

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#12 – The Pharisees Try to Trip Up Jesus Luke 5:33-39, 6:1-11

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

12-2 Disciples picking grain on the Sabbath

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What do the miracles Jesus performed show about him?

A true disciple receives eternal reward.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** Who are Jesus' disciples?

M—M

Miracles

Show Jesus

is God's Son

M—M—Miracles

From the Father come

Make sign of M

Put hands up in surprised gesture

Make sign of Jesus

Put arms together like rocking a baby

Same as above

Put arms up in air, then lower them and extend them out



M

- **Introduction:** (picture 12-2) What is this a picture of?

The Pharisees were the important religious leaders at the time of Jesus. They didn't like Jesus and were always looking for a way to catch Jesus doing something wrong.

The Pharisees pretended to be good but really weren't. They were like something that looked clean on the outside but was all dirty on the inside.

The Sabbath was the Jewish holy day of worship and rest like our Sunday. The people weren't suppose to do any work on it. When Jesus' disciples picked grain on the Sabbath because they were hungry, the Pharisees accused Jesus of doing what wasn't right to do on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was the Jewish day of worship, like our Sunday.

Jesus said on the Sabbath a person should do good, not evil. The Pharisees were the ones that were evil. They chose to go their own way rather than God's way.

The big question for this week is: What was Jesus' problem with the Pharisees?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: Who should we choose to follow?

Page 1 - 1 John 1:7

(Picture of two dividing paths)
There are two paths and we will choose
which one we want to follow.
One will lead to what is good;
the other leads to sorrow.
If we choose to love God's Son,
we're on a path of light.
We're forgiven for our sin
and empowered to do right.

Page 2 - 1 John 2:3

(Picture of a child with a Bible)
When we obey the Bible,
we show we love God's Son
We put our faith in Jesus
and all that he has done.
When we sin we have the Son
to speak in our defense.
And the Father listens to him,
as he's paid sin's consequence.

Page 3 - 1 John 2:10

(Picture of two children fighting)
We show we love God's Son
when love choose to love our brother.
But God's love isn't in us
when we fight with one another.
And if we follow Satan
and God we don't obey.
We will hurt each other
by the things we do and say.

Page 4 - 1 John 2:15

(Picture of something worldly)
We're not to love the world
and the things that pass away.
As when we love what doesn't last
with God we will not stay.
The world and all that's in it,
will one day disappear,
But God will last forever,
so to him we must stay near.

Page 5 - 1 John 2:24-25

(Picture of Jesus on the cross)

Remember on the cross,
with his life Christ paid the price.
We are forgiven for our sin
through his loving sacrifice.
Our choice of whom we love
in our life is evident.
So we must follow Jesus
and from our sin repent.

Page 6 - 1 John 2:29

(Picture of a lighted path)

The choice is set before you
to seek after good or bad.
If you set your heart on God,
you'll be really glad.
If you choose to love God's Son,
you're on a path of light.
You will show God's truth is in you,
by doing what is right.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What is the difference between the two paths we can choose to follow? What will happen if we choose to follow God's path? What does empowered mean?

Page 2: What shows we love Jesus? What does Jesus do for us when we sin? Why does the Father listen to the Son? What does that mean?

Page 3: What does it mean to love our brother? What does loving our brother show? What happens when God's love isn't in us? Why is that?

Page 4: What will happen to all the things of the world? What is the only thing that lasts forever? What does that mean we should do? Why?

Page 5: What did Jesus do for us? What does that mean we should do? What does it mean to repent?

Page 6: What is the choice set before you? What choice leads to a good life? Why does that choice make for a good life?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that he wants to lead you down a good path that leads to a good life. Thank Jesus that by dying on the cross he made a way for you to be forgiven for your sin and follow God's path.
- The Big Question: What was Jesus' problem with the Pharisees?

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ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Outline

Instruction: Outline the word "good" as a reminder that we need to choose to follow Jesus and do what is good.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

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| ch—ch | Make sign of "C" |
| Choose | 1st two fingers of left hand up, with right hand "C" pick left index finger |
| The path that's | Move right hand like a path in front |
| full of light | Hands up palms forward, fingers spread out, move up |
| ch—ch—Choose | Same as above |
| To love God | Lift arms in air |
| and do right | Thumbs up sign |



• **Craft:** Hand cut-out

As a reminder that Jesus said that it is always lawful to do good, make a cut-out of a hand and glue grain to it.

Materials: cover stock paper, grains of wheat, rice, barley, etc., glue, tape, scissors, jumbo craft sticks.

Preparation: Run off craft 12 on cover stock paper. Cut in half.

Instructions: Cut out the hand and tape it to the jumbo craft stick. Glue grain to it.

• **Discovery Activity:** (4-5 year olds) Act out ways you choose to follow Jesus and what is good.

• **Song:** Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In every way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play.

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Jesus wants me to be loving,
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy
His little one can be.

Chorus

I will ask Jesus to help me,
To keep my heart from sin;
Ever reflecting His goodness,
And always shine for Him.

Chorus

I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;
I can if I but try;
Serving Him moment by moment,
Then live with Him on high.

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.