

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th Grade

3 John 13-15

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Lesson Plan: Main Point: We should face the future humbly.
Basic Idea: We cannot control our future.
How we get there: I hope to see you shortly (14)

At a glance:

Have a child (if one is comfortable) read 3 John 13-15

Looking Closer:

1. Why did John quit writing more in the letter?
2. What did he hope to do?
3. Was he sure it would happen?
4. Who does he greet?

Digging Deeper: James 4:13-16

1. How are we tempted to speak of the future?
2. How should we speak of the future?
3. What's wrong with being overly confident about the future?
4. What heart attitude does this display?

Explaining it:

Teach the kids that we really can't control our future. While we may plan some things and hope to do some things, the Bible speaks from cover to cover that God alone has the power to make all things come to place. When we either get overly confident about our future and KNOW what we're going to do, or even when we worry about the future, as if we can do anything about it, we are actually displaying arrogance. We're acting like we have an ability which only Christ has.

Applying it:

1. Why are we so tempted to control the future?
2. How can we glorify God with our plans?

"Nailing It"

John 14:1-3. While we should speak of our future acknowledging that we don't know what tomorrow holds, Jesus didn't talk about the future that way. Because He is all powerful, when He says something is going to happen, it IS going to happen. Therefore, when He promises the day is coming when we will be with Him, that is a promise and something we can rest in. He will receive those who love Him and nothing can change that!!!



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