



Day 4: How Things Are

Let's Start

ASK: How does it make you feel if someone says unkind words to you? Or pushes you? Or snatches something of yours?

SAY: Remember in Genesis chapter 3? The first people decided that they didn't want God to be in charge. They sinned, and their sin spoiled things. Today we are going to see that what was true of the first people is also true of us.

Let's Listen to God

READ: Romans 3:10-18

- 10 It is written,
"No one is right with God, no one at all.
11 No one understands.
No one trusts in God.
12 All of them have turned away.
They have all become worthless.
No one does anything good,
no one at all."
13 "Their throats are like open graves.
With their tongues they tell lies."
"The words from their lips are like the poison of a snake."
14 "Their mouths are full of curses and bitterness."
15 "They run quickly to commit murder.
16 They leave a trail of harmful actions.
17 They do not know how to live in peace."
18 "They don't have any respect for God."

ASK: According to these verses, what does no one do? What does everybody do?
Did you hear some of the nasty things people do to one another? How do those make you feel?
Can you think of a time when you have treated someone unlovingly?

Let's Learn

SAY: God inspired a man named Paul to write this letter. In the bit of the letter that we read Paul was explaining why a particular group of people shouldn't think they are better than anyone else.

When we treated other people unlovingly, it shows sin in our hearts. That sin means that no one can come into God's wonderful place. He says to us all, *Because of your sin, you can't come in.* Thankfully, there is good news in the Bible about how God deals with the problem of our sin.

Let's Pray

Say: Lord God, we are sorry for the unloving ways we have treated other people. Thank you for explaining that we all have hearts that don't love you as they should. Please forgive us. Thank you for telling us the truth in your word: that we don't deserve to enjoy living with you forever. Thank you that your word also tells us how you have dealt with the problem of our sin. Amen.