

# Children's Ministry 4<sup>thru</sup>K

September 13<sup>th</sup> || Philippians 3:8

Main Point: Knowing Jesus should be our ultimate goal!

Read Philippians 3:8 and ask:

1. Compared to Jesus, how important are other things to Paul?
2. Who does Paul want to know?
3. What happened to the stuff Paul used to have?
4. How well does Paul want to know Jesus?

Paul had a lot of things to be proud of, as he was growing up. He had worked hard and studied and most people considered him good in school. Since the school was actually religious, this meant most people thought he was very spiritual too. However, once Paul knew Jesus, he understood that none of the other things he had were really of much value anyway. If they couldn't help him grow in his love for Jesus, he didn't consider it too important.

## LOOKING @ MANUALS

Show the children the three manuals (bunkbed, car, lego helicopter), and ask them to figure out what each manual is for. Then ask the kids how important it is to have the right manual. (For instance, will the bunkbed manual help you build a lego helicopter?) Then, ask the kids if these manuals can help you build other things. Ultimately, can these manuals help you know Jesus better?

Paul knew a bunch of stuff. Yet, because he considered knowing Jesus to be the most important thing, He only considered the things which led to knowing Jesus as important. He was willing to lose all other things if they did not contribute to his growth with Jesus.

Ask the kids:

1. Do I want to learn about Jesus more than anything else?

Driving it  
home...



For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ—**2 Corinthians 4:6**

Not only has God given us Jesus, who died for our sins, but God is so gracious that He also gives us the ability to know about Jesus. God reveals Himself by revealing Jesus (in His glory) to us! This too is a gift to us, so that we can understand Him, understanding salvation and understanding God better. The most important knowledge we could receive is the knowledge of Jesus, and God loves us so much, He provides that knowledge!