

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th Grade

3 John 9-12

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Lesson Plan: Main Point: Good Christian role models are good for us.
Basic Idea: Imitate those who do well.
How we get there: Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. (v 11)

At a glance:

Have a child (if one is comfortable) read 3 John 9-12

Looking Closer:

1. What was evil about Diotrephes?
2. What was good about Demetrius?
3. What should we imitate?

Digging Deeper: Hebrews 13:7

1. Who should we remember?
2. What did they speak to us?
3. How did they act?
4. What should we imitate?

Explaining it:

Teach the kids to imitate the faith of godly leaders. You'll be able to observe their teaching and their actions and it will help reveal their faith to you. Diotrephes' actions and teachings showed that he was evil and of no faith, while Demetrius' actions and teaching showed him to be a man of faith. We should imitate godly examples.

Applying it:

1. Do you try to imitate the faith of godly leaders?
2. Are you a godly example to others?

"Nailing It"

No one will ever be the perfect example. Even Paul referred to himself as "the chief of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet, by the grace of God, these failures are a perfect chance to point people to Jesus Christ, who mercifully forgives us of our sins. Those who lead will sin, but when they do, their faith is seen when they confess that sin and point us to Jesus. And Jesus can forgive us because He lived perfectly and died for our sins!



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