

Choose the Right

Sacrament Meeting Program
October 21, 2012

*“Choose you this day whom you will serve; ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”
Joshua 24:15*

Staging: Random benches have been reserved prior to the meeting. Children are seated in chapel proper with their teachers on reserved benches; the Primary Hosts are seated on the stand. (*Plan:* seat the older children nearer the back and the younger ones nearer the front since they are harder to “herd”)

After the sacrament portion of the meeting is finished, the piano begins playing softly “Choose the Right” and the two Primary Hosts take their places. At the same time the teachers and children stand row by row (beginning with the older children who will take seats at the top of the choir section) and as they walk reverently to their places on the stand they softly hum the words to the music.

Primary Hosts: These are an older boy and girl who are at ease speaking before an audience and can introduce the various sections of the program. (*Plan:* they should be standing at either side of the choir section, out of the way of the parade of children, but equipped with lavalier mikes so they can speak from their positions; a chair could be placed for each of them to sit after they speak.) While the children and teachers quietly take their places on the stand, the hosts introduce the theme. (*Speeches do NOT need to be word for word, but should contain the essence of the thoughts written. They should be memorized, rather than “read” to allow the child’s own love of the Gospel to be apparent.*)

PH Girl: Our theme this year in Primary has been “Choose the Right”. In Sharing Time we’ve identified situations we will face, now and in the future, where we would need to make a choice. Every month a new theme helped make us aware of ways in which we could use our agency wisely. We also learned how choosing the right brings blessings and helps us to understand how we can be happy.

PH Boy: The scripture for this year has been from the book of Joshua: “Choose you this day whom you will serve; ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Each month a new scripture was added to support the theme and help us strengthen our testimonies. If we learn to love the scriptures when we are young, our personal study will continue to bring us closer to Heavenly Father and to our Savior.

Staging: Children and teachers should be in place by this time, but if not, hosts should stand quietly until they are, then take their seats. Children remain standing for “As a Child of God”.

Song: “As a Child of God” (*Verses sung in unison, musical instrument – Savannah Englehart on flute? – joins in harmony on all 3 choruses.*)

CTR 5: (*One child gives the reference: 2nd Nephi 2:27, then class stands and recites the word in unison*) “Wherefore, men are free...to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men.”

CTR 4’s (*These can be combined if not enough children are available.*)

1. We began making choices before we even came to earth.
2. In the pre-existence I chose to follow God’s plan.
3. Jesus Christ created the earth as a place where I can learn to choose the right.

4. Jesus set an example for me so I would know the right way to live.
5. When I choose to be like Jesus, I can feel his love for me.

Valiant 9: *(To be given in the child's own words – memorized please – about 1 minute in length)*
 One of my favorite Old Testament prophets was Noah. He chose to be obedient even though the Lord asked him to do some very difficult tasks:

- a. Preach to the people and try to get them to repent, even when they wouldn't listen and made fun of him;
- b. Build a very large ship following Jehovah's instructions;
- c. Gather animals of every kind so they could be saved from the floods, it couldn't have been very pleasant shut up with that many animals for 40 days and 40 nights.

Valiant 10/11: *(To be given in the child's own words – memorized please – about 1 minute in length)* Nephi was one of my favorite Book of Mormon prophets.

- a. He chose to be obedient even when the Lord asked him to do something very difficult;
- b. He trusted in the Lord to help him accomplish the tasks;
- c. He asked the Lord for a witness of the truth and received it.

Song: "Nephi's Courage" *(Girls sing verses; boys sing chorus while girls softly clap to beat.)*

Valiant 8: Twice each year when we listen to General Conference we learn how much our modern day prophets love us. They follow the Savior's example and teach us of the blessings we can receive from our righteous choices. When I hear President Monson tell stories about how he chose the right, I want to do the same.

Song: "Stand for the Right" *(Sing thru twice: Boys sing alone on first time while girls sing "ooh or aaah" sound; all sing in unison second time thru.)*

Valiant 8: *(One child gives the reference: John 13:15, then class stands and recites the words in unison) "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you"*

PH Girl: The Prophet can be a good example to show us how to choose the right, so can our parents, teachers and righteous friends. The most perfect example of course is the Savior. The CTR 5 class wants to share some of the examples Jesus set for all of us.

CTR 5: *(These can be combined or added to, depending on the number of children available.)*

1. Jesus showed us the way to be baptized by immersion.
2. The Savior showed love for others by healing and serving them.
3. By forgiving those who hurt him Jesus showed us the right way.
4. Jesus showed us the correct way to pray to our Heavenly Father.

Valiant 8/Sunbeam: *(both stand at the podium; girl reads scripture – Matthew 18:21-22 – then the story of Sara and asks Sunbeam to give correct answer)*

Sara had asked her younger sister not to use her crayons, but her sister used them anyway. To be like Jesus, Sara could:

- a. Get angry with her sister.
- b. Hide her crayons.
- c. Forgive her sister.

Valiant 8/Sunbeam: *(both stand at the podium; boy reads scripture – John 13:34 – then the story of John and asks Sunbeam to give correct answer)*

John is playing soccer with his friends, and he notices another boy standing by himself watching the game. To be like Jesus, John could:

- a. Make fun of the boy for being alone.
- b. Ignore the boy and continue playing with his friends.
- c. Invite the boy to play soccer with them.

Song: “I’m Trying to be like Jesus” *(Group sings or aaah while instrument – violin? piano? – plays through verse, children join in and sing words in chorus, then begin with 1st verse with instrumental accompaniment. Alternative: first time thru children hold their hands in a “tent” over their mouths and sing aaah.)*

CTR 6: *(One child gives the reference: Acts 2:38, then class stands and recites the words in unison)* “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Valiant 8: Repeat 4th Article of Faith.

PH Boy: The principles and ordinances written in the Fourth Article of Faith are a perfect foundation for choosing to draw closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ. This year we have learned about Christ’s baptism and the sign given for the Holy Ghost. Each of use chooses the right when we are baptized and confirmed by those holding the proper Priesthood authority.

CTR 7: *(These can be combined if not enough children are available.)*

1. The Holy Ghost testifies to us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and our Savior.
2. The Holy Ghost can comfort and calm us when we are worried or scared.
3. When we make good choices we are following the prompting of the Holy Ghost.
4. Listening for the spirit while reading the scriptures teaches us and strengthens our testimonies.
5. The Holy Ghost helps us know what to do and what not to do.

Song: “When I am Baptized”

Valiant 9: *(One child gives the reference: 1 Nephi 3:16, then class stands and recites the words in unison)* “Wherefore, let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord.”

Valiant 10/11: *(two children approach podium together)*

1st Child: Some of the gospel principles we have learned to live by in our quest to choose the right are:

- Fasting and prayer can strengthen our testimony;
- Being kind is doing and saying nice things to others – including in our families;
- Honesty is telling the truth regardless of the consequences;

2nd Child: We have also learned:

- We can pray at any time and in any place when we need help or feel grateful;
- Honoring our parents is a way we can show respect for God;
- Keeping the Sabbath Day holy helps us stay close to our Heavenly Father.

PH Boy: In the Book of Matthew the Savior gave a parable to the people about building their spiritual houses on a strong foundation – a foundation of rock that is immovable. He was referring to himself as the “rock”. His example of love, kindness and righteousness is a sure foundation on which we can all build.

PH Girl: Helaman, a loving father in the Book of Mormon, taught his sons: (*Helaman 5:12*)

Song: “The Wise Man and the Foolish Man” (*Both verses: 3 Valiant boys rotate through first 3 lines of verse, then group joins on chorus. End 2nd chorus with diminishing repeat: 1/3 of children singing “foooliishshs” and fading like waves over sand.*)

Valiant 9-11: Three separate talks to be composed by speakers; should be *memorized – please!*

How having good friends helps me to choose the right (1 min)

How living the Word of Wisdom helps me (1 min)

What dressing modestly means to me (1 min)

CTR 7: (*One child gives the reference: D&C 84:35, then class stands and recites the words in unison*) “And also all they who receive this priesthood receive me, saith the Lord”

PH Boy: Jesus Christ has offered his Priesthood to all worthy male members of His Church. On date I will have my 12th birthday and have the privilege to be ordained a Deacon. I’m looking forward to holding the Aaronic Priesthood, passing the sacrament and doing baptisms for the dead in the temple. Right now I’m trying to keep myself worthy to receive this power and learn all I can about the blessings my righteous choices will have on my future.

PH Girl: All the lessons we’ve learned in Primary about choosing the right help us in one way or another to show reverence. Reverence is more than sitting quietly. It is having a deep love and respect and showing that respect in outward ways through our thoughts, our feelings and our behavior. True reverence toward our Heavenly Father

and Jesus Christ helps us want to obey their commandments and make a life-long commitment to choose the right.

Bishop's remarks

Song: Choose the right" (*First verse by children, remaining verses with the congregation.*)