

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

PURITY

DEFINITION:

Being clean and free from the power of sin

MEMORY VERSE:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10 NLT

FINISH LINE:

We can be made pure because of Jesus

READ: LUKE 2:1-20; ROMANS 5:17-19

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. Who were Joseph and Mary? (*Jesus' earthly parents*) Where were they going? (*To Bethlehem in Judea.*)
2. Read Luke 2:11. What amazing news did the angels tell the shepherds? (*The Savior was born in Bethlehem.*)
3. Look at Luke 2:16-17. What did the shepherds do after the angels left? (*They found Jesus and told others.*)

READ ROMANS 5:17-19

4. Who has been stained by sin? (*Everyone. We have all sinned.*) What do we all deserve for our sin? (*Death and separation from God.*)
5. Who is the only person who can save us and make us pure? (*Jesus.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. How would you expect the Savior of the world to arrive? How was Jesus' birth different than what you would expect?
2. How was Jesus different than every other baby ever born? (*He was fully God and fully man. He lived a pure and perfect life. He was not stained with sin like everyone else.*)
3. What is the act of righteousness in Romans 5:18? (*Jesus was pure but chose to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sin.*)
4. What gift does Jesus give to all who trust in Him? (*When we admit we cannot clean ourselves from the stain of sin and confess we need Jesus to save us, He will forgive us and make us pure. Then we can have a relationship with God and be with Him forever.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. What would you do if you heard the shepherds' crazy story about angels, the Messiah, and a poor family with a baby in a manger?
2. The shepherds told everyone what happened and all about the Savior who had been born. Who can you tell about the true meaning of Christmas this year?