

A SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

A 2.5-minute monologue for women

By JANE CAFARELLA

RACHEL (30s-40s), a new Sunday School teacher, tells her pastor about her lesson plan.

Father, I'm honored to be the new Sunday School teacher, truly I am, and I take seriously the assignment God has given me.

I've been doing some lesson plans and I just wanted to run something by you.

I was reading the Children's Bible, and well, I'm sorry to say this, but I have concluded that *(whispers)* it is NOT suitable for children.

She reads from places marked in the Bible:

I mean...Isaac loved Esau because he "liked to eat his venison". Now what does that say to young vegetarians?

And Jacob said to Rebekah, his mother, "Behold, Esau, my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me and I shall seem a deceiver."

(Frowns) Inappropriate!

In Exodus, God tells Moses, "Anyone who curses his father or mother shall be put to death".

The death penalty is NEVER a compassionate solution.

And the message for little girls? Women are abused, sacrificed and traded – and Eve gets the blame!

The world is changing Father, and we need to change with it.

So, I've taken the liberty of making a few edits, starting with Genesis.

She takes out a red pencil

God made the world in seven days?

Unrealistic deadlines put enormous pressure on children exploring their own creativity.

She crosses out "seven".

Adam and Eve are BANISHED from the Garden of Eden? It was only an apple, for God's sake!

She crosses out "banished".

Knowledge is a good thing, if used wisely.

And that's as far as I got, Father, because, don't ya see?

If Adam and Eve STAY in the Garden of Eden with God, then women bring forth their children in JOY not sorrow, God doesn't need to flood the earth to punish humans for their wickedness, and Jesus doesn't NEED to be sacrificed to cleanse the sins of mankind!

There are no sins!

In the beginning - and in the end - they live HAPPILY. EVER. AFTER!

Amen!

She closes the book with great satisfaction.

Much better.

ENDS

306 spoken words

The Children's Bible used as reference for this monologue: THE CHILDREN'S BIBLE IN COLOUR, Esau and Jacob, Genesis 25-27. Paul Hamlyn, 1964, The Hamlyn Publishing Group.

© Jane Cafarella

Free use on the condition that the author is fully credited and notified of when and how the work will be used and your location (city and country), so she can keep track of her work.

[Contact Jane](#)