

What do you get when you cross a karate expert with a pig? A porkchop!

What do you get when you cross a cow and a lawn tractor? A lawnmooer!

I think i would like a job cleaning mirrors, it's just something I could really see myself doing

What do you get when you cross a cheetah and a hamburger? Fast Food!

In an effort to save the environment, our school is going paperless. Everything was great until I needed to use the bathroom.

What do you get when you cross a frog and a popsicle? A hopsicle!

What's pink and goes "moo"?

A pig with an identity crisis.

What do you get if you cross a fridge and a stereo? Cool music!

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

What do you get if you cross a giraffe and a hedgehog? A 6 foot toothbrush!

What do you get if you cross a kangaroo and a elephant? Big holes all over Australia!

What do you think the first thing the boys look at when I give them their lesson each week?

- A. The Bible Story?
- B. The testimony from a famous athlete?
- C. The inspirational quote of the day
- D. The jokes and cartoons

If you guessed the jokes and cartoons, you were correct.

As soon as I hand out the lesson, they turn immediately to the jokes and cartoons. I thought about eliminating them because they sit there reading them so intently, but then I realized, maybe its good they laugh a little with the Youth for Christ guy. God certainly has a sense of humor. He created mosquitos and what about box turtles.

We have been talking about What is Our Identity?

After I get past some self deprecating chatter about their past or their family life, I ask them to focus on who they are and talk about their reputation or identity.

Last week after the negative talk was over, Ken said he is known as the "funny guy". I asked him why and he said he can tell a good joke and make people laugh. Damon said he is known as the "cool guy" because he dresses well and is good looking and knows how to relate to people. Jay said he is a nobody. He said because he is quiet, he doesn't have a reputation except to be the quiet guy or nobody. I reassured him that he means a lot to God.

Then we looked at what Jesus says we are. We talked about the three A's God says we are to Him.

Alive – Ephesians 2: 1-3 We are a new creation.

Adopted – Ephesians 1:5 "...he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." We spent some time on this because I wanted these boys who have been let go by society know that God wants them and always will.

Accepted – John 3:16-17 He didn't come to condemn but to save us for himself.

I asked them if they knew anyone important. No one answered. I asked them how it would feel to be LeBron James' son. They got all excited about that. Then I explained that they are children of God and they can know the creator of the universe. That he designed them and thinks they are perfectly made. It went well. I could see it on their faces. We all prayed at the end.



P.S. Please don't forget us over the summer. We have a lot planned

