class, and place a bowl that has the cut straws inside. Then put 2 cups next to the bowl.
3. When the teacher calls a number, the child from each group with the number needs to pick out the color of the straws that represents their group and put it into the cup that belonging to their group. Each child has 10 seconds to play this game.
4. After the first round, the next person continues to play this game until all the students have a chance to play.
5. After playing this game please explain to the children that if they make wrong choices when we're picking the straws, their group will lose the game. In the same way, we have to be careful when we make choices in our lives, too.



Introduction:

Take a look at the clothes you're wearing right now. Who chose the clothes this morning? What about the decision to come to church today? Who made that choice? God gives us many choices in life. Some choices are easy to make. Some choices are hard to make. Sometimes we choose well, and sometimes we don't. But still, God lets us choose. God promises to be with us every day to help us. When we make good choices, good things will happen to us. When we make bad choices, bad things will happen to us. Today, we will learn about a man who made some bad choices. What do you think will happen to him?

Bible Story:

King Solomon was the wisest man in the world. He asked God for wisdom because he wanted to be a good king. This was a good choice that he made, and God was happy. God promised King Solomon that he would rule over the entire Israel if he obeyed God. Israel was made of 12 tribes, and King Solomon was a king to all 12 tribes. Solomon obeyed God for a while, and he ruled his kingdom wisely. But then King Solomon made some bad choices. He chose to worship other gods!

There was a man named Jeroboam, who was a trusted official of King Solomon. One day a prophet came along. A prophet is someone who listens to God and tells people what God says. This prophet told Jeroboam that God would take 10 tribes of Solomon's kingdom and give them to Jeroboam. Jeroboam would be the new king. God decided to do this because Solomon chose to turn his back on God.

The prophet told Jeroboam that God would be with him if he obeyed God and did what is right. Everything happened just as God said it would. Jeroboam became king over 10

tribes of Solomon's kingdom. This kingdom was called Israel. The other kingdom was ruled by the descendants of Solomon and was called Judah. So, the nation of Israel divided into two kingdoms. At first Jeroboam made good choices to follow God, but later he made some bad choices just as Solomon did. Jeroboam made two gold cows for the people to worship! God was not happy about this bad choice.

Every day we make choices. Our choices can cause our lives to go in many different directions. Some of our choices make God happy. Some make God sad. God wants us to have the freedom to choose so that when we choose to obey him by doing the right thing, we're doing it because we love him and want to serve him. Let's thank God for giving us choices!

Questions to discuss:

1. What is the promise between God and Solomon if he obeys God? (God promised King Solomon that he would rule over the entire Israel)
2. Who is the person whom God gives the 10 tribes of Solomon? (Jeroboam)
3. What did Jeroboam do after he became a king for his people to worship? (made two gold cows)
4. What do we have to choose to make God happy? (Obey God)

Game: Choosing

Material need: Picture of cat and dog, 3 gift boxes (box 1 has rocks, box 2 has candies, and box 3 is nothing inside)



1. Divide the children into 2 group and line them up.
2. Let the group choose between cat or a dog and make the sound of the selected animal.
3. When the teacher calls out the animal (cat or dog), both group have to make their selected animal sound as loud as they can. The group who shouted louder, wins.



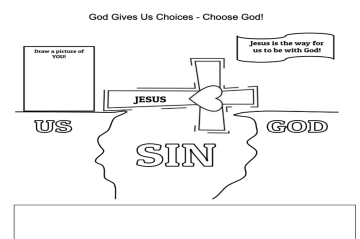
4. The winning group choose the gift first. Let the losing group pick their gift as well. Both groups open the gift at the same time. One group will get candy and another group will get nothing.
5. After the game, please explain to the children that if we make a good decision, we will get the candy, but if we do not make a good decision, we will get nothing. God always gives us choices.

Memory Verse:

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Job 34:4)

Craft: “God Gives Us Choices - Choose God!”

1. Give the printout the each child.
2. Explain that we were separated from God because of sin. But because Jesus came to save us, if we choose Jesus, we can enter into heaven and live with God.
3. Have the children draw themselves in the small rectangle and decorate it.
4. Have the children write in the big rectangle “God gives me choices! I choose God!”

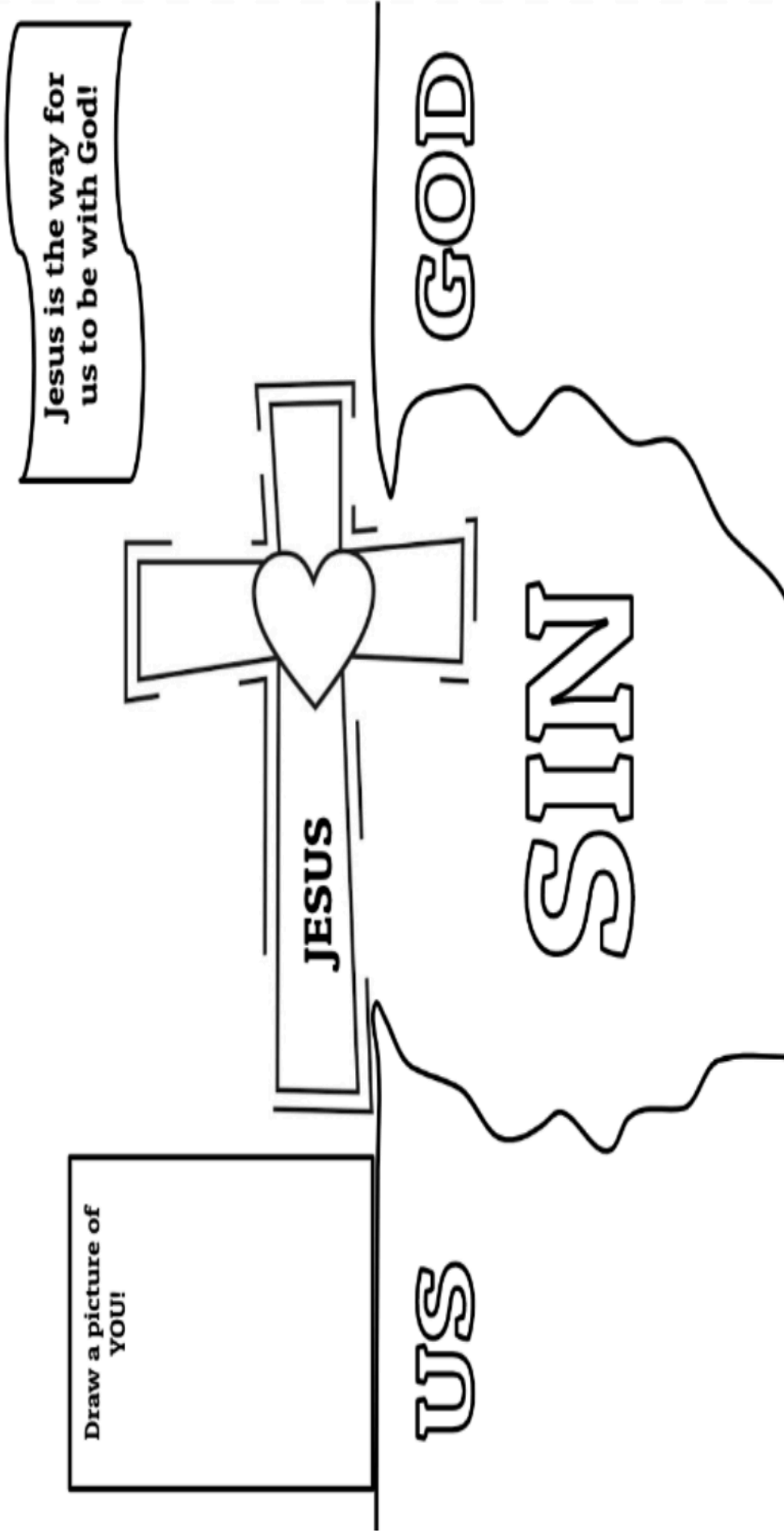


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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
 Wisdom that comes from a relationship with Jesus supports God's purpose. True wisdom will always bring Christ's people to him and to his blessings. Read 1 Kings 11:34-38. What may have been Israel's end if David had not observed God's commands and statutes? What did God promise Jeroboam if he chose to follow God? God gives us similar expectations and blessings for generations to come. How are you observing God's commands and statutes, and what effect might these decisions have on future generations?

God Gives Us Choices - Choose God!



A large empty rectangular box for drawing or writing.