



MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE
The God Who Saves: Session 8

Election

Key Statement: Election 1) leads us to be God-focused, 2) means God chose us, and 3) teaches that God has a plan.

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Option 1: Pick Up Sticks

- You'll need a couple of pencils or sticks for this game. Gather the group around you. Tell them you're thinking of a number between one and five. Challenge students to figure out what number you are thinking of.
- Arrange the pencils in any form. Students will probably be looking at the pencils to figure out what you're thinking. You, however, are to hold up a certain number of fingers corresponding to the number of which you are thinking, but do it slyly. I usually cross my arms after I finish arranging the pencils, and only have two, three, or four of the fingers of my right hand exposed, based on the number I'm thinking of.
- Allow students a few minutes to guess, and then inform them of the number. Arrange the pencils again. Allow students to guess a second time, and then tell them the number.
- Keep doing this, but as time goes by, make the answer a little more obvious. When students figure out the pattern, inform them to keep the answer to themselves.
- Once everyone has figured it out or you feel like the game has run its course, explain to students that this game was a model for our focus. We can focus on the wrong things, just like they probably focused on the pencils. We focus on human beings as the centerpiece of the universe, but that's not the biblical model. As election reminds us, we are to focus on the fingers, not the pencils; we are to focus on God in all things, not the distractions of this world.

Option 2: Heavenly Campaign

- Inform students that they are part of God's campaign team. Given that many struggle with the biblical idea of doctrine, their job is to create some campaign posters (or banners for website advertising, etc.) to show people the beauty of election. Specifically, they are to focus on the points that election shows that God chooses us (what love!) and that God has a plan for us.

- The designs should reflect the points in the session.
- Guide them to show their campaign posters. Discuss the good connections they made.
- End by thanking God for the beauty of election. Pray also for the lost to come to treasure Jesus.

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If you are pressed for time this week, consider only doing points one and two of the session.

Remember, this is merely a suggested outline adaptation for a middle school group. If you decide to incorporate one or more option into your group time, you will likely have to be very selective on the material you decide to teach through. Keep in mind that each class is different, and as the leader guide suggests, personalize the lesson content for your class by determining what elements are most applicable. Don't feel pressured to teach through all of the content in a single meeting, but instead help middle school students to see the main overall point and big picture the lesson is conveying.

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See Leader Guide