



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO

PROPS: 1 candy bar

#### LESSON:

- Hold the candy bar up in front of the class.
- Ask for a volunteer to eat the candy bar.
- Give them the candy bar to eat.

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- A wise person knows the right thing to do and does it, not because he has to, but because he wants to.
- Because he wants to, he will obey his parents.
- Because he wants to, he will read his Bible.
- Because he wants to, he will go to church.
- Because Johnny “wanted to” eat the candy bar, he ate the candy bar.
- It is easy to change your “I don’t want to” to a “Want to.”

- See, most of the time we know the right thing to do, we just need to obey. When you do the right thing you are choosing life, and God is going to pour out His blessings on you.

#### DISCUSS:

- What are things that you did not want to do, but you changed your mind and did it?

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How can you be a wise person? (do the right thing and obey God)
2. If we want to bear fruit we must do what? (obey God)



Small Group Notes

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

### FINDING GOD JUST DO IT

#### MEMORY VERSE:

**James 1:22**, “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (NIV)

#### BOTTOM LINE:

You know the right thing to do, so just do it.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #155:

- What is your favorite meal?

#### Question #895

- If you could be a plant what kind of plant would you be?

### ICE BREAKER Game:

#### Catch Me If You Can

#### Directions:

- Have children line up into 2 lines facing each other.
- Everyone has a partner they are looking at.
- Give them 1 minute to look at each other.
- Then have everyone turn around, not facing each other.
- Each person changes something about themselves. (Take off an earring, tuck in their shirt, etc.)
- After 30 seconds, have everyone turn back around and face each other.
- Ask each child to guess what “thing” their partner changed.



## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Big Fish (pages 169-170)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Jonah 1:1-3:3*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*A Big Fish*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. The people of Nineveh were evil people. Jonah did not want to go so he hopped on a ship and went the other way. Jonah ended up in the water and a big fish ate him. Jonah stayed in the fish for 3 days and finally decided to go to Nineveh. When he changed his mind the fish spit him out. Many people came to know God because of Jonah.*

**Point To Make:** *Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. It took him 3 days to change his “want to.”*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did it take 3 days before Jonah was spit out by the whale? (because it took Jonah 3 days to change his mind and go to Nineveh)
2. What happened when Jonah changed his “want to?” (many people came to know God)