**PARENTS PLEASE READ THROUGH FIRST SO THAT YOU CAN WORK THROUGH WITH CHILDREN. EVEN THOUGH SCRIPT IS GIVEN, IT REALLY IS JUST TO GUIDE.**

**FOR BEGINNES PRIMARIES AND JUNIORS**

**Theme – PERSEVERANCE**

**Objective Summary**

1. To teach the children that help is always possible when they come up on difficult situations. Waiting may be necessary sometimes.
2. To establish the fact that we can trust Jesus to help us through every situation*.*
3. To teach that God’s love for us conquers **all** no matter the obstacle.
4. To learn **memory verse** Luke 1 v 49 “**for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name”.**

**Resources needed**

1. Bible
2. Computer or phone to watch video
3. Pencil/pen

**Lesson and Bible Readings**

**Bible Reading:**

 *Luke 1: 46 -55*

**Children’s Story**

Have any of you ever gone to the cupboard or the fridge to get some jam or peanut butter and couldn't open the jar? It's pretty frustrating, isn't it? You're hungry and the only thing separating you from a nice peanut butter and jelly sandwich is a tiny piece of metal on top of a jar. Thankfully for you guys, there's something you can do with that tightly sealed jar. If it won't open for you what do you do? You take it to mom and dad. A grown-up with bigger hands and more arm strength is like the Mighty Eagle on a tight lid. If you can't open it, mom probably can. If she can't open it, dad probably can, and if dad can't open it, well dad will probably find some other creative way to get it open. Some situations in life are like the stuck jar. You can try and try all you want but you can never get it to work out the way you want it to.

It'd be so nice to have God come flying down from the sky and save the day, but God doesn't work that way. Sometimes God has a plan in the waiting and the struggling that we can't see when we're in the middle of it. Take the story of Joseph for example. Joseph was sold into slavery and then tossed into prison. God could have crashed into that prison and sprung him out anytime, but if God had done all that, Joseph would not have been at the right place and the right time to save Egypt and his family from a famine. Then there is the story of Jesus, God gave us His only Son to be crucified on the cross for our sins. His promise to all people, that he will intercede for us all by his death and bring us to eternal life. The death of Christ on the cross is the supreme expression of the love of God and the love of Jesus himself. God had the power to save Christ from the cross, but He did not.

If God was in the business of saving us every time things went wrong, we would never learn anything ourselves. We would just sit back and wait for the quick and easy rescue, and never learn to trust in the Lord ourselves. We would never learn to soar on our own.

The next time you come across a stuck jar, take a moment to thank God for the way he teaches us to trust in Him through waiting. Ask him to give you perseverance and to prepare you to do his will then go find mom and dad to help you.

**Possible questions for the children:**

1. What do you think the story is about? (Let children explain…. You can point them to “perseverance”)
2. Can you think of a Bible story that has a similar message/theme?

3 Can you think of any situation in which you had to show perseverance? (The COVID 19 pandemic is one in which perseverance has to be demonstrated)

**Prayer**

*Let the children say this prayer:*

**Dear God, we praise you and thank you for this day. Help us to be obedient and kind at all times. Give us the mind and will to do what is right. We pray for strength to persevere in all situations that may seem difficult. Help us to love you and to care for others especially those who may be in need of our help. Please help us as we grow to follow your example that you have set for us, show us your way and give us that mind to study your Word and to praise you at all times. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen**

**Activity for and Primary and Juniors:**

1. Unscramble the letters of the words below the dotted line(s) in each of the sentences so that the sentence can be completed.

These are ways in which we can show love.

1. We show \_ \_ \_ \_ when we help others who are in need of our assistance.

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b During this time when we are at home we can \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ someone to say \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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C We can \_ \_ \_ \_ to God for others and ourselves.

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 d We can do \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ at home to help our family members.

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 e. Remind each other of the importance to \_ \_ \_ \_ hands and \_ \_ \_ healthy foods.

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**Unscramble to show how you can participate in Church**

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