



THE POWER OF CHOICE

MEMORY VERSE:

Joshua 24:15, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (NKJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Take responsibility for your life.

Interesting thing about God - even though He is the almighty and all powerful God, and even though He can do anything, the only thing He won't do is make you serve Him.

He wants you to love Him because you want to. He wants you by your own free will. He will not manipulate you. The devil will manipulate you, lie to you, push you and deceive you to get you to serve him.

On the other hand, with the enemy you don't have to seek him, temptation just comes. Have you ever noticed that you don't have to plant weeds in your garden, they just grow. However, if you want to have flowers or vegetables (things that are productive), you have to plant them and cultivate them.

God will do anything for you, but it begins with you wanting Him because you love Him. We cannot make our kids serve God. They have to choose God. God has given them a free will. The freedom of choice is God's idea.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #1
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	Take responsibility for your life.
_____	8. Memory Verse	Joshua 24:15 "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (NKJV)
_____	9. Drama	Not Too Bright: "The Faulty Cake"
_____	10. Object Lesson	The Apple
_____	11. Short Film	Baby Bottle Pops
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	13. Inter-Active Lesson	Feed The Baby Relay
_____	14. Puppet Skit	Me, Myself & I
_____	15. Object Lesson	It's Your Choice
_____	16. Altar Call	
_____	17. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero *Choices Wars: Episode #1*

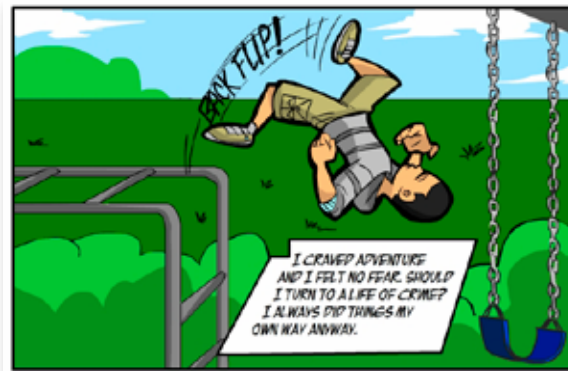
TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: *get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.*

- For this lesson we are going back in time to see how the Masked Hero got his start.
- Johnny said, "He could remember a time when his life was unclear to him."
- How was Johnny different than the other kids?
- What choices did Johnny have to make?
- Did Johnny make the right choices?
- Today we are starting a new series on choices. Every day we make choices that have a big impact on our lives.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Not Too Bright "The Faulty Cake"

BOTTOM LINE:

You can choose what you will do.

CHARACTERS:

Not Too Bright

PROPS:

Large bowl, large spoon, 1 cake mix, oil, 3 eggs, bag of chips, 2 Twinkies, chocolate milk, Hershey candy bar.

DRAMA SCRIPT:

Teacher: Okay, remember that you always have a choice. No matter what.

NTB: HELLO! How is everyone?

Teacher: We are all doing fine. What are you doing here?

NTB: Well, I have decided I am going to treat everyone today.

Teacher: Really? How are you going to do that?

NTB: Well, I am going to bake a cake.

Teacher: I love cake, how about you kids? Do you like cake?

NTB: Well good. (NTB goes to table with props on it, takes the cake box and looks at it several times then tosses it behind him.)

Teacher: Ah, well I think you need that box.

NTB: No I don't.

Teacher: Well, yes. Are you making a cake?

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Not Too Bright “The Faulty Cake” Drama Script — Continued

NTB: Yes.

TEacher: You need the cake mix.

NTB: NO, I don't need it.

Teacher: Why not?

NTB: Cause I'm Not Too Bright.

Teacher: Oh, yes I forgot. But I thought you were going to bake us a cake.

NTB: (Take chips, Twinkies, chocolate milk and Hershey bars and put into bowl.) Yummy. This cake is going to be so good.

Teacher: Really. I don't think so.

NTB: What, why not?

Teacher: Because you are Not Too Bright!

NTB: You got me there, but this is going to be good.

Teacher: Well you didn't use the cake mix, the oil or the eggs.

NTB: Why would I use those?

Teacher: Because that is what is used to make cakes.

NTB: That doesn't sound like a very good cake.

Teacher: Well, whether you think it does or not, that is how you make a cake. I don't know what you are making.

NTB: Hey, Teacher. Clean out your ears. I am baking a cake. (Continues to stir ingredients together.) I chose my favorite things for this special cake.

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Not Too Bright “The Faulty Cake” Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Well, I like chocolate milk and Twinkies, but mixing them together won't make a cake.

NTB: (Continues to stir and begins to get frustrated.) Ah. Hmm.

Teacher: What is wrong?

NTB: This doesn't look like the picture on the box.

Teacher: Well, you chose to not follow the directions.

NTB: What? This is not my fault. This is your fault. You are the reason my cake didn't turn out right.

Teacher: No. You threw the box out and didn't follow directions. You didn't even use any of the ingredients used for making cakes.

NTB: That doesn't matter.

Teacher: Yes, it does matter. You can't just choose whatever you want and expect it to turn out the right way.

NTB: You can't?

Teacher: No. You choose to follow the rules or in your case the directions on the cake box.

NTB: I don't know what you mean.

Teacher: This is not hard. Why don't you understand?

NTB: Well. Cause I'm Not Too Bright.

Teacher: Oh, I should have known. Get out of here.

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

The Apple

MEMORY VERSE:

Joshua 24:15, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (NKJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Take responsibility for your life.

WHAT YOU NEED:

1 Apple

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

When God created Adam and Eve, He created them with the power of choice. Every man, woman, boy and girl are created the same way - with the power of free will or choice.

God created us this way so we could have an opportunity to choose Him. God didn't want us to serve Him because He was making us. He wants us to serve Him because we want to.

God set Adam up in the Garden of Eden with everything you could imagine. There was only one thing God asked him not to do, and we all know Adam chose not to obey God. Adam chose to disobey and eat of the fruit in the garden.

We have the power of choice in our lives like Adam, we have choices we face every day. But the great thing is that we can choose. We have the power to choose. It is in our hands.

This apple represents your ability to make choices. Sometimes kids think they don't have any choices; however, you do have many choices.

What type of things do you have choices about? (Allow children to respond)

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The Apple Object Lesson — continued

Here are some suggestions:

- To obey my parents or disobey.
- To share my toys with my brothers and sisters or not to share.
- To do my homework or not.
- To study hard for a test or just enough to get by.
- To keep control of my thought life.
- Free time: do I read, play with my friends, or watch T.V.?
- Do I really love God or do I just go to church because my parents do?
- To wake myself up for school or do I depend on Mom to wake me up?
- To clean my room myself or let my mom clean my room.
- To be nice to the new kid at school or just pretend he isn't there.



**SHORT FILM
APPLICATION:**

“Baby Bottle Pops”

Did the short film remind you of a story in the Bible? That’s right. It was a modern day version of Adam and Eve. God created Adam and Eve and put them in paradise. The Garden of Eden. I think it was kind of like Hawaii.

God told Adam that he could eat from every tree in the Garden except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. What did Adam do?

He did the only thing God told him not to do. We’ve all disobeyed and blown it at times, but nobody blew it like Adam did. When Adam disobeyed, the law of sin and death began to reign on earth.

Do you think God knew Adam was going to sin? Of course he did. He knew what Adam was doing when he sinned, and yet He didn’t try to stop him. God knew the problems Adam’s sin was going to create and yet He didn’t come down to earth and tell Adam not to do it. God allowed Adam to disobey Him. Why?

Because God wanted Adam to take responsibility for his own life. If God had stopped him then God would have been taking the responsibility.

After Adam sinned God tried again to get Adam to take responsibility. God asked Adam, “Did you eat from the tree I told you not to eat from?”

God just wanted Adam to confess his sin. Instead, Adam played “The Blame Game.”

“The woman that YOU gave me. She gave me the fruit to me and I did eat it.”

Adam not only blamed Eve for his sin, he also blamed God for his sin. In other words Adam is saying, “If you had not given me that woman, I wouldn’t have sinned.”

Don’t play “The Blame Game” kids. If your life is not like you want it to be, don’t blame God. Don’t blame your parents. If you flunk a test, don’t blame your teacher. It is time to take responsibility for your sin. If you don’t like your life, you can change your life by making different choices.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

Feed The Baby Relay

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

Grow up and take responsibility for yourself.

WHAT YOU NEED:

6 jars of baby food, 6 spoons, 6 bibs

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose 12 contestants (older kids, 6 boys and 6 girls).
- Place items on a table in front of class.
- You may want to loosen jar lids ahead of time.

RELAY GAME RULES:

- Boys against the girls.
- Two team members match up.
- One team member puts the bib on the other team member. They proceed to the table and one team member feeds the other with the baby food.
- Go back to the rest of the team and switch out the bib for the next two team members and they do the same.
- The team that finishes first wins.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

When babies are born they are totally dependent on their mom and dad for everything. They don't even know they are dependent on anyone else. They just expect someone else to feed them, change their diaper, and make them happy. Of course, most parents are fully aware of the responsibility in bringing a child into this world, and are more than happy to fulfill that obligation. But as a baby grows there needs to be a transferring of responsibility. Even as a child you are not too young to begin making wise decisions for yourself. You are not a baby. As kids are growing up, sometimes it is easier to depend on mom and dad's relationship with God than it is to develop their own relationship with God. For instance, if you get a cough it is easier to go to mom and have her pray with you than it is to develop your faith and pray for yourself. If you want a new bike, it is easier to go to dad and ask for a new bike than it is to save money and buy a new bike.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Would I go to church if my parents gave me a choice?
2. Do I ever read the Bible without being told to?
3. Do I ever pray on my own because I want to?

By reading the Word of God and praying (because you choose to), you begin to develop your own relationship with the Father. God wants you to want Him, because you love Him, not because you are made to.



PUPPET SKIT *Me, Myself & I*

PUPPET CHARACTERS:

Robby, Mom, Jimmy, Mary Beth, & Dad

Scene 1- Robby's house

Robby: Finally it's Saturday, nothing to do but sit and watch T.V. No school... no homework...

Ring, ring, ring...

Robby: Hello.

Mom: Hey Robby, it's Mom, I need you to mow the lawn for me.

Robby: Awww Mom, its Saturday. Isn't there a law against making kids work on Saturday?

Mom: Robby, it needs to be done and I need to make dinner. Your sister is having some friends over later.

Robby: This just keeps getting better and better

Mom: Just do it. Okay Robby?

Robby: Fine.

Scene2- Outside Robby's house

Jimmy: Robby, what are you doing?

Robby: My sister's having some friends over so I get to mow the yard.

Jimmy: Hey? I've got a better idea.

Robby: Yeah, what's that?

Jimmy: I got tickets to an advance screening of Star Wars.

Robby: How did you do that?

Jimmy: Don't worry about it, do you want to go or not?

Robby: Yeah, but I got to mow the lawn.

Jimmy: Okay, if you want to hang out at your dumb sisters' slumber party that's fine by me.

Robby: I really don't want to.

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Me, Myself & I Puppet Script — Continued

Jimmy: Then let's go.
Robby: Well...okay, but you gotta wait while I get my lightsaber.
Jimmy: Great, but hurry. It starts in six hours and we don't want to be late.
Robby: Okay, Jimmy!

Scene 3- Kitchen

Mary Beth: Mom, my friends are going to be here in twenty minutes. Is dinner ready yet?
Mom: Twenty minutes? You said six o'clock and it's only three.
Mary Beth: I know, but we're going to the fair tonight. So we thought we could eat early.
Mom: Well, I can try and hurry. But it's meatloaf so it takes a while to cook.
Mary Beth: MEATLOAF!!!! Cathleen and Danielle are both vegetarians. Thanks a lot Mom. (Mary Beth storms out)
Mom: You didn't tell me... ahhh.

Scene 4- Kitchen

Dad enters whistling

Mom: Honey, Robby was supposed to mow the lawn, and I can't find him anywhere, have you seen him?
Dad: Yeah, I saw him leave with Jimmy a little while ago.
Mom: Where were they going?
Dad: Don't know they didn't say.
Mom: Did you ask?
Dad: No, I thought he told you?
Mom: Errrhhggg!!!
Dad: Whoa! Somebody's in a bad mood.
Dad exits
Mom: I'm not in a bad mood, I'm. Oh just...

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Me, Myself & I Puppet Script — Continued

Scene 5- Dinner Table

Dad, Mom, Mary Beth and two friends sit down to eat dinner.

Mom: Come and get it.

Dad: Oh this looks interesting! Uh... what is it?

Mom: Vegetarian Meatloaf.

Mary Beth: EWWWWWWW.

Friends: EWWWWWWW.

Mom: What do you mean ew?

Mary Beth: Vegetarian Meatloaf, why not just regular meatloaf?

Mom: Because you said your friends were vegetarians.

Danielle: Not anymore, now we are on an all meat protein diet.

Mom: Errghh!

Robby enters making lightsaber sounds

Mom: Robby, where have you been mister?

Robby: Oh, Mom, guess what? Jimmy got tickets to an early showing of Star Wars.

Mary Beth : Mom, this Meatloaf is awful.

Dad: Honey, do we have any soda?

Mom: Stop just, just Stop!!!!

Mom bursts into tears and exits the room.

Robby: Gee, I wonder what that was all about.

Mary Beth: Yeah, it's not like mom to just lose it like that.

Dad: I think we all had something to do with it.

Robby: How, Dad? All I did was go see a movie. Sheesh!

Mary Beth: And I didn't want to eat this anti-meatloaf.

Dad: Right, but you both had choices, Robby you chose to go to a movie instead of mowing the lawn. Even though your Mom already told you what to do, it was still your choice.

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Me, Myself & I Puppet Script — Continued

Mary Beth: That doesn't make meatloaf any better, does it?

Dad: No Mary Beth, but you made the choice not to tell your mom about your change in plans.

Mary Beth: I guess so.

Dad: Now, I'm going to go see if your Mom will make the choice to feel better. Robby no T.V. for two weeks and Mary Beth, send your friends home.

Robby: What? Come on Dad it was Star Wars.

Dad: It doesn't matter what the reason Robby, you knew what you were supposed to do, right?

Robby: Yeah.

Dad: It was your decision and you have to face the consequences.

Everybody exits

Scene 6 – Mom sits in front of the T.V. Dad's voice is off in the background.

Dad: Honey...Honey?

Guy on TV: Make the choice to be yourself. If you can't think about being yourself, then you're never truly free to be you. Call now, for only \$29.99 you can get my tapes. But wait, there's more ... If you call in the next 8 minutes, you can get it for just 3 easy payments of \$19.95. Call 1-800-798-4872

End Episode 1



OBJECT LESSON *It's Your Choice*

MEMORY VERSE:

Joshua 24:15, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (NKJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Take responsibility for your life.

WHAT YOU NEED:

10 Fun fruits and 10 small bag of chips

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Pick five girls and five boys to come up and pick which snack that they want. They can CHOOSE whichever snack. Use the words "choose" and "choice" often. Ask the children why they chose the snack they chose one at a time.)

It is great to have a snack today. Interesting, every one of you took responsibility for yourself and made a choice. Wasn't that easy?

Sometimes growing up and learning to make wise choices can be challenging, but you do know how to make right choices for yourself. Today, you chose between fruit snacks and chips. But one day you will choose what college to go to, where to live, who to marry. But before you get to that point there are a lot of choices you need to make now. Like doing your homework, making your bed, who to be friends with.

DISCUSS:

What choices do children have the ability to make?

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is the hardest choice you have had to make?
2. If you have a hard choice to make what should you do? (read the Bible, pray, ask parents or teacher)



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

TO THE TEACHER:

The Digital Review Questions are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then PAUSE the video.

After you have done your teaching then PLAY the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a Review Game by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Joshua 24:15 says ____.
 - a. choose this day what you will eat
 - b. choose this day what game to play
 - c. choose this day to obey
 - d. choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**
2. Why did God allow Adam to disobey Him?
 - a. God wanted to punish Adam
 - b. God wanted Adam to take responsibility for his life**
 - c. God wanted to see what would happen
 - d. God didn't like Adam
3. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
 - a. The woman
 - b. The snake
 - c. God
 - d. All of the above**
4. What does the fruit represent in the Garden of Eden?
 - a. Good stuff
 - b. Bad stuff
 - c. Our ability to make choices**
 - d. God's ability to control us
5. What types of things can I make choices about?
 - a. My thought life
 - b. Who I hang with
 - c. To wake myself up in the morning
 - d. All of the above**



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

Drama: Not Too Bright "The Faulty Cake" — Pages 4-6

_____ Not Too Bright (Character)

Props

_____ Large bowl

_____ Large spoon

_____ 1 cake mix

_____ Oil

_____ 3 eggs

_____ Bag of chips

_____ 2 Twinkies

_____ Chocolate milk

_____ Hershey candy bar

Object Lesson: The Apple — Pages 7-8

_____ 1 apple

Inter-Active Lesson: Feed The Baby Relay — Pages 10

_____ 6 jars of baby food

_____ 6 spoons

_____ 6 bibs

Puppet Skit: Me, Myself & I — Page 11-14

Puppets

_____ Robby _____ Mom _____ Mary Beth

_____ Jimmy _____ Dad

Object Lesson: It's Your Choice — Page 15

_____ 10 Fun fruits

_____ 10 Small bags of chips

Choice Wars Lesson 1 Activity Page

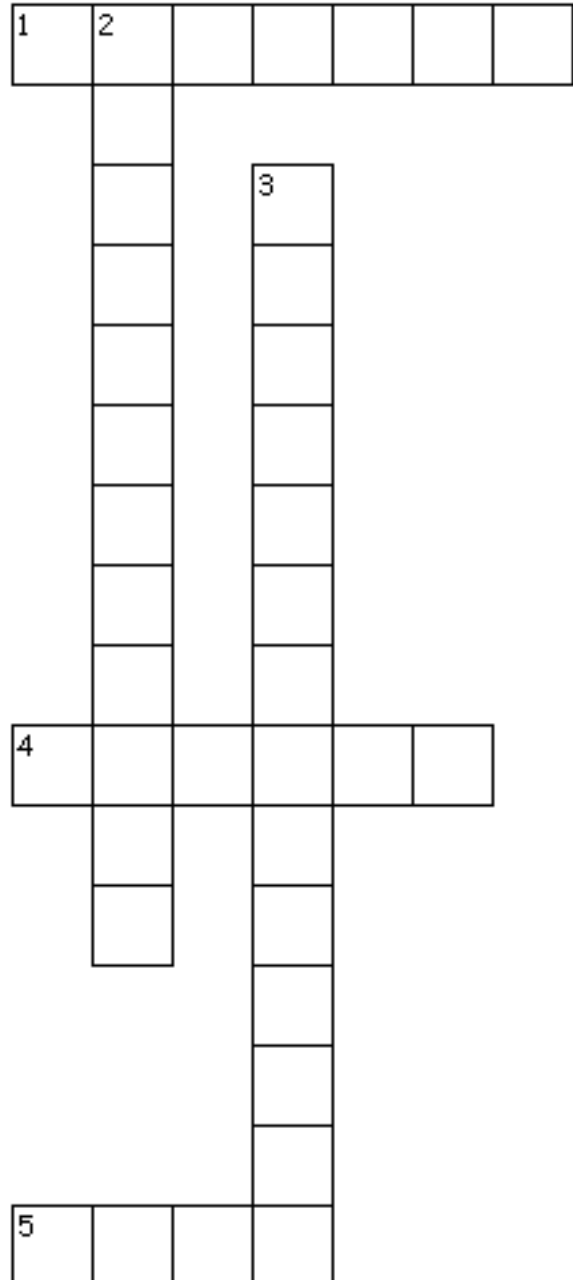
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Choice Wars Lesson 1 Devotional

_____ How many needed?

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Solve this crossword puzzle and help Cape Girl see how powerful HOPE is to her faith.



Across

- By reading the Bible and ___ kids can develop their relationship with God.
- The freedom of ___ is God's idea.
- Kids have ___ choices.

Down

- It is important for kids to develop their ___ with God.
- Take ___ for you life.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

Across

1. By reading the Bible and **PRAYING** kids can develop their relationship with God.
4. The freedom of **CHOICE** is God's idea.
5. Kids have **MANY** choices.

Down

2. It is important for kids to develop their **RELATIONSHIP** with God.
3. Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for you life.



Just For You!

It is time for YOU to GROW UP and TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your

choices. Babies don't have a choice in what they wear, or what they eat or what they do. But you are not too young to begin to take steps in making WISE CHOICES. You are faced with opportunities every day to choose, select, and to take preference.



So, What Are You Gonna Do?

You are at the store and the lady in front of you drops a \$20.00 bill.

What will you do?

- A. Wait until no one is looking and pick it up.
- B. Pick it up and give it to the lady.
- C. Just walk away and hope when you come back it is still there.

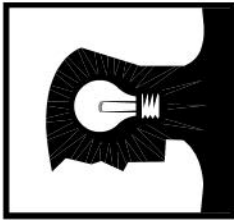
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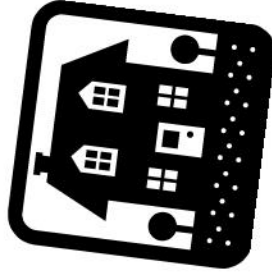


God's Idea

"Choose this day who you will serve, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

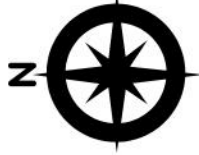
Who Lives In Your House?





Webster Says Choice Means:

- the act of choosing
- the voluntary act of selecting
- the power of choosing
- judgment or skill in distinguishing what is to be preferred



Point Taken

Take responsibility for
YOUR life!

Good Choice — Bad Choice

When God created man he gave everyone of us a free will. An opportunity to make choices.

Unfortunately, we can make good choices or

bad choices. But whatever choice we make—WE GET TO MAKE IT.



Adam chose to not follow God. He ate

of the fruit God said not to eat. Adam made a choice of his own free will.

Was Adam's choice a good choice or a bad choice?



It wasn't that Adam ate an apple, but that he chose to disobey God.