## National Junior High Sunday 2020 "Take the Log Out" based on Matthew 7:3-5

## Benediction

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It's so easy to pick people apart;
to criticize their failures, to tease them.
It's easier to laugh at them and make fun of their faults
than to deal with our own flaws.
But when we stop for a moment,
pause,
and listen,
we can hear a new story unfolding.
We can see a new way forward.
May you see the mess on your own face before cleaning someone else's.
May you examine your own actions before calling out your neighbor.
And may you look at the log in your own eye before you try washing the speck out of your
friend's. May you ask God for the strength to remove it and help you see the world with new,
clear eyes, clean hands, and a hopeful heart!