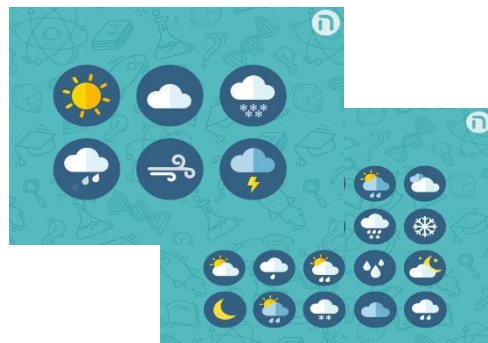


对神的爱充满信心

耶和華的慈愛永不止息！祂的怜悯永不断绝，日日更新；祂的信实何其深广。

——耶利米哀歌 3:22-23

嗨，孩子们！今天，我们先来谈谈天气，有这么多种不同的天气，看看我们能一起说出几种？——晴天，多云，下雪，下雨，刮风和雷暴雨……你真棒，相信你都说出来了！我们知道关于天气的一件事是它总是变化无穷，除了我们刚刚提到的 6 个天气图标外，还有更多其它的天气图标噢！



我们知道天气会变化，但我们中有多少人知道：无论多云，下雨，下雪，甚至是暴风雨天，太阳其实总是在天上那里！它永不停止发光，也永不离开我们。但你可能会感到疑惑：在阴冷下雪的日子，我既看不到太阳且也感觉不到它的存在，太阳怎么可能还在天上呢？**但真相是：在云层的上方，太阳永远在那里，且在持续放射光芒。**只是因为你看不到或感觉不到它，并不意味着它不存在噢。

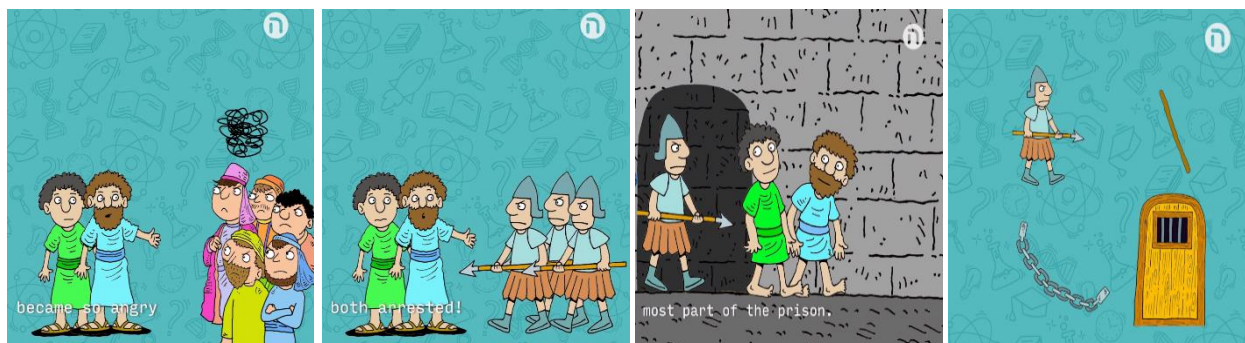


这让我想起了天父上帝对我们的爱。你知道吗？无论你是处于幸福的时光或是痛苦的时刻、伤心的时候还是恐惧的时候，天父的爱总是照耀着你！即使你觉得自己孤单一人，似乎没有人关心你，但事实是，天父的爱永远在你身边。**即使你看不见或感觉不到，天父上帝永远都不会停止祂对你的爱，就像太阳永远不会消失一样，天父信实的爱也永远照耀着你！**

今天的圣经故事是关于一个人，他深信神爱他，这个人就是保罗。使徒行传第 16 章告诉我们，保罗和他的朋友西拉到处传扬耶稣和神是多么爱他们的福音。圣经还告诉我们，许多人都得到了医治和帮助，并开始相信耶稣。真是太棒了！



但奇怪的是，有些人不喜欢保罗所做的事。这些人非常生气，控告保罗和西拉是来捣乱的，还把他们俩人都抓起来了。更糟糕的是，官长下令剥了他们衣裳，用棍打他们，打了一遍又一遍。在这么可怕的刑罚之后，他们的脚还被锁在木枷里且还被关到最里面的监狱里。



保罗和西拉的境况是如此糟糕，他们被逮捕，被殴打，被栓脚链，且被关在一个高度戒备的监狱里，他们本该痛苦绝望地唉声叹气。但是，在那个黑暗而凄惨的监狱里，保罗和西拉做了一件不寻常的事。圣经说，在半夜，保罗和西拉开始祷告，唱诗赞美神。有没有搞错？这种境况下还有心情唱赞美歌？还有心情开赞美 party？他们祈祷神来救他们脱离困境，这我们能理解，但在如此黑暗绝望的情况下如何能唱得出赞美歌来呢？是什么原因使得他们这么镇定和喜乐？**答案是：因为保罗和西拉相信神爱他们，所以他们唱诗赞美神；他们深信，即使在这黑暗和绝望的地方，神的爱也在照耀着他们！**



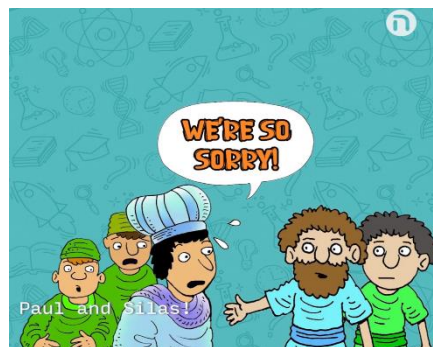
他们是对的！圣经告诉我们，约在半夜，保罗和西拉祷告唱诗赞美神，其他囚犯也在侧耳倾听。忽然监狱的地板大震动，牢房的门立刻全开了，所有囚犯的锁链一下子都松开了。这声响惊醒了看守监狱的狱卒，当他看到牢房门全打开了，他以为囚犯们都逃跑了。这位狱卒以为自己闯下大祸了，于是拔刀准备自杀。保罗大声呼叫说：“快停手！不要伤害自己，我们都在这里！”保罗对神的爱和保护是如此充满信心，他甚至都没有想过要试图逃跑！



接下来所发生的事情更加不可思议。这位狱卒带领他们出来，问他们：“二位先生，我当怎样行才可以得救？”就在那个时候，保罗和西拉把关于耶稣的好消息告诉了这位狱卒和他家里的所有人，“**当信主耶稣，你就必得救。**”保罗和西拉说。那天夜里，这位狱卒和他的家人都信了耶稣。他还帮保罗和西拉清洗了他们的伤口，把他们带回家还摆上饭菜给他们吃。哇，他们经历了从被锁在监狱里到一下子受到宾客式的款待，真是个戏剧性大转变！



还有更好的事情在后面！第二天早晨，差役打发人去见狱卒，说：“释放那两个人吧！”但他们获释后，保罗并不是欢呼雀跃，而是勇敢地说：“我们是罗马公民，我们遭到了不公平的殴打和逮捕。他们在定罪之前没有权利把我们关进监狱里。如果他们要我们离开，就让他们自己来接我们出去！”官长听了这话，非常害怕，就来向保罗和西拉道歉。



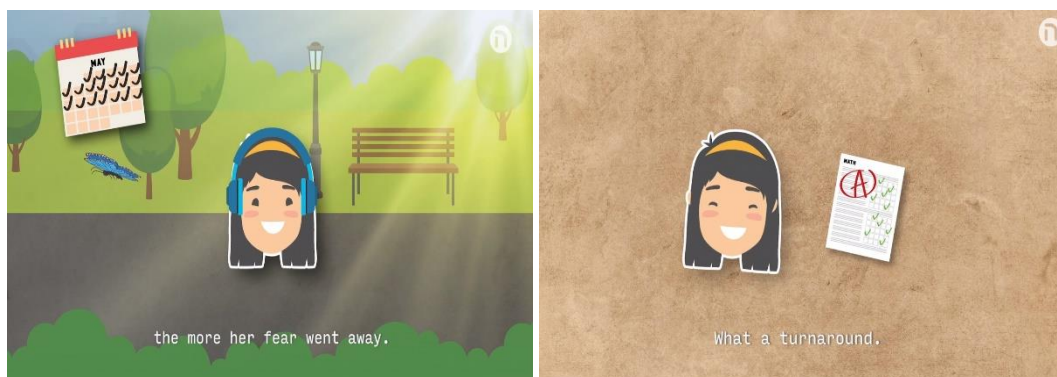
哇！仅仅在一天之内，保罗和西拉就看到了天父上帝是如何帮助他们，如何体面地把他们从监狱里救出来的！当那些官长像护送贵宾一样护送保罗和西拉出监狱时，我相信保罗和西拉一定感受到了天父信实的爱照耀着他们！现在我们能理解，当保罗和西拉在被监禁的时候是如何做到能始终赞美神的。他们知道，即使事情不好的时候，他们也能始终信靠神的良善和慈爱！



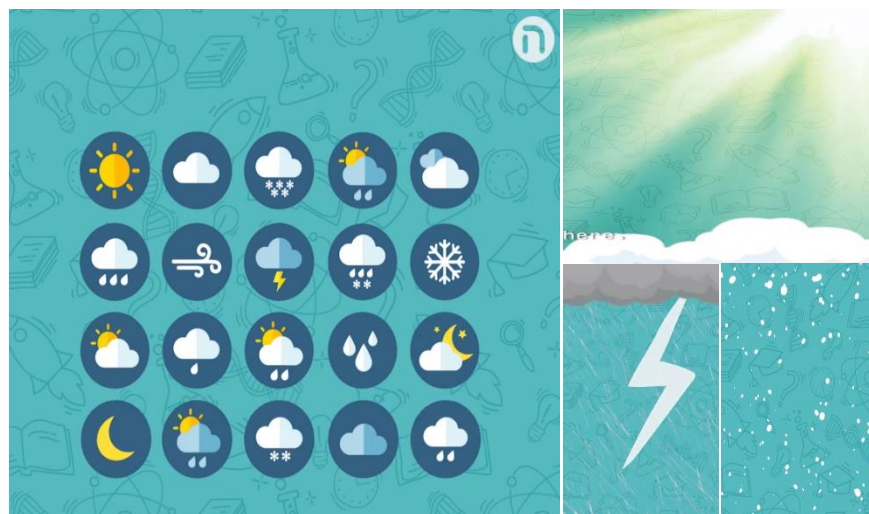
接下来，让我告诉你，关于一位原本数学很差的女孩子的事情。她的数学成绩一直都是一塌糊涂，这让她感到糟透了。她压力太大了，以至于开始觉得头疼，接着她甚至开始掉头发。她的父母非常担心，带她去看了医生。即使她的家人爱她，支持她，她仍然无法释放这压力和担心。



后来有一天，她决定到附近走走。她边走边听敬拜音乐，提醒自己神对她的爱，一下子她感觉轻松多了。于是，她一次又一次、一天又一天地这样听敬拜音乐来提醒自己。她越感受到天父对她的爱，她的恐惧就越消退。到了期末考试的时候，她不再像以前那样紧张和感到有压力了。结果出来时，她简直不敢相信，她第一次通过了数学考试。更令人惊讶的是，她竟然得了 A！真是个惊人的突破！这一切都始于当她越来越确信天父对她的爱。



今天我们听到的好消息是，即使你处于艰难的时刻，你仍然可以相信神对你的爱；即使事情看起来一点也不好，你仍然可以确信神永远对你好！还记得我们学过的关于太阳和各种天气的知识吗？我们知道，无论天气如何变化多端，太阳永远不会消失，它一直在天上那里放射着光芒。只是因为你看不见或感觉不到，并不意味着它不存在。神对我们的爱是一样的！无论发生什么，神永远会爱我们和永远对我们好！



孩子们，现在我要你们把圣经翻到耶利米哀歌 3 章第 22 到 23 节。你可能也想标记强调一下这两节经文，是这样说的：“**耶和华的慈爱永不止息！祂的怜悯永不断绝，日日更新；祂的信实何其深广。**”哇，祂信实的爱永不止息，祂的仁慈和怜悯永不断绝，这令我们感到多受保护和平安啊！孩子们，如果你正经受艰难的时刻，请记住这两节经文，一遍又一遍地对自己说，提醒自己神对你信实的爱。如果你遇到与你的朋友相处方面的问题，或者你在学业方面有压力，坚信天父对你的爱；如果你担心你的身体状况，或家里的一些问题，记住，你不是孤单一人，天父爱你！因为祂爱你，祂一定会好好照顾你。神信实的爱永不止息，祂的仁慈和怜悯永不断绝！这个应许不仅仅是当下有效，这个应许是永远的。所以大胆说出来，且相信它。让我们一起宣告说：“**耶和华的慈爱永不止息，祂的怜悯永不断绝！**”看到天父的爱，就像太阳最终会驱散乌云一样，必会为你冲破困境，所有的孩子们一起说：“阿门！”

孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

CONFIDENT OF HIS LOVE

The steadfast of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. – Lamentations 3:22-23(ESV)

Hey Rock Kidz! Today, let's talk about ... the weather! Look at all the different kinds of weather we can have. Let's see how many we can name together. Sunny, cloudy, snowy, rainy, windy and stormy. Well done! One thing we know about the weather is that it changes. The weather changes so often that there are many more weather icons than just the six we just named.

We know the weather changes. But how many of us know this, that no matter how cloudy, rainy, snowy or even stormy it gets, the sun is always there! It never stops shining, and it never goes away. But you might be wondering, how can the sun still be there when it's snowing? I can't see it. I can't feel it! But the truth is that way, way, way above the clouds, the sun is always there. And it's always shining. Just because you don't see it or feel it doesn't mean that it's not there.

You know, this reminds me of daddy God's love for us. Did you know that whether you're going through a good time, or a bad time, a sad time or a scary time, Daddy God's love is always shining on you. and even when it seems like you're all alone, and no one seems to care, the truth is that Daddy God's love is always there for you. the truth is that even when you don't see it or feel it, Daddy God never ever stops loving you! Just like the sun that never goes away, His faithful love is always shining on you.

Today's Bible story is about a man who was very confident of God's love for him. This man was Paul. Now Acts 16 tells us that Paul and his friend Silas went around telling about Jesus, and about how much God loved them. The Bible also tells us that many of these people were healed and helped, and started to believe in Jesus. That's awesome, right?

But strangely, some people did not like what Paul was doing. In fact, they became so angry that they accused Paul and Silas of being troublemakers and had them both arrested! As if that was not bad enough, the judge also commanded that their clothes be torn off their backs so that they could be beaten with rods again and again. Ouch! After that terrible beating, their feet were locked up in wooden stocks. And they were thrown into the inner most part of the prison.

Things were going from bad to worse for Paul and Silas! Arrested, beaten, chained and locked up in a high security prison, they should have been moaning and groaning with pain and despair. But, there in that dark and dreary jail, Paul and Silas did something unusual. The Bible says that at midnight, Paul and Silas began praying and singing praise to God. Wait a minute! A praise party in prison? I can understand the praying part. Help us Lord, get us out of here!" But singing praises in the dark and hopeless situation? What? What was there to even sing about? The answer is this, Paul and Silas sang because they were sure of God's love for them. They were confident that God's faithful love was shining on them even in that dark and desperate place.

And they were right! The Bible says that suddenly, a great earthquake shook the prison, and the prison doors flung open and everyone's chains fell off! This woke the jailer up and when he saw the jail doors open, he was sure that the prisoners had all run away. Afraid that he would be in big trouble, the jailer got out his sword and was going to kill himself. But Paul shouted, "Stop! Don't hurt yourself. We're all here!" Paul was so confident of God's love and protection over him that he did not even try to escape.

What happened next was simply incredible! The jailer brought them outside and asked, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" So right there and then, Paul and Silas told the jailer and all the people in his house, the

Good News about Jesus. “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!” Paul and Silas said. That night, the jailer and his family all believed and put their trust in Jesus. The jailer washed their wounds, and took them home to feed them. Wow, what a turnaround from being locked up and in chains.

But wait, it gets even better! The next morning, the judges sent a message to the jailer saying, “Let those men go free!” But instead of jumping for joy at their release, Paul boldly said, “We are Roman citizens. We were unfairly beaten and arrested. They had no right to put us in prison. If they want us to leave, let them come and get us themselves!” The judges were so afraid that when they heard this, they actually came to apologize to Paul and Silas!

Wow! In just one day, Paul and Silas saw how Daddy God helped them and got them out of jail in style. I’m sure Paul and Silas must felt Daddy God’s faithful love shining on them as those judges escorted them out of prison like VIPs. Now we understand how Paul and Silas could sing praises to God, even while they were in chains. They knew that even when things are not good, they could always be confident of God’s goodness and love for them.

Let me tell you about a girl who was doing very badly at math. She kept failing, and that made her feel terrible. She was so stressed, she started having headaches. She even began losing her hair. Her parents became really worried and took her to the doctor. Even though her family love her and supported her, she still continued to stress and worry.

Then one day, she decided to take a walk around her neighbourhood. As she walked, she listened to worship music to remind herself of God’s love for her. She did this again and again, day after day. The more she saw God’s love for her, the more her fear went away. By the time she got to her final exams, she was no longer nervous or stressed like before. When the results were out, she could not believe it. She passed math for the first time! Even more amazing she got an A! what a turnaround! And it all started when she became more and more confident of Lord’s love for her.

What good news we heard today, we heard that even if you’re going through a tough time, you can still always be confident of God’s love for you. you can be sure that He will always be good to you, even when things don’t look good at all. Remember what we learnt about the sun and all kinds of weather? We learnt that no matter what kind of weather it is, the sun never goes away and it keeps on shining. Just because you don’t see it or feel it, it doesn’t mean that it’s not there. God’s love for us is the same! No matter what happens, God never stops loving us and always keeps on being good to us.

Now I want you to flip your Bibles to Lamentations 3: 22 to 23. You might want to highlight this as well. It says, **“The steadfast of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”** Wow, how safe and secure that makes us feel. His faithful love never ceases, His goodness and mercies never come to an end. So Rock Kidz, if you ever go through a tough time, hang on to this verse. Say it to yourself again and again, remind yourself of His faithful love for you. if you’re having a tough time because of your friends, or maybe because you’re stressed about school, hang on to God’s love for you. if you are worried about the condition in your body, or some trouble at home, remember that you are not alone. Daddy God loves you. And because He loves you, He will surely be good to you. the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end! This promise is not just for now. This promise is forever. So say it and believe it. Say, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His goodness and mercy to me never come to an end.” And Just like the sun that finally shines through the dark clouds, see His love breakthrough your situation for you. And all the Rock Kidz say, “Amen!”

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you’ve never asked Jesus to come into your

life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."