

## Family Devotional Guide 8.9.2020

**Review** some things you've already learned about the false teachers/ apostates Jude is referring to in his letter:

- They were infiltrators – they'd crept (wormed) into the church and were unnoticed. – v. 4
- They were ungodly and perverted (twisted) the grace of God, saying that because of God's grace they were free to do whatever they wanted to do. – v 4
- Just like God had judged the people of Israel, the fallen angels, and Sodom and Gomorrah, God will judge these apostates. – v. 5-7

**Read: Jude 8**

**Ask:** What are the four things Jude says these false teachers do "in like manner", or in the same way as the stories Jude 5-7 reminds us of?

**Read: Jude 9**

**Say:** The account of Michael the archangel and the devil disputing over Moses' body is not found in the OT. It could be that the Holy Spirit inspired Jude to add more information that is not contained in the Torah of the Old Testament.

**Ask:** Since verse 9 tells us Michael did not pronounce judgment on the devil, but instead said, "The Lord rebuke you", what does that mean to you about whether or not Michael thought he had the authority to bring judgment on the devil?

**Say:** God had not given Michael the authority to bring judgment. Michael the archangel did not usurp authority not given to him.

**Read: Jude 8 again** – notice "these people" and **read Jude 10** – (notice again) "But these people".

**Ask:** In Jude 10, (these people are the same these people spoken of in verse 8), what do these false teachers/ apostates do about things they don't understand?

**Say:** The ESV translation says they blaspheme, the Amplified translation says they sneer, and the NLT says they scoff.

**Ask:** Do you find it easy to make fun of (mock) things you don't understand? Why do you think that is?

**Read: Jude 11**

**Say:** Jude 11 compares "these people" to Cain, Balaam, and Korah.

**Read: Genesis 4:1-16 or talk about what you know of Cain's story.**

**Say:** Cain killed his brother out of jealousy and pride because God accepted Abel's gift but did not accept Cain's gift.

**Read the story of Balaam in Numbers 22-24 and 2 Peter 2:15-16**

**Say:** Even though God had warned Balaam not to curse Israel, he gave in to his desire for money (greed) until his donkey stopped him in his tracks.

**Read Numbers 16:1-35**

**Say:** Korah wanted power and position that God had not given to him, and he paid for it.

**Ask:** After hearing these three stories, why do you think Jude said in verse 11, "Woe to them!"

**Read: Jude 12**

**Say:** The early church often met together for a meal followed by the Lord's Supper.

**Ask:** Is a hidden reef dangerous? Why or why not? Are these false teachers dangerous? Why or why not?

**Ask:** According to verse 12, do these false teachers care about other people other than themselves? How do you know?

**Read: Jude 13**

**Ask:** Will there be judgment for these apostates/ false teachers?

**Ask:** Do you see the danger of not addressing these false teachers and not contending for the faith (v. 3)

**Pray** and ask God to help you be aware of false teachers who are not teaching the truth of God's Word, or who are swerving away from "the whole" of what God says for their own personal gain (power, pride, money. position).