

Beginning 26 - Activities

✓ Further Understanding: Investigation/Reasoning Skills

The Law of Slavery – Romans 6:16-18

If you did the Bible journal, readings at home this past week you read about the law of slavery from Romans 6. (Have the students look up the passage in their Bibles.)

16Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Ask the questions:

- According to the passage what are the two things we can be a slave to? *Sin or righteousness.*
- What determines what a man is a slave to? (vs. 16) *Whatever he offers himself to.*
- What are the end results of the two types of slavery? (vs. 16) *Death or righteousness*
- Do most people think of themselves as slaves? *no*
- Who do most people think they serve? *themselves*
- What does this passage say to people who think they run their own lives? *They are really a slave to sin.*
- What is a person's only choice as a slave? *Who he will serve as a slave. Who or what he will offer himself to.*
- What lie does Satan try to get us to believe in terms of slavery? *We can serve ourselves.*
- What does Satan accomplish if we think that we're serving ourselves? *We're really serving him.*

The law of slavery is: "No man is his own master. All men serve something. A man is a slave to whatever he believes."

Satan's chief deception is to get us to believe that we can be the ruler of our own lives and do what we want. He got Adam and Eve and Cain to believe that lie. If we believe Satan's lies and deceptions, we will sin. We won't sin if God is ruling our lives. We can only sin if we step outside of God's authority and do our own thing.

When we choose to serve ourselves, we step outside of God's authority and in doing so serve Satan. If we don't serve God then we are serving Satan's purposes. Satan's purpose is to hurt and destroy us. God wants to build us up and bless us. Thinking we can do our own thing puts us on the road of sin leading to ruin, wanting to do things God's way puts us on the road to reward.

- **Craft:** The Club

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As a reminder that Cain chose to do evil and killed his brother make a club.

Materials: card stock paper, brown crayons, scissors, staplers, tissue or toilet paper.

Preparation: Run off craft 26 on card stock paper.

Instructions: Cut out the two sides to the club. Color the pieces brown like a club. Glue a jumbo craft stick on the inside of the handle of one of the club pieces. Staple the club pieces together all around the edge leaving an opening at the top. Stuff the top of the club with toilet or tissue paper. Finish stapling the top shut.

- **Game:** Mad Face Competition

As a reminder that when God saw Cain's face he warned him about sin and doing evil, have a mad face competition.

Instructions: Divide the group into pairs. Have the members of the pair face one another. Each makes and tries to keep a mad looking face. The one who is able to do so the longest wins.