Date: 6/20/20

Title: Killed by Ants

Theme: Don’t let the distraction of life separate you from the things of God..

Object: Broccoli plant killed by ants.

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

This verse tells us that the more we look toward Jesus and the things He wants in our lives, the more we’ll become like Him.

How many have been enjoying the hot weather we’ve been having lately?

It’s hot enough to wear shorts and it’s hot enough to go in the pool.

Summer is finally here.

In fact, today, June 20, is the first day of summer.

This year summer starts today and ends on September 22.

So we have three months of summer to look forward to.

Now because of the Coronavirus pandemic, all of our summer plans have been canceled.

Normally, this would be the first Sabbath of Camp Meeting, and then the last week of July would be our week to go to family camp at Camp Winnekeag.

But everything has been canceled.

Now we have to come up with some different plans to have some summer fun.

One of the things we like to do in the summer is eat fresh vegetables from the garden.

So I told you a few weeks ago about all the things I planted in the garden.

Because it has been so dry, I have had to water the garden every day.

A couple of days ago, I went out to the garden, and I was shocked.

One of my broccoli plants was laying on the ground.

Would you like to see the broccoli plant?

[Show plant. Point out how the plant was cut off above the roots.]

I thought to myself, what in the world could have cut this broccoli plant off above the roots?

As I looked closer at where the broccoli plant was planted, I saw these tiny little brown ants going in and out of the hole where the stem of the plant used to be.

I couldn’t believe it! These tiny little ants chewed through my broccoli plant and killed it.

I was hoping to get a nice big bunch of broccoli from this plant, but now it’s good for nothing.

Now I just have to throw this dead plant on the compost heap and let it rot.

That reminds me of what it’s like to be a Christian.

We are kind of like broccoli plants in God’s garden.

And God is looking forward to us producing a big head of broccoli that He can harvest and take to the kingdom of God.

But in order to grow in God’s garden, we need to stay attached to the roots that make us grow.

We need to be rooted in God’s word, and be praying each day, and singing Christian songs, and be growing to be more like Jesus.

But you know what happens? These little distractions come along like an army of little brown ants.

And before we know it, we’re thinking about other things instead of thinking about how we can be more like Jesus.

So kids, don’t let the distractions of life separate you from Jesus.

Remember our Bible verse today: by keeping Jesus in our minds and hearts, we will become more like Him.

And we’ll be able to look forward to the kingdom of God instead of the compost heap.

How many want Jesus to take them to His kingdom when He returns?