

Stumbling Blocks to Blessings

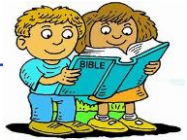


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This week, Nicola talks about things that might creep into our lives that get in the way of our blessings.

****POP OVER AND HAVE A WATCH NOW****

Do you like superheroes? The BEST super hero lives in us and with us – today's song gets you thinking about that as we begin today.



READ Acts Chapter 8 verses 14-25 together. What do you think is going on here?

As we get further into the book of Acts, the early church is continuing to grow with more people hearing the Good News of Jesus and seeing His Holy Spirit at work through Jesus' disciples. In this passage, we see a few problems occurring in people's understanding on how to accept the blessings of God and the way God wants the people to live. Simon has things a little twisted in his understanding of the blessing of the Holy Spirit and Peter and John point out to him that money could be his 'stumbling block' to fully understanding God's plan for him.

God wants us to have the most love-filled and special journey through life with him in it. Sometimes though, other things get in the way of us focussing on the love He has for us. It might be as simple as not chatting in prayer to Him much – He wants to be part of your every day activities – pause for prayer through your day maybe? You don't have to wait until bedtime to pray ☺

Have a chat with your grown ups about what this could mean for you this week.



Worship time

– enjoy connecting with God in singing!

Remember, the way we live is worship to God as well as singing praise to him in songs and loving others.



Almighty Father God,

We thank you that you have the best plans for us and want to bless us. Please help us to spot anything in our lives that might be a stumbling block in our walk with you. Help us to make changes that means we can live freely and in your everlasting love again.
Amen.

**KEEP CALM
AND
GET YOUR CRAFT ON**



Create your own obstacle course for your family to navigate together!

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Recap: What was it that you jotted down as being really good at? Is there anything you could serve our church, youth group or community with?

The BIG Q



What are the things that could make you stumble?

- Feelings on embarrassment around friends?
- Feeling like you don't know enough about God?
- Like Simon, a bit of jealousy about what other people have?
 - Going 'with the crowd'?

Whatever it might be that you're finding tricky at the moment, remember God always love you and wants the best for you. None of us get it right all of the time but God's forgiveness, grace and Holy Spirit is with us ALL of our days. Try not to rely on your feelings and let God gently show you what might be getting in the way at the moment.



Can you change your way of thinking this week?

Is there something you're thinking quite negatively about? Prayer for God to change your thinking about it this week and write down if you manage to think or act more positively and how that make s you feel in your relationship with God.

Worship Time

You Tube



Lauren Daigle – You Say

Obstacle Course!

Create yourselves an obstacle course to navigate together! Be as creative as you can – use your outdoor space if it's nice too.

Perhaps you can find a big fallen twig to balance over or a skipping rope and stop for 20 skips before a commando crawl under a blanket!

While you play, chat with your grown ups at home with you about things you think could be an obstacle or a stumbling block for you in receiving God's blessing this week.

