

Think Right Act Right

week 4

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

Props: Decorate your space with differing sizes and colors of question marks. You can also incorporate the name of the series, "Kinda Sorta Christian" in some creative ways by using varying fonts and color.

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kid's countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

The last few weeks we've been going through our series about what it means to be a true Christian compared to a "kinda sorta" Christian. Do 'kinda sorta' Christians make God the number one priority in their lives? (**allow kids to answer**) Nope! They say they love Him, but they don't really spend any time with God by praying and reading the Bible. A true Christian knows Jesus like a best friend. We've also learned that a true Christian doesn't treat God like a kid's meal. Should **we** demand things we want from God? (**allow kids to answer**) NO! God knows what's best for us because He created us and we should trust that what he gives us is good for us. Last week, we learned that we shouldn't be a weak sauce Christian, but we should stand up for God even when no one else does.

-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

Today, we're going to finish our series by talking about how a true Christian should think. You see, how we think affects how we act. A "kinda sorta" Christian tends to think that whatever makes them happy is the right thing to do. But, that's not what the Bible says. A true Christian obeys the Bible no matter if it's the easy or fun thing to do. We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song to Jesus!

-SONG- I Will Follow (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Thinking right can help you live right. (repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: Why do our thoughts affect our actions?

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to see why our thoughts affect our actions.

-VIDEO- Think (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What affects the way we act? (Thoughts)
- True or False: Thinking right helps you make bad choices. (False)
- What book tells us what is true and false? (Bible)

Great job! You see, what we think DOES influence what we do, both in good ways and bad ways. A "kinda sorta" Christian thinks a lot about what will make them happy, but not about what pleases God or helps others. What we think will make us happy isn't always the right thing to do. Think about it. What if you think the best thing in the world is to eat a whole gallon of ice cream. At the moment, it tastes good and you love every bite. But, about an hour later, your stomach is grumbling and you feel like you're going to.....you know.....BARF! So, was eating all that ice cream the best thing for you? **(allow kids to answer)** NO WAY! That's why it's important to think the right way about things. A true Christian will let the Bible tell them how to think, even when it doesn't sound fun.

You know what, that reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together!

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "Lead me by your truth (**hands imitating book**) and teach me (**hands cupping mouth**), for you are the God (**point up**) who saves me (**point at self**). All day long (**hands spread out**) I put my hope in you (**hands over heart**)."

Psalm 25:5 **(Repeat)**

Great job! This verse tells us that by reading the Bible and praying to God, we can learn the way God wants us to think. And, when we fill our thoughts with God's thoughts, then we will act the way God wants us to act. The reason-our thoughts direct our actions. So, don't be "kinda sorta" Christians who just does what makes them happy. Choose to be a true Christian who wants to think the way God thinks.

Now let's all stand and sing a song telling God we will live for Him!

-SONG- We Shine (3 min)

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

**-SLIDE- Key question: Why do our thoughts affect our actions?
(allow a few kids to answer).**

-SLIDE- The answer: Because everything we do starts with a thought.

You'll talk more about this in your small groups today. But, before we go, let's say the Big Idea one last time...

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Thinking right can help you live right. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups