



PARENT FLYER LESSON 8

Lesson Goal: The children will learn we should do what God wants us to do, even when it is hard, and trust that God will work things out for what is best.

Main Point: Disciples of Jesus Trust that God has Our Best in Mind!

Memory Verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)*

Being a disciple of Jesus means sometimes we have to do things that are hard or don't always make sense. Other times, God might not give us exactly what we ask for. However, we need to trust that God has our best in mind. Our Bible story today gave us some insight into this idea. In Luke, chapter 5, Jesus was speaking to a large crowd of people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Not everyone could see Jesus, so Jesus asked a fisherman, named Simon Peter, to take Him out in a boat so He could speak to the crowd. Simon Peter agreed and after Jesus was finished speaking He told Simon Peter to take the boat out deeper and let down his nets. This was a strange request because Simon Peter had been fishing all night and hadn't caught a thing! Even though it didn't make sense, Simon Peter trusted Jesus and let down his nets one more time. Soon, the nets were so full of fish they began to tear and a second boat was needed to bring them all in! Simon Peter learned that day that sometimes we need to do things that can be hard and trust that God will work things out for what is best.

On stage, Rock and Scooter had one final chance to get back into first place: Synchronized Snowboarding. After their competition performed a near perfect routine, Rock and Scooter began their routine and gave it their all. The judges were impressed and awarded Team Steadfast with first place. Afterwards, however, Rock explained that during their routine they made an error and the judges didn't catch it. Though it meant they could lose first place, both Rock and Scooter knew that God wanted them to be honest. They told the judges what happened and lost first place. Soon after, Rock and Scooter began to receive phone calls from various people congratulating them for being honest. They even got some endorsements! Even though Rock and Scooter lost first place, the situation worked out to be what was best because they did what God wanted.

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