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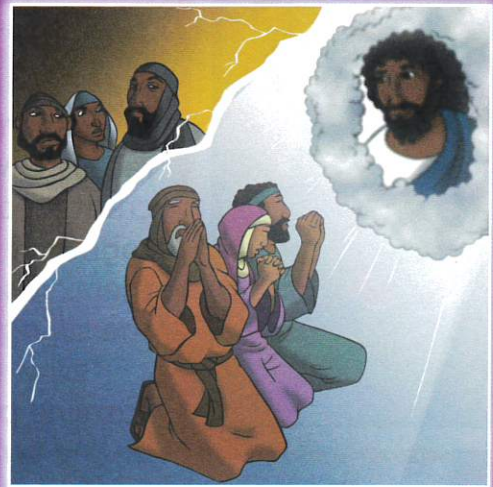
When We Stumble, He Restores Us

Jude reminded the believers of the apostles' teaching. The apostles taught that people would laugh at God and His people in the last days. They would do selfish and sinful things. They would not have the Holy Spirit with them. So, they would do whatever felt good. They would create trouble and division among God's people.

Jude tells God's people to use their faith to make themselves strong. They should pray under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They should keep themselves in God's love while they wait for Jesus Christ and His mercy to give them life forever.

They should show *mercy* (kindness) to people who have doubts and make wrong choices. They should save them from falling away from God. But they must be careful not to get influenced by others' sins.

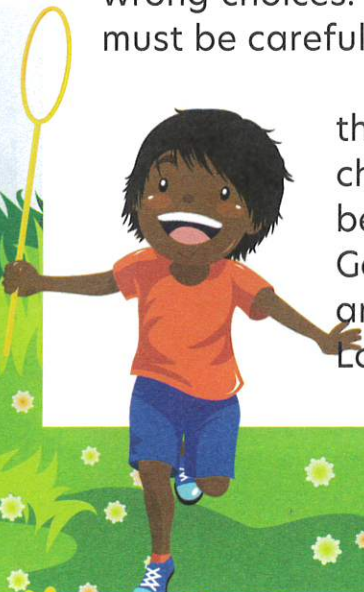
Jude closes the letter by encouraging believers to understand that God can keep them from falling or choosing wrong. God will bring them before His glory and give them great joy. God deserves the glory, greatness, power, and authority through Jesus Christ, who is Lord for all time—past, now, and forever.



Lesson Scripture:
Jude 17-25

Key Verses

[Jude wrote,] You, dear friends, . . . keep yourselves in God's love. (Jude 20-21)





The Popular Mistake

Jasmine sat alone on the playground swings during recess. Divinity, a popular girl in her class with pierced ears, created a new rule: Every girl with pierced ears played together, and those without pierced ears could not join them. Jasmine's friend Chelsea came and sat with her on the swings, her little gold hoops dangling from her ears.

"Why don't you come over with us?" Chelsea asked. Jasmine pointed at one of her unpierced ears and slumped on the swing.

"Divinity and her friends will say mean things if I come over. You should go with them if you don't want to get talked about, too," Jasmine said with a sigh. She thought Chelsea would leave, but her friend stayed and started swinging beside her.

"I don't care what Divinity and those other girls say," Chelsea said with a shrug. "You're my friend, and I like playing with you."

"But you could be with the popular girls right now!" Jasmine replied, completely confused.

"Yeah, I could," Chelsea noted as she stopped swinging and looked at Jasmine with a kind smile, saying, "but that's not right, and it's not what I want."

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello! Ruby here. I'm learning to skate. It's been great fun, but I've learned that you fall a lot in this activity! So, the scientist in me counted how many times I had fallen. So far, I've fallen 311 times! Can you imagine falling and not being able to get up? It reminds me of the lesson we have been studying about stumbling and falling and being restored by God. This lesson teaches us that no matter how often we stumble and fall away from God, God restores us and helps us stand. This week, pray every day to stay faithful to God.

