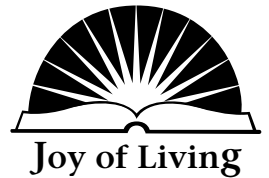


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1-3 John & Jude

Youth Bible Study

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Sample
Lesson

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1-3 JOHN & JUDE WEEK TWO

LESSON 1 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 min. free time - games, fellowship;

15 - 20 min. snack and group recreation: BEDLAM

This game requires four teams of equal size. Each team takes one corner of the room or playing field. The play area can be either square or rectangular. On a signal (e.g., whistle) each team attempts to move as quickly as possible to the corner diagonally across from their corner, performing an announced activity as they go. The first team to get all its members into its new corner wins that particular round. The first round can be simply running to the opposite corner, but after that you can use any number of possibilities: walking backward, wheelbarrow racing (one person is the wheelbarrow), piggyback, rolling somersaults, hopping on one foot, skipping, crab walking, etc. There will be literally mass bedlam in the center as all four teams crisscross. Alert your safety guards to referee the confusion in the middle where the lines cross.

15 - 20 min. discussion LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: BOOK SAFE

MATERIALS

old hardcover book with about 200 pages
rubber cement
Exacto or hobby knife
pencil
ruler

Open book to first page, and with the pencil mark 1" from all four sides of the page. Use the ruler to connect the marks to form a rectangle. With the Exacto or hobby knife, cut out the center of the rectangle. Cut through two to four pages at a time, until you have reached the back cover. Brush the rubber cement along the inside edges. Allow to dry. The empty space now becomes a "safe." When placed on a shelf, the book looks like all the others.

1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read 1 John, chapter 1, verses 1 - 4.

1. What does John say about Jesus in 1 John 1:1a?
2. What does John say about himself in 1 John 1:1b?
3. What senses does John use to back up his testimony?
4. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think John gave his readers so much evidence about Jesus?
5. What is another reason John gives for writing this letter? See 1 John 1:4 for your answer.

Read 1 John 1, verses 5 - 7.

1. What happens when you shine a flashlight in a dark corner of a room?
2. Galatians 5:19-21 is like the flashlight shining in a corner. From these verses, what is considered sin?

3. **CHALLENGE:** If someone doesn't know what Galatians 5:19-21 says, are they sinning? See Romans 3:23 for your answer.

4. Can we be friends of God, and live in darkness? See 1 John 1:6 for your answer.

5. What does Galatians 5:22,23 say?

6. Before we eat, we wash our hands, even when they look clean. But, as we use the soap and water, we see the clear running water turn dark and realize our hands were dirty. What cleans us from every sin?

Read 1 John chapter 1, verses 8 - 10.

1. What does 1 John 1:8,9 say?

2. **HARD:** The Greek meaning of the word "confess" means "to say the same thing." (McGee) So, when we confess our sins, what are we really saying?

3. What if we don't think we have sinned? See verse 1 John 1:10.

4. **PERSONAL:** From verses 5-8, what did you learn about your sin?

1-3 JOHN & JUDE - LESSON 1 - ANSWERS

Read 1 John, chapter 1, verses 1 - 4.

1. What does John say about Jesus in 1 John 1:1a? [Jesus was in eternity past. He always was. Note: John writes “That which was.” [He uses the past tense of the verb, not the present tense is. Jesus always was; as was God, He had no beginning.] “Christ was alive when the world began.”]
2. What does John say about himself in 1 John 1:1b? [I have seen Him with my own eyes and listened to Him speak. I have touched Him with my own hands. He is God’s message of life.”]
3. What senses does John use to back up his testimony? 1. Sight; 2. Sound; 3. Touch.
4. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think John gave his readers so much evidence about Jesus? [There were people trying to show that Christianity was not the true faith. John was saying he **knew** the claims Jesus made about Himself being God, eternal life, and that He was the Christ, were true because John was an eyewitness.”]
5. What is another reason John gives for writing this letter? See 1 John 1:4 for your answer. [We are writing this letter so we all will be full of joy.”]

Read 1 John 1, verses 5 - 7.

1. What happens when you shine a flashlight in a dark corner of a room? [You see what’s in the corner.]
2. Galatians 5:19-21 is like the flashlight shining in a corner. From these verses, what is considered sin? [But when you follow your own natural desires there will be evil results. There are impure thoughts, lustful pleasures, idolatry, spiritism, hatred, and fighting. There are jealousy, and anger, arguments, and criticism. People feel that everyone else is wrong except those in their own little group. There will be wrong doctrine, envy, and murder. People will be drunk at wild parties and do all these sorts of things. Let me tell you again what I have told you before. Anyone living that sort of life will not enter the Kingdom of God.”]
3. **CHALLENGE:** If someone doesn’t know what Galatians 5:19-21 says, are they sinning? See Romans 3:23 for your answer. [Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God’s perfect glory.”]
4. Can we be friends of God, and live in darkness? See 1 John 1:6 for your answer. [No] [If we say we are God’s friends but live in darkness, we are lying.”]

5. What does Galatians 5:22,23 say? “But with the Holy Spirit in our lives there will be different kinds of fruit. They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faith. People with the Spirit are gentle and have self-control. None of these things are against the Jewish law.”
6. Before we eat, we wash our hands, even when they look clean. But, as we use the soap and water, we see the clear running water turn dark and realize our hands were dirty. What cleans us from every sin? “Also, the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.”

Read 1 John chapter 1, verses 8 - 10.

1. What does 1 John 1:8,9 say? “If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves. We are refusing to accept the truth. If we confess our sins, He can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”
2. **HARD:** The Greek meaning of the word “confess” means “to say the same thing.” (McGee) So, when we confess our sins, what are we really saying? [We are agreeing with God that what we did was wrong, and that we have sinned against Him.]
3. What if we don’t think we have sinned? See verse 1 John 1:10. “If we say we haven’t sinned, we make God a liar. For He says we have sinned.”
4. **PERSONAL:** From verses 5-8, what did you learn about your sin? [Some possible answers: “I didn’t know jealousy, or anger was really a sin. I didn’t know I couldn’t have fellowship with God when I didn’t confess my sin. I really didn’t know some of the things I did was considered sin.” Etc.]