



## JEREMIAH 26

### STANDING FOR RIGHT

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 26:1-16

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Main Takeaway:** We can stand up for what is right even if it isn't popular.

**Supplies:** Plastic eggs, metal nuts, hot glue, printout of eyes, noses and mouths at the end of the lesson or sharpie markers

**Ask:**

Who remembers what we talked about last week? (The kings fell short as the shepherds of the people, but Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is perfect in all his ways.)

Explain:

Today, we're going to talk about another time that Jeremiah had to stand firm when the people didn't like what he had to say. Do you remember when they plotted to kill Jeremiah before? They didn't, but again we'll see that the people call for his death because of what he has to say.

**Read:** Jeremiah 26:1-16

**Explain:**

Put yourself in Jeremiah's shoes. He walks into the court of the temple with all the higher up people and calls them out for what they're doing wrong. How scary would that be? But he obeys and tells them what God tells him to say. Did you notice how he was willing to say it, even when he knew they didn't like it? Even when they seized him, he didn't back down. That takes a lot of faith. Thankfully, we live in a country where we have the freedom of speech, and we can speak freely. But there still may come a time when you need to tell someone a hard truth or stand up for the right thing when everyone else will be mad. People may mock you or shun you. People may yell at you or stop being your friend. Sometimes, God calls us to stand up for the right thing, even if it means we get shunned or hurt or made fun of.

**Ask:**

Has there ever been a time in your life where you had to stand up for the right thing, even when no one else was? What happened? How did it go? \*If the teacher has a time when they stood up for the right thing, feel free to share here.

**Craft**

Do a craft to remind kids to stand up for what is right, even if others try to knock them down for it.

Inside of a plastic egg, use hot glue to adhere a nut to the bottom in the center (ensure it is in the center, so the balance is correct). Decorate the egg to look like a face with stickers or with markers.

With the egg sealed, try to flick it down and watch how it continues to stand up.

**Explain:**

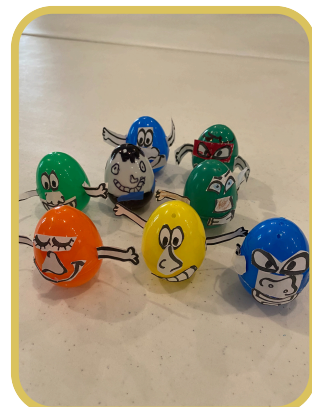
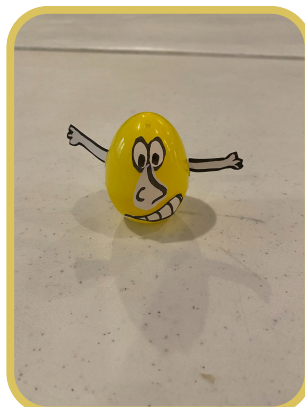
At some point in your life, you will be forced to make a choice. Am I going to do the right thing, even if it hurts? Or am I going to cave in and do the wrong thing? It is often easier to take the path of least resistance and just go with what everyone is doing. But God calls us to stand up for what is right, even if it isn't popular. This isn't easy, but it is easier when we remember that God is with us and that obeying him is more important than fitting in with others.

**Activity:**

Give stories of different scenarios the kids might face and ask them ways they could stand up for what is right. There will be examples at the end of the lesson.

**Memorize:** 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Close in Prayer**



**Scenario 1:**

You are at a park, and you notice other kids picking on somebody, what can you do?

**Scenario 2:**

You're at a friend's house and they want to watch a movie you know you're not allowed to watch. You tell them you can't, but they begin to pressure you, saying it isn't a big deal. What can you do?

**Scenario 3:**

You feel convicted about something you have been doing and want to change it. But every time you try, you feel like it's impossible. What can you do to stand firm?

**Scenario 4:**

The kids on your team use bad language and use bad sportsmanship. How can you stand firm and not give in?

**Scenario 5:**

A friend wants to tell you something they heard about someone else. You know it's gossip, but you don't want to make your friend feel bad. What can you do?

**Scenario 6:**

A few of your friends are at a store and think you should steal something small. It isn't a big deal, right? What can you do?

**Scenario 7:**

You aren't allowed to play video games until your work is done. But your parents don't realize it isn't finished. They would never know if you did it. What should you do?

**Scenario 8:**

Your friend wants to show you something online but you know it isn't appropriate. What can you do?

