

# Martin Luther: Here I Stand

**Scripture:** Romans 10:17 “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

**Lesson Focus:** This is the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup> which is known to most people only as Halloween. But something much more important happened just over 500 years ago on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1517: The Reformation of the church began. And with that, the Bible and the gospel were rediscovered and rescued from centuries of man-made religion. We are going to watch a video that chronicles the life of Martin Luther. \* He famously said, “*Here I Stand*” where he proclaimed his allegiance to the clear and straightforward teaching of Scripture. This not only changed the medieval world, but paved the way for us to be able to freely read the Scriptures and experience the joy of the gospel today. It is too easy for us to take for granted the ease with which we have access to the Bible \* and the gospel today and we hope that this little history lesson will help the kids “stand” on the word of God more and more just like Martin Luther did.

**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. Our conviction though is that this video is entirely appropriate for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

Please be encouraged to view the video yourself beforehand. You can find it here:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/256896?episode=1>

If you don't have a Rightnow Media account, you can get one free through RMC [here](#).

## **Schedule:**

- 1) Please bring the kids out 5 minutes earlier than usual (5-10 minutes after the hour)
- 2) We will have shortened worship and then introduce the video after inviting them to come up on stage.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 33 minutes).
- 4) We will play a Kahoot! quiz game after the video. **Teachers:** For a Kahoot! to work, you will need to have a smartphone with you. The phone is how you will interface with the game. The questions will be put up on the screen and the answers will be multiple choice answers that you will enter through your phone. Work together with your kids on your answers. **We will have prizes for the winning team!**

**Room Time Afterwards:** We will have a coloring page and a decoder puzzle available after the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference to go deeper with the kids. One other option would be to play a “Here I Stand” game. Have the kids stand on one foot and see who can stand the longest. Play a few rounds by adding some different crazy stances or consider having two kids face-off against each other. Make it fun and connect it back to Martin Luther's courage in standing for the word of God!

# Discussion Qs

## Dig Into the Story

- 1) Why was Martin confessing his sin for hours at a time? **Read Romans 3:23.**
- 2) Why was Martin Luther afraid of dying? **Read Romans 6:23.**
- 3) Martin was changed after he studied the book for Romans. **Read Romans 5:1.** How did truths like this change him?
- 4) What were indulgences and why did the people think they needed them?
- 5) What does the Bible teach about indulgences? **Read Romans 10:9-10.**
- 6) Why did Martin think it was important for people to have the Bible in their own language? **Read Romans 10:17**
- 7) **Read Luke 12:51.** What did Jesus say would happen because of Him? We saw this happen in the story. What caused this to happen?
- 8) Martin Luther is famous for his statement, “Here I Stand”. What did he mean?
- 9) There are times in our lives when we may seem to get pushed around. How can we stand when challenges come?