



# KIDS CHOICE AWARDS

**WEEK ONE:**  
YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO BELIEVE

**WEEK TWO:**  
YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO FIGHT

**WEEK THREE:**  
YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO FORGIVE

**WEEK FOUR:**  
YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO WITNESS

Hello Children's Ministry Leader,

Life is full of choices. Most of the time there are two options...the right choice and the wrong choice. The Bible says in Deuteronomy 30:19 that God has given us a choice between *life and death, blessings and curses*. I think it is obvious which choice we would make in those two scenarios. However, many times kids are faced with choices that aren't so easy. *Kids Choice Awards* addresses four specific choices that every child will have to face. This series looks at the life of Peter and helps kids understand the importance of making the right choice. They will learn when making right choices you are met with awards. *Kids Choice Awards* offers slime time games and small group sessions with every weeks lesson.

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**Making God REAL to children in a FUN way!**



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### **Who:**

The Presenter: RealFun curriculum presenter is someone who has the ability to connect to children. Depending on your group, this can be a volunteer, staff person or teen leader. This series also welcomes the use of multiple presenters as it offers multiple parts that can be presented by a variety of personalities.  
The Audience: *Kids Choice Awards* series is designed to be used for elementary children (age 5 to 5th grade)

**What:** *Kids Choice Awards* curriculum has several elements offered weekly. It offers powerpoint presentations, teaching aids, small group sessions and step by step instructions on presentation.

*The Big Idea:* This is the main point of the weeks lesson. Say it, repeat it, and have the kids do the same.

*Memory Verse:* *Kids Choice Awards* offers one verse for the entire 4 week series. This will enable the kids to get a strong handle on the verse so it will stick with them for the rest of their lives.

*Memory Verse Activity:* There is a different activity offered each week to help teach the memory verse in an interactive way. It gets the kids moving as they learn.

*Bible Story/ Message:* This portion offers a variety of ways to teach the lesson of the week. Bible stories and object lessons will help drive home the point.

*Slime Time Game:* Games are meant to be fun... so do just that. The games in this series have one common factor...SLIME!

*Review Game:* This is offered in powerpoint and will reinforce many of the elements of the service. It is also nice in case "big" church service goes long!

*Weekly Schedule:* *Kids Choice Awards* offers a suggested weekly schedule that will fit all the elements of the curriculum in the allotted time.

**When:** *Kids Choice Awards* is designed to be offered weekly in a children's church setting and can range from a 45 to 60 minute presentation.

**Where:** *Kids Choice Awards* presentation is found most effective in an area that offers projection/ video capabilities.

**Why:** *Kids Choice Awards* takes on choices in a brand new creative way. Children will face many tough choices in their lifetime. If they can learn now that good choices are awarded and bad choices have consequences then we will have more children making good choices as adults than ever before.

**How Long:** *Kids Choice Awards* weekly service is designed to be from sixty to ninety minutes in length after adding a time for praise and worship, offering, etc.

## THE BIG IDEA

What you say is in  
regular font.

**What you do during  
your presentation is in  
bold font.**



## → You have a choice to BELIEVE

What you need:

- Slide with "Hard to Believe Facts"

What it is : The Big Idea is the central theme of the service. Say it often with the kids to drive home the point of the day.

What you say & **What you do**: It is time to start a brand new series. How many of you are familiar with the Kids Choice Awards on Nick? (kids respond) Great then you will catch on quick to this series. We will learn over the next few weeks how important choices are. We will also see what the Bible says about some choices that make a huge difference in all of our lives. Every week the Big Idea will be a choice that we can make. And every week we will learn that good choices get awards. So the name of our series is called *Kids Choice Awards*. It is time for our Big Idea. Let's get going. **Put the Big Idea up on the screen.** Okay here is the Big Idea. Let me read this for you first and then we will repeat it together. **Read the Big Idea a couple of times.** Now, let's say it together on the count of three. 1...2...3...**Yell the Big Idea with the kids.** I know you can get louder than that! 1...2...3...**Yell the Big Idea with the kids.** Much better. You do have a choice to believe. Believe in what??? Well I would like to take a minute before revealing the Bible character that we will be following in this series to have a little test. In life there are things that are hard to believe. I am going to put some cool facts on the screen that are pretty hard to believe. **Put the "Hard to Believe" facts on the screen and go thru them one by one. Have fun with this.**

### Hard to Believe Facts

1. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear
2. A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off.
3. A cow produces 200 times more gas a day than a human
4. A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours
5. A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue
6. A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds
7. A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 6 years
8. A sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100mph
9. Babies are born without knee caps, they appear when they are 2 to 6 years old
10. Dolphins sleep with one eye open
11. Honeybees have hair on their eyes
12. Most cows give more milk when they listen to music
13. Most Americans' car horns beep in the key of F
14. One in every four Americans has appeared on TV
15. There are more chickens in the world than people.

Those were some cool facts. Raise your hand if you believe them. (kids respond) Cool. I found these on a website all about useless knowledge. Some of you just raised your hand that you believe these facts...you made a choice to believe. I also believe these facts, I made a choice to believe them too. You see these facts are scientific and some are just fun. But somewhere down the line there was a lot of study and research to come up with these. There is a Bible Character that shows us choice he made to believe in something that is very important, a choice to believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

## BIBLE STORY PART 1

### Peter's Proclamation

What you need:

- Bible turned to Matthew 16:13-20

What it is : The Bible Story is the part of the service that you are able to make God real to kids through His Word. It is important that the children in your ministry discover that the Bible is full of God's truth for them today.

What you say & **What you do**: I am so excited about this series because everyday we are faced with choices. Every choice has a right and wrong side to it. I hope and pray that you will make the right choices in your life daily. Today we are going to look at part one of our Bible story. We are going to talk about Peter, one of the disciples. There were many times in the Bible that we see Peter making choices. Sometimes he made the right choice and got an award, sometimes he made the wrong choice and suffered the consequences. Today our story is found in Matthew 16. **Put the Bible story text on the screen and read it aloud to the kids.** What choice did Peter make in this story? (kids respond) He made a choice to believe that Jesus was the Son of God. We see in this story that come were saying that Jesus was a prophet and comparing Him to other people that had some before him. But Peter made a choice on the spot that was unlike what anyone else was saying. Peter chose to believe that Jesus was His Savior. He chose to believe that Jesus was the Son of God. This took some faith on Peter's part. You see the Hebrew people had been waiting and watching for hundreds of years for a Savior to come. They believed that He would come but we see in the Bible that the church leaders of the day did not believe that Jesus was that Savior. Peter had to choose to go against the norm and believe by faith that Jesus was it. The Messiah had come and His name was Jesus! Today we can look to some amazing facts about Jesus that prove that he is the Messiah, the Savior of the world. There are over 400 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament that prove that Jesus is the Son of God. However, we need to understand that no matter how much proof there is we still have to make a choice to believe in Jesus. We still have to make a choice to believe that Jesus can forgive us our sins because He died on the cross and to believe that Jesus is alive today and can offer us eternal life in heaven with Him. The choice is yours. Let's look one more time at the story. **Re-read the story and put it on the screen.** Now let's talk about how the right choice brings us an award. In this story Peter made the right choice, the choice to believe. Jesus gives him a pretty awesome award. Jesus give Peter a huge promotion. He makes him the head of the church. Peter gets to be the one who will be first one to promote Jesus' love and salvation after Jesus ascends into heaven. We see in the book of Acts how this becomes a reality for Peter when he preached one day and saw three thousand accept Jesus as their Savior. Some call that day the birthday of the church. In the same way you have to make a choice to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the only way to the Father in heaven. There is no salvation any other way. Will you be like Peter and make that right choice today in our service? If you do there is an awesome award waiting for you. An eternity in heaven...and heaven rocks!

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# SMALL GROUP SESSION

# WEEK ONE

## Loving the Lord your God

What you need:

- The Activity sheet provided
- Suggested group size is 8 to 12 children with one leader
- Make copies of week two kids sheets and give to group leaders
- Pencils or pens for the kids

What it is: The Small Group Session is an opportunity for you as a leader to break down the lesson even further and begin to disciple the children in your ministry in a more intimate small group setting. The small group should facilitate discussion and activity.

What you say & What you do: **Separate your large group into smaller groups. Assign each group to a volunteer that will walk them through this segment. Make sure your group leaders have this material in advance so they can be prepared.**

In today's memory verse we learned that it is our choice to follow God. We learned in our Big Idea that it is our choice to believe. Some of you may be asking how we can show God that we have made a choice to believe and a choice to follow Him. Well, that is exactly what we are going to learn in our small group session today. On each of your sheets you will find the memory verse and the verse after it. Every week we will have a small group session to look at this other verse...verse 20. On your sheet the part we are going to study today is in bold print. Can I have someone read this whole verse before we get started? **Allow a child to read it aloud for all in your group and have everyone else follow along.** Thanks for reading the verse. Now today we are looking at Loving the Lord our God. I would like to read you another scripture that will show you how we can do this. **Read this passage** *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. Duet 6:5.* The verse is a very important verse to the Jewish people. It is called the *Shema*. It is the first verse that Jewish children learn when they begin to go to church. This is also a great place for us to start. On your sheet you have some fill in the blank questions for you to look at later to remind you what you learned. I just gave you the answer to the first one. Here comes the second one. Some of you may get this one when I read this verse again. **Read Deuteronomy 6:5 again.** Okay who has the answer? That's right. The heart, soul and strength. First let's look at the heart. What do you think this represents? **Allow discussion.** Well according to the original Hebrew word for heart in this verse, it represents our mind, will and emotions. That is a lot, huh? Now what does the soul in this passage represent? I believe the soul of someone is their personality. Let's don't forget that it is our spirit man is what makes us unique in nature compared to other creatures. We are the only ones created like that. We are special because we are in the image of God and God is spirit (John 4:24). It is our spirit that communicates with God. That is why I believe that if we love God with our soul then our personality (soul) will show that. I think if we truly love God like this verse says then there will be a difference that people can see in us. Finally what is the last thing in the verse. That's right strength. This is not talking about pumping iron or being physically strong. I think this is talking about loving God in the hard time. The strength in this verse represents our choice to love God even when it is hard. How can it be hard to love God? **Allow discussion.** It can be hard to love God when things are not going right in our life. Maybe we are sick or someone we love is hurting. That is when it takes all our strength to trust God and to love him like this verse says. Now it is your turn. Let's discuss and write in some ways that we can love God this week. **Allow discussion then close in prayer before ending the Small Group Session.**

Answers to blanks on Kids Sheet.

1. The Shema
2. Heart, Soul, Strength
3. Our mind, our will and our emotions
4. Our personality
5. Our choices. We choose to love God even when it is hard to do.

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## BIBLE STORY PART 2 WITH OBJECT LESSON

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### Peter's Plunge & Soak it in

What you need:

- Bible turned to Matthew 14:22-33
- Clear pitcher of water
- Sponge that will fit in the pitcher without touching the sides

What it is : The Bible Story is the part of the service that you are able to make God real to kids through His Word. It is important that the children in your ministry discover that the Bible is full of God's truth for them today.

What you say & **What you do**: Have the pitcher of water and the sponge in place before you begin this segment. There are two great examples of Peter making a choice to believe in scripture. We have already heard the first example. This is the second example. Before we go any further, I need to ask you a question...What is the Big Idea? I know you can get louder than that! 1...2...3...**Yell the Big Idea with the kids.** Much better. You do have a choice to believe and so did Peter. Here we go. **Read Matthew 14:22-33.** I know many of you have heard about the story where Jesus walked on the water. In this story we see that Peter became the only other person in all of history that literally walked on water. Cool stuff. Let's think about this for a moment. If you were in the middle of the sea and there was a storm, would you attempt to walk on water? (kids respond) Okay. This story makes it very clear that Peter was the only one who made the choice to believe that Jesus could make him do this. The name of our this story is called *Peter's Plunge*. Now that I have read the story we all know what this means. I would like to show an object lesson to drive home the point even further about how You have a choice to believe. **Show the kids the pitcher of water and hold up the sponge (should be dry to begin with).** I have a pitcher of water and a sponge here. The water is going to represent the cares of this world and all the beliefs that can pull us away from God. This sponge represents us. Now in our story we find Peter making his choice and stepping out of the boat to walk on water. **Place the sponge on the top of the water.** Just like this sponge he was floating just fine and things were going great. Then the Bible says that Peter noticed the wind and the waves. **Squeeze the sponge and place it back in the water, squeeze it enough so it will begin to sink.** When Peter allowed other things to cloud his choice to believe he began to sink. Peter was afraid. Just like this sponge, Peter plunged into the water. Many of you today have to make a choice to believe in Jesus. The world wants to get you to believe that it has all the answers. The devil wants to believe in fear and in his lies. When you allow these beliefs to weigh you down, you will begin to drown in life's problems not float to the top like Jesus wants you to. Jesus said in Matthew 11:29 that his burden is light. In other words when we make a choice to believe in Jesus for salvation, He will take away all the things that weigh us down. **Take the sponge out and hold it over the pitcher.** Jesus will take away our fears. **Squeeze the sponge.** Jesus will take away our doubts. **Squeeze the sponge.** Jesus will take away our burdens. **Squeeze the sponge all the way out and lay it back on top of the water.** If we make a choice to believe then we will see Jesus raise us up out of whatever we are sinking in. Just like Jesus did for Peter. Jesus reached down and pulled Peter back up out of the water and they walked together to get in the boat. Then the Bible says that all of the disciples said that Jesus was the Son of God. Because of Peters choice, now others were making a choice to believe. If you want to make that choice today, let's pray. Jesus is reaching out to you waiting to help you up. All you have to do is to make that choice to believe. The choice is yours. Make the right one and receive the award of eternal life in heaven. Let's pray.

## SLIME TIME GAME

### Choosing without Seeing

What you need:

- Slide with Slime Time Game *Choosing without Seeing* on it
- Tables with 5 Buckets filled with slime
- 5 objects in the slime (leaf, shoe lace, large eraser, paper clip, silly band/rubber band)
- 5 children that will try to guess their object without looking at it
- Plenty of paper towels or towels on hand for clean up

What it is : The Slime Time Game is a fun time for the kids to play a game with ooey, gooey slime. Every week they will look forward to the slimey fun that comes with the Slime Time Game.

What you say & **What you do**: It is time for our Slime Time Game. Today's game is called Choosing Without Seeing. Some of you just made the choice to believe in Jesus as your Savior and I would like to be the first to congratulate you on that. This game is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 which says *We live by faith, not by sight*. In other words we believe by faith in God not by sight. So we thought it would be fun to see how good you are with identifying things by feel not by sight. **Show the kids the 5 buckets.** In each one of these buckets is a random object. The game is simple. I am going to choose 5 children to come up here and try to guess what is in these buckets strictly by touch. It is going to be tricky because the objects are covered in gooey slime. Here are the rules.

1. Each child will be assigned a bucket
2. Each child will have one minute to feel around and try to figure out what it in their bucket
3. Each child will then tell me their guess and we will see if they are right.

**Choose 5 kids for the game. Have Fun. Have more objects on hand to play again as time will allow.**

**Slime Time Recipe**  
*Vanilla pudding mix  
watered down with food  
coloring of choice*

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## MEMORY VERSE

→ Today I have given you a choice between  
life and death, between blessings and curses...  
choose life so that you may live.

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

What you say & **What you do:** Over the next few weeks we are going to be learning the same verse. We will have a different way to learn it but this verse is the most awesome verse in the Bible that has to do with choices. The verse is found in Deuteronomy. God is giving His people a choice between living for Him or not. What if God was standing before you today asking you to choose. We are only going to learn a part of the verse but I would like to challenge you to go home and study the rest of it. You will discover something very interesting. That is that God offers some awesome stuff. The key to your whole life is summed up in this choice.

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

→ Disappearing Verse

What you need:

- PPT Slide of Memory Verse
- White board with memory verse on it and an eraser
- Two teams of children for the activity

What it is: In this series there will be one memory verse for all four weeks. Every week there will be a different activity offered to drive home the verse. The memory verse is your chance to help children *hide God's Word in their hearts* so they can live lives of purity as they follow Jesus.

What you say & **What you do:** **Say the memory verse and have the children repeat it as you go along. Do this a few times until you think the children have a good handle on it. Write the verse on the whiteboard and pick two children to come and play.** *The rules are:*

1. *Children have 10 seconds to study the verse*
2. *Children then turn away so they cannot see the whiteboard or what you are doing*
3. *The game leader will then erase a word*
4. *Children turn around on the game leaders cue and the first one to call out the missing word wins that round*
5. *Repeat until the whole verse is gone and the children are reciting the whole thing.*

For added difficulty you can erase punctuation or more than one word at a time. Have fun! **Say the verse together one more time before moving on.**

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# WEEK ONE SCHEDULE

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**Welcome & Prayer:** Take this time for announcements and opening the service with prayer.

**theBIGidea:** Teach the Big Idea and kick off the lesson with a bang.

**Offering & Visitors:** Take this time to receive an offering and greet the visitors

**Praise & Worship:** Insert your own praise and worship music here.

**Bible Story Part 1:** Teach the story *Peter's Proclamation* here.

**Slime Time Game:** Play the Slime Time Game. Make sure to have plenty of towels for clean up.

**Small Group Session:** Break down into small groups and discuss how kids can show God that they love Him.

**Bible Story Part 2 & Object Lesson:** Teach the story *Peter's Plunge* and do the *Soak It In* object lesson.

**Altar Time:** Allow the children in your group a chance to spend some time in prayer about how the lesson of the day can help them in everyday life.

**Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity:** Go over the memory verse and play the memory verse activity here.