

Choose the Right (Primary Program 2012)

Primary President – Intro:

Our theme in Primary this year is “Choose the Right.” We have talked about many examples of people in the scriptures and in modern day who have chosen the right. We have talked about how we experience joy in our lives when we do what we know to be good, true and right. We hope these lessons will inspire your children to continue to follow the Savior. Listen now as the children share with you some of the lessons they have learned.

Talk by 8 yr old girl:

The gift of making choices about what we will do is called agency. Heavenly Father lets us make choices. Our choices can help us or hurt us. When we use our agency to be obedient, Heavenly Father will bless us. When we are disobedient, we must face the consequences.

The prophet Joshua told the Israelites what he would do with his agency. He made the choice to be obedient. He said, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15) Joshua told the people he would use his agency to serve the Lord, no matter what.

I am grateful I can make choices about my actions. I will be like Joshua and use my agency to serve the Lord. I will try hard each day to make right choices and follow the commandments.

I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Song: “As a Child of God” – 3 verses

(Family Holding FHE)

Father: It’s great to have everyone here for Family Home Evening. Tonight we’re going to talk about the letters CTR. Who can tell me what these letters stand for?

Child: Choose the Right.

Father: Very good. Now, (name), would you please read 2 Nephi 2:27?

Child: “Wherefore, men are free . . . to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil.”

Mother: And did you know that in the premortal life, we all chose the right by choosing to follow God’s plan and come to earth and gain a body. Let’s listen to why that choice was important.

Talk by 9 yr old boy:

Jesus Christ created the earth as a place where I can learn to choose the right. We sing a song that says:

*My life has a purpose; in heav’n it began.
My choice was to come to this lovely home on earth
And seek for God’s light to direct me from birth.*

These words teach us that we lived with Heavenly Father before we came to earth. We are His children. Heavenly Father asked His Son, Jesus Christ, to create the earth. The earth was prepared so we could come and receive bodies. We were also given agency, and we chose to come to earth and learn to follow Heavenly Father’s plan.

Heavenly Father loves us. He has given us this beautiful world in which we live. He created this world to give us a place to learn about His plan. Why did he do this? Because He wants us to make correct choices and return to Him. If we follow His plan, we will be happy here on earth and return to live with Him someday.

(Bear your testimony.) In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Song: “Choose the Right” – *Hymns* #239 (1st verse sung with sign language)

Family

Father: Who can tell me what happens when we choose the right?

Child: If we choose the right, we are blessed.

Mother: There are many examples of people in the scriptures choosing the right.

CTR 7 class—teacher

“If ye do keep His commandments He doth bless you and prosper you” (Mosiah 2:22)

- *Child:* Noah and his family were blessed because he chose to follow the Lord’s commands and built an ark. They were all saved from the flood.
- *Child:* Daniel was saved from the lions’ den because he chose the right and continued to pray to Heavenly Father even when the King commanded him not to.
- *Child:* Peter had a vision on the way to Damascus and chose to change his life and follow Jesus. He was blessed to be a great missionary for the rest of his life.
- *Child:* Daniel and his friends chose to follow the Lord’s instructions in what they ate and they were blessed to be healthier than any of the other boys in the kingdom.
- *Child:* Peter and Andrew chose to follow Jesus Christ and lay aside their fishing nets. They were blessed to become ‘fishers of men’ and to be by Jesus’ side throughout his life.
- *Child:* Alma and the sons of Mosiah were blessed with many converts because they chose the right and preached to the Lamanites.
- *Child:* Nephi and his descendents were blessed to have the scriptures because Nephi chose the right by following the prophet and going back to Jerusalem to get the brass plates.
- *Child:* Alma chose the right by listening to the prophet Abinadi and he was blessed to have the gospel.

Family

Father: Just like the people had prophets in Bible times, we have living prophets today. Who is the current prophet?

Child: President Thomas S. Monson

Mother: That’s right. And did you know that the Prophet’s Counselors and the 12 Apostles are also prophets? Does anyone know some of the things these men counseled us in our last General Conference? I think the Primary children do.

Song: “When I Hear the Prophet’s Voice”

CTR 5 class—teacher

“O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God” (Alma 37:35)

- *Child:* President Monson taught us that if we choose to obey the Lord, we will always be right.
- *Child:* Elder Holland counseled us that a happy way to live is by being kind to others.
- *Child:* Pres. Uchtdorf told us to “stop it” when we are tempted to judge others.
- *Child:* Elder Cook counseled everyone to make sure that our actions teach others what we believe.
- *Child:* Pres. Monson counseled us to pray, read our scriptures, and listen to the Holy Ghost so that we can safely return to our Heavenly Father.
- *Child:* Pres. Eyring urged us to fill our homes with love and courtesy.
- *Child:* Elder Perry taught us that we can overcome evil by living the teachings contained in the scriptures.
- *Child:* Elder Ballard taught that if we make a mistake, we can repent because of Jesus’ atonement.

Family

Mother: Besides listening to our living prophets, we have another person who gave us the perfect example of how to choose the right. Does anyone know who that is?

Child: Jesus Christ

Father: Our Savior loves us very much and wants us to be like Him. There are many things we can do to follow the Savior.

Song: “Follow His Light” – 1st verse

Sunbeam class—teacher

“For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.” (John 13:15)

- *Ann Allred:* I can follow Jesus by cleaning my room.
- *Kylie Jorgensen:* I can follow Jesus by being kind to others.
- *Braxton Parry:* I can follow Jesus by obeying my parents.
- *Colby Watson:* I can follow Jesus by saying my prayers.

Family

Father: There is another way we can follow Jesus and choose the right. It is something that will happen to Darcie next year. Darcie, do you know what that is?

Child: I will be baptized and confirmed a member of the Church.

Mother: It will be a very special day for you and for our family.

Song: “When I Am Baptized” – 2 verses (CS pg 103)

Valiant 9/10/11 girls

- *Child:* Jesus died for us so that we can repent and be forgiven of our sins. This is a wonderful blessing from our Heavenly Father.
- *Child:* When we turn 8 years old, we can choose to be baptized like Jesus was. We covenant that we will take His name upon us and always remember Him and keep his commandments.
- *Child:* After we are baptized, we are confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- *Child:* The Holy Ghost can help us in many ways. He comforts us, teaches us, helps us know what to do and what not to do, and he testifies of Christ.

- *Child:* Each week when we partake of the Sacrament, we renew our baptismal covenants and the Lord promises that if we do, we will have His Spirit to be with us.

Talk by 10 year old girl

I remember my Baptism Day. It seemed like I had waited so long for it to come, and when it did come it was over so quickly. I know that when I chose to be baptized, I was choosing the right. There are many choices to make in life. I am glad that we learn early in life how to make the right choices. I am grateful for great Primary teachers and leaders who teach us to listen to the Spirit.

Even though my baptism was a few years ago, I know I can renew my baptismal covenant by taking the Sacrament each week. In Acts 2:38, it says, “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.” I know that the Holy Ghost helps me to choose the right. I know that coming to church each week is choosing the right. I am grateful for the gospel in my life.

I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Family

Father: Besides being baptized, we can choose the right by living gospel principles. What are some of those principles?

Child: We should pay our tithing and repent when we do wrong.

Child: Boys should honor their priesthood.

Child: We should always be honest.

Mother: Good answers. But, as you all know, it is not always easy to follow the commandments. We need to remember to ask the Lord for strength to do what is right.

Song: “Nephi’s Courage” – 3 verses (CS pg 120-121)

CTR 4 class—teacher

“I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the things which he commandeth them” (1 Nephi 3:7)

- *Child:* I can choose the right by eating healthy food.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by not swearing.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by always telling the truth.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by listening to good music.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by saying my prayers.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by keeping the Sabbath Day Holy.
- *Child:* I can choose the right by obeying my parents.

Talk by 10 year old boy

The 13th Article of Faith says: “We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul. We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy we seek after these things.”

In the 2012 April Friend there is a story called “The Stolen Purse.” In the story there is a boy at a park and he sees something glinting in the grass. He goes closer and sees that it is a purse. He wants to keep it, but he remembers the 13th Article of Faith “We believe in being honest.” So he goes home and tells his mother what he found. They look through the purse until they find a phone number. They call that number and a woman answers and she tells them what happened. She tells them she was robbed the day before, and she had been praying that she would get it back. When the boy returns the purse, the woman hands him a twenty dollar bill and tells him to keep it. He says he should not be paid for being honest. The woman says he should use it for the church, so he puts two dollars in tithing and puts the rest towards his mission fund. He is blessed for being honest.

This boy is a great example of honesty. I hope I can be as honest as he was.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song: “Choose the Right Way” – 1st verse (CS pg 160)

Family

Father: We have learned that the Holy Ghost can help us choose the right. But, how can we always be sure that the Holy Ghost is with us?

Child: We need to do things that will invite the Spirit into our lives.

Father: That’s right. When we sin and make the wrong choices, we drive the Spirit away. One way we can invite the spirit is by keeping the Sabbath Day holy.

CTR 6 class—teacher

Our class is going to tell you some Sunday activities that will help us keep the Sabbath Day holy.

- *Child:* We can visit our relatives.
- *Child:* We can write letters to family members that are far away or to missionaries.
- *Child:* We can read the scriptures or other good books.
- *Child:* We can listen to good music.
- *Child:* We can write in our journals.
- *Child:* We can attend church and participate in Primary.
- *Child:* We can visit the sick.

Song: “The Holy Ghost” – 1st verse (CS, pg 105)

Family

Father: Besides teaching us to keep the Sabbath Day holy, the Ten Commandments also teach us to love God and those around us. Let’s review some of the Ten Commandments and see what they teach us.

CTR 8 class—teacher

“If thou lovest me thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments” (D&C 42:29)

- *Child:* Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- *Child:* Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- *Child:* Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

- *Child:* Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- *Child:* Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's.

Song: "I'm Trying to Be like Jesus" – 2 verses (CS pg 78-79)

Family

Father: As we finish up our lesson tonight, we have one more topic to discuss.

Mother: We are all asked to be missionaries, so let's think about how choosing the right can help us do that. Any ideas?

Child: We can be good examples for others.

Child: We can learn about Jesus.

Mother: Very good. Let's listen to some other ideas.

Valiant 9/10/11 boys—teacher

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)

- *Child:* When we are serving others, we are serving Heavenly Father. And when we serve others, we are also being missionaries.
- *Child:* Many things are easier to do when we have an example to follow. So if we choose to follow Jesus we can be a missionary to those around us who see us choosing the right.
- *Child :* We can be missionaries by teaching our friends about Jesus Christ and His Church. One way to do that is by inviting them to church with us.
- *Child:* We can prepare now to be full-time missionaries when we are old enough. Some of the ways we can prepare are by reading our scriptures everyday and gaining a strong testimony of the gospel.

Song: "Army of Helaman" – 3 verses sung by older boys and girls (CS pg 172-173)

Family

Father: Thank you for your participation tonight. We hope that you have learned how important it is to Choose the Right. And just like your mom and I, your Heavenly Father and Jesus love you all very much and will help you if you will only ask.

Song: "The Church of Jesus Christ" (CS pg 77)

Closing Remarks—Member of Bishopric

Closing Song: "Choose the Right" (Hymns #239)

Closing Prayer: