

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th 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.

At a glance:

Have a child (if one is comfortable) read 2 John 9-11

Looking Closer:

1. Can a person truly know God if they don't know Jesus?
2. How does John describe teaching that gets Jesus wrong?
3. Should we help a person spread a different message about Jesus?

Digging Deeper: Hebrews 12:1-3

1. What does the author of Hebrews mean by "run with endurance the race?"
2. Who should we fix our eyes on?
3. What has Jesus done for us?
4. Where is Jesus now?

Explaining it:

The author of Hebrews says "every encumbrance AND the sin..." Obviously, sin can distract us from Jesus, but the author seems to be saying other things can to. We can be distracted by things and take our eyes off of Jesus. Our bodies usually end up following what we look at. (Use a ball [provided] to point this out. Have the kids take turns throwing at an object—while they look at it. Next, have them try to throw to a person while looking at something completely away from their target. Show the kids how where they look effects where the ball goes. If this bombs...check out the illustration for the younger kids...consider using it.) If it is God's desire that we think, act and speak like Jesus, then we should keep our eyes on Jesus.

Applying it:

1. What things (good or bad) can take our eyes off of Jesus?
2. What are ways we can keep our eyes on Jesus?

"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)!



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