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Title: Freedom to vote

Theme: Use your freedom to vote to make Jesus your President.

Object: I voted stickers.

Text: John 1:12 (NKJV) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Did you hear the big news?

The United States of America has elected a new president: his name is Donald J. Trump.

This past week many citizens went to polling places all around the country to vote.

For Atkinson, where I live, the polling place was at the Atkinson Academy, our grade school.

When you first go in there is a big table. There’s a lady there with a big book. I have to give her my name and address and show her my driver’s license.

She looks up my name in the book and crosses it off. That means I have already voted and I can’t come back and vote again. Everybody gets to vote just once.

Then she gives me a ballot that looks something like this. [Explain how it works.]

So after everyone has voted, they count up all the votes to see who won in Atkinson. [Explain winners]

This happens in all the cities and towns all over the USA, and they count up to see who won in each state.

For president, the winner in each state gets the electoral votes for that state, and whoever gets the most electoral votes wins the election. The last I heard, Trump was ahead 290 to 228.

Now when you leave the polling place where you vote, they give you this little sticker to wear. It says “I voted.”

People can put their stickers on and wear them proudly, because it is our patriotic duty to vote.

We have a free country where the people vote to elect the leaders we want.

Many people have died in wars to keep our country free, and when we vote we honor the sacrifice that they made.

I was surprised when I left the polling place in Atkinson that they actually gave me two stickers.

So I am thinking of who I can vote for with this second sticker.

There is Someone we can vote for who is much more important than Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.

In fact, He holds a much higher office than President of the United States, and He doesn’t need to be elected by anyone.

His name is Jesus, the Son of God.

And if we want to be citizens of His Kingdom when He comes again, we have to vote for Him to be our Savior and Lord.

The verse we read today says, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Do you want to be a part of God’s family when Jesus comes back? I sure do!

Who wants to vote to receive Jesus today?