KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL JULY 5

**God’s Good Plans Week 1: JEHOSHAPHAT**

Fear and uncertainties are part of our children’s and even our own world. We have lived through 3 months of uncertainty and when we listen to the covid #s coming out of the USA it is not uncommon to face a fear of what the future may hold. Today’s lesson helps give kids some tools to deal with uncertain times. In this week’s Bible story, King Jehoshaphat was facing his own set of overwhelming circumstances. He had just recently renewed his commitment to the Lord, only to find himself facing an attack by his enemies. The Bible tells us Jehoshaphat was terrified (2 Chronicles 20:3). It would do us well to follow Jehoshaphat’s example and teach our kids how to as well. When the news is reporting a new scary statistic, or the future seems uncertain, don’t panic. Don’t start spinning your wheels trying to figure out how to solve everything. First, pray. Tell God what you need. Sometimes all we can muster when we’re overwhelmed are one-word prayers: “Jesus.” “Help.” ”Please.” That’s okay. Don’t be afraid to ask him to help you understand what he is doing and how is working in times of trouble. The most important thing is that we turn our hearts toward God first, before we begin to panic or fear.

**Youngest Kids Lesson:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=wcfFs95IVC8&feature=emb_logo>

After watching here are some questions for discussion

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. How did Jehoshaphat know God’s plans?*He asked God! He prayed and fasted with other people. The Holy Spirit spoke through another man who told them, “Do not be afraid.”*
3. Who walked into the battle first?*Singers!*
4. What did the Skuppets learn about God’s good plans?*God loves all his children and he has good plans for everyone who loves him. We can talk to God when we pray like we would talk to a friend. And we can ask him to show us his good plans for us.*

Pray with your child and thank God for his love and good plans! Tell him you love him, too, and are excited to do good things with God.

**Elementary School Lesson:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=1NkDKslJqKI&feature=emb_logo>

**Family Talk It Over Questions:**

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. Who was Jehoshaphat?*Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah.*
3. What does it mean to fast and why did Jehoshaphat do that?*Jehoshaphat was facing a big problem. A large army was getting ready to attack him and all of Judah. He didn’t know what to do. So, in addition to praying, he asked everyone to fast. Fasting is when you give something up, usually food and water, for a short period of time as a way to humble yourself so that you can focus on God for help.*
4. What is something you could give up and fast, just like Jehoshaphat?*It doesn’t matter if it is dessert, TV time, YouTube, etc. What matters is that you are choosing to focus on God instead of doing those things. Is there something you’ve been wondering about or wanting God to answer? Fasting and praying are great ways to spend time with God and understand his plans.*
5. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to the people?*The Holy Spirit revealed God’s plan and promise to through a man that was fasting and praying, too. He told them to not be afraid and that God would be there to help them and give them victory.*
6. What good plans does God have for you?*God plan is for everyone to choose to love and follow Him. His plan is to help us show love to everyone so that they can know and love God, too. Pray to God and ask him to show you his good plans for your life.*
7. Have you ever prayed to God to ask him to be the Lord of your life and make the choice to be in God’s family? Is that something you want to talk about?