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Title: He’ll Keep You from Falling

Theme: Only God is able to keep us from falling by forgiving our sins and placing us in Christ

Object: Fan turned to blow in the vertical direction and a balloon to float on the air stream.

Text: Jude 1:24-15 (KJV) 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

These are the final words of the little book of Jude in the NT.

Here Jude tells us that there is Someone who is able to keep us from falling into sin.

When we disobey God’s commandments we fall into sin.

Have you ever heard of God’s commandments? Do you know what they are? [Review 10 commandments]

Any time we break one of these 10 commandments, we fall into sin.

Jesus summarized all the laws of God in just two commandments: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength; and the second, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

So if we don’t love God with all our heart or if we don’t love others the way we love ourselves, we fall into sin.

Now let’s say this balloon is you. You wake up in the morning and you should be happy and helpful.

But today you have a bad attitude. When you mom asks you to make the bed you sass back and say, “No, I don’t feel like it.” And there you go [throw balloon up], falling into sin. God says you have to respect and honor your parents.

Then let’s say you’re eating breakfast and you spill some milk on the table. Your mom asks, “Who spilt the milk on the table?” and you say, “I don’t know. It wasn’t me.” That’s a lie, right? God says you have to always tell the truth. And there you go [throw balloon up], falling into sin again.

So every time you decide to disobey God’s commandments, you fall into sin.

Every time you hate somebody and treat them mean, you fall into sin.

Every time you love things more than Jesus, you fall into sin.

But here is what our bible verse says: there is someone who can keep you from falling into sin, and His name is Jesus.

Jesus has the power to keep you from falling into sin.

So we’re going to pretend that this fan is Jesus, and we’ll see if His power can keep us from falling.

Remember, you are the balloon and Jesus is the fan. Let’s try it!! Wow! It’s working!

Now let’s think about this for a moment. How does Jesus keep you from falling into sin?

He does it with love.

Jesus loved you so much that He left the glories of heaven to be born as a little baby in Bethlehem.

He lived a perfect life and He died on the cross for your sins.

And if you trust Him and ask Him to forgive you, He will.

And He will give you eternal life.

And then you know what happens? Because Jesus has loved you so much, you love Him back.

And when you love Jesus, you will keep His commandments: you will love Him most of all, and you will love others as yourself.

The more you love Jesus the less you will fall into sin.

Do you believe that Jesus can keep you from falling?

Do you love Him? Do you want to love Him more? Let’s tell Him so.