



Our Story

Martin Luther

October 27, 2021

God's Bottom Line Promise:
"By Grace you have been saved through faith saved through faith and that is not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Liked, learned, surprised by, wonder about...

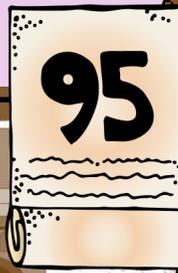
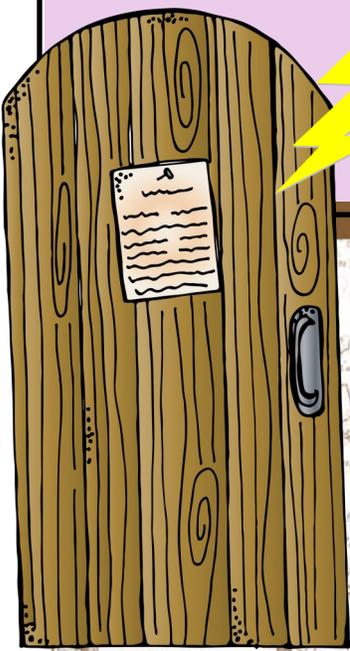
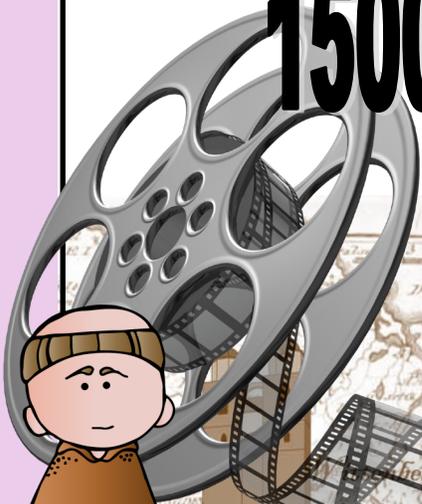
START WITH SHARING

Candlelighting & blessings and bruises

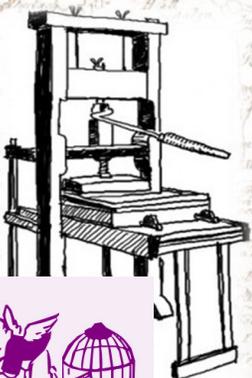
1. What is "power" and what does it mean to have "power"?
2. When do you feel powerful?
3. What is the opposite of powerful and what makes you feel less than powerful?
4. Can you name people who do not have power?

Indulgence

1500's



MARTIN LUTHER'S GERMANY



Community Chest

Get out of Purgatory, for a fee!

back to the story...

1. How and where do we get information today?
How do you know if it's right or wrong?
2. How do you learn about God?
3. Write down some things you know about God?

4. What does it mean to have courage? Talk about someone you consider courageous...
5. What is *grace*? What does "saved" mean? Who is "saved"?
6. Should the pastors and church tell us what to believe or should we figure it out ourselves? Why or why not?
7. Luther grew up believing he had to earn God's love by being good enough to deserve it or working hard enough to earn it. What did he read that changed his point of view? *Read and highlight in your bible: Ephesians 2:8.*
8. On the picture below, write on the protest posters things that people are protesting today...
9. **BONUS QUESTION:** If we can't buy forgiveness and get to heaven by doing good things, why do anything good?

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith: as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." Romans 1



a partial Luther timeline...

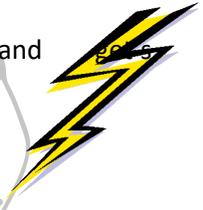
Martin Luther is born! November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany

Martin's parents are middle class Germans

Martin's Dad wants him to be a lawyer

Martin goes to University to become a lawyer

He is traveling back to school and caught in a bad storm...



Martin prays to St. Anne to save him! He promises if she does he will become a priest

He Lives!!! He becomes a priest. His dad is forever mad at him!

The church teaches that all people are bad and sinful & God is in heaven keeping track...GULP!

The church needs to raise money to be able to build St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome

Purgatory – place in between heaven and hell – where one makes up for their sins

INDULGENCES are sold

Luther NEVER feels good enough for God - always punishing himself.

When reading the Bible, he happens upon Romans...

Protests by nailing the 95 theses on the door of the Wittenburg Chapel. October 31, 1517

