

A Stuck Puppy

Have you ever gotten stuck?

I remember when my oldest son, Aiden, was about 5 years old, he climbed in the tunnels of a McDonalds playground and got scared. He was stuck at the very top, and his dad had to crawl in and rescue him.

Our new puppy, Chip, recently discovered that he could go underneath the deck in our backyard. A short time later, he pulled out a small dead creature that a stray cat had likely drug under there. Gross! So we decided to put lattice around the bottom of the deck to prevent him from going under. We were very careful about putting it in place, making sure it was secure and there were no holes that Chip could crawl through.

The following day, Chip somehow managed to sneak under the deck anyway. When Greyson and Aiden discovered him, he wanted out very badly. By whatever means he had gotten in, he couldn't get back out the same way.

He was stuck.

We had to remove a small piece of lattice to rescue the little guy.

I can't say that I've ever been stuck on a playground or under a deck, but I have felt stuck before.

Sometimes adults say they feel stuck when they don't know how to get out of a

situation. It could be a hard situation where they're struggling to pay their bills, or they can't find a job or place to live. Or they're trying to solve some other kind of problem and they don't know how.

Sometimes people can feel stuck because of a bad choice they made.

Have you ever told a small, little lie? And then you had to tell another lie to cover up the first lie? And then another lie after that? Soon it becomes a huge problem, and you don't know what to do. And find yourself stuck.

There are a lot of reasons why a person can feel stuck. But the truth is, there's always a way out.

Sometimes you can find a way out on your own. But many times, you need help...just like Aiden and Chip needed help.

The Bible says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105). It also says, "My God turns my darkness into light" (Psalm 18:28).

Feeling stuck can feel like you're in the dark, and you don't know which way to go. But the Bible will help you see. Imagine the Bible as your flashlight. Reading it is like pushing the button and turning on the light. It will light up the path that you need to take to get "unstuck."



Have you turned on your light today?

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Finish drawing the pictures of the puppies.

