

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids.

Today is the fifth episode in our countdown to Easter. If you haven't heard the other episodes go back and listen to them, starting at episode 90.

Have you ever been scared? I have. These last two years have been super scary for me. I've been so afraid I would get sick with covid and die. I have also been afraid for those I love, like my husband, children and grandchildren.

Did you know that Jesus followers were afraid of something too?

Listen in.

I remember a time when I was a little girl when I was really afraid. My mother told me I would have to go to school even though she knew I was afraid of some kids.

The kids had been making fun of me and my teacher didn't want me to wear my brown coat anymore.

Why did you want to wear your brown coat Miss Robin?

Well Kids. My brown coat was comfortable and I could hide under it when the kids at school were being mean to me.

Finally my mother said I had to go. So I got dressed and went to school. I cried the whole way there. My mother reminded me that Jesus was with me and I could face those bullies with him by my side. And even though it was a hard day, I made it through.

In episode 93 we heard about how Jesus ate his last meal with his disciples. It was called the last supper. He knew that soon he was going to die on the cross. Jesus told the disciples that one of them was going to betray him. They all said, "We won't betray you Lord"

But one of them did. Judas sold the secret of where Jesus would be to those bullies who wanted to kill him. But did you know that Jesus still called Judas his friend? In the book of Matthew chapter 26 verse 50 after Judas had betrayed him Jesus he responds by saying "Do what you came to do, friend."

Wow! That's pretty amazing! I don't know if I could have done that? How about you kids?

But Jesus had another disciple who wasn't so kind. His name was Peter! He wanted to protect Jesus from the bullies and not show love to them! So the Bible says he took out his sword and cut off the ear of one of the servants of the religious leaders who had come to take Jesus away!

Have you ever gotten so angry you wanted to hurt someone? I have.

Do you think Peter was afraid that's why he did what he did?

Jesus showed love instead of anger. He told Peter to put his sword away and reminded him of why he had come to the world. Then he put the ear back on the servant and healed him. Peter loved Jesus and didn't want him to leave. But Jesus knew what he needed to do. He knew the time had finally come to say goodbye to his followers. Then the soldiers arrested him and led Jesus out of the garden.

Now it's time to talk about what you just heard. Remember to pause the podcast after each question.

What did Jesus say to Judas after he betrayed him?

Peter was afraid and didn't want Jesus to be taken so what did he do to the servant of the religious leader?

What did Jesus do after Peter cut off the servant's ear?

Have you ever been so afraid you wanted to hurt someone?

If you feel safe enough, tell your loved ones what happened.

Ok kids, here is our verse to say and remember. I'll say it first then you say it with me.

John 16:32B

In this world you will have troubles, but take heart! I have overcome the world.

Now, it's your turn to say it with me, ready?

John 16:32B

In this world you will have troubles, but take heart! I have overcome the world.

Jesus said that in this world we will have troubles. Do you have any troubles today?

I do.

But then Jesus goes on and says "Take Heart"

What does that mean Miss Robin?

That means that Jesus wants his followers to trust him and know that he would be with them even after he was gone.

The Bible tells us that when we follow Jesus we won't have to do it alone. We have our own personal guardian angels with us all the time.

In Matthew 18:10 Jesus says "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. And we have a helper too."

In episode 89 "The Helper " we talked about who that helper is. His name is the Holy Spirit and how he comes to live inside those who believe and receive Jesus as their good shepherd. That makes me smile. I am not alone! You are not alone! Jesus loves you so much that he sent an angel and the Holy Spirit to be with you. And Jesus loved everyone so much that he died for our sins and now we can live a life unafraid.

Thanks for joining me as we countdown to Easter! You don't want to miss an episode!

This isn't the end of the story kids!! It might seem sad right now but Resurrection Sunday is coming soon!!

Don't worry if you don't know what resurrection means. YOU WILL, I promise.

Until then. Be brave, be kind and be different! Don't forget to take your adults with you and visit Me, Miss Robin at www.robinmarie.org where you'll find all the transcripts to this podcast and MORE!

Love God and love and forgive people!

Bye!