

Sheep and Goats



MEMORY VERSE: "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"
Matthew 25:40



MATTHEW 25:31-33 Separating Sheep and Goats

1. Jesus is the "Son of Man." Draw a picture of what verse 31 describes.
2. What will Jesus do with all the people gathered in front of Him?
3. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Why do you think this is a good name for Him?



MATTHEW 25:34-40 Sheep on the Right

4. Why were the sheep on His right blessed by the King (Jesus)?
5. Who do you think these people are?
6. Why do you think they said they had not done all those nice things for Jesus?
7. How did King Jesus explain that they actually HAD done those things for Him?



MATTHEW 25:41-46 Goats on the Left

8. Why was the King so angry with the people on His left?
9. What excuses do you think they made for not helping people in need?
10. Why does taking care of people show that we love God?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, you are a sheep, and you will go to heaven. If we truly belong to Jesus, we show love for others because Jesus shows so much love for us. That is how Jesus can tell his sheep from the goats. When you do something kind for someone in need, it's like you're doing it for Jesus Himself. It gives Him joy!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father,
I'm sorry I don't always help people in need. Help me to understand how much You love all the people in the world. Help me to show love for others as You always show love for me.
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Who are the sheep and who are the goats?

Can you think of ways you can take care of other people like the sheep did?



Matthew 25:31-46

The Final Judgment

Matthew 25:31-33

³¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

Matthew 25:41-46

⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

⁴⁵ “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

⁴⁶ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

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