“*Drifting Danger!”*

Hebrews 2:1-9

**Scripture:** Hebrews 2:1-9

**Memory Verse:** *“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard,*

 *lest we drift away.”* Hebrews 2:1

**Lesson Focus:**  We need to stay close to stay “anchored” to Jesus.

**Activities and Crafts:** Coloring Picture, Work Sheet

Craft for 1st and 2nd graders: Don’t Drift Ship

**Introduction:**

 Ask the kids: “How many of you have ever been on a boat?”

 “How many of you know what an anchor is?”

 “What is the purpose of an anchor?”

 “What does it mean to drift?”

 “Can drifting be dangerous? Why or why not?”

ILLUS: Pastor John Courson told of a time when he was a young kid that he was on a boat on the Colorado River right near the Hoover Dam, when the motor on their boat sputtered out! They could not get it started, And they found themselves drifting closer and closer to the dam, passing the signs that say, Danger, Do not pass this point! His brother yelled out, throw in the anchor, and his sister picked it up and threw it in and as it went down into the water they realized the other end of the rope was not attached to the boat so down the anchor went until it disappeared, now they were drifting closer and closer to the dam and to danger! They eventually got the motor started! But they were drifting!

**Bible Study:**

 **Hebrews 2:1**

The writer of Hebrews is going to apply what he said at the end of Hebrews 1. In Hebrews 1 we learned that Jesus Christ was superior:

1. Superior as God’s Son (1:5)
2. Superior as God (1:6-9)
3. Superior as Creator (1:10-12)
4. Superior to the Angels (1:4,7, & 13)

Because Jesus is superior then we need to pay attention to what we believe.

**√** What does it mean to “heed” something? (to pay attention) But here in the first verse of chapter 2 in the Greek the word is “*prosecho”* which means to anchor a boat.

 **√** What does verse one tell us to “heed”? (to the things we have heard.)

 **√** Why does it tell us to pay attention to the things that we have heard? (So that

 We do not drift away.)

The writer of Hebrews is telling us to pay attention to the salvation that we have in Jesus Christ. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. To be saved is to believe in Jesus and His death on the cross for our sin. This is what He did for us and this is the message that was taught. If they heard the truth and responded to the truth by believing their lives should change. We are saved from our sin and to live a life like Jesus. We need to “pay attention” to our salvation by continuing to grow in our faith. We want to grow and get grounded so that we do not drift away from the truth.

When he says “drift” away the author is thinking about a ship on the sea and how dangerous it would be to drift away from where it had been anchored. A boat uses its anchor to help it stay in one place. When a boat drifts you have no control over where it will end up. It could be in danger. Jesus is the “anchor” of our souls (Hebrews 6:19). He is the one that brings us back into relationship with God. But when we get reckless and start taking our salvation for granted. We stop growing. We stop meeting with God every day and making sure that we are depending on the Holy Spirit. We live on past things that we have learned and think that will get us through. But what happens is that we slowly drift away from Jesus. **We don’t stay attached, we don’t stay anchored**. That is a very scary place to be and often happens very slowly over time. We don’t even notice that we are drifting. If we are not paying attention to the Bible and studying and reading it every day then you are drifting. You are coasting and thinking that everything is ok. But it is not!

Danger of Drifting:

 √ What is the big deal about drifting?

1. It is gradual and you do not notice
2. Other things become more important

Example of Drifting: Remember Samson. He drifted away from God through sin and when the Spirit left Sampson, Sampson did not even know that God had left him. He was so far away from God that there was no difference when God wasn’t there any more.

 **Hebrews 2:2-3a**

1. When angels spoke in the past and told God’s people what to do and God’s people ignored them, they were punished for their disobedience to God.
2. Through Jesus we have salvation. If we ignore that salvation we will answer to God for our sin. NO ONE escapes answering to God for their sin. Our only escape is Jesus!

√ How is our salvation described? (“so Great a Salvation)

√ What makes our salvation great?

1. It was paid for by God (Romans 6:23)
2. He paid the price for our sin, while we were still in sin (disobedience). (Romans 5:8)
3. God’s Love (Romans 5:8)

There is no other “religion” who’s God paid the price for their sin. Many other religions focus on us trying hard enough or doing things in a certain way and then “maybe” they will be saved. But our God took the “maybe” out! He paid the price Himself – He came down to save us. All we have to do is believe….what a “GREAT SALVATION!”

 **Hebrews 2:3b-4**

God’s message of Salvation through Jesus Christ was witnessed by:

1. Jesus told us Himself that He came to save
2. The disciples that followed Jesus heard what Jesus said
3. God showed miracles and wonders through the life of Jesus by the Power of the Holy Spirit to help us see that Jesus was the Savior

God’s message of Salvation through Jesus Christ will be seen by all when everything that is is put in subjection under Christ.

1. God bore witness of Jesus through signs and miracles through the disciples after Jesus went to heaven (Acts).

**Hebrews 2:5-8**

 **Man’s Position – Angel’s Position**

1. Angels are God’s ministering spirits – they follow God’s orders (Genesis

 28:10-17)

1. Angels will not rule the world to come.
2. God’s Kingdom will be ruled by man – redeemed man.
3. God’s intention for man from Psalm 8:3-6
4. When we look at the heavens and all that God has made we are astonished that God had us in mind.
5. We are only humans – not like angels – we do not have their power
6. But God gave us His creation to rule and take care of (Genesis 1:26-28)

**Hebrews 2:9**

 ***“But we see Jesus…”*** What a wonderful statement. When we really see Jesus we

 see all that He has done for us. Look at what these verses teaches us.

1. “We see Jesus, made a little lower than the angels: Jesus became like us in human form and a little lower than the angels like us. When Jesus left heaven and came to earth (for that time) He became a human. He was below the Angels. The angels watched from heaven to see with amazement what God was doing through Jesus. This is the first use of the name Jesus in the book of Hebrews. It is important because the writer is emphasizing the fact of Jesus’ humanity and work in salvation. It is the name the angel Gabriel gave Him at his birth and it means “the Lord is salvation.”
2. We see Jesus suffering death on a cross: Jesus suffered the death on the cross for us. When Jesus died on the cross it was a terrible painful death. But this is the reason that He came to earth. This was His purpose. Jesus died on the cross so that everyone through Him could live eternally with God.
3. We see Jesus getting the glory that He is due. Jesus is crowned with glory and honor because He completed the work that God had for Him. Jesus alone is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Philippians 2:6-8, teaches us these same facts.

1. Jesus was equal with God
2. Jesus came in a human body
3. Jesus showed us humility
4. Jesus showed us obedience by dying on the cross for our sin
5. Jesus will be exalted and every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.
6. We see Jesus taste death for everyone: The word “taste” is a metaphor that does not mean to “sample” but to taste fully. You know how you go to Sam’s or Costco and as you walk around they give you samples of all the goodies that you can buy and take home. You just get a taste. They don’t give you the whole pie do they? Jesus did not sample death – He died fully to pay the price for everyone on earth. (Romans 5:17)

**Conclusion:**

We want to stay close to Jesus so that we do not drift away from our faith. Our salvation was purchased with a price. That price was the blood and life of Jesus, God’s Son. We have a GREAT SALVATION when we believe in Him and ask forgiveness of our sins. But we need to stay close and grow in our faith.

Go back to your rooms and ask these questions?

1. How can I stay close to Jesus?
2. Have I been drifting in my faith? Why?
3. What can I do about my drifting?