

I Can Choose the Door of Sharing Jesus!

Week 4 (12th Feb 2023):

The Big Point: I Can Choose the Door of Sharing Jesus!

God's Word: Phillip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:36-40)

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIRV)

Application: I will choose to share Jesus to others.

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Series Aim: To inspire kids to depend on God while making choices and choose what pleases God the most.

Creative Video:  Philip and the Ethiopian

TEACHING GUIDE

About this Guide

Note: This is the first time in a long time that HopeKids is using elements from a bought curriculum produced by other churches. Please be assured that the staff team takes great care to select and prepare the items that are suitable to use in our services. The outlines for these series are also still written in-house despite it being inspired by curriculum that are bought, and thus is contextualised to our services and is in line with HopeKids' and our church's vision and mission. Please flow along with us as we continue to build and grow HopeKids's own curriculum and teams of God's Word preachers through all our centres and services.

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This guide is for teachers to use within HopeKids Primary services before/after playing the Teaching Video. Hosts or chosen teachers who will be addressing the Primary Kids before and after God's Word must have read the Word Study and looked through the videos that are up on dropbox. Teachers are also free to come up with their own ideas to bridge what is on the video to the kids.

This curriculum resource is produced by Saddleback Kids, the church that also produces the Hey-O Animated Bible Story videos we usually use within our services.

For Doors: Making Choices Series -

The primary teaching video will show the teaching pastor of Saddleback Kids - Pastor Steve - in a certain situation that helps introduce the Big Point for the week in a casual, sometimes funny manner. After that, there will be a “drama video” of sorts which paints a situation when the main character of the story will have to make a choice whether to apply the big point for the week or not.

At this point, the character will then be in front of two doors:

- The black door usually represents the choice in which the character did not apply the big point.
- The red door represents the choice in which the character chose to apply the big point in his/her life.

For the weeks in all of these series, we will see the character make the negative choice and the possible consequences the character gets into. However, the main character will also rewind back to the point of choosing and choose the correct choice in line with applying the Big Point in his/her life and the blessings that come with it.

As the teaching video emphasises much on the application of the big point (I choose to...), you should also go through the Creative Video (Bible Story video) before the Teaching Video.

Optional: Suggested Game in Curriculum Package

Note: *This is a game suggested in the Curriculum Package. It is not necessary for you to play this game. You can make your own slides for this.*

Group Charades

- Choose one kid to be at the front of the room as the guesser.
- When ready, have the guesser face away from the screen and instead, be looking at the kids. *(Be sure to turn off confidence screens for this game.)*
- When ready, tell the rest of the kids that they will need to CHOOSE one thing on the slide and then act it out for the guesser (the kids can individually choose whichever item/object is shown on the slide - they do not need to all choose the same object/item).
- When the game begins, allow the guesser 30 seconds to guess what the kids are acting out. Once the guesser gets one right, have the kids act out the other choice on the slide.

Connection to Series: This game will help the kids to become familiarised with how we can make choices. This will get them ready to learn about how we can choose the door of sharing Jesus.

♥ Going Through God's Word

Part 1: Creative Bible Story Video

Make sure that you have already introduced the series and Big Point to the kids.

- Today is the last part of our Doors series and we are learning that we can choose the door of sharing Jesus!
- John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." God loved the whole world - not just you and me, even though that is enough for him to still send Jesus to earth.
- But God loves the whole world and He wants all people to come to know His love. So, we may not realise it but God is always giving us opportunities to share about Jesus with our friends or people we meet.
- We just got to be brave enough to choose the door of sharing Jesus. Just like Philip! Today, we will learn from the story of Philip and the Ethiopian man.

PLAY: Week #4 - Creative Video

Host can feel free to pause in-between the video to engage the kids further!

- Wow, in this Bible story, Philip shared the Good News of Jesus and his knowledge of Jesus and the Bible with the Ethiopian man, who was sitting in a carriage reading the Bible.
- But this only happened because Philip chose the courage to obey and chose the door of sharing Jesus.
 - When the Holy Spirit told Philip to go to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, he obeyed!
 - When the Holy Spirit told Philip to go over and walk alongside the carriage, he obeyed!

- When the Ethiopian man invited him to share more and come up to the carriage to sit with Him, Philip knew it was God giving him the opportunity, and he said okay!
- Philip helped the Ethiopian man to understand the old testament Bible and told him about Jesus.
- Because Philip chose the door of sharing Jesus, it led to the Ethiopian man believing in Jesus and even getting baptised!
- To get baptised is by submerging into water to show that you really want to live your life following, loving and obeying Jesus. You can choose to get baptised too, when you are old enough.
- When we make the choice to not share Jesus with others, we are choosing to be silent about our faith. But like what Philip did, we can make the choice of sharing about Jesus!
- How do you think you can share the Good News with others – just like Philip did?
 - *Allow some kids to share.*
 - *Respond accordingly.*
- We can share Jesus by telling our friends or people at school about all of the great things Jesus has done for us in our own lives. We can also tell other people about what we learned in HopeKids, or simply by inviting them to HopeKids!
- We can choose the door of sharing Jesus – just like Philip did – by doing all of the things we just mentioned!

Part 2: Teaching Video

- Alright but that's not all, HopeKids! We are going to learn once again from Pastor Steve. We will learn more about how we can choose the door of sharing Jesus!
- To help us understand more about what this means, he's going to show us a video about a boy who shares Jesus with the people at his school. Let's check it out and see what happens!

PLAY: Week #2 - Teaching Video

Hosts can also choose to pause in-between video!

- What a great video! The boy in the video handed out invitations to his church at school. By doing this, he was actually choosing to share his love for Jesus with others!
- And because he shared the invitations with his classmates, it started to make the other boy in the video curious about what the invitation was about.
- He was also curious because he noticed that this boy was different from the rest of his classmates when the boy chose to stick up for him.
- This is a great reminder for us to not only share Jesus with others but to also try our best to live the best life we can through our actions for Jesus.
- Just like Pastor Steve said, if we know that something or someone is incredible – like Jesus – we should share it! The Bible tells us to share the Good News of Jesus with others. We can share how much Jesus loves us and our love for Jesus with our families, friends, neighbours or even the people at our schools and classes.
- Whenever we choose to share Jesus with others, we are making the right choice! When we choose to not share Jesus, we are choosing to be silent about our faith.
- And yet, it's very understandable, sometimes it's really scary or awkward to share about Jesus with others. People might find us weird, or we might be afraid of rejection.
- Yet, Jesus loves them so, so much and it affects our friends who do not yet know Jesus their eternity - forever and ever!
- Fears may be real, but this is also why our memory verse says to not depend on our own understanding or feelings, but to first and foremost trust God, His character, and His love for all the world.
- Instead of choosing fear and being silent, we can choose to look to God to help us to have the courage to obey and **Choose the Door of Sharing Jesus!**
- *You can also choose to share your own testimony on how you choose sharing about Jesus to others!*

Link to Jesus/Gospel:

- This is because God is so, so good and loves the whole world so much! He sent Jesus, who came to be with us and to save us from sin by dying on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Sins are the wrong choices and things we do that make God sad.
- Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Because Jesus is from God, Jesus came back to life and became alive again on the third day.
- When we **believe and have faith** in what Jesus did on the cross and apologise for our sins, we are saved from sin.
- And once again, I remind you, God loves all people and wants all people to come to know Him too. So, we too can go to our friends and family, or even new people and tell them how much Jesus loves them! Like what Philip did with the Ethiopian man. **I Can Choose the Door of Sharing Jesus!**

Lead the kids to pray before transiting to the next segment of your service!