

Messy: Devotional – Week 2

Devotion – 5-10 Minutes

Did you know that in the Bible, there are 772 references to the word “WATER?”

When God makes reference to something that many times, it is a good indication that whatever He is referring to is very, very important.

So, when you think of the word “Water” what do you think of?

Take only 4-5 answers here. Keep very short!

Drinking

Water balloons

Water slide

Taking a bath

We use water for a lot of things don't we?

When I think of the word “water” I think of something being washed...or cleansed...especially with the virus that is plaguing our world right now.

Cleaning...or washing things is high on our list of priorities right now isn't it?

Washing our hands...washing off surfaces...keeping things clean.

But in the Bible, God talked about a different type of cleansing.

The type of cleansing that a man named Saul went through in the Bible.

You see, Saul was a horrible man...he did all kinds of bad things...things like killing and beating people...tossing them in jail.

He was a very sinful man.

Until one day...He had an encounter with God and his life changed forever.

Saul realized that the things that he was doing were wrong. These things would separate Saul from God forever. Saul realized that this wasn't a good place to be.

So Saul prayed...he admitted he was a sinner...he confessed all of his sins...and he asked God to forgive him....and do you know what God did?

He forgave Saul...and He washed all of Saul's sins away.

If God can forgive Saul for all of the things that he had done...do you think that God can forgive you for your sins?

Do you think that Saul's sins are greater than your sins?

(Take an answer or two here...very short)

Did you know that God does not look at sin the same way that we do? God looks at sin for what it is...it is sin!

To God...ANY sin...no matter how tiny we may think it is...separates us from God.

So Saul's sin...and our sin...measure the same.

It ALL separates us from God.

BUT...it doesn't have to be that way.

When we read about Saul, we find out that Saul asked God to forgive him...he turned from his evil ways...and he followed God.

Saul's sins were washed away!

So how can our sins be washed away? We can pray and ask God to forgive us...and He will wash our sins away too!

And once we have asked God to take our sins away, we can invite Him to come and live inside of our hearts and be our Lord and Savior.

Last week, we learned that the first step in going to heaven when we die is to admit that we are a sinner...that was step one.

Step two is asking for forgiveness of our sins.

Step three is to invite God to come and live inside our hearts.

This week

- **Spend time talking to God**
- **Make a list of your sins**
- **Talk with your parent's and ask them to help you with any questions that you have.**
- **And then "IF" and "WHEN" you are ready to ask God to forgive you of your sins...ask Him...and then tear up your list of sins!**
 - **Then, invite God to come and live inside of your heart.**

This Sunday, we will be learning more about Saul and his great transformation...so make sure to come on Sunday morning.

Teach on Sunday about Saul on the road to Damascus and his transformation.

