

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP



Theme: Overcoming fear by staying focused on Jesus

Scripture: Hebrews 12:2

Benny the Bunny lived in the zoo. He had lots of friends at the zoo, but he had a big problem: he was afraid of his shadow! And he couldn't get rid of it. It just followed him wherever he went.

One day Benny went to his friend, the turtle and said, "I'm afraid of my shadow. What can I do?"

The turtle answered, "Whenever I'm afraid of something, I just pull my head into my shell until it goes away."

Benny said, "But I don't have a shell!"

So Benny went to see his friend, the zebra and said, "I'm afraid of my shadow. What can I do?"

The zebra said, "When I'm afraid of something I just run as fast as I can until I'm far away from it."

Benny said, "But no matter how fast I run my shadow is still with me."

So Benny went to see his friend, the lion and said, "I'm afraid of my shadow. What can I do?"

The lion said, "I'm never afraid of anything. But if I were, I'd just roar until it went away."

Benny said, "But I'm a rabbit. Rabbits can't roar."

So Benny went to see his friend, the giraffe and said, "I'm afraid of my shadow. What can I do?"

The giraffe thought for a minute, then said, "When I'm nibbling on the leaves at the top of the trees, I don't even notice my shadow because I'm looking up instead of down. So I think if you keep your face toward the sun, you'll never see your shadow."

Benny thought that was pretty good advice, so ever since that day he's kept on facing the sun, and even though his shadow is still there, he was never afraid of it again.

You know, it's the same with us as Christians. Sometimes we have problems that never seem to go away. But as long as we keep on looking toward Jesus, our problems won't seem as scary. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

Let's pray about that: Father God, we know there will be things in life that scare us, so we pray that You'll help us to always keep our eyes on Jesus so that our problems won't seem so scary. We thank You in His holy name. Amen.

Song: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

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