

1. Discover the Greatest Promise (African Savannah)

- A. The circus performers promise to take care of the animals and to keep them safe from poachers, who would harm them.
- B. God kept the animals and 8 people safe from the flood, when God judged the world for its sin. (Genesis 6:5-9:19)
- C. Just as God provided a way for mankind and animals to survive through Noah, He has also provided a way for people to experience His forgiveness and have eternal life through Jesus. (John 3:16 and 1 Thes. 5:9)
- D. Noah believed God and did what God said. He built the ark and put his trust in the ark. And we need to believe God and put our trust in Jesus.

2. Discover the Greatest Strength a Person Can Possess (Ancient Greece)

- A. Some circus performers can do extraordinary feats of strength and agility. They train hard to reach their fullest potential. It takes years of discipline and perseverance.
- B. Samson was a man to whom God gave great strength. God wanted Samson to deliver the Israelites from their enemies. (Judges chapters 13-16)
- C. But Samson was not disciplined. He let his relationship with God wither and he broke his Nazarite vow. Sadly, Samson did not reach his full potential for God.
- D. When we place our faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside our hearts and strengthens us to live for God. (Phil. 4:13)

3. Discover the Greatest Wisdom (Circus Veterinary Clinic)

- A. The doctors in the Circus Vet Clinic need to have a lot of knowledge about all the animals in the circus. When an animal gets sick, the Circus Vets need to know what is wrong (diagnose the problem) and know what to do about it (prescribe the cure).
- B. Wisdom is the right application of what you know to the situation at hand. Circus vets need knowledge and wisdom, and so do people for living everyday life.
- C. When King Josiah read God's word, he realized why his county was so sick, and he wisely responded to God's Word by obeying it.
- D. Wisdom for living right comes from God. From the Bible we learn the correct way to behave in life. When we know and choose the correct way, God's way, then we are wise. (Proverbs 2:6)

4. Discover the Greatest Protection (The Coliseum in Rome)

- A. Circus performers do many dangerous stunts. For example, the Human Cannonball, the Fire Breather and the Lion Tamer must avail themselves of the proper safety equipment and procedures in order to protect themselves from danger and harm.
- B. When Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image he threw them into the fiery furnace. But the trusted God to protect them. (Daniel 3)
- C. God protects His people today and has given us armor to put on with which we can protect ourselves from Satan's attacks. (Psalm 91:14 and Eph. 6:11)

5. Discover the Greatest Obstacle Ever Overcome (Grand Canyon)

- A. The circus is full of daring performers who attempt to overcome dangerous odds, and perform dangerous stunts. The same is true of river guides in the Grand Canyon. They have to overcome obstacles as they raft the turbulent white water.
- B. David was a young man who faced overwhelming odds in the person of Goliath, but he relied on the Lord and not on himself for victory. (1 Samuel 17)
- C. We all have a Grand Canyon-sized problem called sin. Sin is a huge obstacle that separates us from God. But Jesus overcame sin by His death on the cross. (1 Pt 2:24)
- D. Jesus' death paid the price for our sin, so all we have to do is confess our sin to Him and trust Him to rescue us from sin's power and penalty. (Romans 6:23)

Message

At *The Greatest Show On Earth*,
kids will hear the greatest message on earth.