

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

2 John 9-11

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Lesson Plan:

Main Point: Abiding in the teaching

Basic Idea: We should constantly focus on Jesus.

How we get there: the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

Examine Hebrews 12:2—With each question, you may have to reread the portion of the verse and help them by only reading the specific section that pertains.

1. Where should we fix our eyes?
2. What did Jesus do for us?
3. What was his attitude when doing it?
4. Where is He now?

Teach the children that God's desire is to keep their eyes on Jesus. Getting distracted from Jesus can be easy, but if your eyes aren't where they belong, you'll have trouble getting where you belong.

(Use Activity)

Our eyes can completely effect where we go. If we are watching something that is off the path, we will eventually end up off the path. In the same way, we should keep our eyes on Jesus at all times. God's goal for us is that we would think, speak and act more like Jesus. If we are going to see this goal happen, we have to keep our focus on Jesus.

Ask the kids:

What things (good or bad) can take our eyes off of Jesus?

What are ways we can keep our eyes on Jesus?

Activity: "Sobriety Test for Tots"

Take the roll of tape (provided) and make a long straight line along the middle of the floor. (Ideally, you want the line away from furniture or walls so they seem to be out in the middle of the room.) Have the kids take turns walking along the line (they can look wherever they want). Next, set something at the end of the line and encourage the kids to keep their eye on it. Next, have the kids try to walk on the tape line while fixing their eyes on something which is significantly (45° or more) off from the line. Once the child has strayed way off the line...stop them and show them how they missed. Point out the difference that your eyes make to where your feet take you.

"Nailing It"

Keeping our eyes on Jesus, means we study the gospel set before us. In Hebrews 12:1-3, be sure to point out to the children that a) Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of faith; b) He endured the cross; c) and hostility from sinners. The way He faced the cross becomes our example for how to face difficulty while being obedient to Jesus. And the fact that He sits at the right hand of the throne of God becomes our great encouragement! We are keeping our eyes on the One who saved us (at the cross), is saving us (from the power of sin) and will save us (to Himself for all of eternity)!

