

# Chosen<sup>®</sup>

Kids Lesson  
[3-6 age group]

**Note for leaders:** Parents will watch this video during service and will be invited to empower kids in need by being chosen as a sponsor. The following curriculum is intended to connect kids to what their parents are hearing.

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## Devotional

What if your mom or dad had to choose between buying you food or a jacket? Do you think they'd have a hard time deciding between something you need to stay healthy and something you need to stay warm?

Those are the kinds of choices some families have to make all the time.

Sometimes kids can't make choices for themselves, because they don't have very many things to choose from. Imagine your food at home: Are you thinking of your favorite snack? It might sound fun to eat a lot of that! But if it was all you had to eat all day every day, you'd probably get tired of it and want something new. Some kids only have one or two kinds of food to eat, instead of getting to open a cupboard and pick what they want.

Their lives are hard in other ways, too. Some kids don't have clean water to drink or the chance to go to a doctor. They might not even have time to play because they have to work so hard to survive.

But just because their lives are different doesn't mean God loves them any less! God made and loves every single person on earth, including people whose lives look different than ours. And the Bible tells us, "We love because he first loved us." So, we also love all people because God does. Let's ask God to give us ways to care for kids in need.

## Verse

*We love because he first loved us.* —I John 4:19 (NIV)

## Questions

List all the choices you got to make today. Did you pick your outfit? Decide what snack to eat? Choose which toy to play with? How does it feel to be able to make those choices?

How do you know God loves you?

How does God want us to treat others?

**Want activities?** Head to <https://www.worldvision.org/charitable-giving-news-stories/fun-kids-family-activities> for adaptable ideas to teach kids about poverty.



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## Kids Lesson

[7-10 age group]

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### Devotional

What if you only had enough money to buy either food or warm clothes? How would you decide between two things you really need?

God made and loves every single person on earth, including people whose lives look different than ours. Sometimes, kids in other parts of the world (and even the U.S.) can't make choices for themselves, because they don't have many resources available. This is part of what's called poverty.

Now imagine your food at home: Are you thinking of your favorite snack? It might sound fun to eat that all day! But if it was all you had to eat all day every day, you'd probably get tired of it and want something new. Some kids only have one or two kinds of food to eat, instead of getting to open a cupboard and pick what they want.

That's just one way children living in poverty might not have good options to choose from. And their lives can be hard in lots of other ways. Some kids don't have clean water to drink and wash their hands with, or toilets to use. Some can't see a doctor when they're sick. They might not even have time to play because they have to work so hard to survive.

Just because their lives are different doesn't mean God loves them any less! But poverty steals choices from kids, taking away their chance for something better in the future. When we make the choice to love others who are in need, we honor God and show others what He is like. Let's ask God to give us ways to care for kids in need.

### Verses

*He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. —Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)*

*"... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." —John 10:10 (NIV)*

### Questions

What would it be like to only have a choice between two things you didn't want to do? If you could only drink water from a dirty puddle or go to bed thirsty—which would you choose?

Why does it matter to God that we help people who are in need?

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## Kids Lesson [11-13 age group]

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### Devotional

What if you only had enough money to pay for either food or warm clothes? How would you decide between two things you really need?

God made and loves every single person on earth, including people whose lives look different than ours. Sometimes, kids in other parts of the world (and even the U.S.) can't make choices for themselves, because they don't have many resources available. This is part of what's called poverty.

Children living in poverty might not have good options to choose from. Their circumstances can be really hard. Some kids don't have clean water to drink and wash their hands with, or toilets to use. Some can't see a doctor when they're sick. They might not even have time to go to school because they have to work so hard to survive.

Sometimes we think people who are struggling should make better decisions. But because options are limited, often any choice they can make will result in a bad outcome, like being hungry or cold.

The more resources and support people have—like a savings account, or a nearby hospital—the better they can make it through hard times. This is called “resilience,” and it's something that helps people leave poverty behind. But many people don't have access to those resources and support, and get trapped in cycles of poverty. When parents can't read, or struggle to earn enough money for healthy food, kids are more likely to grow up—and stay—in poverty as well. Without resources, when even one hard thing happens, families can get turned around on the path out of poverty.

Kids who live in poverty aren't any less worthy of getting to make decisions that can improve their lives than we are. But poverty steals choices from kids, taking away their chance for something better in the future. Even so, God's love for them doesn't change, no matter their circumstances! When we make the choice to love others who are in need, we honor God and show others what He is like. Let's ask God to show us ways to care for kids in need.

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# Kids Lesson *(continued)*

[11-13 age group]

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*“... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* —John 10:10 (NIV)

*From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.* —John 1:16 (NLT)

## Questions

List all the decisions you got to make this week. Did you pick your outfit? Decide what snacks to eat? Choose what to play? How does it feel to be able to make those choices?

What would it be like to have to choose between two things you didn't want to do? If you could only drink water from a dirty puddle or go to bed thirsty, which would you choose?

Why do you think God wants us to care about people who are in need?

How can you make choices today that help people struggling with poverty?

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