

EASTER WEEKEND

It's Easter weekend! (for those of you using this lesson during it's first week of release!)

While this Easter will certainly be a different one I wanted to give you two options for this weekend. One is to continue the current theme, which is why you will find a lesson on Moses below.

The other approach is to tie all this into the EASTER story...so I created a video to that effect. If you'd like to use the video you can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6N6Mf9wm-n0>

Whichever approach you choose I hope you have a wonderful celebration of our Saviour's resurrection!

A QUICK WORD...

This is a lesson in the Quarantine Sunday School Series.

Each week I am creating a short lesson that is parent (and kid) friendly. Each lesson touches on the topics we are all thinking about right now and teaches kids what the Bible says about them. So whether or not kids are afraid of the Coronavirus they will all know what the Word of God teaches about God's power over disease and much more!

Share these lessons with your friends and family! Direct them here for all the great material:
<https://betterbibleteachers.com/quarantine-sunday-school/>

A SONG TO GET US THINKING....

Every Move I Make

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

LUKE 12:7, MATTHEW 6:25-34

Alternate Easter lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6N6Mf9wm-n0>

You know what's funny? A few weeks ago, if you would have asked me how I would like being home all day and able to lounge around, I probably would have said that sounded like a dream! But, here we are, only two weeks into social distancing, and I've found it's a lot more disappointing than I would have thought, you know? School is cancelled, we can't go out with our friends, the Olympics and other sports are cancelled... I bet there are some things you were looking forward to that were cancelled to, aren't there?

I think, as a family, we should spend a few moments just talking about these disappointments. So I say we have ten seconds and you can vent, be angry, be mad, whatever it might be, about how disappointed you are that things are not what they should be. We'll do it all at the same time. Ready? Set... Go!

Okay, good. Now, disappointments are a part of life, aren't they? We've all had disappointments before. These just seem really, really big. But you know what helps me? It helps me to remember that really, these things are kind of small, aren't they? The Olympics will come again. School will open again. One day we will get to go back to the playground. Our disappointments aren't going to last forever, and when we do get these things back, we will probably appreciate them even more.

I was thinking about who in the Bible experienced disappointment, and I realized that there was a guy who had something cancelled for him, too... and it was something really, really BIG. Can you guess who I'm talking about?

Well, I wasn't thinking of Jesus, but that's good too... I was thinking of Moses! Do you remember Moses? Moses, as a baby, was sent down a river and taken in by Pharaoh's daughter. When he saw Hebrew slaves struggling, he knew he was one of them and he wanted to help his people. So Moses went to Pharaoh, and he says "Let my people go!" Pharaoh kept saying no, which was disappointing to the people... so God sent frogs and locusts and a lot of other plagues until...FINALLY, Pharaoh said "okay you can go!"

Imagine how happy the Hebrew people and Moses must have felt! Pharaoh was letting them go! It was hope, finally! And then... you know what Pharaoh did?

He changed his mind! After all the Hebrew slaves left Pharaoh probably look around and thought...WAIT A MINUTE!! I JUST LET ALL MY WORKERS LEAVE!! So Pharaoh rounded up his army and began to chase after Moses and the Hebrew people.

Do you know how the Moses story ends? God delivers the Hebrew people by allowing them to walk on dry land right through the Red Sea while Pharaoh's army drowns! God delivered them and gave them back their freedom.

He will do the same for us, too. Right now, it's easy to be disappointed, and God understands that. He knows we were looking forward to things and now they're cancelled. But now matter what we can trust God because He knows what He is doing and will take care of us even when life seems like one big disappointment.

A FEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are you most disappointed about missing right now?
2. What does the story of Moses tell you about disappointments?
3. Do you trust God with your disappointments?
4. Does your disappointment right now make you understand Moses a little bit more?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for knowing our hearts and knowing when we are disappointed. Please help us trust in you during this time, and please heal the sick around us. Amen.