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**The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (2019) | Childlike Faith | BIBLE STUDY**

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators and parents to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

## PRESS START

**The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part** explores some of the changes and difficulties people face as they grow up. It's exciting to look forward to what life will bring, but also important to enjoy the moment.

**If you are not an adult yet, what are you most looking forward to when you become an adult?  
If you are an adult, what do you miss most about your childhood?**

## EQUIP

Emmet faced a struggle in the movie as he tried to discover who he really was. He started out joyful, innocent, and compassionate, but was pushed by his friends and environment to become something different. His friends became edgy and gritty in their fight to survive. They changed their names to be "cooler" and spent their time brooding on high towers while discussing war and tactics. Meanwhile, Emmet spent his time listening to happy pop music and building a bright, colorful house so Wildstyle and he could live out a happily ever after.

People continued to push him to "grow up" and be more serious and cool until Emmet caved under the pressure and became someone he was not. This change nearly destroyed all of his friends and banished them to storage. In this world, growing up can be confusing as we try to discover who we are and who we are meant to be. Once we have grown up, the struggle to continue to be ourselves does not get any easier. The pressure to grow up and mature can cause us to lose aspects of ourselves like imagination, joy, and innocence. The desire to grow up tells us to push these things aside, but is it possible God has given us these childlike things to know him better?

## LEVEL UP

If we just give the Bible a glance, it appears to give contradicting information in two different places:

**1 Corinthians 13:11** *"When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned like a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things."*

**Mark 10:14-15** *"When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these Children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.'"*

How can we put childish ways behind us, but also receive the kingdom of god like a child? We have to understand the difference between childish and childlike.

Read **1 Corinthians 13**, which is commonly known as the love passage. It describes what love is and what love is not. Love is patient, kind, and protective. Love is not rude, selfish, jealous, or irritable. Which of those lists sounds like a child? The passage goes on to talk about how we see imperfectly

now, but one day we will see everything perfectly. We do not understand everything, but we are still called to love unconditionally. Children do not need to be taught how to be selfish or rude. Those things come naturally. Part of growing up means learning patience, kindness, and selflessness.

Some aspects of childhood, such as selfishness, are important to get rid of, but others we need to hold on to. Jesus tells us we have to come to the kingdom of God like children or we will never enter. Immediately following this story, the bible tells of a rich man who comes to Jesus and asks how to get to heaven (read **Mark 10:17-3**). He trusted in his money, wealth, and good deeds to save him, but it was still not enough. Children are able to easily understand that they only need faith in God and not in what they can do. Their dependence on their parents helps them grasp this concept, but as we grow older and become more dependent, we find it harder to trust only in God for our salvation and seek out things we can do. This is what Jesus meant when he said to receive the Kingdom of God like a child.

Children have an incredible ability to find the awesome in this world. They see things through eyes of wonder and imagination. These were the things Emmet almost lost, but they were the very things that made him special. God wants to give us joy, peace, and a full life, but the world is pushing us towards stress and discontent. While some childish behavior must be given up, we need to keep some of our childlike imagination and faith in order to fully understand salvation and the kingdom of God.

## MOD

**Pick a scene for everyone to imagine (perhaps a day at the beach, a sunset, or a picnic). Describe the scene how an adult would see it. Now describe it how a child might see it. What makes the two so different?**

**We have mentioned several already, but what are some other childish traits we need to put behind us when we grow up? What are some we need to hold on to?**

**Read 1 Timothy 4:12. God can use people of all ages. How can he use children in the church to glorify him? List some examples of ways people your age can serve.**

## PRAY

**Does anyone have anything we need to pray about?**

Pray and thank God for giving us joy, peace, and imagination. Ask Him to help us let go of any trait that would push us away from him and to help us hold onto the childlike faith that will help us grow close to him.

## THE NEXT LEVEL

Here are some examples of young people in the Bible who demonstrated their faith. They did not question God, but had full trust in him and did exactly what he asked without fear.

**David: 1 Samuel 17:12-50**

*"David replied to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies – the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied'"*

**Mary: Luke 1: 26-38**

*"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true'"*

**Young Maid from Israel: 2 Kings 5:1-14** (This is a great example of the difference between the

faith of a child and a grown man)

*"One day the girl said to her mistress, 'I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy.'"*

**The boy who shared his lunch: John 6:1-13**

*"There is a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish."*

**Josiah, the child king: 2 Kings 22**

*"He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right."*

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