

## **WEEK 6 – ELEMENTARY – ROCK SOLID**

**Lesson in a Word:** Trust

### **What Should I See?**

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, made a huge golden statue. He told all the people in his kingdom that they must bow down and worship it. Those who disobeyed would be thrown into a blazing furnace. He heard that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not obeying the law. This made the king very angry. He told the three men that they would have one more chance to worship the statue. But Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego still refused to worship it. So King Nebuchadnezzar commanded that they be thrown into the furnace, which was made seven times hotter than normal. When the king looked in, he saw four men walking around inside the furnace. God had sent an angel into the fire to protect them. The king shouted at them to come out. Everyone was amazed that the fire had not burned the men – not even their clothes or their hair. Even King Nebuchadnezzar praised God! He then knew that God had saved the men. (Source: Daniel 3:1-30)

### **Memory Verse:**

*Then in gentleness accept God's teaching that is planted in your hearts, which can save you.* James 1:21b NCV

### **What's The Key?**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God. They stood up for God in the furnace because they knew God could save them through anything. When we put our trust in God, He saves and protects us.

### **What's That To Me?**

The more we learn about God and His word, the more we will be able to stand up to whatever comes our way. We can have faith that God will always be with us if we put our trust in Him.

### **How Should I Be?**

We can get to know God better by spending time with Him through reading the Bible, praying to Him, and writing our thoughts down in a journal. It's not easy to stand up for God, that's why it is really important to spend time with God. He will help us take a stand for Him. And when we do take a stand, others will be able to see God through us!

### **Practice Point:**

This week I will take a stand,  
because I know I'm in God's hand!

Stand Up!  
Day 1: What Are You Known For?

**Read It**

**One of the world's great golfers, Stewart Payne, died in a tragic airplane crash in 1999. He was known for wearing different pants, called knickers, and also for wearing a WWJD bracelet. After he won a tournament, he would always hold his winning golf ball up to heaven as a way to give thanks to God for allowing him to win. He was not afraid to stand up for Christ and tell others what Jesus had done for him. One of the few things that was found from the crash that killed Stewart Payne was his WWJD bracelet. It was evident that what he stood up for in his life also remained as a testimony of his love for Jesus in his death.**

**Say It**

*Then in gentleness accept God's teaching that is planted in your hearts, which can save you. James 1:21b NCV*

**Ask It**

God, help me stand up for You and Your teachings. Thank You for giving me opportunities each day to learn more about You and to share what I am learning with my friends.

**Obey It**

What Stewart Payne stood up for in his life did not go unnoticed! You, too, can stand up for Jesus at school and in your neighborhood. You can be known by your family and friends for being a person who stands up for Christ!

## Stand Up!

### Day 2: Be Careful - Don't Fall

#### **Read It**

Have you ever heard anyone say, “stand up for something or you will fall for anything?” If you know exactly what you are standing up for, this is easy. But what if you don't know what you believe? If you have a lot of questions about your beliefs, then it is difficult to stand up for them because you don't know what you are standing up for! I have noticed that most people who don't stand up or speak out for what they believe in aren't really afraid to face others. They tend to listen to others and then go with what sounds best to them. This can lead to believing or falling for things that are not based on truth. You may have a lot of questions about what you should believe. That is part of growing up! When you do have questions, it is important to go to people who will speak truth to you. And the greatest source of truth is in the Word of God – the Bible!

#### **Say It**

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#### **Ask It**

God, I know that all truth is from You. Thank You for giving me Your words in the Bible. Help me to “plant” them in my heart so they will grow and I will be able to stand up for You!

#### **Obey It**

As you read the Bible each day, write down your questions. Then ask the people in your life who you know are truth-tellers to help you answer them. That could be a leader at church, a parent, a grandparent, or some other person God has put in your life to help you understand truth. If you want to be able to stand up for what you believe in, then find out what is true and stand strong!

Stand Up!  
Day 3: How Strong Is Your Character?

**Read It**

I was in high school taking an Honors English writing class. Everyday the teacher would have a new topic for us to write about on the board. One day, the teacher gave us the topic "correct word choices." As soon as the topic was written on the board, one of my classmates raised his hand and asked, "may I just say the seven dirty words *not* to use?" I expected the teacher to just ignore the question, but he didn't. Instead, he asked if anyone would be offended. Nobody in the room raised their hand – not even me – and he blurted out seven curse words. I learned something important from that class—something I've remembered a lot longer than the "seven dirty words." By not standing up for what I believe in, I allowed someone else to take out a small part of my character. True, it was just a little piece. But if I had let it continue, those character pieces would add up and, before long, there wouldn't be much left.

**Say It**

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**Ask It**

Jesus, please help me stand strong for what I know is right. Help me not to be afraid of what others will think of me, but instead to remember that my character and what I believe is more important.

**Obey It**

It's not always easy to stand up for what is right. It may even be embarrassing at times. But at least you'll be able to look at yourself in the mirror afterward and say with a smile, "I did what I knew was right and God is pleased!" Look for a way to stand up for what is right – and then look in the mirror and smile! God will be smiling back at you!

Stand Up!  
Day 4: The New Student

**Read It**

My daughter teaches second grade. Every year I spend time with her in her classroom – reading to the kids, helping grade papers, or just playing with the kids. After the school year started, the class learned they were going to be getting a new student. All the kids were so excited to find out that she was from another country – India! They read books about India, found it on the map and were very excited to meet their new classmate. When Jasmine finally arrived, the kids welcomed her with cards, gifts and a big welcome sign! Because she was from India, she spoke with an accent, making it difficult to understand her. Her classmates didn't care. They were just excited to have her in their class. However, the first time they went to recess, children from other classes who did not know about Jasmine began making fun of the way she talked and dressed. I watched as her classmates stood around her and would not allow anyone to bother her. When they stood up for Jasmine, the others left her alone.

**Say It**

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**Ask It**

Thank You Lord, that You have made us each differently. Help me to not be judgmental of others, but see them through Your eyes!

**Obey It**

Sometimes it is easy to judge people by the way they look, talk or dress. Make it a point to look beyond what you see or hear and get to know the real person – what is in their heart! Treat them the way God would by showing love and acceptance for their differences!

Stand Up!  
Day 5: Be Bold!

**Read It**

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to stand up for what is right? Alyssa was in Science class, and they were learning about evolution and how some men think the earth was formed. The teacher asked the students what their thoughts were of how the earth and all living things came into existence. Alyssa knew in her heart that God had created the earth and everything in it. She knew that others in the class might make fun of her, but she decided to stand up and tell the class what she believed. When Alyssa told the class that God had created the earth, the room became silent. Her heart was pounding! Then, two of her friends from church stood up and said, "I agree with Alyssa – God created the earth." When the teacher asked the class how many agreed with Alyssa, over half the class raised their hands! Because Alyssa took a stand for what she believed in, her classmates were able to stand with her.

**Say It**

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**Ask It**

Dear Jesus, give me opportunities at school to stand up for the truth. I realize when I stand up for what I know is right, I am really standing up for You.

**Obey It**

Standing up for the truth is like standing up for God and His Word! When God gives you opportunities to stand up for Him, be bold! You might be surprised at how many others will stand up with you.

# TALK TO US! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

(We will remove and keep this form. No one will see this except for your Kids Rock teacher. **You must turn this in to receive all points for turning in your packet.** Answers may be as short as one sentence, but please write SOMETHING and be honest! You do not have to have a prayer request, comment, and question. Circle at least one each week though; even if you just circle 'comment' and write, 'I liked Tuesdays activity.' *Parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners:* You can help your child write their answers and / or give us your thoughts.)

**Name (First and Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

How has God spoken to you this week?

How have you responded to what He has said?

**I HAVE A...**  
**(circle all that apply)**

Prayer Request

Comment

Question

Please write your prayer requests, questions and/or comments on the back.

**Thanks for coming to Kids Rock this week!**  
**We had a great time. We hope you did too.**  
**We will see you next time!**

