

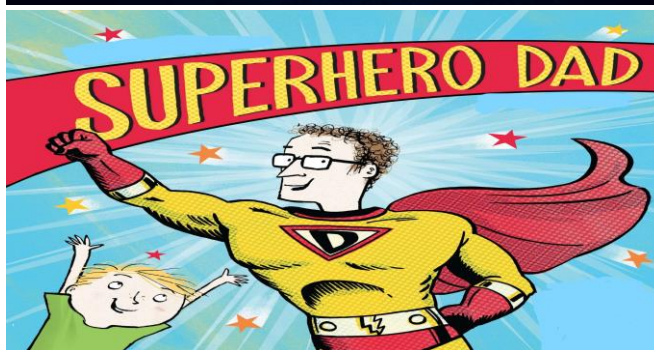
# 我不怕遭害

我不怕遭害；因为你与我同在；… —— 诗篇 23:4

嗨，孩子们，你能说出这项运动的名字吗？是的，这是棒球。在这里你可以看到投手准备投球。击球手要全神贯注了，因为他要尽其所能地击中球。



这听起来很简单，但你知道吗？在职业棒球比赛中，击球手可以把球以每小时 170 公里以上的速度击打出去。被这么快的棒球击中可是件很危险的事。想象一下，如果不是球，而是**球棒**朝你飞来，会有多可怕呵！这事发生在几年前，有一个击球手在挥棒时对球棒失控，他不但没击到球，反而他的球棒却飞向人群。每一个看到球棒朝他们飞来的人，要么闪避，要么用手挡住自己。但是人群中有一个 8 岁的男孩却一动也不动。你知道为什么吗？因为他完全没有意识到危险正朝他飞来，而此时他周围的人都争分夺秒地想逃走。但在男孩意识到发生了什么事之前，他父亲已经伸手用自己的手臂挡住了飞来的球棒。正因为如此，这位男孩在这次可能会打碎他的脸的可怕的故事中得救了。当记者问小男孩，他认为他爸爸为他做了什么的时候，小男孩说他爸爸是他的超级英雄！哇！

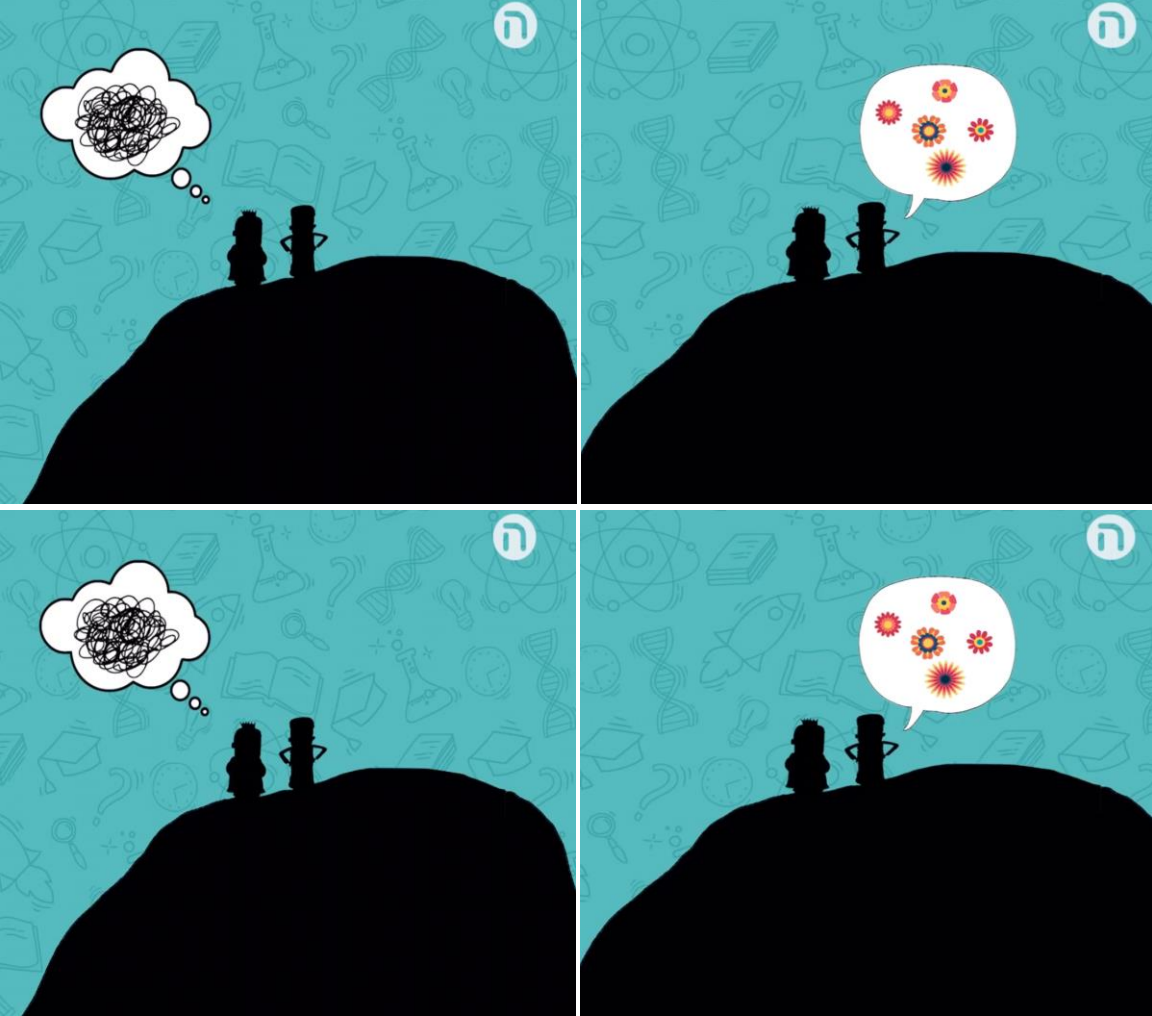


今天的圣经故事是关于神的子民，以色列人，面临着一个他们不知道的可怕的危险。这事发生在他们在摩押旷野安营的时候。民数记 22 章告诉我们，他们在那里的时候，摩押王巴勒心里忙乱，要除掉他们。但巴勒没有与他们正面争战，他却请了一个叫巴兰的人来为他们处理这事。巴勒是这样说的：“现在求你来为我咒诅这民，因为他们比我强盛。我知道你为谁祝福，谁就得福；你咒诅谁，谁就受咒诅。”巴勒要巴兰咒诅神的百姓，他想让巴兰仅仅通过话语就使以色列人遭受到邪恶的事情。这是一种狡猾和懦弱的行为，因为他想用一种以色列人无法自卫的方式来攻击他们。



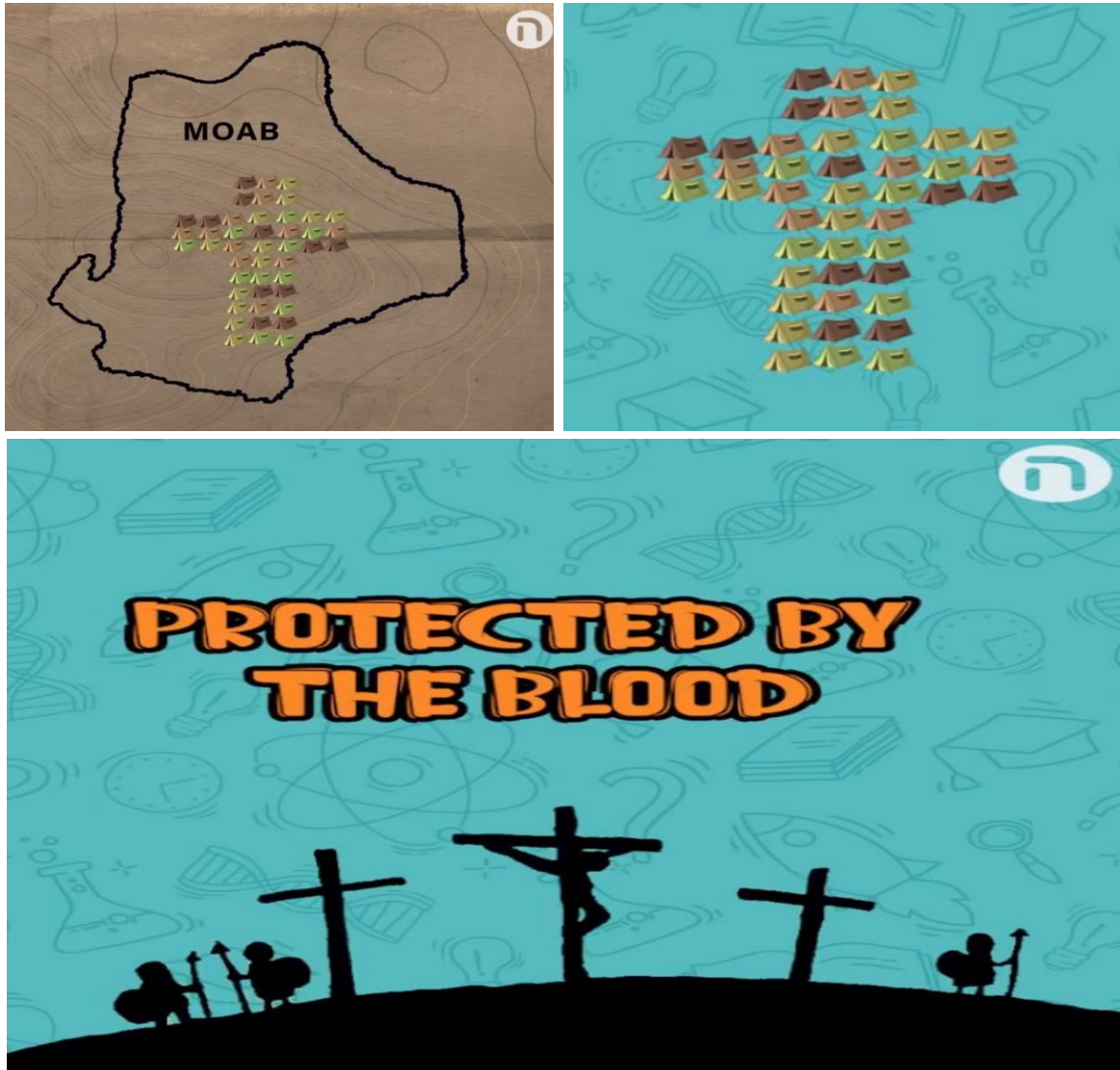
你怎么能保护自己不遭受那些你甚至都看不见的飞来横祸呢？但记住棒球赛上的那个男孩，他完全不知道一根飞来的球棒即将击中他。但因为他的爸爸就在他身边，他得救了。他没看到危险，但他爸爸看到了，他爸爸主动来保护他！同样，在圣经故事中，神的子民也不知道正有邪恶的事在谋算着他们。但就像棒球场上的那个男孩一样，以色列人也并不孤单，有主与他们同在。他们没有意识到危险正朝他们迎面而来，但是主看见了，且伸出援手来拯救他们。

起初，耶和华对巴兰说：“你不可咒诅以色列人，我已经祝福他们了。”然后，祂说：“你只能按我吩咐你的话去说。”在巴勒领巴兰上去咒诅神的百姓的时候，就发生了以下的事：他们正在俯视以色列人的营地，巴兰张开嘴，准备要说出巴勒贿赂他要他所说的一切恶毒的话，这是巴勒想要的。但当巴兰开口说出时，就发生了这样的事——巴兰在为神的百姓祝福，而不是说咒诅的话。可想而知，这让巴勒非常生气：“什么？我带你来是要诅咒他们，你却为他们祝福？”“我怎能咒诅得了神不咒诅的呢？”巴兰回答说。



巴勒又试了两次咒诅神的百姓，但每一次神都吩咐巴兰该说什么，所以每次巴兰一开口，祝福就出来了。巴勒责备他的时候，巴兰只能说：“我咒诅不了他们，我所能说出来的是上帝想让我说的话而已。”哇！即使是敌人也不能取缔上帝对祂的子民所说出的好事。更妙的是，耶和华将所有的咒诅都变成对他们多多的祝福了。

现在让我们来看最激动人心的部分。当巴兰举目观看以色列人来的时候，你知道他看见了什么吗？他看到了十字架的形状。因为耶和华告诉以色列人，当他们搭帐篷的时候，要按他们的支派宗族，于是他们的帐篷就成了十字架的形状。



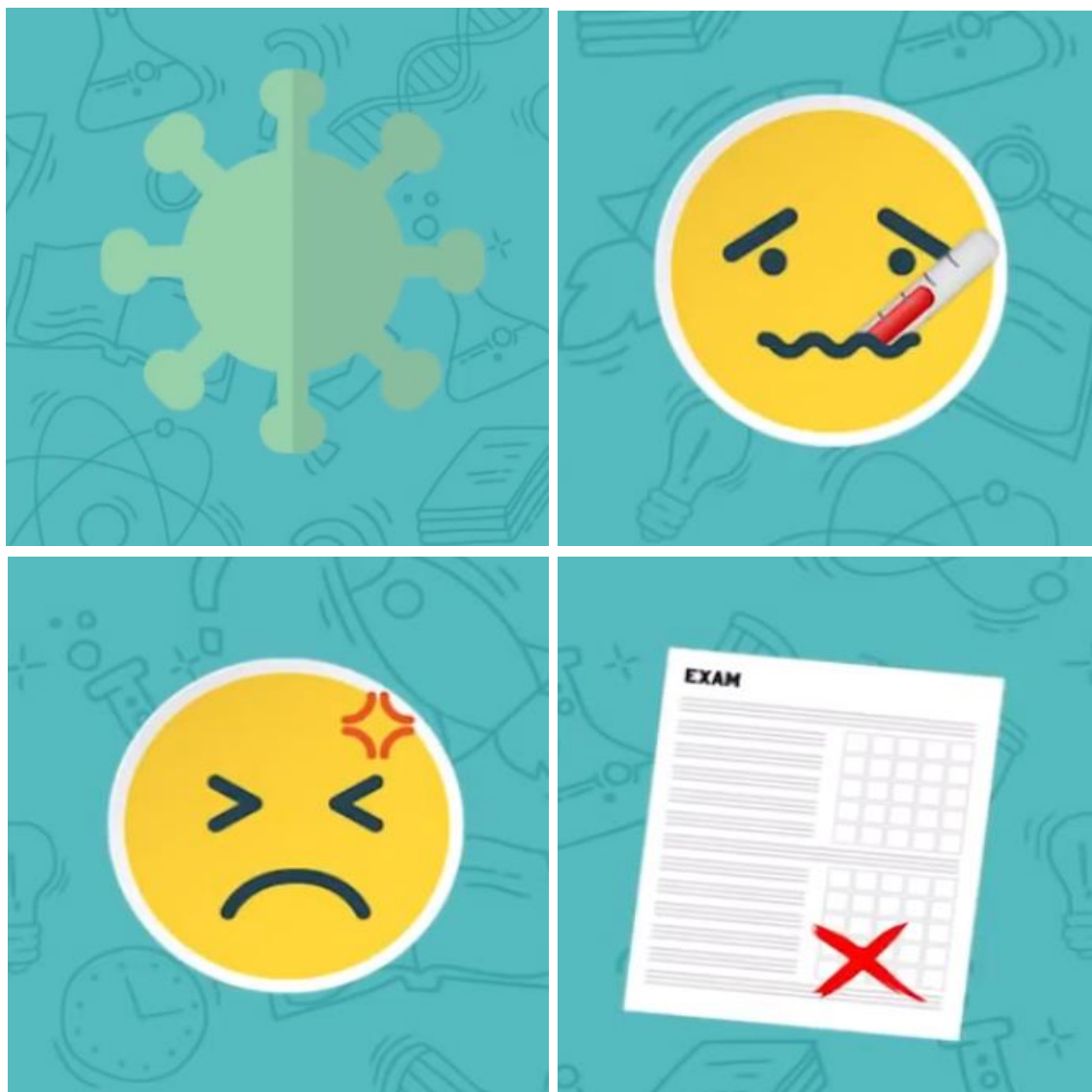
多么奇妙！甚至在耶稣出生前的那些年代，神已经想让我们看到他的儿子在十字架上为我们所做的事了。巴勒和巴兰所看见的是十字架的形状。但在今天，当敌人看着你我时，他们看到的不只是十字架的形状，他们甚至看见我们被基督在十字架上为我们流的宝血所遮盖，我们受到了基督之血的保护！让我们翻到圣经诗篇 23:4。你可能也需要标记强调一下。诗篇 23:4 说：“**我不怕遭害，因为你与我同在。**”我们不会害怕邪恶，因为我们可以依靠我们良善的上帝来保护我们免受伤害。

接下来，我来告诉一位主日学孩子的一家在购物中心发生的事。这一家一共有六个人：爸爸，妈妈，大中小三个孩子，另外还有他们的表弟。该回家了，但孩子们并不着急，时不时会有一个人停下来看看橱窗。“来吧，我们走！”爸爸说，“大家快点噢！”妈妈说。孩子们急忙一个跟上一个，免得掉队。



就在孩子们赶上大人的时候，他们听到一声巨响。他们转身一看，到处都是碎玻璃，是旁边一家商店的窗户碎了，玻璃就掉在他们身后的地板上。但令人惊讶的是，他们都没有受伤，一点擦伤都没有！哇，孩子们说：“感谢耶稣，保佑我们平安！”

我们属于一个良善的上帝，他一直在看顾着我们，总是很好的照顾着我们。因为上帝与我们同在，即使事情出乎意料地向我们袭来，我们不必如此害怕，因为主与我们同在，所以我们称自己非常蒙福以至毫无顾虑！当我们知道我们的神是多么的好，他是多么的爱我们时，我们就可以有真正的信心和胆量说——**主与我同在，我不怕遭害**！我们不必害怕我们看到的坏消息：比如病毒传播，比如有人身体不适，比如我们和朋友之间可能会遇到的麻烦，或者我们在学校面临的挑战。



我们也不必担心发生在我们周围的事情：比如爸爸妈妈换了工作或者没有工作了，好像家里的一切都变了，你甚至不知道为什么。我们不必害怕，因为上帝与我们同在！祂会看顾我们，祂会保护我们免受一切危险和伤害，使我们呆在安全的港湾。我们倚靠他说：“**我不怕遭害，因为你与我同在！**”

本周，让我们来宣告上帝对我们的保护！我们良善的上帝已经把祂对我们的保护早已赐给我们了。说出且宣告诗篇 91 篇中所有的应许，把膏油涂在自己身上，宣告上帝对你说的话，说：“我是蒙福的！我非常蒙福以至毫无顾虑！”



我们知道我们是被爱和被保护的，但我们从来不会把上帝对我们的保护视为理所当然。因此，让我们祷告并祈求上帝保佑我们远离危险、邪恶和伤害。让我们一起来祷告：“亲爱的阿爸天父，保佑我们和我们的家人快乐，健康和强壮；祝福我们拥有所有的智慧和恩惠，使我们拥有一个美好的且得胜的一周；保护我们远离一切意外事故、危险和伤害，使我们远离一切病毒、大小疾病。我们不怕遭害，因为你与我们同在！我们称自己为蒙——福的！感谢你如此爱我们！奉耶稣的名祷告，阿门！”

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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！”

## **I WILL FEAR NO EVIL**

**... I will fear no evil; for you are with me; ... — Psalms 23:4**

Hey Rock Kidz, can you name this game? Yes, it's baseball. Here you see the pitcher ready to throw the ball. And the batter pays close attention because he wants to hit the ball as hard as he can. This sounds pretty simple, but did you know that in a professional game of baseball, the batter can send the ball flying at speeds more than 170km/h!

Getting hit by a baseball going this fast can be a dangerous thing. Now imagine how scary it can be if instead of the ball, it was the bat coming your way. Yikes! And this happened a few years ago when a batter took a swing at the ball and lost his grip on the bat. Instead of hitting the ball, his bat flew towards the crowd. Everyone who saw the bat coming their way either ducked or shielded themselves with their hands. But there was an 8-year-old boy in the crowd who did not move at all. And do you know why? Because he was doing this. He had no clue of the danger coming his way. Everyone around him scrambled to get away. But not the boy's dad. Even before the boy knew what was happening, the dad reached out to block the incoming bat with his own arm. Because of this, the boy was saved from a terrible accident that could have smashed his face. When news reporters asked the boy what he thought what his dad did for him, the boy said he's my superhero, wow.

Today's Bible story is about a time when God's people, the Israelites, faced a terrible danger they did not know was coming their way. This happened when they were camped in the wilderness of Maab. Numbers 22 tells us that while they were there, Balak the king of Moab was busy planning to get rid of them. The problem was that instead of fighting them face to face, Balak asked a man called Balaam to do the job for them. Here's what Balak said. Come and put a curse on these people because they are too powerful for me. I know that whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed. Balak wanted Balaam to curse God's people. He wanted Balaam to cause to cause evil and wicked things to happen to the Israelites simply by speaking. This was a sneaky and cowardly thing to do because he wanted to attack the Israelites in a way that they cannot defend themselves.

How can you protect yourself from something you can't even see coming your way? But remember the boy from the baseball game. He had no clue that a flying baseball bat was about to hit him. But because his dad was right there with him, he was saved. He didn't see the danger, but his dad saw. And his dad reached out to protect him. Well, in the Bible story God's people also had no clue of the evil that was planned for them. But just like the boy in the baseball game, the Israelites were also not alone. The Lord was with them. They didn't see the danger coming their way, but the Lord saw and reached out to save them.

First, the Lord told Balaam, don't put a curse on the Israelites. I have blessed them. Then He said you can only say what I tell you to say. So, when Balak took Balaam up to curse God's people, this happened. That they were looking down on the Israelite camp. Balaam opened his mouth ready to speak all the evil that Balak had paid him to say. What Balak wanted was this. But when Balaam spoke, this is what happened instead. Instead of curses, Balaam spoke blessing over God's people. You can be sure this



made Balak very mad. What! I brought you here to curse them, but instead you have blessed them? How can I curse those who God has not cursed? Balaam replied.

Two more times Balak tried to curse God's people, but each time God told Balaam what to say. So, each time Balaam open his mouth, blessings came out instead. When Balak scolded, all Balaam could say was, I cannot curse them. I can only say what God wants me to say. Wow. Even the enemy couldn't cancel the good that God said over His people. Even better, the Lord turned all the curses into much blessing for them.

Now we come to the most exciting part of all. What do you think Balaam saw when he stood looking down the Israelite camp? He saw the shape of the cross. Because of the way the Lord told the Israelites to organize themselves according to their tribes or family groups when they set up their tents, their camp made up the shape of the cross.

How amazing that even all those years before Jesus was born, God already wanted us to see what His Son would do for us at the cross. What Balak and Balaam saw was the shape of the cross. But today, when the enemy looks at you and me the enemy sees more than the shape of the cross. The enemy sees us covered by the blood of Christ, shed for us at the cross. We are protected by the blood of Christ. Let's flip our Bibles to Psalms 23:4. You might want to highlight this as well. Psalms 23:4 says, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. We will fear no evil because we can always depend on our good, good God to protect us and keep us safe from harm.

Let me tell you what happened to a Rock Kidz family when they were at a mall one day. There were six of them. The dad, the mom, the big kid, the middle kid and a little one and their cousin. It was time to go home, but the kids were not in a hurry. Every now and then one of them would stop to look at a window. "Come on, let's go!" said the dad. "Hurry up everyone!" said the mom. One by one, the kids hurry to catch up.

Just as the kids caught up with the adults, they heard a loud bang. They turn around, broken glass was everywhere. A nearby shop window had shattered, and the glass was on the floor near them. But amazingly, none of them were hurt. Not even a scratch! "Wow" said the kids, "Thank you Jesus, for keeping us safe."

We belong to a good, good God. He watches us all over time and always takes good care of us. Because the Lord is with us, we do not have to be so afraid, even when things come at us unexpectedly. Because the Lord is with us, we call ourselves too blessed to be stressed. When we know how good our God is and how much He loves us, we can say with real confidence and boldness the Lord is with me. I will fear no evil. We don't have to be afraid of the bad news we see. Like the news of virus spreading, like someone being unwell, like in the trouble we may have with our friends or the challenges we face in school.

We also don't have to worry about the things happening all around us. Like moms or dads changing jobs or maybe not having a job anymore. Like the things being different at home and you don't even know why. We don't have to be afraid because the Lord is with us. He will watch over us. He will protect us

from all danger and harm, and He will keep us safe. We put our trust in him and say, **“I will fear no evil, for You are with me.”**

This week, claim the protection that our good, good God has already given us. Say and claim all the promises of Psalms 91. Use the anointing oil on yourself. And say what the God says over you, say: **“I am blessed!” “I am too blessed to be stressed!”**

We know we are loved and protected, but we never want to take God’s protection for granted. So, let’s pray and ask the Lord to keep us from danger, evil and harm. Let’s pray: **“Dear Daddy God, bless us and bless our families. Keep us happy, healthy and strong. Bless us also with all the wisdom and favour, we need to have a good and successful week. Keep us safe from all accidents, danger and harm. Protect us from all viruses, diseases and sicknesses. We will fear no evil, because you are with us. We call ourselves blessed, blessed, blessed. Thank you for loving us so much, in Jesus’ name we pray, 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.”**