

# The CHOICE of Champions: Jesus Christ

Welcome to *The CHOICE of Champions: Jesus Christ*, a 6 lesson unit on the plan of salvation. This set of lessons is designed to help children accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and then equip them with a plan to tell their friends about Jesus. Following is general information about the unit and the particular parts of each lesson.

## **Purpose of *The CHOICE of Champions: Jesus Christ*:**

To teach children how to choose Jesus for their personal Savior.

To systematically show the plan of salvation to lead the children to Christ.

To equip children with a fun and purposeful way to tell their friends about Jesus.

## **Grade Level:**

1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

This unit is a 6-week, one hour lesson plan format. This can be modified to accommodate a 4 week format also. (The first two lessons and the last two lessons can be combined to create a 4 week format.) The following lessons are presented in 2 parts per lesson. The first part for each lesson is the Teacher Section. In this section, the complete lesson with student and teacher responsibilities is presented and activities are explained. The teacher will find Bible exposition, main lesson activities, and supplemental activities. This part also gives teaching insights and actual dialogue to use throughout the lesson. The actual handouts and student worksheets are presented in the second section entitled, Student Section. These are reproducible worksheets to be used for the lesson.

The key Bible verse for this unit is found in Joshua 24:15. *“Then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”* The premise behind this verse is that individuals can choose their life path. Joshua urged the Israelites to choose to follow God. These lessons will teach the children how to choose God. By choosing God they become champions, ready and able to tackle anything to come their way.

## **The basic outline for each individual lesson is as follows:**

**Coming In Activity:** an activity to introduce the focus of the lesson. It is flexible enough to be used as a time filler as the teacher waits for children to arrive.

**Bible Lesson:** the Old Testament or New Testament focus for the lesson. These passages concentrate on champions of the Bible who illustrate the focus of the lesson.

**CHOICE Activity:** an activity that links the Bible passages to the CHOICE plan of salvation. This is the part of the lesson relevant to the students. It applies the main points of the lesson in a very specific activity.

**Conclusion:** Activity/prayer that concludes the lesson for the day. It is an encapsulating type of activity or discussion to bring the lesson to a close and help the child bring together all the points of the lesson.

Because this unit of lessons is designed for 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade all activities will not be

appropriate for all grades. Alternative activities will be supplied when applicable for the different grade levels. Please pick and choose the activities based on each class to be taught.

### **The CHOICE Plan of Salvation**

The acronym CHOICE is a plan to systematically teach the children how to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. They then can teach this plan to their friends. Each letter of CHOICE is a different step in the plan of salvation. The different steps are as follows:

C = Choose Jesus Christ

H = Hand your heart to Jesus

O = Obey Jesus by repenting of your sins

I = Involve yourself in His church

C = Change your lifestyle to fit Jesus' principles

E = Excel until Jesus comes again

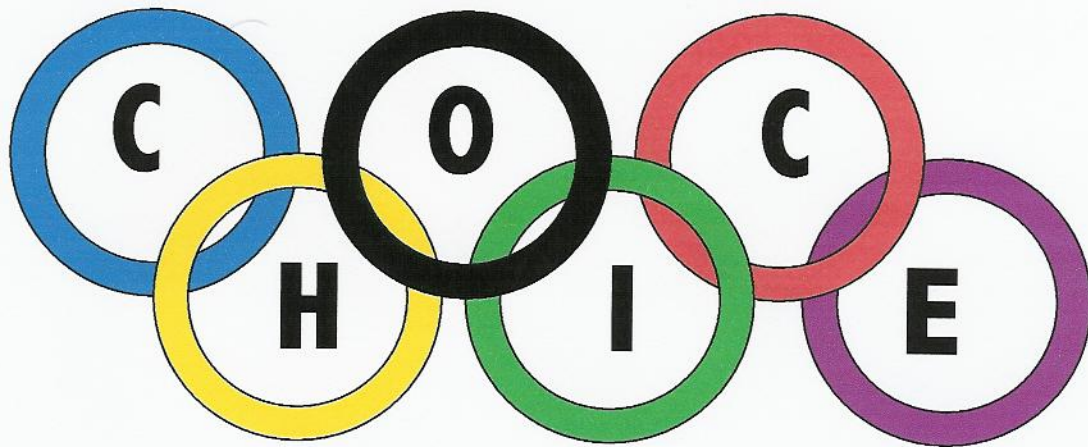
By following the CHOICE steps, children can understand the plan of salvation and follow through with it in their own lives. Because children love to tell their friends about Jesus, the CHOICE steps are an excellent way for them to remember the process of salvation in order to share it with their friends. By the end of the unit, children will understand it is their choice to choose Jesus, they will know how to choose Jesus in their own lives, and how to share the salvation process with their friends.

### **Bulletin Board Ideas:**

There are two basic bulletin board ideas that can be used for this lesson. You can pick one or the other as a unifying activity for the entire unit.

The first option is a take on the Olympic rings. Cover your bulletin board with butcher paper or construction paper. Either by using a marker or construction paper create the Olympic rings on the bulletin board. They are shown below. There is an additional ring to accommodate all of the letters in the acronym CHOICE. For each lesson there will be instructions to add a new letter of the acronym so that by the end of the unit you will have spelled out CHOICE, one letter in each ring. This ties into the champion theme of the unit. This bulletin board would look something like this:

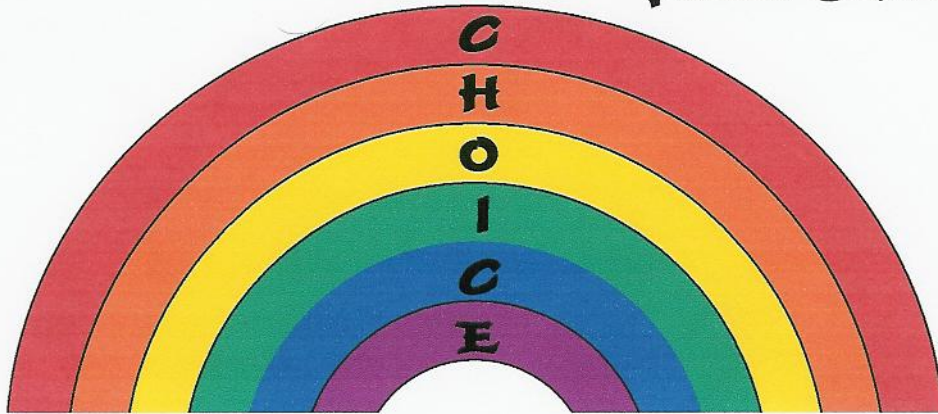
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A second option is to create a rainbow to display the letters to the acronym CHOICE. On the bulletin board cover it with butcher block paper or construction paper. Then by either using a marker or construction paper create 5inch arches for the rainbow. Use different colors of paper or markers for each arch. You will place one letter from the acronym CHOICE on one arch each week. Each week the students could write what they have learned on the lettered arch used for that week. This is a good way to review each lesson the next week and tie up that day's lesson. This bulletin board would look like this:

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## **Other Needed Information**

The Bible passages used in the lessons come from the NIV translation.

Most of the activities incorporated in the lessons only require basic materials, paper, pens, etc. The materials needed for each activity are listed by the activity in the lesson plans.

Throughout each lesson you will find bolded text. These are suggested ideas for you to share with your students. Also there are transitional ideas that help you link up one part of the lesson with the next part. These are suggested ideas for you to use also.

