

Love Does for Kids
Chapter 1 - Mistakes

1. Bob talks about making a mistake as a kid when he was the "Wake Up Fairy" in class. His mistake cost him the opportunity to continue his job. Has something like that ever happened to you? Have you ever tried your hardest to do the right thing, but messed up anyway?

2. What kinds of people did Jesus choose to hang out with? Why do you think Jesus chose them?

3. Who do you believe God wants you to become?

Bible Exploration:

What does the Bible teach us about God's love? Find verses that describe His love for us. Write down what truth you learn from the verse.

Example:

Truth - He loves us even when we aren't perfect

Verse - Romans 5:8 - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Parent Note for Chapter 1

I heard Bob Goff talk about parenting on a podcast recently. He said that he consistently asked the following question of his kids – Who do you want to be? So often, the question is what do you want to do when you grow up? Not only do children (and most young adults) not really know what they want to do, but the question focuses on the wrong thing. When we ask children what they want to do when they grow up, we are implying that their worth comes from what they do instead of who they are. I was so convicted when I heard him reframe this question. When we ask our children who they want to be, it allows them to explore what kind of character they want to have. This is something they can start developing now unlike training for a future career.

So, instead of asking our children what they want to do when they grow up? Let's reframe the question and instead ask who they want to be? Who do they think God wants them to be? Who are they becoming?

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Chapter 3 – Words of Life

1. Can you think of a time when someone spoke words of life to you? How did that make you feel?

2. Bob says that some words may not mean much on their own. He says, “words spoken with _____ at just the right moment, these words have the power to change everything.” What does it mean to speak words in this way?

Bible Exploration:

- Jesus predicts Peter’s denial – Matthew 26:30-35
- Peter denies Jesus – Matthew 26:69-75
- Jesus renames Simon to Peter & tells him that he is the rock that he will build His church on – Matthew 16:13-19
- Jesus & Peter – John 21:15-19
- Read more from Peter and about his ministry in Acts, 1st Peter & 2nd Peter

Note: Bob Goff incorrectly states that Jesus named Peter “rock” and declared he would build his church on him following the resurrection. We see in scripture, this actually occurs during Jesus’ ministry. However, we do see in John 21, Jesus makes sure that He restores His relationship with Peter. Here he asks Peter 3 times to declare his love for Him and commands him to “Feed my lambs,” “Tend my sheep,” and “Feed my sheep.”

