



**CORRESPONDING LEVEL WEB #'S**

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## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS CHILDREN

### MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible

[Teacher Preparation Guide](#)



### SUGGESTED ORIGINAL KIDS 4 TRUTH SONG

"To Be Like Jesus"

### SUGGESTED HYMNS

"Be Thou My Vision", "May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour"

### OTHER SONG SUGGESTIONS

**Older Children:** "For Me to Live Is Christ"; "A Tender Heart"; "Higher Ground"; "Channels Only"

**Younger Children:** "I'm in the Lord's Army"; "Take Time to Be Holy"; "I Am Thine, O Lord"; "I Love to Tell the Story"

## THE BASICS

### PRIMARY TRUTH

Becoming more like Christ is of highest importance to Christians. It is our goal.

### PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Romans 13:14



### GETTING BACK TO GOD

God alone is good. Jesus Christ is God. Jesus Christ is good and because we can "understand" Him, He is our goal. There is no greater or higher goal than Christ.

### KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES – By God's Grace . . .

- The child will understand what is meant by "Christlikeness."
- The child will learn that there is no greater good than Christ and for us to become more like Him.

### ATTITUDE OBJECTIVES – By God's Grace . . .

The child will desire to be more like Jesus.



## PRAYER



## TEACHING PHASE - INTRO

(about 5 minutes)



### OPENER

**Q. When does a person resemble Jesus Christ?**



**A.** A person is like Christ when he is holy in heart and mind, loving toward God and others, and when he does good works. **Romans 13:14** – But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. **Ephesians 2:10** – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

### COMMENTARY

Sanctification involves the past, present, and future. If you are a Christian, all three of the following statements are correct for you to say:

- “I have been sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:10)
- “I am being sanctified.” (Hebrews 12:14)
- “I will be completely sanctified some-day.” (Romans 8:23)

Sanctification begins the moment someone is born again and receives Christ. But sanctification continues, and the fruit of the Spirit and increases throughout life. Spiritual growth is a process that takes place over time. The process is completed only when Christ’s people see Him and are glorified. At that moment of glorification, sanctification will be finished because “we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).

\*NOTE: In the intro we want to recap the primary truth and set the stage to use the Primary Truth to point the learners back to God.



## \* INSTRUCTION & REINFORCEMENT

(about 10-20 minutes)

### COMMENTARY

Part of sanctification is God working in a believer an increasing desire to become more like Christ. A sinner who does not know Christ has no true desire to become more like Him. That person was dead in sins and living life for himself. But at salva-tion, God begins changing him (and He can change us!) to want to be like Christ. Becoming like Christ requires mainly these three things:

- To be holy in heart and mind (See Mission #5.)
- To be loving toward God and others (See Mission #6.)
- To do good works (See Mission #7.)



### ILLUSTRATION

Have you ever heard of a car engine needing an “overhaul”? This is not like an oil change or swapping out the spark plugs. An overhaul means a complete changing of all the engine’s crucial parts. When the overhaul is finished, the only part of the engine that is the same is its outer shell. Everything on the inside (and a good bit of the outside) has been changed. Did you know that, if you are a Christian, you are an “overhaul” in progress? Sanctification is a complete overhaul of the human nature by the Holy Spirit into the image of Jesus Christ. Someday, God will even change your engine shell (your body) and make it like Christ’s body.



### DISCUSS

- What is being overhauled in your life?
- Suppose someone asked you, “What is your purpose in life?” What would you say? Why would you say that?



### ILLUSTRATION – *Christ is our goal!*

For many years, Michael Jordan was the best basketball player in the world. Everyone wanted to “be like Mike.”



Why? Because he was the greatest! There was nobody better than Mike when it came to basketball. When it comes to simply “being,” there is nobody better than Jesus! We should want to be like Christ.

**ILLUSTRATION**

Let’s pretend you wanted to become the best piano player in the whole world. How would you go about it? You would find the current best piano player and learn from him, correct! You might not be able to go and see the person face-to-face, but you would certainly study their books and watch any videos and listen to their music! Who should Christians learn from? Why?

**BIBLE DRILL**

Look up each of the following verses, and discover whether they show that Christians have been sanctified (PAST), are being sanctified (PRESENT), or will be completely sanctified (FUTURE).

- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 & 2 Corinthians 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- Philippians 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 10:10 & 1 Corinthians 6:11 \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSS**

Why should a person desire to become more like Jesus Christ? Why is becoming like Jesus Christ a high honor for us? Can you think of another person, besides Christ, whom you have wanted to be like? Was that person a good example or a bad example?

**GETTING BACK TO GOD**

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**BONUS Q&A****Q. Is there sin that still remains in a Christian’s heart?**

**A.** Yes. Because of God’s grace, though, a Christian is free from sin’s powerful hold. Romans 6:14 – For sin shall not have do–minion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

**Q. What does the Bible say to some–one who thinks he has reached perfec–tion in this life, someone who thinks he is without sin?**

**A.** 1 John 1:8 – If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Q. Where is one clear promise in Scripture that assures believers God will indeed sanctify them?**

**A.** 1 Corinthians 15:49 – And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

\*NOTE: Teachers, please remember that this section should include the fruit of your Teacher Truth Time and one or two personal illustrations/anecdotes from the Personalize It! activity.

**APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT****Internalize It! (from Teacher Preparation Phase)**

You might begin this section by saying: *Boys and girls, as I’ve been preparing for this TruthTime Lesson, here’s what*



*God has been showing me. . .*

You might continue by saying:

*Because of what God is teaching me, here's what is going to be different in my life during this next week. . .*

You might finish by saying:

*Finally, here's what God has taught me about Himself through these truths . . .*



### **Discussion Time Questions**

Why should you be worried if becoming more and more like Christ does not interest you?



## **Appendices Or "IF Time" (optional)**



### **ACTIVITY**

Download and present the DynaBox Dynamation via large-screen TV or projector.

<http://www.k4t.com/dynabox/>



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Distribute and put together the DynaBox tract. Encourage the children to give the tract during the week. The DynaBox tract can be purchased at: <http://store.kids4truth.com/detail.aspx?ID=188>.