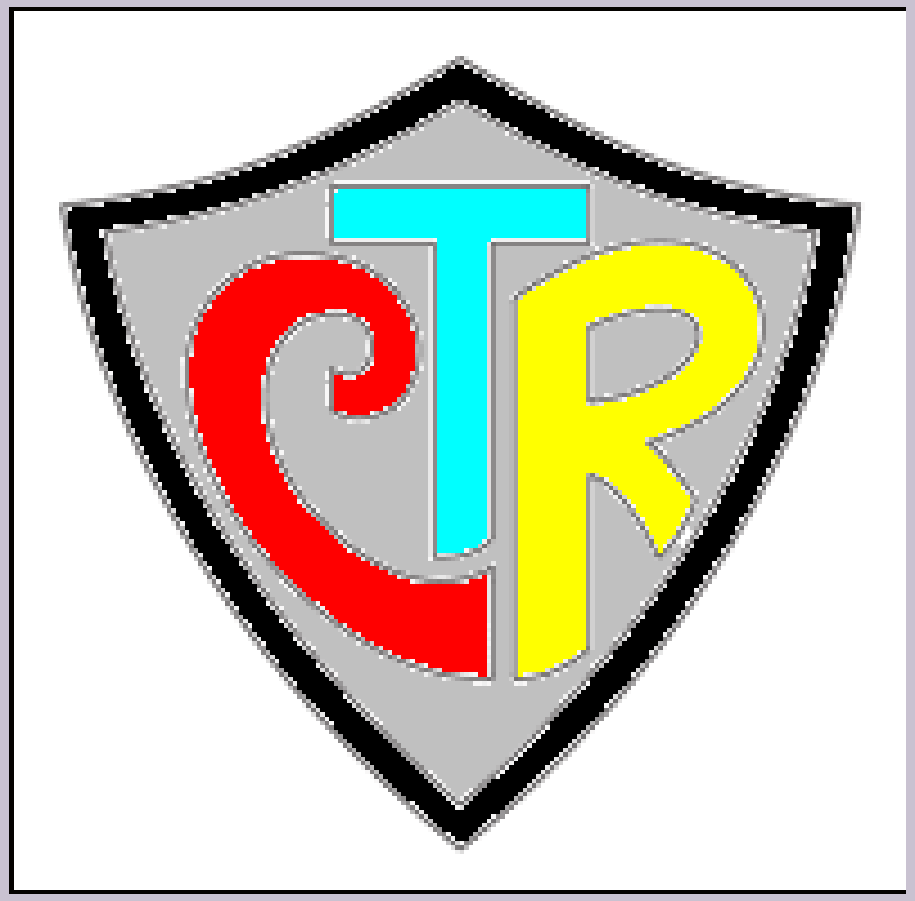
Lesson 1: Choose the Right



PURPOSE

To help the children learn that choosing the right can help them follow Jesus Christ.

OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN BY

(Enter Name Here)

Hello My Name is
(Enter your name here)

- Show them your name tag.
- We want each of you to write your name on your own name tag.
- If you need help writing your name, let me know and I will help you.
- When you have written your name, let me know and I'll attach your tag to your clothes.

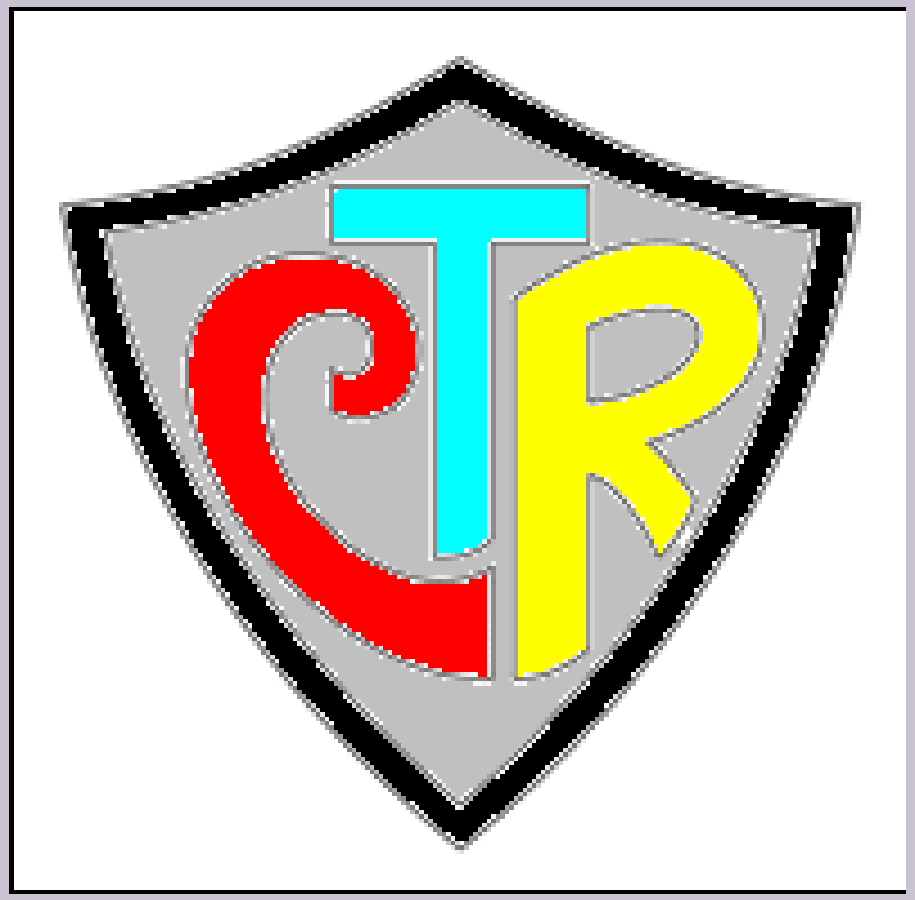
- Why are names important?
  - A name identifies a person to others.
- What do you think about when I say the following names: (Use actual names)
  - Parents
  - The Bishop
  - A Missionary
  - Thomas S. Monson
- A name helps to identify a person to others

- When you know someone's name, he can hear the name and think of what that person looks and acts like.

- Let's go around the room, each person saying their name for the others to hear and learn.
- What would you like people to think when they hear your name?
- How can you make your name represent good things?

- Can you suggest several ways you can honor or feel good about your name, such as doing your share of work, showing love, being polite, being honest, obeying your parents, obeying the commandments, and obeying laws and rules

- You can feel good about yourselves when you choose the right, and people will think of good things when they hear your name.



- What does “CTR” stand for?
  - Choose the Right
- By Choosing the right, you will feel good about your own name.

Let’s all repeat together the words

Choose

The

Right

- Listen to the following story about a boy who had a very important choice to make:
- Randy and his friend David were playing in their neighbors' yard. The neighbor family was not home, and the two boys were having fun playing with some of the children's toys. As they pushed each other in the swing, it broke and fell to the ground. Randy and David did not know what to do, so they ran away. They hoped that no one saw them there.

- Randy felt bad that he and David had broken the swing. He thought about it often during the rest of the day but could not decide what to do. The next morning when he woke up, Randy remembered what *CTR* meant. Randy spoke the words that he had learned in Primary, “Choose the right”; then Randy thought about the neighbors’ swing.
- He dressed quickly and went to the neighbors’ house. He stood outside for a while because he was a little afraid to knock on their door. Finally he knocked.

- When the mother came to the door, he told her what had happened. While he told the story of the broken swing, she listened. When he finished, she put her hand gently on his shoulder and asked him his name. He told her that his name was Randy. She looked him in the eyes and said, “Randy, whenever I see you or think of your name, I’ll think of someone who is honest.”

- What did Randy choose to do?
- What helped Randy make that decision?
- Show the CTR shield to the children.
- How did choosing the right help Randy have a good name?

How many of you know the words and can sing this song?

If you do, please sing along.

Choose the Right Way

1. There's a right way to live and be happy;
It is choosing the right ev'ry day.
I am learning the teachings of Jesus;
They will help me and show me the way.
Choose the right way and be happy.
I must always choose the right.

2. Through the gospel I learn to be prayerful,
To have faith, to repent, to obey,
And I know if I live by his teachings,
I will truly be happy each day.
Choose the right way and be happy.
I must always choose the right.

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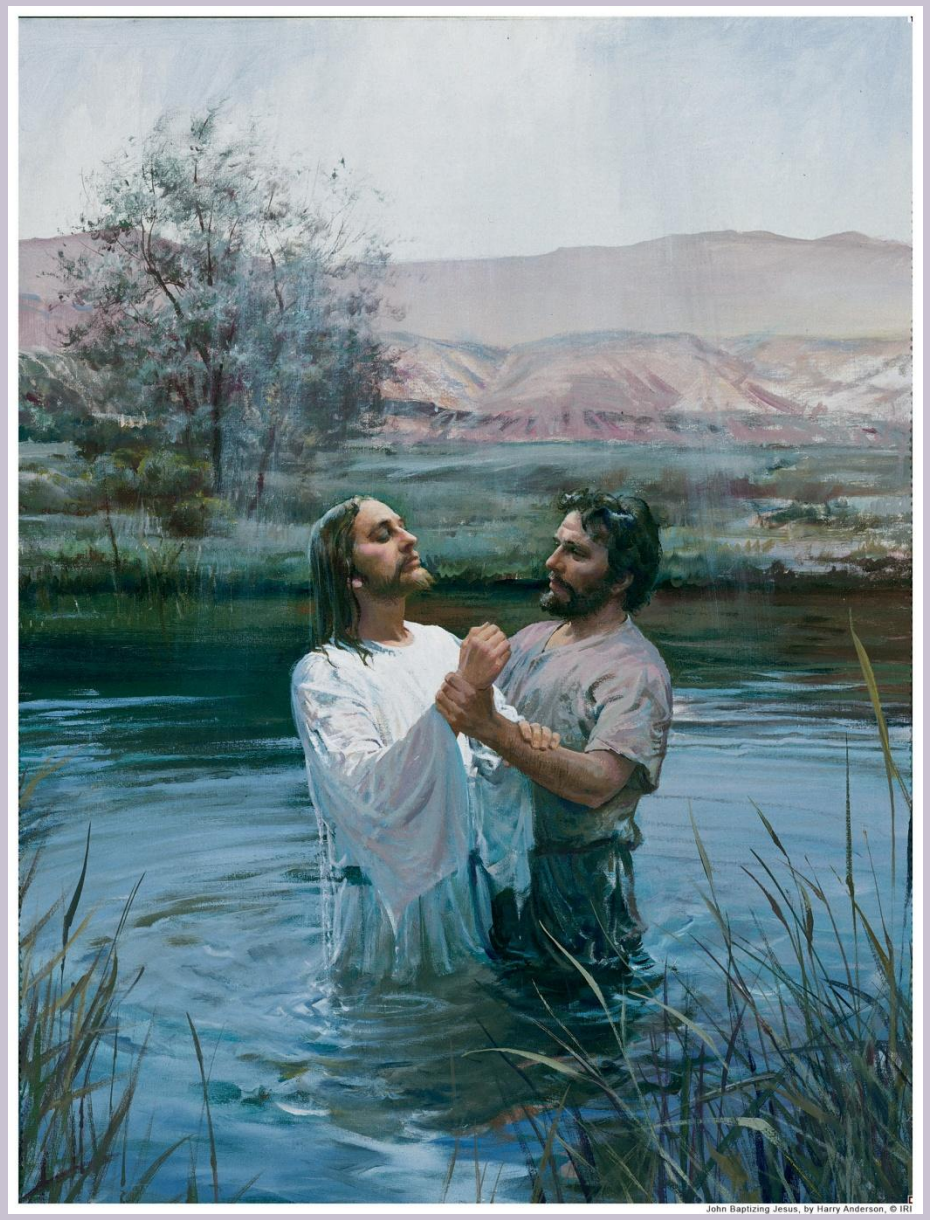
- I’m thinking of another name.
- It is the name of someone who wants you to choose the right.
- Here are a couple clues.
  - 1. He loves us.
  - 2. He taught us how to choose the right.
- The person you are thinking of is Jesus Christ.
- He taught us to always choose the right

- He also taught us to be baptized the same way he was baptized.
- What do you remember about how Jesus was baptized?



- Let's Read part of Matthew 3:16.
- 16 And Jesus, when he was [a]baptized, went up [b]straightway out of the water. . .
- Jesus was baptized by immersion, which means that he was placed under the water.

- How would Heavenly Father and Jesus want you to be baptized?
  - By immersion, just as Jesus was.
- How old are you?
- When you become eight years old, they will be old enough to be baptized.

- They will also be responsible for their own choices.
- By being baptized and obeying the commandments, they will be choosing the right.
- Why is it important to be baptized

- How does being baptized show that you've chosen the right way?
- When you choose to be baptized, you choose to become members of the Church of Jesus Christ and take on his name.

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- By choosing the right, you will feel good about your own names and will honor Jesus Christ's name and the name of his Church.

How many of you do not have a CTR Ring yet?

We want to present you one at this time.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

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•I’d like to go around the room and have each of you share a time when you chose the right and how it made you feel after making that choice.

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Here is a copy of the CTR shield.
Please color it in for you to take home.

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Can you draw a picture of ways you can choose the right.

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Can you show us how you are choosing the right in your daily chores at home.

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Testimony

I want to bear my testimony to you of the importance of always choosing the right.

By always choosing the right, it will bring you closer to our Lord.

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- (Enter Name Here)

THE END

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