

Lesson 3

Choosing Between Good and Bad

Introduction:

Have you ever thought about why it's important to make choices? Let's learn about the freedom to choose and why it's a special gift from God.

1. Agency (Freedom to Choose) Is a Special Gift

God gave us the ability to choose between good and bad. This means we can decide what we want to do. We can choose to be kind, helpful, and honest, or we can choose to be mean, selfish, and dishonest. It's up to us! This ability to choose is called agency.

2. What Does Choosing Mean?

Imagine you're at the beach, and there's a sign that says, "Danger—whirlpool. No swimming allowed here." Even though the sign says not to swim there, you still have lots of other things you can do, like collect seashells, watch the sunset, or play in the sand. But if you ignore the sign and swim where it's dangerous, you might get hurt. Similarly, when we make good choices, we have lots of good things we can do.

But if we make bad choices, we might get hurt or feel sad.

Conclusion:

God loves us so much that He gave us the power to choose what we want. When we pick good things, it makes us feel all warm and fuzzy like Jesus! And guess what? We get to hang out with Jesus and all the people we love who also make good choices, and even Our Heavenly Father, forever and ever! Isn't that just the best?

So let's remember to make good choices every day!

Additional Scriptures:

- Galatians 6:7 (Consequences of our actions)
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 (God helps us resist temptation)

Title: The Choice by the Sea

In a seaside town, Noah loved sunny days. Once, he saw a sign: "Danger—whirlpool. No swimming." Noah asked his mom what it meant.

"It means swimming there could be dangerous," she explained.

Noah understood. "So, we shouldn't swim there?"

His mom nodded. "But we can do other fun things, like building sandcastles or flying kites."

As Noah roamed, he realized life offered choices—some safe, some not.

Later, he saw kids playing near the danger spot. Noah hesitated but remembered his mom's advice about making good choices.

He decided to join friends building sandcastles instead, feeling peaceful.

As the day ended, Noah understood life's choices. By making good decisions, he could find happiness.

Let's remember Noah's story and choose wisely. For in doing so, we honor God's gift of agency and draw closer to Jesus. Amen.