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Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus!

Studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Each lesson has 9-10 questions, a memory verse, a Believe the TRUTH, Pray the TRUTH, and a Walk in TRUTH application section.

These lessons teach foundational Scriptural truths that all age groups can enjoy and apply. In order for your group to understand these truths you may want to adapt them to fit your particular students. Younger children may need help reading and answering the questions or understanding certain words or concepts. On the other hand, older students might need to be challenged to dig in deeper to the Bible so they can more fully grasp the truth and apply it to their lives.

There are many great parables told by Jesus in the Bible. Parables are also called Allegories. Jesus told these simple stories to illustrate powerful truths that people could understand and relate to. Jesus' parables are relevant to us today because He uses examples that we can see like sheep, money, seeds, hurting people or persistent people... to point us to the best way to live - God's way.

These parables are for you! If you love stories and want to be closer to God, this study will be an adventure for you. Look for the heart of God in each story and you will be blessed!



INTRUTH Parables of Jesus



John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

1 Timothy 6:17

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. **Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.**

1 John 1:9

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Matthew 18:33

Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?

Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against these things!

Matthew 25:29

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away."

Luke 10:27

The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

John 3:16

"For God so loved the World that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Matthew 25:40

"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!'"

The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin



MEMORY VERSE: Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6



JOHN 14:6 Jesus is The Way To God

1. What 3 things does Jesus say that He is? What do you think each one means?
2. How does Jesus say we get to the Father (God)?
3. How can this verse help you when you are feeling lost, unsure, or confused?

A parable is a simple story that teaches a lesson. Jesus told lots of stories, or parables, when He was on earth about who He is and who we are.



LUKE 15:3-7 God is Our Shepherd

4. How many sheep does the man have? How many does he lose?
5. What does the man do when he finds out he lost one of his sheep?

6. Since God is the Shepherd and we are the sheep, what does this tell us about how much God loves us?



LUKE 15:8-10 God Rejoices When We Turn to Him

7. Think about a time that you lost something really important to you. How did it make you feel?

8. What would the woman do to find what she had lost?

9. How would the woman react when she finds the missing coin?

10. What happens when someone decides to repent and follow God?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Sheep and coins are valuable, but you are MUCH more valuable. You matter so much to God and He is always pursuing you. Trust Him when you are lost, unsure, confused or just messing up.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for loving me and pursuing me! It is mind-boggling to me that I am so valuable to You especially when I am so helpless. Help me to trust You and to keep my eyes on You. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What do these parables tell you about:

Who God is?

Who you are?



John 14:6; Luke 15:3-10

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Luke 15:3-7

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'

⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Luke 15:8-10

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.'

¹⁰ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

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The Lost Son



MEMORY VERSE: But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9



LUKE 15:11-16 Selfishness Destroys

1. What did the younger son tell his father he wanted?

2. What was the younger sons life like after he left home?

3. How was the younger son selfish?



LUKE 15:17-24 Celebrating Repentance

4. What happened when the son finally came to his senses? vv. 17-19

5. What was surprising about the father's reaction when he saw his son?

6. What can you learn from the son's confession to his father?

7. Instead of punishing his son, what did the father do?

 LUKE 15:25-32 Lost and Found

8. Why was the older son so upset? Was he right or wrong?

9. What did the father explain to his oldest son?

10. How is God like the father in this parable?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

We are like the sons in this parable - either running off and doing bad things or being proud of ourselves for not doing bad things. Both are self-centered. But God is like the Father who loves both sons, in spite of their sin. When you do something wrong, you don't have to be afraid that God will stop loving you. Instead, you can freely run to Him and admit what you've done and ask for forgiveness. Because God loves you, He will forgive you. (See our memory verse!)

PRAY THE TRUTH

Father God,
Thank you for forgiving me when I disobey You or act ungrateful for the love and blessings You give me. Help me to be quick to admit and confess my sins.
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What does this parable tell you about:

How we think and act?

How God thinks and acts?



Luke 15:11-32

Parable of the Lost Son

Luke 15:11-16

¹¹ To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

¹³ “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17-24

¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’”

²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

Luke 15:25-32

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

²⁸ “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

³¹ “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

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The Farmer Scattering Seed



MEMORY VERSE: But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!
Galatians 5:22-23



MARK 4:1-9 Listening to Learn

1. Planting seeds is called "sowing." What happened to the seeds that landed in these different places?

Footpath

Rocky ground

Among thorns

2. Where was the best place for the seeds to fall? Why? v. 8

3. Jesus told the crowd twice to listen to His words (v. 3,9). What do you think it means to "listen" to the Bible?



MARK 4:10-12 Purpose of Parables

4. What did the disciples and others want to know? v. 10



5. Why do you think stories or parables make it easier to understand some things?

6. Why do you think people can see and hear truth and still not understand?



LUKE 15:25-32 Lost and Found

7. Jesus tells us that the seed is _____ v. 14

8. Why did the seeds that landed on the path, rocky soil or thorns fail to grow?

9. Why did the seed in the good soil grow so much better than the other seeds? v. 20

10. If we decide to hear and accept God's Word, what happens to us? (memory verse)

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

It's easy to let things get in the way of spending time with God. He wants us to make reading the Bible and praying to Him our top priority. If we do these things, our faith will grow like the seed in the good soil and He will be most important to us.

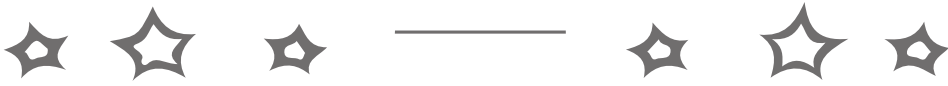
PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord, please help me to have eyes to see and ears to hear so that I can have good soil and grow strong and bear fruit for Jesus.
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What is the most important thing you learned from this parable?





Mark 4:1-20

Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed

Mark 4:1-9

¹ Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore. ² He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

³ "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. ⁴ As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵ Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. ⁸ Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" ⁹ Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

Mark 4:10-12

¹⁰ Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant.

¹¹ He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders, ¹² so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled:

'When they see what I do,
they will learn nothing.

When they hear what I say,
they will not understand.

Otherwise, they will turn to me and be forgiven."

Mark 4:13-20

¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? ¹⁴ The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. ¹⁵ The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. ¹⁶ The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. ¹⁸ The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, ¹⁹ but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. ²⁰ And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

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The Good Samaritan



MEMORY VERSE: The man answered, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27



LUKE 10:29-32 Too Busy to Help

1. What did the bandits do to the man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho?
2. Who came along, and what did they do when they saw the man?
3. What excuses might they have had for passing by the wounded man?



LUKE 10:33-34 Showing Compassion

4. Why did the Samaritan help the Jewish man? What did he do to help him?
5. Samaritans and Jewish people despised each other. Why do you think Jesus told a story about a man helping his enemy?
6. Is it easier to help somebody that you like? Why or why not?



LUKE 10:35-37 Who is My Neighbor?

- 7. Who was a neighbor to the Jewish man? Why?
- 8. How should we treat others? Have you ever helped someone in need?
- 9. Have you ever been surprised by a person who helped you?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that means helping people including those we might not like. Sometimes it's easy to help people and sometimes it's really hard. But it is always worth it because when we show kindness to others, we are actually showing kindness to Jesus.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,
Thank You for the people who have helped me. Help me to care more about other people so that I want to help them. Please show me who my neighbors are and give me courage to do what You want me to. I need Your help to show compassion and mercy to everyone. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Are you a good neighbor?

Can you think of someone who might need some kindness from you?

Is there someone you need to thank for the kindness they showed you?



Luke 10:29-37

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:29-32

²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:33-34

³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

Luke 10:35-37

³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

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The Widow; The Pharisee and Tax Collector



MEMORY VERSE: Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



LUKE 18:1-8 The Persistent Widow

1. What did Jesus want His disciples to learn from this story?
2. Why did the widow keep going back to the unjust judge?
3. What can we learn from the unjust judge? vv. 7-8



LUKE 18:9-14 The Pharisee and Tax Collector

4. Who did Jesus tell this story to?
5. The Pharisee was a religious man. What did he pray?
6. The Tax Collector was despised for taking people's money. What did he pray?

7. What did God think about their prayers? Why? v. 14



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 The Heart of Prayer

8. Prayer is talking to God. Why do you think these help our prayers?

Being Joyful

Being persistent

Being Thankful

9. To be humble means we know we are sinful and need God's help. How can you tell that the widow and the tax collector were both humble?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Prayer is one of the most important things we can do! We can talk to God about anything and know that He always hears our prayers and is ready to help us. The more we pray, the more we learn how to pray and the closer we get to God.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Mighty God,
Thank You that I can come to You in prayer any time and any place. Help me to pray with joy, thankfulness and humility. Help me to keep at it and be persistent in prayer.
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How do these parables encourage you to pray?

Is there anything you want to change about the way you pray?



Luke 18:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8

¹ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ² “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’”

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

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The Rich Man and Lazarus



MEMORY VERSE: Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. **Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.**

1 Timothy 6:17



LUKE 16:19-21 Rich and Poor

1. How did the rich man live? How did Lazarus, the poor man, live?
2. Do you think the rich man ever noticed that Lazarus was suffering?
3. How do you think God wanted the rich man to treat Lazarus?



LUKE 16:22-26 Heaven or Hell

4. Where did Lazarus go and where did the rich man go when they died?
5. What did the rich man want Abraham to do for him?
6. Why wouldn't Abraham do what the rich man wanted?

7. How do you think the rich man used all the good things he had when he was alive?



LUKE 16:27-31 Repent and Turn to God

8. Why did the rich man want Lazarus to go to his father's house?

9. What did the rich man want his five brothers to do? v. 30

10. What very important truth did Abraham share in verse 31?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Even in the afterlife the rich man thought he was extra special, and that Lazarus should serve him. He didn't understand that being special does not get you to heaven. Only trusting in Jesus as Savior leads to heaven.

God gives us many blessings and wants us to be generous with them. He also wants us to share the Bible because that is how people learn to repent and turn to God.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus,
Thank You for dying on the cross to save me from my sins. Please forgive me when I act like the self-centered rich man. Help me to follow You and to be generous with what You have given me.
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Is it hard for you to be generous?

What do you think helps a person be more generous?



Luke 16:19-31

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-21

¹⁹ Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. ²⁰ At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man’s table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

Luke 16:22-26

²² “Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

²⁴ “The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’

²⁵ “But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there. ‘Who you are?’

Luke 16:27-31

²⁷ “Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. ²⁸ For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’

²⁹ “But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’

³⁰ “The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’

³¹ “But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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The Unforgiving Debtor



MEMORY VERSE: Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?
Matthew 18:33



MATTHEW 18:21-27 Mercy and Compassion

1. What did Peter ask Jesus? How did Jesus answer?
2. What do you think Jesus means by "seventy times seven?"
3. In the parable, what did the servant deserve? What did the king do instead?
4. Why did the master forgive his debt?



MATTHEW 18:28-30 An Unforgiving Heart

5. How do you feel when someone forgives you?
6. Why do you think the forgiven servant acted this way?
7. What did the forgiven servant do to his fellow servant who owed him money?



MATTHEW 18:31-35 A Forgiving Heart

- 8. Why were some of the other servants so upset?
- 9. Why was the king angry with the forgiven servant? What did he do about it?
- 10. What do you think Jesus wants us to learn from this parable?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Forgiving someone can be very hard. Sometimes, we would rather hold a grudge than forgive someone who hurt us. It helps if we remember that Jesus forgives us for every single evil thing we have done or thought, even though we don't deserve it. Jesus wants us to forgive others because He has forgiven us, not because they deserve it.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,
 Thank You for forgiving me over and over again. Help me to have pity and compassion on people the way the king did. Help me to understand that my own life is better when I forgive.
 Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Is it hard for you to forgive?

Is there someone you need to forgive?



Matthew 18:21-35

Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor

Matthew 18:21-27

²¹ Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

²² “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

²³ “Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold — along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned — to pay the debt.

²⁶ “But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’²⁷ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

Matthew 18:28-30

²⁸ “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. ³⁰ But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

Matthew 18:31-35

³¹ “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³² Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

³⁵ “That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

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The Three Servants



MEMORY VERSE: "To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away."

Matthew 25:29



MATTHEW 25:14-18 Responsibility

1. What did the master trust each of his servants to do?
2. How much did the master think each servant was able to take care of?
3. What did each servant do with the money entrusted to him?



MATTHEW 25:19-23 Two Faithful Servants

4. What did the first two servants earn while the master was away?
5. How did the master respond to each of them?
6. How would you describe the first two servants?



MATTHEW 25:24-30 The Useless Servant

7. What did the third servant do with the money he had been given?
8. What excuses did the servant make for his behavior?
9. How did the master respond to this servant?
10. What do you think Jesus is trying to teach you about the abilities He has given you?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God created each of us to do good things for Him and He gave us the abilities to do them. The more we use what He has given us the more blessed we will be. It is very fulfilling to be a faithful servant. So, find out what your abilities are and use them for His glory.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,
Thank you that you have a plan for me.
Please help me to see what my abilities are and show we ways that I can use them to honor and serve you.
Amen

WALK IN TRUTH



Can you think of someone you know who is being responsible with what God has given them?



Matthew 25:14-30

Parable of the Three Servants

Matthew 25:14-18

¹⁴ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last — dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

¹⁶ “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

Matthew 25:19-23

¹⁹ “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. ²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

²¹ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

²² “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

²³ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

Matthew 25:24-30

²⁴ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

²⁶ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, ²⁷ why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

²⁸ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹ To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. ³⁰ Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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The Evil Farmers



MEMORY VERSE: "For God so loved the World that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



LUKE 20:9-10 Farming God's Earth

1. What did the man in this parable do? v. 9
2. A tenant farmer works on land that someone else owns. What did the farmers do when the owner sent his servant to collect his share of the crop?
3. Who owns the earth and everything in it? How are we like tenants here on earth?



LUKE 20:11-15 Evil Farmers

4. How did the tenant farmers treat the next two servants?
5. The owner had a _____ son. Why did he send his son to the farmers?
6. Why did the tenant farmers murder the owner's son?
7. What do you think about these farmers?



LUKE 20:16-18

Punishment for the Evil Farmers

- 8. What will the owner of the vineyard do to these wicked people?

- 9. In this parable, God is the owner and Jesus is the cherished Son that the farmers killed. Jesus is also the Cornerstone. What do you know about how Jesus was treated during His time on earth?

- 10. How can we live like a good farmer instead of like a wicked farmer?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:17) This is why God wants us to tell people how much He loves them. All we have to do is believe and accept His Son, who died for our sake. We show God honor when we love Jesus and take care of everything He has put in our care. Be a good and faithful farmer!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Heavenly Father,
Please forgive me for the times I have not taken care of something you trust me with. I don't want to be an evil farmer!
Thank you for sending your son Jesus. I believe that He is Your Son and that He died for me.
Thank you for giving me second chances!
Help me to honor you in all I say and do.
I love You, God!

WALK IN TRUTH



How does our memory verse explain about both God's love and His justice?



Luke 20:9-18

Parable of the Evil Farmers

Luke 20:9-10

⁹ Now Jesus turned to the people again and told them this story: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and moved to another country to live for several years. ¹⁰ At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop. But the farmers attacked the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed.

Luke 20:11-15

¹¹ So the owner sent another servant, but they also insulted him, beat him up, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² A third man was sent, and they wounded him and chased him away.

¹³ “‘What will I do?’ the owner asked himself. ‘I know! I’ll send my cherished son. Surely they will respect him.’

¹⁴ “But when the tenant farmers saw his son, they said to each other, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’ ¹⁵ So they dragged him out of the vineyard and murdered him. “What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to them?” Jesus asked.

Luke 20:16-18

¹⁶ “I’ll tell you — he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others.”

“How terrible that such a thing should ever happen,” his listeners protested.

¹⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “Then what does this Scripture mean?

‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’

¹⁸ Everyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

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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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