

Kid's Slot – Aug. 28th – Sept. 3rd, 2011



“Do You Know What I Know?”



OVERVIEW: Children will learn about having the mind of Christ, to desire to learn more about and follow Him.

PREPARATION: You will need 3 cups, a red bean and your Bible.

BIBLE STORY & VERSE: 1 Corinthians 2:14

ICEBREAKER: Play the game Hide & Seek. After everyone has had a turn, ask: How did you find everyone? How did you see them if they were hiding?

READ: “Changed – from the inside out!”

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What happened to Jenny when she went to her friend Taylor's church? (Jenny became a Christian – a Christ-follower)
2. Before she became a Christian, was her twin sister, Jessica, much interested in the things of God? (No, not at all...in fact, she sometimes made fun of her sister behind her back with her friend, Charla)
3. Why didn't Jessica want to hear stories about God? (Because it was foolishness to her – since she didn't have the Holy Spirit living in her.)
4. How did Jessica and Charla change after they became Christians? (The Holy Spirit came to live in them and now they had a desire to learn more about God and his plan for their lives.)

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Some people don't have the Holy Spirit. They don't accept the things that come from the Spirit of God...such things can't be understood without the Spirit's help.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: “GUESS WHO”

This game is played like the old game “Guess Who?” After quoting the verse with the children several times, divide the group into two even groups. Have one group of children turn their backs to the second group and close their eyes. Then assign each child from the second group to stand behind the children with closed eyes. Changing their voices, the children should whisper a fact about themselves to the child with the closed eyes. The child who is first to guess who their partner is gets to quote the verse, together with their partner. Rotate the children around, and most of all, have fun!

RETURN: Return to the Life Group. Have the children recite their Bible Memory Verse to the adults in pairs. Then have the children tell the adults the story about Jenny and Jessica. The children then pray with the rest of the group and enjoy a time of fellowship together.



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“Changed – from the inside out!”

“*It’s under that one!*” said the little boy. “*Nope,*” said the man. “*How about this one*” asked the little boy again? “*Sorry, it’s not under that one either,*” the man said, “*It’s under this one.*” The man then lifted the cup and there it was – a red bean

What the little boy was doing was playing the game of “Find the Bean,” which is played with several cups and one red bean. The bean is placed under one of the cups and moved around quickly. A person then tries to guess which cup the bean is under. Most of the time no one is able to choose correctly which cup the bean is under, but the person who is moving the cups around...He knows – because he is carefully watching the cups as he continues to switch them. Watch – I’ll show you. [Play the game with the children.]

When someone is a Christian, God puts desires in a person’s hearts to follow Him and learn more about Him. No, God doesn’t use a red bean and cups, He gives us the Holy Spirit; He does want people to watch Him carefully and do what He does. When you follow after God, it seems like foolishness to other people – a waste of time to go to church or read your Bible or give your tithe or serve like crazy. Other people don’t understand because they must first know God and have the Holy Spirit in their lives, giving them wisdom! Listen to this story!

Once, there were twin sisters, Jessica and Jenny that were great students and great friends. They did everything together and got along well. One day, Jennifer was invited by her friend Taylor from school to go to church with her one Sunday. Jessica was invited, too, but she decided to sleep in that morning. Jennifer loved going – even after only going once, she knew that she was missing something in her life, or should I say *someone!* And that someone was Jesus. The very next week, Jenny asked to go back with Taylor and that week, Jenny gave her heart to Jesus. She couldn’t wait to come home and tell her twin sister, Jessica. At least that’s what she thought – but when she got home, Jessica really wasn’t interested in Jenny’s story. All she wanted to talk about was the movie that she and her friend, Charla, were going to see. Jenny told Jessica that she thought that movie wasn’t a good one to see, but Jessica didn’t care. In fact, she began texting her friend, Charla right in the middle of Jenny’s story. A few minutes later, when Charla sent her a text back, Jessica told Jenny that she had to go – that her friend Charla was waiting for her outside – and off she went. Jenny

just stood there – kind of shocked! What’s wrong with Jessica, she thought. She wanted to tell her all about what happened at church that day, but Jessica simply wasn’t interested. She wanted to tell her about the new Bible she got and about how she was going to get baptized the following week – but Jessica was gone. Jenny began to cry. Mom came in and saw Jenny crying, asking her what’s wrong.

Jenny told her mom the story and how Jessica wasn’t interested in hearing her good news, or about the message that day in Children’s Church or that she was getting baptized the next week.

“What’s *wrong* with Jessica?” asked Jenny. “She has changed!” Mom reminded Jenny that the person who had changed was *herself*, not her sister. Mom explained that when someone becomes a Christ-follower, they change – on the inside! And the things that they used to like to do and talk about change, too. Jessica wasn’t a Christian yet, so whenever Jenny tried to talk with her about things of God, or invite her to church, Jessica wasn’t interested – she thought Jenny was foolish to waste her time going to church. This made Jenny quite sad. She decided to pray and ask God what to do. She felt the Lord telling her to just pray for Jessica – not to try to box her in and preach to her about Jesus – but to quietly pray for her – that she, too, would give her heart to Jesus.

And that’s what Jenny did. Day after day, she prayed for her twin sister, Jessica. Jenny continued to read her Bible and go to church with Taylor. Nothing seemed to change for months and months. It was getting hard for Jenny to see her sister act the way she did – sometimes Jessica and Charla would make fun of Jenny and Taylor, talking about them behind their backs.

Then one day, Jenny got brave and asked Charla to come to church with Taylor and her...and guess what? Charla said yes...want to guess who Charla asked to come with her to church? Right again – Charla invited Jessica to come! And what a special day it was – not only did her sister, Jessica, become a Christ-follower, so did Charla! Jenny couldn’t have been more excited. Now all four girls had so much in common, because they all had the same Holy Spirit and couldn’t wait to share what God was doing in their lives! Jenny was so glad to have her best friend back...often, the girls would talk until midnight about the Lord! Jessica began reading her Bible and even started a Life Group at her school. Yeah...I guess you could say things changed a lot for the twins - changed – from the inside out!