



# “THE MEANING OF LIFE”

AN ADULT MESSAGE

Introduction: Hello, everyone. My name is: \_\_\_\_\_. Today I would like to answer one of the greatest questions mankind has ever faced. Here is the question:

*Write the title on the sketchboard: The Meaning of Life.*

Everyone wants to know the meaning of life.

A poll was recently done that, reported among young people, the meaning of life is the number one question young people want to know. Actually, I think it's not just young people but all people and people from all different ages would like to know the answer to this question.

Transition: Here are the top three ways people trying to find meaning in life

The **first** is education: We are taught here in America that if you get a good education you can right your own ticket to life, and you will be successful.

*Write in the word: “Edu”*

The only problem is, just because you have earned a degree that doesn't mean you will find a job or keep the job you get when you graduate from college. Life is tough and unstable. Plus, not everyone gets to go to college or graduate from high school. Does that mean they cannot find the meaning of life? I don't think so.

The **second** way people try to find meaning is by making money.

*Draw in the dollar signs on the money.*

Although many people don't have a good education, it doesn't mean they can't find ways to make money. Everyone wants money and needs money. Did you know that it is reported that the richest people actually are the most unhappy? Why? Because the more stuff you have, the more you have to worry about all the stuff you have. It can become a burden. How many movie stars do we know who

are unhappy, even though they have money. So, money is not the silver lining people say it is.

The **third** way people try to find meaning in life is through relationships.

People want love, friendships, and relationships. Now we are getting closer to finding the meaning of life. How many of us want to be alone? How many of us hate having friends? Our minds are designed, it seems, to need each other. The only problem is most marriages end in divorce, and 75% of men say they would commit adultery if they didn't get caught. Something is wrong here.

*Draw the broken line down the heart*

Yes, true meaning in life is about relationships but not necessarily human relationships alone.

*Transition into the gospel*

We are made for relationships. Here's how I know. The first relationship ever recorded was the relationship God had with man.

*Write in the word GOD in the box*

God created the male and female to have a relationship with Him. Meaning, we were made to have a relationship with God! There is the answer to the meaning of life. We were made to know God. God is the creator, and we are the creation.

In human relationships, when you do something wrong it pushes you away from the other person, not closer to them. The same is with God. The things we do wrong, called sin actually have pushed away from God.

*Draw the black line under GOD showing separation.*

This why we feel lonely and abandoned in our hearts. We are separated from God because of our sin, and we feel it. Here is the sin that pushes God away...

*Go through some of the Ten Commandments*

The penalty for sin: Romans 6:23

The ultimate punishment for our sin: Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 21:8

God could have left us isolated and alone, but I have some great news... God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to reconcile us to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

## **THE GOSPEL**

Jesus is the Son of God who did miracles, commanded the wind and waves to be still and never sinned. Jesus truly is God in the flesh.

*Draw the line down showing the cross*

To bring peace between sinners and God, Jesus chose to take the death penalty for us so we could be pardoned. When Jesus died, he died to take the punishment I deserve and you deserve. Because Jesus paid our sin debt, forgiveness can now be granted to those who want Christ (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 9:22, 1 John 2:2).

*Draw the nails in the cross and the blood dripping down.*

But it gets better! Jesus proved He is the Son of God by rising from dead, defeating death and showing that only in Him is there life after death (John 11:25).

*Draw in the stone rolled away.*

Our response to what God has done for us should be to realize we are separated from God because of our sins and turn only to Christ for forgiveness.

*Draw in the word **TURN***

Secondly, Jesus commands us to only trust in Him to be saved and have eternal life.

Draw in the word **TRUST**

Thank you for listening. Please come forward and take a booklet.

