Week 2: Don't Get Bit

Big Idea: Rebellion is powerful, but if you don't control it, it will destroy you.

Main Scriptures: Exodus 4:2-4; James 4:7; Luke 18:1-8

Five Major Points:

1. **Rebellion Is Like a Serpent — Powerful but Dangerous**
   - **Scripture:** Exodus 4:2-4
   - **Story/Example:** When Moses threw down his rod, it became a serpent. God told him to pick it up **by the tail**. This was a picture that rebellion must be handled carefully or it will bite you.
   - **Famous Quote:** "With great power comes great responsibility." — Uncle Ben (Spider-Man)
2. **Uncontrolled Rebellion Turns Into Destruction**
   - **Scripture:** Exodus 32:1-6 (The Golden Calf)
   - **Story/Example:** While Moses was on the mountain, the people rebelled — but it wasn't righteous. They made a golden calf and turned to idolatry. Their rebellion destroyed them instead of freeing them.
   - **Famous Quote:** "Rebellion without a cause is like a fire without fuel — it only burns what's around it." — Unknown
3. **True Rebels Know When to Stop**
   - **Scripture:** Luke 18:1-8 (The Persistent Widow)
   - **Story/Example:** The widow kept coming to the unjust judge until she got justice. She was bold and persistent, but she wasn't out of control. She knew her purpose and stayed focused.
   - **Famous Quote:** "Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it." — Nelson Mandela
4. **You Must Resist the Devil — But Stay Under God's Authority**
   - **Scripture:** James 4:7
   - **Story/Example:** We are called to "resist the devil," but the verse also says "Submit yourselves therefore to God." You can't rebel against the enemy while rebelling against God at the same time.
   - **Famous Quote:** "He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster." — Friedrich Nietzsche
5. **Rebellion Without Wisdom Becomes Pride**
   - **Scripture:** Proverbs 16:18
   - **Story/Example:** Some students rebel just to rebel — against parents, pastors, or rules — without a righteous cause. That kind of rebellion is actually pride in disguise.
   - **Famous Quote:** "The line between good and evil runs through every human heart." — Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn