

# Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

3 John 1-4

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**Lesson Plan:** Main Point: Growth in Christ is number one goal.  
Basic Idea: More than anything else, we want you to grow in Jesus.  
How we get there: just as your soul prospers (2)

Examine Matthew 8:36-37

1. What is the most expensive thing you have?
2. How could someone else get one?
3. Can you trade in that expensive thing to get to heaven?
4. What is the only way to get to heaven?

Prioritizing can be a difficult concept for kids, but our desire is to show them that loving Jesus should come before all other things. Help the kids to see that different issues and different things will regularly but Jesus should be their number one aim.

Illustration/Game (see below)

We can often care about different things at different times. If you're really hungry, you're going to care about food. If it's raining outside, you're going to care about getting out of the rain. This is like how sometimes gorilla, or gun, or man is better. But just like VOLCANO is always best, our ultimate goal should always be growing and loving Christ! And our goal as a church is that you would love Jesus more than anything and keep him your top priority!

Ask the kids:

1. Is there anything you love more than Jesus?
2. How can you keep Jesus your number one focus?

Illustration/Game: Man...Gorilla...Gun...VOLCANO!

This game is much like rock, paper, scissors. "Man" (child waves hand and says "hi") beats "gun" (point finger, thumb up, say "bang"), "Gun" beats "Gorilla" (beat chest make gorilla noises). And "gorilla" beats man. Have the kids stand back to back with another. Count to three. On three they have to do a motion. Occasionally, yell out "Volcano!" At this, everyone else loses and volcano beats all. Play several different rounds, so they get the idea of the man-gorilla-gun, but also gain that Volcano always wins.

**"Nailing It"** "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, {the blood} of Christ.—1 Peter 1:18-19. Praise God that our salvation cannot be bought by us, for none of us would ever have the ability to pay for it, but how gracious that God paid our debt for us through the blood of Jesus. His blood truly is worth more than anything! It can buy us eternal life.

