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Super cool news! Liz and his friends are flying off to Luxurious Lizard Lagoon—that is, if the plane ever takes off.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Being open to God's plan.

1. It's said that "hindsight is 20/20"—which just means that it's easier to see the big picture after something has happened rather than while it's happening. [Romans 8:28](#) says that God has a good plan for you in every situation, even though sometimes we can only see it when we look back. Can you think of a time when something good came out of bad situation in your life?

2. Paul and Silas were preaching in the busy market of Philippi when they were thrown into jail ([Acts 16:16-34](#)). What a terrible thing to happen! But they didn't waste time feeling sorry for themselves. They prayed and sang songs to God so loudly that the other prisoners listened to them. Then Paul and Silas witnessed about Jesus to the head jailer and his family. Imagine all the people a Christian jailer could talk to about Jesus—both prisoners and their visitors! As you listen to this episode, think about places and times where you're with other people. How could you show Jesus to them?

Memory Verse

²⁸ We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose,

Romans 8:28

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz and his friends use an unpleasant situation to encourage someone near them. God has placed us where we are for a reason, even if we don't often understand what the reason is. Maybe it's a big opportunity to proclaim his name to a friend or neighbor, like Paul and Silas had. Maybe it's a small opportunity to show love to someone. In [Matthew 10:42](#), Jesus points out that even just giving a cup of cold water to someone who needs it can be done in Jesus' name.

How can we bless the people around us? Often we're so busy looking ahead to the next thing in our lives that we ignore what and who are in front of us. Let's start with a smile and a positive attitude. As Grandpa pointed out, we can be examples of praising God in any circumstance. Purposefully being an encouragement to those around us is one step in trusting that every detail in our lives is worked into something good.

Want to dig deeper and learn more about God's plans and ours? Check out [Proverbs 19:21](#), [Isaiah 14:26-27](#), and [Matthew 5:13-16](#).

Challenge

It's amazing what even a smile can do to make someone's day. Remind yourself to be an encouragement to others by making a smiley-face charm. Print out a picture or emoji and glue it onto a sturdy piece of

cardboard or plastic. On the other side, put a picture of a cross or a heart to remind you that God's plans are always for good. Cover it with clear tape to keep it protected, then attach it with a large safety pin to your backpack or bag. When you see it, think of the people God has placed around you who need a smile and a kind word. You may never know the impact you may have in their lives.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: On what day of the week are Liz and the whole group leaving for the Lizard Lagoon?

Answer: Friday.

Question 2: What phrase is Mr. Lagarto famous for saying?

Answer: "Welcome to the luxurious Lizard Lagoon!"

Question 3: How long is the flight to Lizard Lagoon?

Answer: Two hours.

Question 4: What did Grandpa's father used to say?

Answer: "Your delay is God's masterpiece."

Question 5: What is Spike's favorite ride at the park?

Answer: The Goofy Gator.
