

Christ Church Kid's Lesson

The Power of His Love

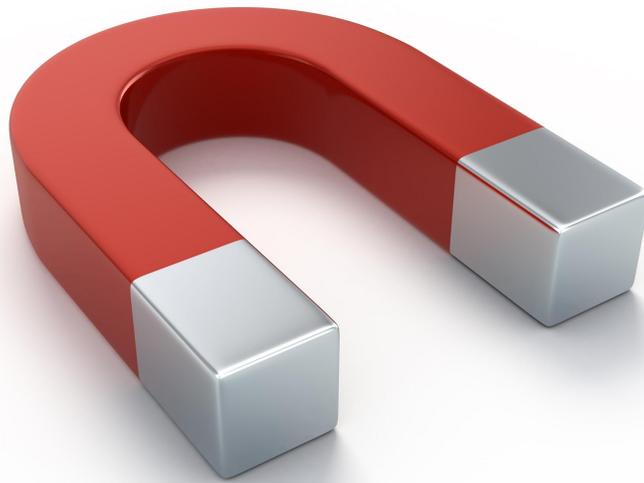
John 12:23-33

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Magnetic objects



As you see, we have several small metal objects today.



We also have a magnet.

The magnet has great power and will draw many objects to itself.



It reminds me of something that Jesus taught about Himself. The people who were following Jesus thought Jesus had come to set up an earthly kingdom. But Jesus came to earth to die for our sins so that we could join Him in His *heavenly* kingdom. Even so, because Jesus knew He would soon be crucified, He said to his followers, "I am very troubled...What should I do? Should I pray to the Father and ask Him to save me?"

Jesus told the people, "No, this is the very reason that I came, and when I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to Myself." The Bible tells us that He told them that so they would know how He was going to die.

The drawing power of this magnet is very strong, but it's nothing compared to the drawing power of Jesus. When we see His great love, we're drawn to Him. He willingly died on the cross to pay the price for our sin, and when we trust in Him, we receive the right to become the children of God.

Even after we become God's children, we will still sin, and that's not pleasing to Him. But that doesn't mean He will stop loving us. He has the power to draw us back to Himself. There is no power stronger than the love of Jesus.

Dear God,

**We thank You that Jesus was willing
to be lifted up on the cross
so we can have eternal life.**

In Jesus' name, amen.