

Sharing Time February 2014

Week 4: "Agency is the gift to choose for myself."

Identify the doctrine: Object lesson: Talk about how the ability to choose is a gift. In advance, prepare two objects. This can be two bags. One being a gift bag wrapped beautifully, the other just a plain brown bag. In the plain one place a yummy treat. In the gift bag place something not so yummy like a cracker. (I am sure some of you cracker lovers out there would disagree.) Just place something that is not as exciting. Pick a child to choose a bag. After their choice, you can explain how sometimes the choice that appears more exciting and beneficial might not be. With Senior primary you could probably get away with the classic object lesson of apples versus onions. Slice an onion in sections as you would an apple. Dip completely in caramel. Slice an apple into sections. Let them choose.

Encourage Understanding: Read 2 Nephi 2:27 as directed in the outline. I have attached the entire scripture. Then print off the large face that says "Choose Liberty and Eternal life" on one end and "Choose Captivity and Death" on the other. Print and cut out the small cards with the same face and hand out to all the children. Call on one volunteer to read the scripture. Have all the other children flip their faces over to match the scripture as it is being read.

Encourage Application. Print off the role playing cards. Each card lists a scenario the class can act out. Discuss the good consequences that come from their choice to follow the commandments. Use the good/bad face to reiterate the choices that you discuss.

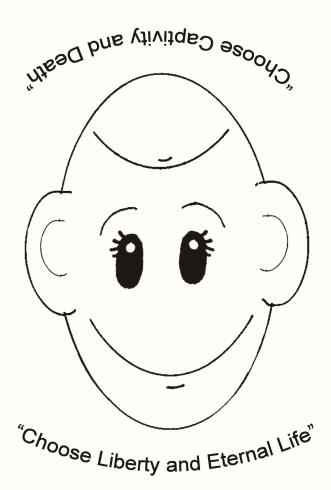
Activity: Play a game:

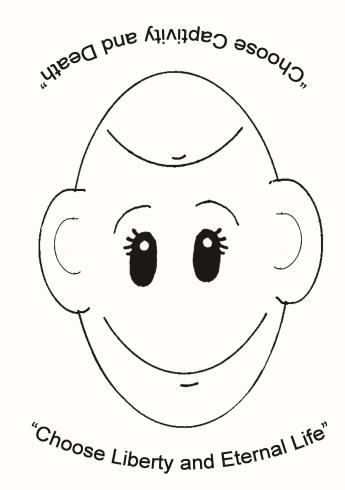
- Print the cards attached. This is a small excerpt from the cards found in our "Choose the Right" packet.
- Place the cards into a bowl.
- Place the stepping stones on the floor. You can print off as many as you like depending on how long you want your game to be. To save ink, you can also cut out stones from brown butcher paper or cardstock.
- Divide the primary into two teams. (I know... not very original.)
- Call on one child from each team to come forward. They will be their team's pawn that moves.
- As they draw a card, if it is a "Choose the Right" card let them move forward two stones. If it is a "Choose the Wrong" card they have to move backward one stone.
- Take turns calling on one child from each team to come forward and read a card. The child who
 is moving on the stones will move forward or backward. Continue to play as time allows or until
 they reach the end. Take time to discuss each scenario and how it would help you "Choose
 eternal life" or "Choose Captivity".
- There are an additional 40 cards in our "CTR" packet, as well as a game board you can use instead of the stone idea.

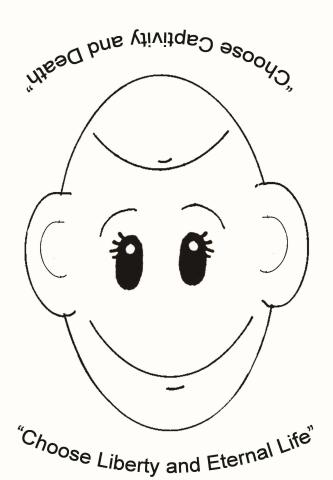
Our "Choose the Right" packet will be on sale for \$2.25 during the month of February.

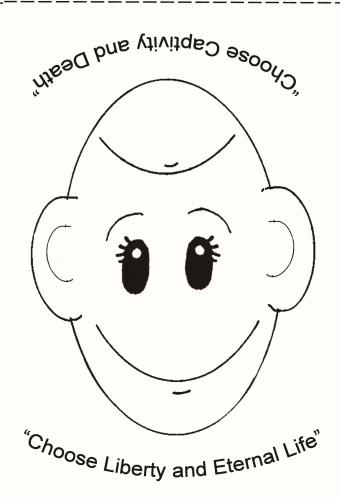
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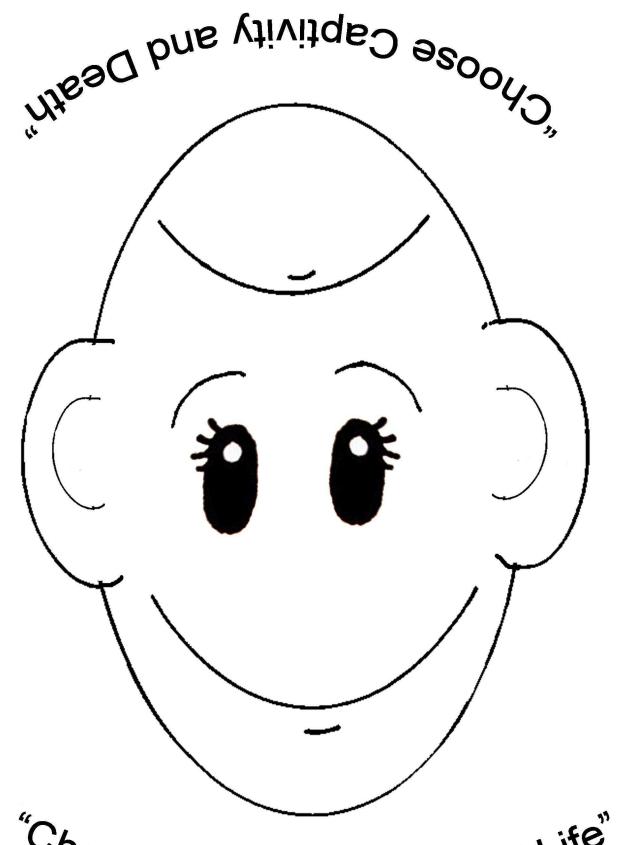
the flesh; and all things are given them eternal life, through the great Mediator power of the devil; for he seeketh that Wherefore, men are free according to of all men, or to choose captivity and all men might be miserable like unto death, according to the captivity and which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and











"Choose Liberty and Eternal Life"

Role Playing Cards

A friend asks you You are given too to cheat on a Your parents ask much change homework you to clean your at the store. assignment. room. It's time for family You heard Your little sister prayer, but you someone tell a took your favorite don't want to miss mean joke at baseball hat. your favorite T.V. school. show.

Game Cards

(excerpt from our "Choose the Right" packet)

Choose The Right!	Choose The Right!	Choose The Right!	Choose The Right!
Your friend wanted you to steal some candy from the store. You told her that it was not the right thing to do. GREAT JOB!!!!	A boy at school asked if he could copy some of your answers. You told him no. FABULOUS!!!!!	A group of friends offered you some alcohol. You politely told them that you do not drink. WAY TO STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE!!!!!	You awoke on Sunday morning and didn't feel like attending Church. You went anyway. WAY TO BE OBEDIENT!

Choose The Wrong!

You want to go to a friends house, but your mother said no. You ask your father instead and tell him that your mother said it was ok.

Choose The Wrong!

You and your friends decide to drive down the alley and tip over garbage cans. What a mess you made! YOUSHOULD LOVE YOURNEIGHBOR!

Choose The Wrong!

Your friends offer you a cigarette.
You take the cigarette so that your friends won't think you are a chicken. YOU SHOULD OBEY THE WORD OF WISDOM!

Choose The Wrong!

While playing basketball with your friends, you hurt your finger and say a swear word.

