

St. Mary's Wollaton Park
Online kids' church, Sunday 17th May 2020

Today we learned that the Bible has lots of parts that fit together like pieces of a big puzzle. We remembered that God makes everything happen in the world, but at the same time it's important that we choose to say and do good things.

A big puzzle

Today the animals were making a big puzzle. Mouse said it was a picture of purple mountains and Elephant said it was a picture of fish and a log, but they were looking at different parts of the puzzle. They were both right!

Two true things from the Bible that fit together like a puzzle

Fox and Teddy were reading their Bibles. Brilliant! Fox was reading from Matthew 10 about how God is in charge of everything that happens in the world.

Two sparrows cost only a penny, but not even one of them can die without your Father's knowing it. God even knows how many hairs are on your head. So don't be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows.

(Matthew 10:29-31 from the Bible, New Century Version)

Teddy was reading from James 1 about how important it is to say and do good things that please God and make everyone happy.

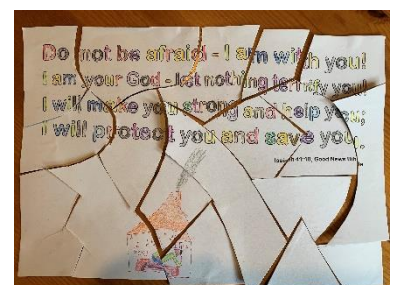
Do what God's teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves. Those who hear God's teaching and do nothing are like people who look at themselves in a mirror. They see their faces and then go away and quickly forget what they looked like. But the truly happy people are those who carefully study God's perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God's teaching says. Those who do this will be made happy.

(James 1:22-25 from the Bible, New Century Version)

Fox said that God makes everything happen, but Teddy said we have to choose what we say and do. Who was right? ...both of them! The Bible has lots of words in it and they all fit together like a big puzzle. Teddy was right that it's important we choose to say and do good things.

Things to do at home

- You could make your own puzzle. Choose a picture you have drawn and stick it to some card. Then use scissors to cut it into pieces of different shapes, and you have made a puzzle! Can someone else in your family fit the pieces together and see the picture?



- You could try to notice times when you have a choice to be good or bad – like when a grown-up asks you to do something! What other times can you notice when you could choose to say or do something good? You can ask God for help.
- You could listen to some songs about listening to the Bible and choosing to live for God:
God speaks by Emu Music <https://youtu.be/t5wRCWIdvXU>
One Way by Hillsong Kids <https://youtu.be/MNe4HCO4SuQ>
All through History by Nick and Becky Drake <https://youtu.be/hQS2HHayr38>
It's a New, New Day by Awesome Cutlery <https://youtu.be/nVsmwrNWphI>

These are all on a YouTube playlist at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdU24OqkUml6dfjJCUuJ5BO5koh-RnMVJ>

Don't miss this new song which can't be added to a YouTube playlist:

Who I Am by Awesome Cutlery <https://youtu.be/mldP6dGpAVY>

A prayer

We thanked God for giving us the Bible, which fits together like a big puzzle to show us lots of things. We asked God to help us choose good things to say and do.

A song

We sang God Speaks by Emu Music.