

July 16, 2000
Early Childhood
Show Love to Jesus' True Missionaries.

3 John
3JN01EC

Materials I Need:

Memory Verse:

Two- and three-year-old verse: John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."
Four- and five-year-old verse: John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Did Apostle John write letters in the Bible that have his name?** (Yes. *Apostle John wrote the Gospel of John, First John, Second John, and Third John.*)
2. **Did Apostle John write to Gaius who showed hospitality?** (Yes. *Apostle John thanked Gaius for his hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.*)
3. **Did Apostle John say that Diotrephes was wrong because he did not show hospitality?** (Yes. *It was not right for Diotrephes not to invite missionaries to stay in his home.*)
4. **Should we in our church show hospitality to missionaries?** (Yes.)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. **What are the names of the letters in the Bible that Apostle John wrote?** (*Gospel of John, First John, Second John, and Third John.*)
2. **What did Apostle John write to Gaius in Third John?** (*Apostle John wrote to thank Gaius for showing hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.*)
3. **What did Apostle John say about Diotrephes and his hospitality?** (*Apostle John said to Gaius, "Don't be like Diotrephes who does not show hospitality to the missionaries."*)
4. **Should we in our church show hospitality to missionaries?** (Yes.)

Key for symbols:

- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Hook:

- Pin the Missionary on the Map Game:** If your class has "adopted" a missionary to encourage this year (if not, you can choose one for today), make small copies of their picture. (Pictures are available if requested from the Children's Department.) Blindfold a child and let him pin the picture to the country of a large map that has been taped to the wall. (If you don't have a map, designate a spot.) Younger children will enjoy the game without being blindfolded. Say the name "missionary" often to remind the children of our missionaries. Another fun variation of this game would be to tape pictures of all of our missionaries on their countries on the wall map. Copy small pictures of the missionaries and put them into a sack. A child draws out a picture of a missionary and tapes it on

the corresponding country on the wall map. Sing the appropriate verses of "Go Tell" from the Song section.

Missionary Match Game: Copy two small sets of pictures for each of our church missionaries. Older children can find matching pictures by turning up two pictures at a time. Younger children can find the matches with all of the pictures facing up. Say the names of the missionaries each time their faces are turned up. Sing some of the songs from the Song section. The goal of the game for children is to find the most matching sets of pictures. The goal of the game for teachers is to familiarize the children with the concept of missionary and with the names of our church missionaries.

Home Hospitality Center: Provide dishes, cooking utensils, silverware, hotpads, etc., for the children to cook and serve "food" to the others in their small group. In today's Bible Adventure, Apostle John wrote to a man named Gaius telling him he was doing a good work by letting traveling missionaries stay at his home.

Shoe Center: Bring all shapes and sizes of shoes to class for the children to try on and to walk around the classroom. Explain that missionaries in the time of Apostle John wore sandals and walked from town to town, but that there are many more choices of shoes today for missionaries to wear.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Color and mount the **3JN01ECGF1, 3JN01ECGF2, 3JN01ECGF3, 3JN01ECGF4, and 3JN01ECGF5** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure.

Request pictures of our missionaries from the Mission's Secretary or Children's Department. Show them at the appropriate time at the end of the Bible Adventure.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the 3JN01ECGF1 picture.) We have learned that Apostle John wrote several letters in the Bible.

(Open your Bible to 3 John.) Apostle John wrote another letter called 3 John. *(Have the children say, "Third John.")*

(Show the 3JN01ECGF2 picture.) We learned in Second John about missionaries who walked from town to town to bring the Apostles' teachings to the churches. These missionaries stayed in the homes of people who showed hospitality. Chosen lady showed hospitality when she invited missionaries to stay in her home.

(Show the 3JN01ECGF3 picture.) We also learned that we should not show hospitality in our homes to false teachers who tell lies about Jesus.

(Show the 3JN01ECGF4 picture.) Apostle John wrote a letter to a man named Gaius. *(Point to Gaius and have the children repeat his name.)*

Apostle John wrote, "The missionaries who stayed in your home have told me that you are faithfully telling people the truth about Jesus. You did a good thing when you treated the missionaries with kindness. You let them sleep in your house and you gave them food to eat. Then you sent them on their way with more food for the trip. It is good for us to work together for the Lord."

(Show the 3JN01ECGF5 picture.) Apostle John continued, "There is a man in the church who will not show hospitality to the missionaries. His name is Diotrephes. Diotrephes closes his doors and will not show hospitality. He will not welcome the missionaries that we sent. Don't be like Diotrephes. It is a good thing to invite missionaries to stay in your home."

(Show pictures of one or more of our missionaries. Have the children repeat their names.) Our church sends missionaries to other countries. Christians who love Jesus show hospitality to our missionaries by inviting them to stay in their homes. It helps when we all work together so that the truth about Jesus will go to every country of the world.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Apostle John who told us about Jesus. Help us show hospitality in our homes and to our missionaries who tell other people about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the 3JN01ECGF1 picture.) We have learned that Apostle John wrote several letters in the Bible. Who can tell me the books of the Bible that Apostle John wrote? (*Gospel of John, 1 John, and 2 John*)

(Open your Bible to 3 John.) Apostle John wrote another book called 3 John. (*Have the children say, "Third John."*) No, there is no Fourth John.

(Show the 3JN01ECGF2 picture.) We learned in Second John about visiting missionaries who walked from town to town and from church to church to bring the Apostles' truths to the churches. These traveling missionaries could not stay in a motel; there were no motels. People with hospitality would invite the missionaries to stay in their homes. Chosen lady had hospitality and invited Jesus' missionaries to stay in her home.

(Show the 3JN01ECGF3 picture.) We also learned that we should not show hospitality in our homes to false teachers who tell lies about Jesus.

(Show the 3JN01ECGF4 picture.) Apostle John wrote a letter to a man named Gaius. (*Point to Gaius and have the children repeat his name.*)

Apostle John wrote, "I have heard good reports from the visiting missionaries who stayed in your home and enjoyed your hospitality. They have told me that you are faithfully telling people the truth about Jesus. It is a good thing to use your home to tell people about Jesus. It is a good thing to treat the visiting missionaries with kindness, letting them stay in your home. It is a very good thing to send them on their way with more food for the trip. It is good for all of us to work together for the Lord."

(Show the 3JN01ECGF5 picture.) Apostle John continued, "There is a man in the church who has not shown hospitality to the visiting missionaries. His name is Diotrephes. He closes his doors and will not show hospitality. He loves to be first, and he thinks he is in charge of the church. Diotrephes will not welcome the missionaries that we sent by letting them stay in his home. He even stops other people in the church from showing hospitality. He says bad things about us and puts people out of the church if they help us.

"Gaius, don't be like Diotrephes. What he is doing is very wrong. It is a good thing to invite Jesus' missionaries into your home. We show our love for Jesus when we show love for His missionaries."


(Show pictures of one or more of our missionaries.) Our church sends missionaries to other countries to tell people about Jesus. When the missionaries arrive in their new countries, they need places to stay. Christians who love Jesus show hospitality to our missionaries by inviting them to stay in their homes. When the missionaries come back for visits here in Spokane each year, people with hospitality invite them to stay in their homes, or they invite them for meals. People loan them a car to use while they are here. Sometimes they need medicines and other supplies, like a camera or computer. It is good when we all work together and help each other so that the truth about Jesus will go to every country of the world.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Apostle John who told us about Jesus. Help us show hospitality in our homes and to our missionaries who tell other people about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.




Look:

- Aim Questions:** Tape the Aim Questions to the back of the pictures of the missionaries that our church supports. Talk about the person or family that a child chooses. Then read the question.
- Snack:** Set up the snack in one area of the classroom and let the children pass by to pick up their food and carry it outside to sit on the grass to eat. They would represent the traveling missionaries, and the helpers who served the snack would represent those who show hospitality.
- Missionaries on the Wall:** Take the children quietly into the hall and show them the pictures of our missionaries (and elders). When you return to the room, sing songs about our missionaries as you show pictures of them with their families. Our Missions Secretary has pictures available.
- Hospitality Bean Bag Toss:** (3JN01ECGF4 and 3JN01ECGF5) Tape several GF4 and GF5 pictures of Gaius and Diotrephes on the floor and let a child toss a bean bag, trying to land on Gaius. When a bean bag touches the Gaius picture, the children all say, "Gaius showed hospitality." When a bean bag lands on Diotrephes, the children all say, "Diotrephes did not show hospitality."


 **Missionary Hospitality Review: (3JN01ECGF6)** Give each child a GF6 page to color. Talk about the people on the page, and answer the Aim Questions. Let the children put happy face stickers on the pictures of people who are doing the right thing (Gaius and the true missionaries). Let the children put a sad face (or a large "X") on the pictures that Apostle John said were wrong (Diotrephes and the false teacher from 2 John).

④ **Four Corners Game:** "When we show hospitality to others, we can choose what to do for them. I will ask a question and give four possible answers. You will choose an answer by moving to a corner of the room. For example, 'Where would you most like to go--the beach, the mountains, the jungle, or the desert?'" Point to indicate one corner for each answer. After the children have gone to a corner, invite them to return to the center and ask another question. Some questions could be: What food would you serve to visiting missionaries--hot dogs, pizza, fried chicken, or macaroni and cheese. Where would you have the missionaries sleep in your home--on the sofa, in your bed, in the guest room, or on the floor. What things would you do with the missionaries while they were in your home--play hide and seek, swim in a pool, watch a movie, or play with your toys. Where would you take the missionaries to shop--Toys R Us, Target, Safeway, or Chuck E Cheese.


Songs:

 **Memory Verse Song, John 14:6** (tune: "London Bridge")
Jesus answered, "I'm the way, and the truth, and the life."
"No one comes to Father God, but by Me-e."

Who showed hospitality, tality, tality? (Beckon people to come to your house.)
Who showed hospitality?
Gaius di-id.

 **Walking in the Light** (tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")

1. Walking in the light, walking in the light. (March as you sing.)
When I walk with Jesus, I am walking in the light.
2. Hospitality! Hospitality!
We'll show hospitality, walking in the light. (Beckon people to come to your house.)
(Hold hands to form a Bible book.)
3. Don't believe the lies. Don't believe the lies. (Put your hands over your ears.)
Jesus is the way, the truth, and He is the life. (Point to the floor.)

 **Go Tell** (tune: "This Train")
Go tell the Gospel Story, children (Repeat.)
Go tell the Gospel Story
Missionaries bring God glory,
Go tell the Gospel Story, children.

Tell it in Venezuela, children (Repeat.)
Tell it in Venezuela
With the Widmers and the Belches (or, "with the Belches and the Moellers")
Tell it in Venezuela, children.

Tell it in Marseilles, France now, children (Repeat.)
Tell it in Marseilles, France, now
With the Moores, we'll shout it aloud
Tell it in Marseilles, France now, children.

Tell it in Indonesia, children (Repeat.)
Tell it in Indonesia
Help the Campbells to spread God's love
Tell it in Indonesia, children.

Tell it in Zambia now, children *(Repeat.)*

Tell it in Zambia

With Miss Hattan we'll shout aloud

Tell it in Zambia now, children.

I'd Like to Tell *(tune: "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing")*

I'd like to tell the world about the perfect love of God,
And of His Son and what He's done to save us from our sin.

We Will Go Share *(tune: "Peace Like a River")*

We will go share the Gospel

We will go share the Gospel

We will go share the Gospel with the world.

(Repeat.)

We will share in our home, and we will share in our city,

We will share everywhere around the world.

We will share in our country, we will share 'cross the ocean

We will share everywhere around the world.

Tell Them *(tune: "Day-o" chorus)*

Tell them, oh-oh, te-e-ell them,

Tell them about the Savior and His love. *(Repeat.)*

Go and share it, share the Gospel Story

Tell them about the Savior and His love. I said. . .

Tell it with the Moores in France

Tell them about the Savior and His love.

Tell it with Miss Hattan in Za-ambi-yah

Tell them about the Savior and His love.

Tell it with the Campbells in Indonesia

Tell them about the Savior and His love.

Tell it with the Belches in Venezuela

Tell them about the Savior and His love.

Tell the Gospel Story *(tune: "Jesus Loves the Little Children")*

Tell the Gospel Story, children, to the people in the world.

Tell it here and tell it there,

You can tell it everywhere

Spread the news about our Savior to the world.

Oh, We've Got the Good News *(tune: "If I Had a Hammer")*

Oh, we've got the Good News, we'll share it in the morning.

We'll share it in the evening all over this land.

Let's share about God's Son, let's share about His gift,

Let's share of His love for our brothers and sisters

All over this land.



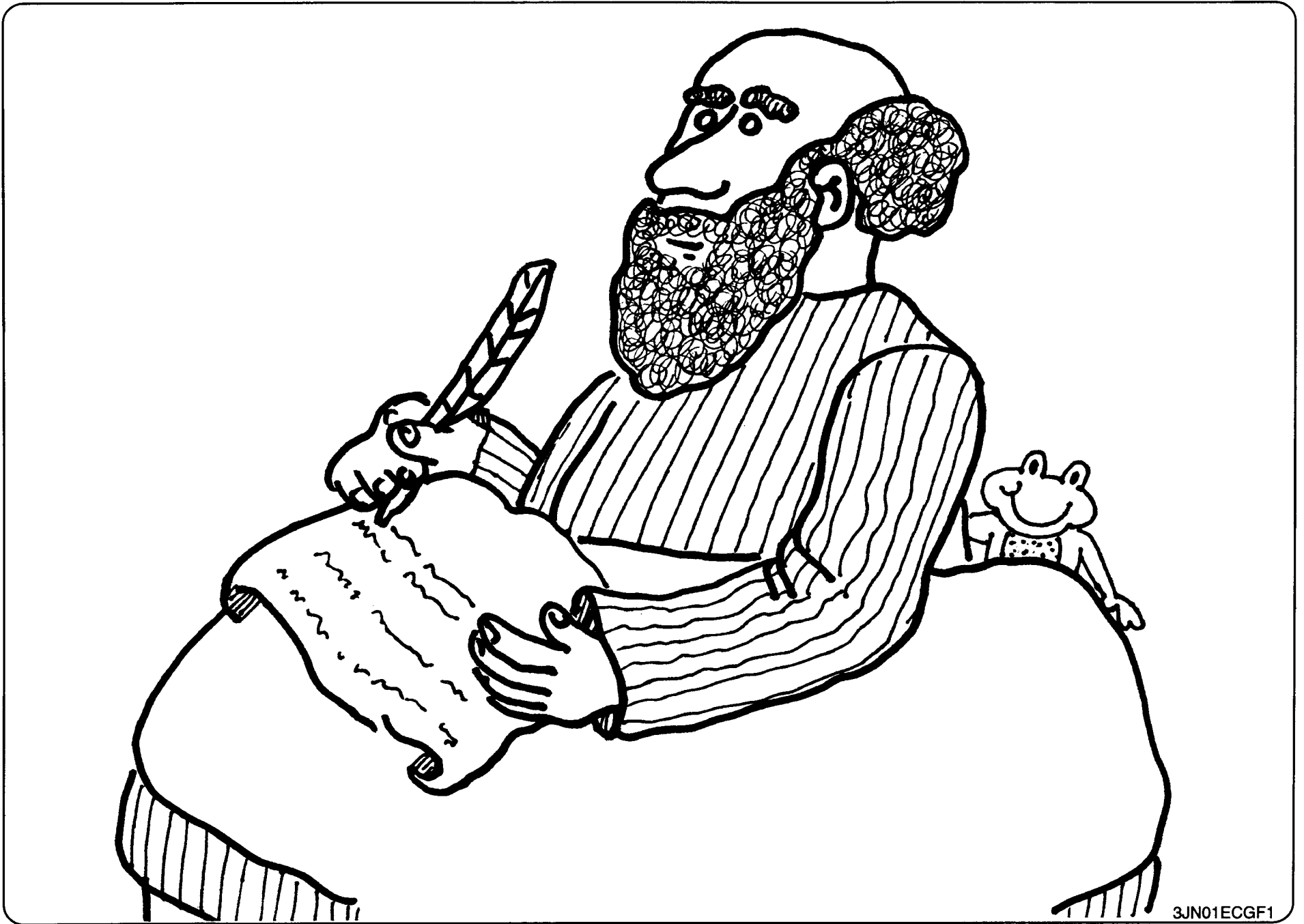
Took:

- Hospitality Booklet: (3JN01ECGF7)** Make a booklet to take home. Fold the GF7 page into fourths so that picture number one is the first page of the booklet. Read the booklet to the children in such a

way that they understand what the Apostle John was teaching about hospitality in 3 John. John was encouraging hospitality, but not to false teachers who told lies about Jesus. Let the children “read” or tell the booklet story back to you for practice before they go home and tell their parents what they learned.

Sing-a-long Session: Spend extra time singing today about missionaries, inserting our missionaries’ names whenever possible. Keep the pace slow and simple for the youngest children. Add hand motions and have a foot-stomping time. (Young children don’t care about how you sing or even whether you can carry a tune. They love singing if you love singing.)

Preschool Page for Parents: (3JN01ECPPP) Send a page home with each child, encouraging the parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



3JN01ECGF1

Apostle John wrote the Gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John.



The lady showed hospitality when she invited missionaries to stay in her home.



Apostle John said, "Do not show hospitality to false teachers who tell lies about Jesus."



Gaius showed kind hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.



Diotrephes did not show hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.



Gaius showed hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.

WELCOME!

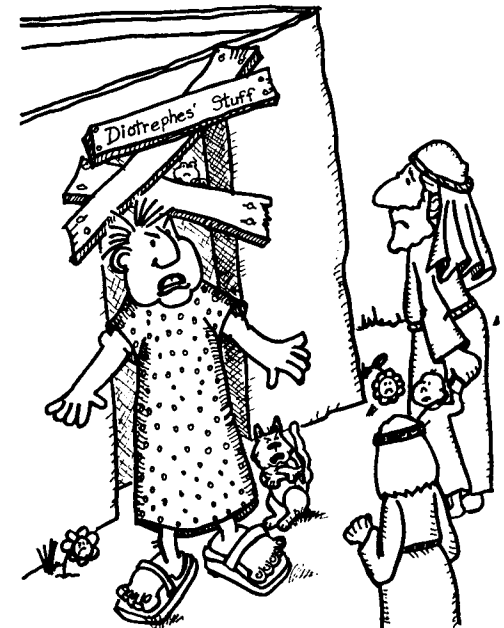
Apostle John says,
"Show hospitality to
Jesus' missionaries,
but not to false
teachers."



Don't show hospitality to false teachers who lie about Jesus.

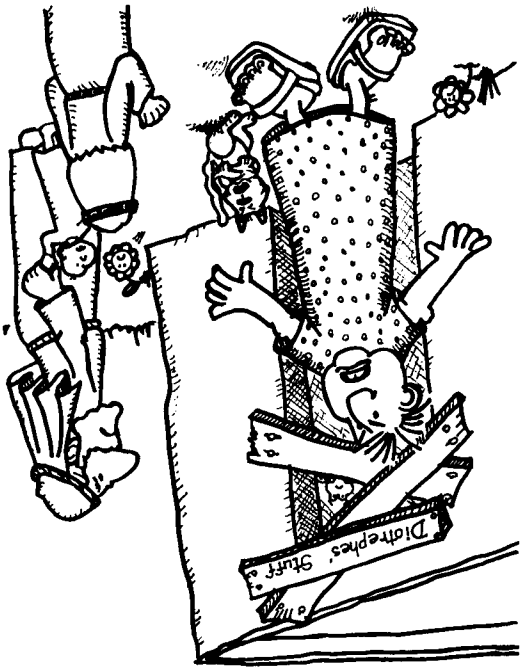


The lady in First John showed hospitality.



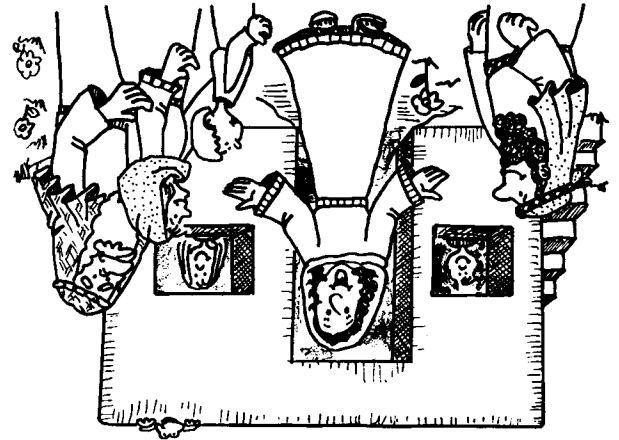
Diotrephes did not show hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.

3. Don't be like Diotrephes who did not show hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.



2.

Walking in the Light
We'll show hospitality,
Hospitality! Hospitality!
(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")
Walking in the light.



Apostle John wrote about true hospitality for Jesus' missionaries.

Be like Gaius who showed hospitality to Jesus' missionaries.



Walking in the Light
(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")
Hospitality! Hospitality!
We'll show hospitality, walking in the light.

4.

Apostle John wrote First, Second, and Third John.



John 14:6, Memory Verse Song
(tune: "London Bridge")

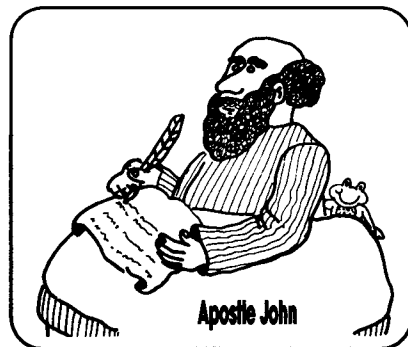
Jesus answered, "I'm the way,
And the truth, and the life.
No one comes to Father God,
But by Me-e."

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PPP

Preschool Page for Parents
Extended Bible School Training in the Home

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This is what I learned today!

Apostle John wrote another book called Third John. He wrote to a man named Gaius telling him that he was showing good hospitality to Jesus' traveling missionaries. Gaius was faithfully telling people the truth about Jesus. We can show hospitality to missionaries, too, and invite them to our homes for a meal.

Today's Memory Verse:

**Jesus is the way
and the truth and the life.
John 14:6**

True Hospitality



Did you take a step toward building a relationship with one of the church missionaries last week? If not, you can begin this week. Choose a missionary family and pray each day for them. Call the church office and ask for the phone number and address of one of our FBC missionary families who is home this summer. Invite the family to your home for a meal. Thank them for taking the truth of Jesus to their part of the world. Send them a card expressing your appreciation for their faithful work for the Lord.

"Walking in the Light" Theme Song

(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")

Walking in the light, walking in the light. (March as you sing.)
When I walk with Jesus, I am walking in the light.

Hospitality! Hospitality! (Beckon someone to come near.)
We'll show hospitality, walking in the light. (Open arms.)

Don't believe the lies. Don't believe the lies. (Cover your ears.)
Jesus is the way, the truth, and He is the life. (Point up.)



Apostle John wrote, "Be like Gaius who showed hospitality to Jesus' missionaries."



"Don't be like Diotrephes."