



**CORRESPONDING LEVEL WEB #s**

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## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS CHILDREN



### MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible; Teacher Preparation Guide

(*optional supplements:* K4T songbook and PowerPoint files of lyrics; Internet connectivity or download of Dynabox dynamation, Dynabox tracts for your students, paper and writing utensils for "if time" activities)



### 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 kids:* "For Me To Live Is Christ," "A Tender Heart," "Higher Ground," "Channels Only"

*Younger kids:* "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

God purpose for His children is for them to bring Him glory by becoming more and more like Jesus Christ throughout their entire lives.

### PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Romans 8:29



### WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD

God is the highest good in the universe. Jesus is God. Jesus is good. He is the standard of what is good, and the goal of the Christian. There is no higher calling than to become more and more like the Best Person that ever was, or ever will be.

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

- The child will learn God's purpose for His children is for them to bring Him glory by becoming more and more like Jesus.
- The child will learn why it is a glorifying thing to God to become more like Jesus.
- The child will understand that we grow by believing the right things about God (the truth – John 17:17).
- The child will learn that Jesus is the goal of our lives. We should become more and more like Him throughout our entire lives.

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

- The child will desire to become more like Jesus.
- The child will become more serious about and active in his/her pursuit of becoming more like Christ.



- The child will be overwhelmed and overjoyed by their wonderful purpose for living.



## PRAYER



## TEACHING PHASE – INTRO

(about 5 minutes)



### OPENER / ILLUSTRATION (#1)

When an archer stands in front of a target, ready to fire, what is he aiming at? He aims at the bullseye! The very center of the target. Hitting that bullseye is good. In fact, an archer can do no better than to hit the bullseye. When he hits the bullseye, he has proven that he is a good archer.

Did you know that as Christians, we should be aiming at something with our lives? The Lord Jesus Christ is our target. There is no goal better, greater, or higher than for a Christian to become more and more like Jesus Christ. God saved us so that we might become more like Christ. God intends for us to become more like Christ. God gives us everything necessary for us to become more like Christ. God is all about His children become more like Jesus!



### DISCUSSION

How do some people try and find their meaning in life? How might a person think and act if they did not believe there was any meaning for their life?

God has this purpose or “target” for all His children – for them **to bring Him glory by becoming more and more like Jesus Christ throughout their entire lives**. If you are God’s child, then this wonderful, awesome purpose is for you! God’s will for your life is filled with true purpose and meaning. There is no greater reason for existing than to bring God glory by becoming more like Christ!



## INSTRUCTION & REINFORCEMENT

(about 10-20 minutes)

Let’s look at the first part of God’s purpose for our lives, **to bring Him glory**. To bring God glory means that our lives give an exalted, high opinion of Who God is.



### ILLUSTRATION (#2) – To help children understand what “giving God glory” means.

Have you ever experienced a child throwing a temper tantrum in a store? Perhaps they didn’t get the toy or candy bar they wanted. But one thing is for sure – they are mad because they didn’t get their own way. And they try and let the whole world know about it! What do you think about a child like that? What would you think about the parents of a child like that? Would the behavior of their son give a good opinion about them, or a bad one? A bad one! An openly disobedient child brings shame upon their parents.

But what about the child that sweetly submits and obeys his parents? What does his attitude and behavior teach us about his parents? What might you think about the parents of a child like that?

We could say that one child brought shame to his parents, but one child brought glory to them. That is, he gave a good opinion of his parents by the way he acted.



God's purpose for Christians is for them to give a high, exalted, **good** opinion about God.

### COMMENTARY

Now, let's look at the "how" of bringing God glory. How do we bring God glory with our lives? We bring Him glory as we ***become more and more like Jesus Christ throughout our entire lives.***



### ILLUSTRATION (#3)

When an army fights a war, their purpose is to defeat the other side. One team wins when the other team surrenders. There can be no confusion about what the goal of a war really is!

Christians are involved in a war. The objective of their war is to become more like Jesus Christ.

The Christian's enemies are the world, the devil, and especially their own flesh (sinful desires). These enemies fight diligently against the Christian to keep him from becoming like Jesus. The Christian's enemies DO NOT want God to receive glory; instead, they desire the glory.

But we have a much better General than the forces of evil. We obey the commands of our Commander-In-Chief, Who is God. He has provided all His orders in His Word, the Bible.

A good soldier submits and responds to his captain. Christians know that the war we fight is the good fight through faith, and that the goal is to become more and more like Jesus Christ in our words, in our thoughts, and in our actions. We fight by believing and depending on God. We cannot do good battle if we believe the wrong things.



### BIBLE DRILL (#1) – What kind of "fight" did Paul command Christians to fight?

- 1 Timothy 6:12



### MORE DISCUSSION

Is the idea of fighting "active" or "passive." When you think of the word "fight," do you think of energy and activity or do you think of resting and waiting?

### MORE COMMENTARY

If the fight we fight is one of faith, what does that mean about the way we fight? We fight primarily by believing! The reason it is so important to know the Word of God is because it is the truth that helps us think right and believe right.

### MORE COMMENTARY

God is glorified when we become like Him because we're sending a message to the world: "God is valuable! God is worthy! God is better than anything or anyone else! God's way is best! God reigns over me, and it is wonderful!"



### MORE DISCUSSION

How does it make you feel to know that God's ultimate purpose for us is to become more and more like Jesus Christ? Are there any reasons for living that are more appealing to you than becoming more like Christ? Why, or why not?

**BIBLE DRILL (#2) – How did Christ bring glory to His Father while Christ walked on this earth?**

John 17:4

**BIBLE DRILL (#3) – What are some things that God wants Christians to be doing that bring Him glory?**

**1 Peter 4:11**

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

**Romans 8:17**

**John 15:8**

**John 14:13**



**(this would be a great place for the fruit of your Teacher Truth Study)**

**GETTING BACK TO GOD**

{Recap **WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD**: God wants us to do good works because the only kind of works *God* does are good works! When we do good works, we reflect God's wonderful character. By the good things we say and do, we can show other people what it means to be part of God's family and to be dedicated to His glory.}

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**APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT**

**"INTERNALIZE IT!"** from Teacher Preparation Phase

**(about 5-10 minutes)**

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**

- What kind of message are you sending to the world about God by the way you live your life?
- Why is God glorified when we become more and more like Jesus?
- How can we fight as Christians? What is the objective we're fighting for?
- How would you explain "sanctification" in your own words?

**APPENDICES OR "IF TIME"**

**(optional)**

**ACTIVITY: BATTLE PLAN**

Have children write down a "battle plan" to become more and more like Jesus Christ in one specific area of their lives. Help children visualize specific areas in which they've failed to resemble Christ as stronghold or fortresses the



enemy has set up in their heart. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

### Battle Plan

- Who is my enemy?: The world, my flesh, and the devil
- What is the enemies fortress in my heart: laziness
- What does God say about this particular stronghold? God say laziness is wrong. God is the exact opposite of lazy.
- How can I break down this stronghold and cause the enemy to flee? Believe God's truth and put it into practice (obey it).
- What are some things I need to believe about this stronghold?
- What are some thing I can do to practice what God says about this stronghold?
  - o Trust God to give me the victory
  - o 5 alarm clocks in my bedroom
  - o Talk to my parents, ask them to keep me accountable
  - o Find a trusted friend and ask them for encouragement
  - o To-do list in place
  - o Etc.



### EXTRA ACTIVITY IDEAS



- Download and present the DynaBox dynamation *via* a large-screen TV or projector.

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



- 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>