

# Agency—A Choice

## Jesus

Plan of Salvation

He gave the glory to His Father

Repentance

Those who came to Earth

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## Satan

A plan of rebellion

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Those who do not have a mortal body

Opportunities are lost

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(Robert D. Hales)

In my youth I learned an important lesson about how our actions may limit our freedom. One day my father assigned me to varnish a wooden floor. I made the choice to begin at the door and work my way *into* the room. When I was almost finished, I realized I had left myself no way to get out. There was no window or door on the other side. I had literally painted myself into a corner. I had no place to go. I was stuck.

Whenever we disobey, we spiritually paint ourselves into a corner and are captive to our choices. Though we are spiritually stuck, there is always a way back. Like repentance, turning around and walking across a newly varnished floor means more work—a lot of resanding and refinishing! Returning to the Lord isn't easy, but it is worth it.

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Page 2: Robert D. Hales Story from Gen. Conf. 2010

Page 3: have the children write in the appropriate statements under either Jesus or Satan

Page 4-6: Strips for the board

Page 7: Handout