

Messy: Devotional – Week 3
Slip and Slide
Devotion – 5-10 Minutes

**How many of you have ever slid down a
“Slip and Slide?”**

**A “Slip and Slide” can be a lot of fun...BUT, if we aren’t careful, we can slip and
fall backwards...hitting the back of our heads.**

**Trying to walk a life that is pleasing to God can be much like trying to walk down
a slippery slide.**

Sometime...we get it right...and the ride is all fun and games.

**But sometimes...we get it wrong...and the road can be quite bumpy...and
painful.**

**Last week, we learned that we can ask God to forgive us for all of the bad things
that we have done in our lives...all of the sins that we have committed...and God
will forgive us.**

**We also learned that we can ask the Holy Spirit to come live inside our hearts...
and to help lead and guide us...to help us when we are faced with tough
decisions...and He will.**

**During our lifetime, we will face many trials...sometimes...we will make good
decisions.**

But sometimes...even though the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to make the right decision...we will choose incorrectly.

We will choose to do things our own way...instead of God's way.

Why? Because we are human...and human's make mistakes.

In fact, sometimes, we have to make a bad decision...and fall...before can we learn to make a good decision.

In the Bible, Peter was faced with a challenge just like this!

Even though Jesus had warned Peter that a great challenge was coming his way...a weak and fearful Peter chose to do things his way.

When Peter was put to the ultimate test...He failed Jesus.

There will be times in our lives...that we will fail Jesus.

There will be times when we choose to go our own way.

There will be times when we are displeasing to God.

But the good news is this....When Peter disappointed Jesus...when he chose his own way instead of God's way....Jesus forgave him...and He will forgive you too.

Once you ask Jesus to come into your heart...to be your Lord and Savior...He will be there forever....and He will never turn His back on you.

No matter how far you slide...no matter how big of a mistake you make...God will always be standing at the end to help you up.

Once you have asked Jesus to come into your heart...you are never alone.

God will always be with you...and He will never leave you.

God expects us to do our very best...He expects us to try our hardest to be pleasing to Him.

But if...and when...we slip backwards...God is always ready to pick us up and set our feet back on solid ground.

Just like He did with Peter.

Sunday's Lesson

Teach on Peter Denying Christ 3X on Sunday.