

Devotional – Carefulness

LS04F



Life Skills

Core 4: Personal Safety

Opening

- We learned today every home has dangers in it if we are not careful, let's see what God says about it
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

Proverbs 3:21-23

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go in safety

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Big picture

God's wisdom keeps us safe. He has a plan.

- Q: Have any of you ever tripped or stepped on one of your own toys? Did you get hurt? Whew! We sure hope you didn't, but accidents can happen.
- Isn't it interesting the teaching verse talks about not stumbling, and we were just talking about that very thing, keeping your toys picked-up prevents stumbling. Must be a "God Thing!?"
- Q: Have any of you ever seen a house fire? It's a scary thing. Most house fires start accidentally, too.
- But, whether it's small accidents like tripping on toys, or BIG accidents like house fires, did you know every accident could have been prevented with a little more carefulness? Yep, every one.
- Carefulness is another way of saying using "sound judgement and discernment" like the teaching verse.
- First you must be careful, then God will bless your carefulness by keeping you safe.
- It's a two-step process: you do your part (being careful), then God does His part (keeping you safe).
- But, what do you do if you find yourself in an emergency like a house fire? Do you panic and run and hide from the danger? No! That is the wrong thing to do!
- What we learned today is that a good plan can safely lead you out of the danger.
- God has a plan for us, too, and it involves trusting Him.
- We can trust Him when we are scared and in danger, and God will protect us.
- Carefulness is the best way to prevent accidents. Planning is the best way to stay safe in an emergency.
- Trusting God is using both carefulness and planning, but what does this mean? It means:
 - God says to trust Him, even when it's scary. He will keep you calm, so you can get to safety.
 - God says to trust Him by being careful and wise. That is God's prevention plan. You can choose not to obey, but that is foolish and unsafe.
 - God says to trust Him by planning. To plan what to do in emergencies before they happen so you have a better chance to stay alive and help others stay safe, too.

Memory Verse #1:

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Topical Questions

1. What does the teaching verse mean by "not letting out of your sight sound judgement and discernment?"
2. What does the teaching verse mean by "sound judgement and discernment will be life for you?"
3. What does it mean by "sound judgement and discernment are an ornament around your neck?"
4. The teaching verse says, "your foot will not stumble." This means more than tripping & falling, right?

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, Lord, we thank you so much that you have a plan for us. That you care so much for us that you have numbered every hair on our head. Your plans for us give us life. They keep us safe. They bless us every day and in every way. Help us to be wise. Help these boys to pick up their toys. To obey. To plan ahead. To be careful. To trust You even when it is scary. In your name, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

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