

Discussion Questions Course 113–1

Large Group

1. Did Chris believe that his parents could forgive him?
2. Do you think Chris's choice to disobey represents how we are to live our lives?
3. What would have been the better choice for Chris to do in obedience to his parents?
4. How many of you think you would have stood there staring like the disciples did?

Small Group

Game

1. In our story, what did you think when Jesus appeared in the clouds with His army of angels?
2. How did Chris find the strength to recognize and reject Satan's lies, and instead, have wisdom to believe the truth of God's Word?
3. Did the ball ever not come back?
4. You expected it would and watched for it to come back, right?
5. What would have happened if you weren't watching?

Teaching

1. Has a teacher ever stepped out of the room for a few moments and trusted your class to obey the rules while he or she was gone?
2. Maybe, for some of you older ones, your parents left you alone in the house while they ran an errand. Perhaps they trusted you to watch a younger brother or sister while they were away. Did you believe they were coming back again?
3. Why would you respect their rules while they are gone?
4. Jesus left Earth, but He is coming back again. We can anticipate that day with excitement, but what should we be doing until He comes back?
5. Do you remember in the video when Satan lied to Chris?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Romans 3:23. What is the problem?
2. How can we get rid of the terrible problem of our sin?
3. Fold on the dotted line, putting the circle on the star. What do you see?
4. Romans 6:23. When we sin, what do we earn?
5. Yet what does God give us?
6. John 3:16. Who paid the price for our sins?
7. What happens when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior?
8. Fold on the dotted line, putting the circle on the star. What do you see now?
9. Which way is the triangle pointing?
10. Ephesians 2:8–9. So, what is our part?
11. Can we earn salvation by doing good things?
12. Fold the triangle up, along the top edge. What do you see?
13. Which way is the triangle pointing now?
14. Romans 10:13. Is this promise just for some people?
15. Fold on the dotted line, putting the circle on the star. Uh-oh! What showed up?
16. Do you ever feel guilty about things you've done in the past?

17. Psalm 103:12. What does God do with our sins?
18. Now open just one fold; what do we get?
19. Romans 1:16. Does God offer His wonderful gift of salvation to just a few people?
20. Yet how can people believe in Jesus if they never hear about Him?
21. Carefully unfold your craft, and you will see God's Plan of Salvation revealed. What is it?
22. Were you surprised?

SuperVerse

1. Try to imagine what that would be like. You are standing with Jesus and then He ascends into the clouds as you stand there! What would you think or feel?
2. Do you think the disciples felt hopeless or even scared that Jesus was leaving them alone?
3. Do you think the disciples thought Jesus would come back during their lifetime?

Prayer

1. Do you remember how Chris felt after his house burned to the ground?
2. What did he tell Joy that his parents would never be able to do?

Additional Activities

Balloon Game

1. What did the angels tell the disciples that Jesus would do?
2. What always happened after the balloon went up in the air?

Bible Study

Isaiah 14:12–16

1. Verse 12 talks about Satan. Do you think he was always a dark and evil appearing creature?
2. In verse 13, what do you think Satan was full of that caused him to come against God?
3. What did Satan want to do or be?
4. What was the outcome of his rebellion?
5. What does verse 15 say about Satan; how does this compare to how people see him now?
6. How could this help us to trust God and overcome any fear of Satan?

Romans 8:38–39

1. In verse 38, was Paul unsure of God's love in trials?
2. Why is it so important to live our lives being convinced about—and not doubting—God's love for us, especially during trials and temptation?
3. What does verse 38 tell us about God's love versus Satan's tricks, lies, schemes, and power?
4. In verse 39, why is it important for us to know that God is the Creator of all things in heaven and Earth as compared to anything in creation?
5. Verse 38 reminds us of what Chris was going through when he felt separated from God because of what he had done. Satan lied to him about God not being able to help him and forgive him. Do you have fears and worries that you struggle with and that cause you to doubt God's ability and love—maybe even His existence?
6. How can this verse strengthen and comfort you in times like that?
7. Does the story of Saul change your thinking?

Ball Game

1. How does it make you feel inside to know that Jesus is coming back again?

Object Lesson

1. Demonstrate items. What do you think these items all have in common?