

INDIGENOUS IMPACT SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Date	June 20
Lesson 2	Lord, Make Us One
Story	Joshua
Goal	To make a decision to follow Jesus.
Truth	God has chosen us to be part of His family.
Memory Verse	I Peter 2:9 "chosen people"
Craft	Paper Chain People
Game	Object Lesson: 3 Strands

Suggested Order of Activity

1. Opening Prayer
2. Optional Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
3. Verse Teaching Method: Hot Potato
4. Story: Joshua
5. Craft: Paper Chain People
6. Object Lesson: 3 Strands
7. Closing Prayer

Memory Verse

Indigenous Impact is about prayer and God's Word changing our lives, families, and nations. I Peter 2:9 talks to us about the change or impact God wants to make in us. This verse can be sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". Each week, we will focus on a various aspects of this verse and pray scripture into our lives.

But you are
a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people belonging to God,
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

HOT POTATO

Sit in a circle and pass an object such as a ball around the circle as you say the Bible verse. Whoever has the object at the end of the verse says the Bible verse independently or with a partner.

In between rounds of hot potato, teach about what it means to be a "chosen people". Who did the choosing? *God chose us.* Do we need to choose to be God's people, too? *Yes, we need to choose to follow him each day.* What has God chosen us to do according to this verse? *To "declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

Joshua and His Family Choose to be in God's Family Lord, Make Us ONE

Text: Joshua 24:14-24

Goal: To make a decision to follow Jesus.

Truth: God has chosen us to be part of His family.

Bible Story:

How do you become a part of God's family? John 1:12 says, "Yet to all who **received** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (NIV, emphasis added). Joshua talked to the people of Israel about choosing God and being part of God's family.

God rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Then God brought the people into the Promised Land. Moses was the leader of Israel during this time. Before Moses died, God gave Israel a new leader named, Joshua. God helped Joshua win many battles for Israel. Joshua was now very old, and he gathered the people of Israel together to speak to them.

Joshua reminded the people how God rescued them. God helped them cross the Red Sea. God made the wall of Jericho crash down so that they could capture the city. God had done many things for the people of Israel. But the people needed to decide if they would promise to always follow God in this new land that God gave them.

Joshua gave them a choice. Let's read Joshua 24:15 (GOD'S WORD Translation). Joshua said,

"But if you don't want to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Even if you choose the gods your ancestors served ... or the gods of the Amorites ..., my family and I will still serve the LORD."

Joshua decided that it didn't matter what anyone else thought, he and his family were going to serve the one true God. The people answered, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him" (Joshua 24:24).

Let's say repeat those words together. *We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.* The people of Israel promised to serve God as one chosen people.

God gives us a choice today. Will we receive Jesus as the Lord or "boss" of our lives? Will we believe that the Creator sent His perfect Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins? Will we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to fill our lives? God wants you to be a part of his family. Provide an opportunity for students to pray for salvation and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Object Lesson

3 Strands – Ecclesiastes 4:12

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (NLT)

Together as Christians, we need each other. If we tried to be a Christian all by ourselves and never went to church, it would be harder to stay strong. See this single strand of thread? Can anyone break it for me? A single piece of thread is easy to break. However, a rope or fishing net is made of lots of strands together. This makes them stronger. We need each other in the family of God to be strong in serving God together.

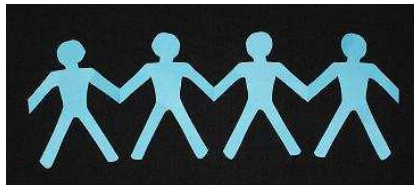
Craft

Paper Chain People

Adapted from <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/paper-dolls.html>

Materials:

- White paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons



1. Take a piece of paper (8.5" x 11") and cut it lengthwise.
2. Fold it into quarters in accordion-style.
3. Draw a person on the top layer. Be sure that the arms extend beyond the edge of the folded sheet.
4. Cut the person out and unfold. You will get a chain of people holding hands.
5. Choose a Scripture to write on the people, such as: 1 Peter 2:19, John 1:12 or Joshua 24:24.

Optional: Use more than one sheet of paper and connect people with tape. They can also be decorated.

