



I Can Choose to Make the Right Choice Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Samson and Delilah - Judges 16:4-22

Bottom Line: I can choose to make the right choice.

Leader Context: We all make many decisions daily. All decisions result in a consequence. Some are good, some are bad or hurt us. Today we will help kids answer this question, "Will you choose to follow God and make the right choice or ignore what He says and make the wrong one?"

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

Who was the strong man in our video today? *Samson*

What bad choice did Samson make? *He told Delilah his secret that he wasn't supposed to tell anyone.*

Wow! Samson made many bad choices. He lied several times and even worse, he shared something he was told not to! Because of that, he lost his strength and ended up being captured. This story can help us to remember that with every choice we make, there are both good and bad consequences. Our choices can help us or hurt us. Let's watch this next video together to find ways we can learn to make good choices.

Teaching Video (10 minutes)

Videos

Right Choice, Wrong Choice (20 minutes)

What You Need: Right choice and wrong choice signs, tape

What You Do:

- Identify two sides of the room. One side of the room represents "right choice" and the other represents the "wrong choice." Place a sign in each area using tape to stick the sign to the wall.
- Read through each scenario below one by one, allowing kids to stand to whichever side they believe is the correct answer.
- Some of them may be tougher: allow kids to "argue" for their side- use this as a chance to connect and engage in discussion.
- Scenarios-
 - You lose your homework and tell your teacher the dog ate it.
 - You find \$5 bill on the ground and don't pick it up.
 - You ignore the new kid in class.
 - Your mom or dad had a long day and you them their favorite snack.
 - Your friend skins their knee and you take them to the nurse's office.
 - You lose TV privileges but go to your friend's house to watch your favorite show.

Why does God care about the choices we make? *God loves you and wants you to make good choices! He knows what's best. He also knows that if you make bad choices there are negative consequences. He wants good things for His children and He wants to protect you. That's why He shows us which path to take. But it's our job to choose God's path. He can't choose the path for us.*

How can I find out what choice is wrong and what is right? *The Bible is the best way to determine what is right and wrong! The Bible is like a map that shows us the way- God's way. When you talk to God through prayer and read His word, you'll get a better understanding of what choices He wants you to make.*

Why did Samson tell Delilah his secret? *Delilah pressured Samson into revealing his secret by telling him, "If you don't tell me your secret, then you must not really love me." She was tempting him, which means trying to get him to do something wrong.*

Why do people sometimes decide to make the wrong choice? *You may have felt some of the same pressures and temptations that Samson felt with Delilah. Maybe a friend has told you "If you don't do _____, then you must not really be my friend." Or maybe the wrong choice just sounded better. To be honest with you, sometimes the wrong choice seems easier or more fun... that's why it's so appealing! But I can also tell you, the wrong choice will never be as fun or easy as you may think. It can be hard to choose the right thing and follow God's path, but if we want to be more like God, we have to make some hard choices and do what is right, even if we don't feel like it.*

What can I do if I make the wrong choice? *Start by admitting that what you did was wrong and say sorry. The next time you are faced with the same situation, you can choose the right choice. That's what's cool about God! He will give you chances to make it right. Will you choose to make your wrong choice right? That's up to you. God loves you so much that He hopes that you would make the right choice because it's the right thing to do and you love Him too, not always because you have to.*

Say: "Great job figuring out the right and wrong choices! I loved seeing you guys think about your answers- that means you're really trying to make sure you choose correctly! Sometimes it's hard to know if something is right or wrong, right?"

Our Bible story today reminded us that sometimes, like Samson, we make the wrong choice. But that's ok! The important thing is that we try, just like you guys tried during our activity. God wants to see that you're trying hard to follow Him and do what is right! Nobody is perfect, but the more we try to do thing that God wants us to do, the more we become like Him! How cool is that? **Pray-** Ask God to help you make the right choice even if it's hard. When you are tempted to make the wrong choice, ask God to give you wisdom and courage to choose the right thing.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.