**Corrie ten Boom: Heroine of the Faith**

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7-9 review

**Lesson Focus:** Our last several weeks in Ecclesiastes has reinforced the idea that the world is broken and that there is a lot of evil out there. Solomon sometimes seems like he is giving up hope. All classes (1st-5th grade) will watch a cartoon video on the story of Corrie ten Boom which fits perfectly in with our last few lessons. There are some intense moments in this video truly demonstrating that it really is madness out there like Solomon says in Eccl. 9:3. Yet Corrie and her family trusted in Jesus and remained faithful to Him. Our prayer is that kids would be encouraged and invigorated to fearlessly trust in Jesus by her story.

**Teachers:** Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video that has some intense moments in it. While the video tastefully portrays a lot of the bad things that really happened, it could frighten overly sensitive kids. We tested it on our relatively sensitive 2nd grader! :D But if they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

**Schedule:**

1. Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
2. Instead of normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
3. Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 35 minutes).
4. I will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

**Room Time Afterwards:** We will have coloring pages, a puzzle, and a word search available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

* 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring pages or puzzles.
* 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

We will return to our normal Ecclesiastes study the following week!

**Discussion Qs**

**Dig Into the Story**

1. Who were the Nazis and what were they doing?
2. Why did Corrie ten Boom and her family help the Jews?
3. What was Corrie’s attitude when they were first imprisoned (Hint: remember the fleas)? How did Betsy, her sister, help set her straight?
4. There was a scene where Corrie wanted to lash out at the guard in revenge with anger and vengeance. How did Betsy help calm her and what did she say to her?
5. Even though Corrie lost both her sister and her father, why was she able to have joy at the end of the story?
6. Why does Corrie forgive the Nazi guard?

**Go Deeper**

1. Imagine yourself in Corrie’s shoes wondering whether they should help the Jewish people. Do you think it would have been easy to make this decision?
2. In Ecclesiastes 8:14, we read how sometimes bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. This was certainly the case in this story. How did Corrie’s family respond to this situation?
3. In Ecclesiastes 4, we read how “two are better than one”. How were Betsy and Corrie better able to overcome evil when they were together?
4. We often quote Romans 8:28 when we are going to through hard times. What are some ways that “God worked out things together for good for those who love Him” in this story?
5. How hard do you think it was for Corrie to forgive the Nazi guard? At one point in the story, she whispered to herself that “she would never forgive these people”. How did the Gospel change her perspective?
6. In Ecclesiastes 7:20, 7:29, 8:11, and 9:3 Solomon reflects on the evil in the hearts of men. This video is a real story from less than 100 years ago and it is one example of just how evil people can be without God. Yet did you notice that even that evil guard wasn’t beyond the love of God and was able to receive forgiveness? Your sin may be great, but do you believe God’s love is greater?