

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th 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)

At a glance:

Have a child (if one is comfortable) read 3 John 1:1-4

Looking Closer:

1. Who is John writing to?
2. How is Gaius prospering?
3. What brings John great joy?

Digging Deeper: 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?

Explaining it:

Teach the children that our desire is that Jesus is most precious to them. Some priorities can change depending on our circumstances. (When I'm hungry, I want food. When it's raining, I want shelter. When something is on fire, I want water.) However, In all things, at all times, Jesus should be our number one desire. That is our hope for all people, of all ages, in our church; that Jesus would be their number one desire.

Applying it:

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

"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.



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