

When Life Is...

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Introduction – The adventure, excitement, and challenges we encounter as we explore the wild life of VBS. We visit the Israelites as slaves for the Egyptians. We look with amazement as God sends plagues on Egypt. Then we journey with the Israelites as they enter the wilderness. As we look into the New Testament, we behold as Jesus dies and comes back to life. Then with lesson 5 we watch the Israelites build a memorial to remember God's goodness. Throughout the week we see the goodness of God, no matter the circumstances.

1. When life is unfair...God is good.

1. Israelites as slaves.
2. David, the king, a fugitive. A man after God's own heart.
 - a. Promised the kingdom of Israel but waited years before God handed it to him.
 - b. He slept in caves, and was hunted for years like a wild beast.
3. Job was perfect and upright, feared God and shunned evil.
 - a. Lost his property, sons and wealth.

2. When life is scary...God is good.

1. God sends plagues on Egypt.
2. Storm on the sea of Galilee; a demon-possessed man healed (Luke 8:22-36).

3. When life changes...God is good.

1. The Israelites enter the wilderness.
2. God brought them out of Egypt to...
3. God's escape pattern is never based on escape from but an escape to (1 Cor. 10:13).
4. How we leave determines how we enter.
5. God is more concerned with where we are going than from where we have come. *Ed Cole*

4. When life is sad...God is good.

1. Jesus dies and comes back to life.
2. An emotional state of dejection and sadness ranging from mild discouragement to real down-heartedness.
3. I'd encourage you to read the Psalms.
4. When I'm down, I read Psalm 23.

5. When life is good...God is good

1. The Israelites had waited forty years, but now the time had come to cross the river Jordan.
2. The Israelites build a memorial to remember God's goodness (Joshua 4:4-7).
3. We need to establish memorials in our spiritual journey (Psalm 103:1-5).

**Sometimes our decision takes us away from God's will
but not out of God's reach.** *Ed Cole*