Date: 5/30/15 (Repeated and revised 6/2/18)

Title: Choose God’s Way

Theme: The most important choice we can make in life is to love and serve the Lord.

Object: Choices of foods to eat.

Text: Josh 24:15 Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve…But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

I am so glad that you all chose to come down front to listen to the children’s sermon today.

That was a good choice.

The Bible talks about the importance of making good choices.

We all make many choices every day.

We can choose to get up or stay in bed.

We can choose what clothes to wear and what to eat for breakfast.

We can choose to pray before we eat or we can choose to ignore God and not thank Him for our food.

We can choose what to play and who to play with, to play inside or to play outside.

When we get older, we can choose what college to go to, what kind of business we will work at, who we will marry, and where we will live.

The choices we make in life are really very important.

They determine the kind of people we will become.

I used to have a poster on my wall at work that said this: “Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice.”

That means that where we end up in life is determined by the choices we make.

This morning I brought with me some things that you can make a choice between.

But once you make a choice, don’t change it because someone else chose something different.

[Choices: Cheese-Its and Animal Crackers. Cherries and strawberries. Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Special K] [Revised: Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Honey Nut Cheerios; strawberries or watermelon]

Choosing good food to eat is important, but not nearly as important as the choice Joshua put before the people in the verse we read from the Bible.

The choice he gave the people was to either serve God or to serve idols.

And Joshua set the example for all the people by choosing who he would serve.

He said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Boys and girls, you can make the same choice today.

You can choose to love God, to pray to God, to be thankful to God, to worship God, and obey God.

Or you can choose to put something else in God’s place, and that becomes your idol.

One choice leads to eternal life; the other leads to eternal death.

How many want to say this morning what Joshua said?

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”