

## Feast of the Tabernacles

John 7:1-36

After Jesus had miraculously fed the 5000 with five loaves of bread and two fish, He taught His disciples for about six months in Galilee. He would not travel to Judea at this time because the Jewish rulers wanted to kill Him.

The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths was soon to be celebrated in Jerusalem, which is in Judea. The feast lasted eight days and the people were to live in booths, or tent-like dwelling places, made of fresh branches of fruit and palm trees. This was to help them remember how their fathers lived in the wilderness after the Lord delivered them from Egypt. The feast also reminded them of God's care and protection over them.

Jesus' brothers went to Jerusalem for the feast. Jesus did not travel with them, but waited until the feast was about half over, and then He went to Jerusalem. He went to the temple and began to teach God's word. The Jews couldn't understand how Jesus could be such a good teacher who had so much knowledge. They knew He had never gone to any of their "religious schools" to learn. Jesus told them that He did not speak His own words, but the words of God. His goal was to glorify His Father in heaven.

Jesus then told them His teaching was directly from God, and they needed to obey it. Jesus knew that there were people in Jerusalem who wanted to put Him to death. He told the people that He would not always be with them. They needed to obey now!

Some said Jesus was just a "good man." Others said He wasn't a good man because of all the trouble He caused with the people. Others believed He was the Son of God, but they were afraid to say anything because they feared the Jews. Jesus wasn't afraid of these Jews, however, because He knew that God was protecting Him.

People today are still saying these same things about Jesus. We must believe Jesus is who He said He was — the only True and Living Son of God. We must never be afraid to let others know who Jesus is, and that He is first in our lives!

### Notes for Parents:

- Our glory is in the Lord, never ourselves. We are said by some to be "moons" not "suns." As the moon shines because it is a reflection of a greater source of energy, the sun, Christians shine as a reflection of the Greatest Source of everything, God!
- Jesus was not just a good man, He was the Son of God. It is upon this belief that all salvation rests.
- God would not allow Jesus to be taken before the time was right. This shows that man had no power over God, God allowed Jesus to be killed upon the cross to purchase our salvation.
- Since Jesus was soon to go back to heaven, it was important for Him to get His work done on the earth. We should have the same urgency.

### Getting the Main Points:

Color the face yellow for "Yes" and black for "No"

1. 😊 Did the Jewish rulers who wanted to kill Jesus?
2. 😊 Was the Feast of Tabernacles held in Galilee?
3. 😊 Was Jesus afraid to teach in the temple in Jerusalem?
4. 😊 Did the words that Jesus' taught come from men?
5. 😊 Is Jesus the only True and Living Son of God?
6. 😊 Is Jesus first in your life?

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 33 through 36 and answer the following questions.

1. How much longer would Jesus be with them?
2. Where would Jesus go from there?
3. Why couldn't the people looking for Jesus go where He was going?
4. Did the Jews understand that Jesus was talking about going to heaven?

### Memory Work:

#### John 8:12

*"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"*

## Christ the Living Water / Forgiveness

John 7:37-8:11

During the Feast of Tabernacles, there was a ceremony where water was taken from a certain pool and poured out into an altar. This was to remind the people of the water God caused to come from the rock when Moses struck it (Lesson 103).

Jesus told the people, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in me shall have rivers of living water flow from within." Jesus was the "Living Water." God's words would be taken into the hearts of Christians and God's glory would be shown by the way they lived and how they taught His word.

These words caused much division among the people. As we learned in our last lesson, some people just didn't want to believe in Jesus. There were some, however, who were beginning to say that Jesus was the Son of God and that He was the Christ. Even though many began to hate Jesus, they would not seize Him because He spoke like nobody else had ever spoken before.

The Scribes and Pharisees wanted to try to test Jesus to prove that He was not the Son of God. They brought a woman to Him who they had caught sinning. They said the law commanded that the woman be killed by stoning her, but they asked Him what He had to say about it. Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. He straightened up and said "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Jesus knew their hearts were not right in bringing this woman to Him. They were just as sinful as she was. When they heard Jesus' words, they began leaving one by one. Jesus told the woman to go and sin no more. Jesus was willing to forgive her for her sin.

Jesus hates sin, but loves all people. He knows our thoughts and our hearts. He wants you and I to live for Him and to do things for the right reasons. If we will come to Him and confess our sins, He will forgive us for them.

### Notes for Parents:

- The words of Jesus will satisfy us — every need of our lives can be met through living a Christian life. We can have life and life more abundantly if we will live as the Bible directs us to live.
- We should not have the attitude that the Jews had when it comes to the Bible. We must be wanting to know the truth, not just try to prove that what we believe is right. There is only one right way and we must find it. This will take a careful and thoughtful search.
- Belief in Jesus still causes disagreements. In fact, many of the worst wars in history were over religious beliefs.
- While Jesus was not condoning the sins of the woman, He was also not going to allow the Jews to test Him. Jesus told her to sin no more!

### Getting the Main Points:

Write a "T" for True and an "F" for False.

1. \_\_\_\_ Jesus was talking about physical drinking water in John 7:37.
2. \_\_\_\_ Everyone believed in Jesus and wanted to obey Him.
3. \_\_\_\_ They were so mad at Jesus that they seized Him.
4. \_\_\_\_ The scribes and Pharisees really cared about the sinful woman and wanted to help her.
5. \_\_\_\_ Jesus said they were much better than this woman.
6. \_\_\_\_ Jesus hates sin, but loves all people.
7. \_\_\_\_ Jesus would not forgive the sins of the woman.

### For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 7 verses 50 through 53 and answer the following questions.

1. Who spoke up on behalf of Jesus?
2. What was supposed to happen before a man would be judged?
3. Where did they think Nicodemus was from?
4. What did they tell Nicodemus to search for and learn?

### Memory Work:

#### John 8:12

*"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"*

## Jesus Is the Light of the World

John 8:12-59

When you come to a room that is very dark, the first thing you do is turn on a light. Without light, you would run into things and hurt yourself. We don't like being in the darkness, we would rather be in a lighted area. In the darkness we cannot see, in the light we can see everything.

God, through His Word, tells us the world and sin are like darkness. Jesus is called the "Light of the World" because through Him we can see all things that are good. When we don't have Jesus in our lives, we are like the person in the dark room. Jesus is our way to God because He shows us the way to heaven. We are safe and truly happy when we follow Jesus.

This is what Jesus wanted the Jews to understand and believe. Some of them did believe, but many of them did not. Many still wanted to kill Him. Under the old law, if two witnesses agreed on what happened, it was considered to be the truth. Jesus said that both He and God were witnesses that He was the Son of God. This should have convinced the Jews that it was true. They still would not believe. He told them that they would know when He was raised up on the third day (when He was raised from the dead).

Jesus said when we live a sinful life it is like being a slave. We are a slave to sin and a slave to the devil. Jesus tells us that the truth will make us free from being a slave to sin. Listen to Jesus' words in John 8:32 *"... and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Jesus also tells us there is no truth in the devil, he is a liar and the father of lies. It is a serious thing to call someone a liar, but Jesus knew that was exactly what the devil is. The devil never has anything good to give us — never!

Jesus said, *"... unless you believe that I am He (the Son of God), you shall die in your sins."* We must believe in Jesus and obey Him. Let Him be the Light of your life, and you will be in heaven with Him someday!

### Notes for Parents:

- It is said during the Feast of Tabernacles there was a ceremony of lighting a great candelabra. It had 4 receptacles for oil and was placed in the inner court. It was so tall the priests climbed ladders to light the oil. When lit, there was much joy. This was to remember the blessing of the pillar of fire which led their fathers in the wilderness. What that pillar of fire was to Israel (leading them through darkness and the wilderness), Jesus is for the whole world.
- Jesus was trying very hard to convince the Jews that He was the Messiah, but they would not listen. The final outcome of this argument was — either believe or die in your sins. It is the same for us.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Jesus is called the           | Free               |
| 2. The world is in _____ to sin. | Liar               |
| 3. The truth will make us        | die in your sins   |
| 4. The devil is a                | believe and obey   |
| 5. Unless you believe, you will  | Slavery            |
| 6. We must _____ Jesus.          | light of the world |

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 56 through 59 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Abraham do when he saw Jesus' day?
2. What did the Jews say when Jesus told them about Abraham?
3. What words did Jesus use to say He was before Abraham?
4. How did the Jews react when Jesus told them He was God?

### Memory Work:

#### John 8:12

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## **Jesus Heals a Blind Man**

### **John 9**

As Jesus left the temple, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made clay, and then put the clay on the blind man's eyes. He told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man obeyed Jesus, washed in the pool, and came back and was able to see.

The neighbors could not believe what they saw. Some even thought it wasn't the same man, but just someone who looked like him. They asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He told them what Jesus had done and when he obeyed, he received his sight.

They brought this man to the Pharisees. (Remember the Pharisees were always looking for a way to condemn Jesus). He explained to the Pharisees what had happened, but they didn't believe him. They even found his parents and asked them if this was really their son who had been born blind? They told them that he was their son, but they were afraid to answer them about how he had been cured of his blindness.

The healed man was very brave in telling them about Jesus. He was not afraid to tell the Pharisees about the One who had cured him of his blindness. People who believed in Jesus were sometimes treated very badly, and even killed. But this man knew Jesus was from God, and believed in Him even in front of these Pharisees.

Jesus wants you and me to stand up for Him and not be afraid to tell others about Him. He is the greatest Friend we could ever have! He wants us to have the courage to proclaim His word throughout the world. Are we good workers for Jesus?

#### **Notes for Parents:**

- As appropriate, include the discussion of verses 2-5. Sing the song "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."
- The blind man was able to see things that even the Pharisees could not see. He could see that Jesus was the Son of God because of the works He did. He even told the Pharisees that nobody could do these kinds of works if He were not from God.
- The Pharisees became so upset that they would listen to the blind man. They told him that a sinner could not teach them anything. We must be careful when our beliefs get in the way of learning the truth.
- Jesus said that He came to allow those who cannot see to see, and those who see to become blind. This refers to those who think they are always right. They will not change their minds and therefore they are blind. Those who will listen will truly see the truth.

**Getting the Main Points:**

1. What healed the blind man?
  - a. the clay put on his eyes
  - b. Jesus
  - c. a doctor
2. When was the man healed?
  - a. after he obeyed Jesus and washed in the pool
  - b. when the clay was put on his eyes
  - c. when Jesus saw him
3. What did the man tell the Pharisees?
  - a. nothing, because he was afraid of them
  - b. Jesus had healed him and Jesus was from God
  - c. to talk to his parents
4. How did the man's parents feel?
  - a. they told the Pharisees they believed in Jesus
  - b. they ran away
  - c. they were afraid of the Pharisees
5. What should you and I do for Jesus today?
  - a. stand up for Him!
  - b. never talk about Him because we're afraid
  - c. not believe in Him

**For the More Advanced:**

Read verses 1 through 5 and answer the following questions.

1. What did the disciples of Jesus think had happened to the blind man?
2. Who had sinned - the man or his parents?
3. Why did Jesus say the man was born blind?
4. What must we do while it is still day?

**Memory Work:****John 8:12**

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## **Good Shepherd**

### **John 10:1-21**

Jesus was having a difficult time convincing the Jews that He was the Christ. In today's lesson, He uses a story to help them understand why He had come to the earth. He also uses this story to convince them that He is the Christ.

Sheepfolds were places where each shepherd of the community would keep his flock of sheep at night. There was a person called the doorkeeper who would guard the sheepfold from thieves. The doorkeeper knew the shepherds and when they came with their sheep at night, he would let them in through the door. Anyone who tried to get into the sheepfold any other way than through the door, was a thief or robber. The Pharisees understood this because many of them were shepherds and they knew a lot about sheep. Jesus used this example to teach them a spiritual lesson.

Jesus said that He was the true shepherd. Other men had come before Him saying that they were the Messiah, but Jesus said they were robbers and thieves who were just trying to steal the sheep. They were not entering into the sheepfold through the gate, they were climbing over the fence. When these other men would call the sheep, they would not listen because they did not recognize their voice.

Jesus said He was the true shepherd who entered through the gate and the sheep came when He called because they knew His voice. This meant that Jesus was truly the One who should be the Messiah and when He spoke God's word to the people, they would recognize Him. Many of them still did not recognize Him, but God's true children recognized Him and followed Him.

Jesus also told them that they must follow Him if they wanted to go to heaven. There was no other way to enter in (just as there was no other way to get into the sheepfold). Anyone who tried to get in to heaven by another way would be a robber and a thief and would be a false teacher. These people won't be in heaven.

Jesus also told the people He was the Good Shepherd. Jesus said the His sheep know Him and He knows his sheep (Jesus knows those who obey Him). He says He loves His sheep so much that He would lay down his life for them (Jesus would give up his life on the cross for you and me).

Many Jews did not want to believe Jesus and even said He was crazy. But others remembered how He had healed the blind man, and knew He had to be from God. We must be a good sheep also and recognize our true leader. Jesus laid down His life for us, His sheep. What should we be willing to give for Jesus?

#### **Notes for Parents:**

- Jesus truly is the one and only way to the Father. There are many false teachers today teaching other ways to get to God. Jesus is the only door to eternal life!

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Sheepfold                             | False Teachers        |
| 2. Door                                  | The Good Shepherd     |
| 3. Teach different ways to get to God    | Heaven                |
| 4. Jesus is this                         | follow Him            |
| 5. What Jesus gave for you and me        | steal the sheep       |
| 6. What good sheep do for their shepherd | Jesus                 |
| 7. What "other shepherds" want to do     | His life on the cross |

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 16 through 18 and answer the following questions.

1. What would do with the sheep from the other fold (the Gentiles)?
2. How many flocks and how many shepherds will there be?
3. What did Jesus say was the reason that the Father loved Him?
4. Was Jesus forced to come to the earth to lay down His life?

### Memory Work:

#### John 8:12

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## The Mission of the Seventy

Luke 10:1-24

Jesus taught God's word while He was on the earth and He also chose others, like the Apostles, to go out and teach. After choosing the Apostles, Jesus chose 70 other men to go out and teach others about Him. He sent them out two by two to many cities and places.

Jesus told these 70 it would not be an easy job. They would be like lambs in the middle of wolves. Some would not listen to them, but others would listen and obey. They were not supposed to carry a purse, a bag, or shoes on their travels. This would force them to trust in God to take care of them. They would be taken care of by staying at people's houses who would listen, and in turn they would teach these people God's ways.

Jesus said, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*" This meant that there are a lot of people in the world who need to hear God's word and become Christians. God wants us to pray that there will be a lot of people who will be able to teach them.

Think how sad it would be if there was a great big field of crops ready to pick, but there was no one to do the work. The crops would just die and a lot of good food would be lost.

The field full of crops is the world. The crops are people waiting to hear the gospel. But how sad it is when there is no one willing to do the work — to teach people the gospel! Remember what would happen to the crops in the field if they weren't picked? They would die. And so will many people die spiritually if you and I don't teach them, or at least find someone who will.

Jesus said to pray there would be more laborers, more workers for Him, and more people willing to teach others the gospel! Aren't you glad someone cares enough about you that you are learning about Jesus? As you get older, just think how you can teach others about Him too. You can even do that now by being a good example and letting your light shine. Be a good worker for the Lord!

These 70 who went out to preach were very encouraged because Jesus had given them the power to do great things. They were doing such a good job that Jesus said He could see "*...satan falling from heaven like lightning.*" Jesus also told them that the most important thing to be happy about was that their names were written in heaven. Do you want to have your name written in heaven?

### Notes for Parents:

- Parents, do your children view you as a laborer in the Lord's harvest? Your example may set the pattern for their early life.
- There are lots of people out there who need to be taught about Jesus. We can use the example given here to go out with others to make the job a little easier. We also should know when to move on when some do not want to listen. They will be judged by their actions.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the picture that matches the words.

1. The one who teaches God's word.
2. The world who need teaching.
3. There are lots of these.
4. There are not enough of these.



### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 22 through 24 and answer the following questions.

1. Who gave all things to Jesus?
2. How will we be able to know the Father?
3. What did Jesus call the eyes that see all the things they saw?
4. Who desired to see all of the things that these people had seen?

### Memory Work:

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

## Good Samaritan / Mary and Martha

Luke 10:25-42

One day a lawyer asked Jesus what he should do to have eternal life. Jesus asked him what the law said. The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus told him that was the correct answer. But the lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus then told him the story of Good Samaritan.

A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He came upon some robbers and they stripped him of his clothing and beat him. They left him there half dead.

By chance a certain priest was going down on that road. When he saw the injured man, he passed by on the other side. A Levite also came by and saw the man, and he too passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan came by, and when he saw the beaten man, he felt compassion. He bandaged up his wounds, put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan gave money (two day's wages) to the innkeeper and said, "*Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.*"

Jesus then asked the lawyer which of these three men was neighbor to the man? The lawyer said, "*The one who showed mercy toward him.*" Jesus said to him, "*Go and do the same.*"

Jesus then entered a certain village and met two women who were sisters. Their names were Mary and Martha. Martha was working hard to get things ready for dinner, while Mary was listening to Jesus teach. Finally Martha asked Jesus to make Mary help her. Jesus told her that Mary was taking care of the important things — listening to the words that would save her soul. Jesus wants us to take care of the important things and not get too busy doing things that are not important.

### Notes for Parents:

- If we would love God and love our neighbor as Jesus wants us to, all other things would be taken care of.
- The lawyer was not trying to get out of doing good to everyone. He was hoping his neighbor would be just a few people — not the whole world. Jesus said it was whoever we came across in our lives.
- This is an example of applying the "Golden Rule."
- Love for our neighbor begins with the proper love for God.
- The priest and the Levite were both involved in looking religious, but they were not concerned about living religiously.
- God says when we do good to our neighbor, we also do good to Him.
- There are only a few things that make a major difference in our lives. We should spend our time doing those things well. We must know when to stop doing the unimportant to allow time for important things.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line from the words in the boxes to the blanks.

thieves	strength	mind	heart	soul
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1. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_\_\_; and your neighbor as yourself."
2. A man fell among \_\_\_\_\_ who beat him and left him half dead.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ saw him and passed by on the other side.
4. When the Samaritan saw the man he felt \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who was this man's "neighbor?" \_\_\_\_\_

The Samaritan	Levite	compassion	priest
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### For the More Advanced:

Make a list of at least 5 people who are your "neighbors." These would be people that need your help. Also list how you can help them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I could help them by \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I could help them by \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I could help them by \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I could help them by \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I could help them by \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Work:

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

## Woes on the Pharisees and Lawyers

**Luke 11:37-54**

When it was time for a meal, it was a Jewish tradition to wash their hands before they ate. They practiced this as if it were a religious law. In fact, they treated it as if it were more important than the law. If you did not wash your hands, they felt you were sinning. Yet they did not keep the important matters of the law. They were too busy keeping their traditions.

One day a Pharisee asked Jesus to have lunch with him. The Pharisee was surprised when Jesus did not wash his hands before eating. Jesus took that opportunity to tell the Pharisees how He felt toward them. He said they were like a cup that was clean on the outside, but very dirty on the inside. Outwardly they kept their traditions, but inwardly they were full of wickedness. They were missing the important matters of the law, like justice and God's love, by being so concerned over their own man-made traditions.

Jesus told them they loved to have the best seats in the synagogues and to have others give them special greetings in the marketplaces. The reason they liked these things was so they could be seen and honored by men. They were too proud of themselves.

One of the men, a lawyer, told Jesus that He was insulting them. Jesus then began to tell the lawyers what He felt about them. He told them they give others burdens that were very hard to bear, but they themselves would not lift a finger to help anyone. They were good at making rules for others, but were not good at following them.

Jesus told them outwardly they built fancy tombs for the old prophets who had died, but inwardly they hated and wanted to murder the Prophet, Jesus! They were also making it hard for those who wanted to follow Jesus.

As Jesus was leaving, the Pharisees and lawyers were very upset with Him. They kept asking Him questions, trying to catch Him doing or saying something wrong.

Jesus is not pleased with people who don't follow Him. He is even less pleased with those who make it hard for others to follow Him. We must be careful and make sure we are helpful to our Christian brothers and sisters.

### Notes for Parents:

- Jesus knows us inwardly. Our thoughts and motives must be as clean as our outward body. We can't fool Jesus. Never let man-made traditions compete with God's law.
- Actions that appear righteous are not good enough for God. He not only wants us to do good, He wants us to do it for the right reason.
- Pride and selfishness are deadly traits. We must be careful not to do things to be "seen of men."

**Getting the Main Points:**

Write a "Y" for Yes or an "N" for No.

1. \_\_\_\_ Was it wrong to wash your hands before eating?
2. \_\_\_\_ Was it a sin if you did not wash your hands before eating?
3. \_\_\_\_ Is it important to be clean inwardly as well as outwardly?
4. \_\_\_\_ Is it a sin to sit in the front row?
5. \_\_\_\_ Is it important why we do the things we do?
6. \_\_\_\_ Should we do things just to be seen of men?
7. \_\_\_\_ Did these Pharisees and lawyers want to kill Jesus?

**For the More Advanced:**

Read verses 40 through 44 and answer the following questions.

1. What parts of man did God make?
2. What did the Pharisees give as tithes to God?
3. What did they forget to do because they were too busy tithing?
4. What are the people unaware of as they "walk over" the Pharisees?

**Memory Work:**

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*



## Christ Warns Against Hypocrisy / Riches

Luke 12:1-34

As Jesus was talking to His disciples, He told them to watch out for the Pharisees because they were hypocrites. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be something he really is not. Jesus knows our hearts, and He knows what kind of person we are on the inside. Nothing is hidden from Him. He knows what we do, what we say, what we think, and what we feel. Jesus even knows how many hairs we have on our head!

Jesus wants us to be sincere and have clean hearts. He also wants us to believe in Him and stand up for Him. He should be the most important one in our lives. Listen to the parable Jesus told about a man who trusted in his riches and put them first in his life.

There was a rich man who had many crops and many possessions. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, then just decided to take it easy and "*eat, drink and be merry.*" He was so concerned about his riches, that he didn't leave any room in his life for the Lord. He didn't think about the importance of his soul. Jesus called him a fool. He only laid up treasures for himself on earth, and was not rich towards God. God wants those who will lay up treasures in heaven.

Jesus continued teaching His disciples other important lessons. He said that worrying doesn't do anyone any good. Jesus promised we would have enough food and clothing. He takes care of the birds and the lilies in the field, and we are much more important than these. We must grow in our faith and trust in Jesus. We know He always keeps His promises. He wants us to seek His Kingdom first, and all the other needs we have will be met. Let's keep Jesus first in our lives!

Jesus said, "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" Put your heart and treasure in heaven where it will be taken care of. It cannot be taken away or damaged because God is watching out for it.

### Notes for Parents:

- Verses 8-9 regarding confessing Jesus was omitted from the story, yet is worthy of discussion with our children. There are many ways one can "confess" or "deny" Jesus — it isn't limited to verbal statements. See songs "God Will Take Care Of You" and "Stand Up For Jesus."
- God continues to stress the importance of having the proper attitude. Being a hypocrite is not acceptable to God.
- God will take care of us. Many of us don't act like this is true, but it can actually be tested. Give unto God as you should and see how things turn out. It will certainly work out the way God promised.
- Worry will only cause us to be ineffective. God wants us to focus on the important things in this life and not get caught up in the things that are not as important. Remain focused on the road ahead.
- Nothing is hidden from God. He not only knows what we do, He also knows why we do it. Knowing this should cause us to be careful.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. The Pharisees were             | Birds and lilies    |
| 2. Jesus knows how many we have   | be rich             |
| 3. Jesus cares for these          | worrying            |
| 4. This will not help anything    | hypocrites          |
| 5. Who will take care of you      | hairs on our heads  |
| 6. What we must do towards God    | God                 |
| 7. This is where your treasure is | where your heart is |

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 29 through 34 and answer the following questions.

1. What do we not need to seek after?
2. Does God know that we are in need of these things?
3. What do we need to do if we want all of these things added to us?
4. What has God gladly chosen to give us?

### Memory Work:

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

## Christ Teaches on Stewardship

Luke 12:35-59

A "steward" is a person put in charge of things belonging to someone else. He has the responsibility of taking good care of those things until the person returns. Jesus taught His disciples some important lessons about stewardship. Jesus has made you and me stewards today. Let's see what things He has put us in charge of that actually belong to Him.

1. His Word — Jesus gave us His Word, the Bible, to teach us how to live so we could spend eternity with Him in heaven. He wants us to take care of our Bibles, to treat them properly. He also wants us to share the Bible with others so they can go to heaven too. We must put God's words into practice in our lives. We must live exactly as the Bible tell us.
2. Time — Jesus gave us time (24 hours a day) to use. He wants us to use our time wisely. He expects us to do good things with our time — to do those things that will help us grow and also help others. He expects us to use our time to prepare us for the judgment and heaven. Jesus wants us to be ready when He returns.
3. Our Body — Jesus gave us our body to live in while on the earth. Inside our body we have a soul, which will live forever. Jesus wants us to care for our physical body while living on this earth. We should eat good foods that will help us be healthy. We should get enough rest. We should never do anything to harm or hurt our body. Remember: A steward has the responsibility to take good care of what he has been given. Let's take good care of our bodies!
4. Our Abilities — Jesus wants us to use the abilities He has given us so we can do His work. If we have a few things we can do well, Jesus wants us to do those few things well. If we have a lot of things we can do well, Jesus wants us to do all of those things well. We will be judged by how we used the talent that Jesus gave us.

The Lord will return one day. We must be ready for Him to come at any time because He did not tell us when that time would be. He wants us to be prepared by living for Him every day, obeying His Word, and being good stewards. He tells us that we will have to pay for what we did while on this earth. If we did good things we will get our rewards, but if we did not do good things, we will also get our punishment. We must use everything God has given us so we will be ready when Jesus returns.

### Notes for Parents:

- Discuss other things Jesus has made us stewards of: money, possessions, abilities, etc. In what condition will He find these things when He returns?
- Please read the scriptures listed above because this lesson is more of a summary of what was said than an actual account of the passage.

### Getting the Main Points:

Write a "T" for True or an "F" for False.

1. \_\_\_\_ A steward is someone who is given something to keep forever.
2. \_\_\_\_ Jesus has made you and I stewards today.
3. \_\_\_\_ We must take good care of the things Jesus has left us.
4. \_\_\_\_ It doesn't matter how we treat our physical bodies.
5. \_\_\_\_ We must use our time to prepare us for the judgment.
6. \_\_\_\_ We have abilities which we must use for God's work.
7. \_\_\_\_ We know when the Lord is coming again.

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 58 through 59 and answer the following questions.

1. What should you do as you are on your way to the court?
2. Why do you want to settle before you get to the court?
3. What will happen if you are turned over to the constable?
4. When will you finally get out of the prison?

### Memory Work:

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

## Christ Teaches on Repentance and Parables

Luke 13:1-21

In our lesson today we are going to be studying "repentance." Jesus told the Jews, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." Repentance means:

1. To have a change of heart
2. To go in the direction towards God and away from the world
3. To change things in our life that are wrong, to do what is right

When we do things that God says are wrong (sin), we should feel sorry and decide to stop doing them. We can pray for strength to change these things, and God will help us.

As an example, if we are repenting from bad thoughts, we would remove thoughts which are bad and think the right kinds of thoughts. God tells us about some good thoughts in the Bible. Philippians 4:8 tells us to think about things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and of good repute (things that have a good reputation). If we spent more time thinking good thoughts, we would be less likely to sin.

When we are sorry that we do wrong and ask God to forgive us, then our hearts will be right with God. When our hearts are right with God, our actions will be right too. The actions in our lives will either be like good fruit or bad fruit.

Jesus told a story about a fig tree that had never grown any fruit. Finally one day the owner decided that the tree would be cut down since it was not of any value to him. The vine-dresser convinced him to leave it there for one more year and if it still did not produce fruit it would be cut down.

This is just like our lives. Jesus may be looking at us and saying that we are not producing any fruit. He may be deciding whether or not we are of any value to Him. He may be giving us just a little more time to produce fruit before He cuts us down. This simply means that Jesus will allow us some amount of time to repent, and after that it will be too late. It is important that we act quickly and repent so we are always useful to God. Are you producing fruit for Jesus in your life?

### Notes for Parents:

- Verses 6-9 are a parable where God is the owner of the vineyard; Israel is like the fig tree; and Jesus is the vineyard keeper. If we are not producing fruit, it may not be long before we are determined to be useless and we are cut down.
- Jesus healed the woman with an evil spirit. He showed the inconsistencies and wrong priorities of the Jews regarding the Sabbath. They would untie an ox or donkey from the stall and lead him to the water, yet they condemned Jesus for "untying" or loosing the woman from the evil spirit that had caused her affliction for so many years.
- Kingdom of God like a mustard seed; leaven
- See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 on repentance.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the right action from statement of repentance.

Repentance	Action
1. I'm sorry I have been telling lies	I will not look at anyone's answers on the test
2. Cheating is wrong. I shouldn't have done it.	I will treat others the way I like to be treated
3. God says it is wrong to disobey my parents.	I will try to always tell the truth
4. I'm sorry I treated my friend so badly.	Thank you, Lord, for all the things you bless me with
5. I haven't been very thankful for my blessings.	Help me Lord to obey my parents because that is right

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 18 through 21 and answer the following questions.

1. What was the first thing Jesus compared to the kingdom of God?
2. How big did the mustard seed become?
3. What was the next thing that Jesus compared to the kingdom of God?
4. How far did the leaven spread in the 3 pecks of meal?

### Memory Work:

**John 10:11**

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

## Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem

John 10:22-42

There was a time when people would go into the temple and turn it into an unholy place. They did many things against the Law of Moses, and sacrificed animals that were unclean. They tried to change the way the Jews worshipped. When they did this, they broke many of the laws of God. Some of the Jews fought against these people, and finally won. The Jews cleansed the temple and made it once again into the holy place it should have been.

The Feast of Dedication was to remember that time when the temple was returned to its proper condition — when it was "rededicated." It was during this feast that Jesus was in Jerusalem. As He was walking along one day, some Jews came to Him and said, "*If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.*" Even though Jesus had told them plainly before, they did not want to believe. They had also seen many of the miracles Jesus had performed and they still did not believe. So Jesus said to them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of me."

Jesus told them they were not His "sheep." He said, "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give eternal life to them ...*" Jesus told them that even if they did not believe in Him, they should believe in His works because they showed He truly was from God. If they would believe in His works, then they would have to believe in Him. This made them very angry, so they tried to grab Him, to take Him away but He escaped from them. They did not want Jesus to call Himself the Son of God!

Even though there were those who did not listen to Jesus, there were also those who believed in Him because of what He said and did. They also believed because of the things that John the baptizer said about Him. If you lived back in those days, would you have believed in Jesus when you saw all of His wonderful works? Even though we don't live in those times, we can read about many of those works in the Bible, and we believe Jesus truly is the Son of God!

### Notes for Parents:

- Jesus' works were miraculous, and our works, of course, are not. Our actions and works can definitely be what may lead others to Jesus. Read the words to the song, "The World's Bible."
- Some people can be given all the evidence in the world and they will still not believe in Jesus. These people may even persecute us when we try to teach them, but we must still do God's work.
- Jesus will give eternal life to those who believe in Him and hear His voice. He also says that nobody shall be able to snatch them out of His hand, because the Father gave them to Him. Jesus said He and the Father are one.

**Getting the Main Points:**

Cross out the statements that would not cause you to believe in Jesus.

1. The words of John the baptizer about Jesus.
2. Studying theories about man coming from monkeys.
3. The works that Jesus did when on the earth.
4. The words that Jesus taught while on the earth.
5. The words that Jesus' enemies taught about Jesus.
6. Looking at the things that were created.
7. People who teach there is no God.

**For the More Advanced:**

Read verses 27 through 30 and answer the following questions.

1. What will Jesus give to His sheep?
2. What shall never happen to Jesus' sheep?
3. Who will make sure that no one will snatch us from Jesus?
4. Jesus and the Father are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Memory Work:**

**Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*



## The Way Into the Kingdom / Healing on the Sabbath

Luke 13:22-14:6

Jesus was passing from one city and village to another, teaching people as He journeyed toward Jerusalem. Someone asked Him if there would only be a few people saved. What do you think Jesus told them? He said to them, *"Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."*

In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus tells about two roads and gates. In this passage He talks about the narrow door, but the idea is the same. Jesus said there would be those who would enter in by the narrow door, but many would seek to enter and would not be able to. Why wouldn't someone be able to enter into a narrow door? It is because they are not walking straight enough to go through the small opening. We must walk very straight to enter into the narrow door.

Jesus then told them that there would be a day when the head of the house would get up and shut the door and not let anyone else in. On that day there will be many standing outside wanting to enter, but the head of the house will tell them that he doesn't know where they are from. The head of the house will tell them to depart from him because they are all evildoers.

This will be the scene on the day of Judgement. Those who were not following Jesus will want to go into heaven, but God will tell them that He does not know them. He will tell them to depart because they are all evildoers. We want to walk straight enough to enter in by the narrow door!

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. He cared a lot for the people of that city, just as He cares for us. He wanted them to be saved, as we can see from what He said about them. *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood (chicks) under her wings, and you would not have it!"*

Jesus wanted to protect them, but they would not let Him. He gave them many chances to obey Him, but they would not. It is the same way today. Jesus gives many people the opportunity to obey Him, but many choose not to. At the end of time, those who did not obey Jesus will be very, very sad. Let's enter by the narrow door and be part of "the few" that will enter heaven. Let Jesus gather you under "His wing" so He can protect you.

### Notes for Parents:

- Consider verse 25 *"Once the door is "shut" the opportunity to enter is over. Once death to this life comes, or the final judgment (whichever is first), there is no more opportunity for salvation."*
- Jesus once again heals on the Sabbath, and shows the inconsistencies of the Jews. They would pull an ox out of a well on the Sabbath, yet they would condemn Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath.
- Jesus wants to protect His children, but we must gather to Him so He can. If we keep wandering off, He cannot protect us.

**Getting the Main Points:**

Circle the items that Jesus does to protect us.

1. Jesus will not let us die.
2. Jesus will not let anyone hurt our souls.
3. Jesus will help us get to heaven.
4. Jesus will protect us from sin.
5. Jesus will protect us from poison.
6. Jesus will not let our houses get robbed.
7. Jesus will help us defeat Satan.

**For the More Advanced:**

Read Chapter 14 verses 1 through 6 and answer the following questions.

1. Were the people watching Jesus very closely?
2. What was the man suffering from that was there?
3. Would the people save an ox if he fell into a hole on the Sabbath?
4. Did these people accuse Jesus when He healed on the Sabbath?

**Memory Work:**

**Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*

## Parable of Great Supper / Discipleship

### Luke 14:7-35

As Jesus was in the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, He saw something that bothered Him. The guests who had been invited to this Pharisee's house were picking out the best places to sit at the table. They all wanted to sit in the most important places. Jesus used this opportunity to teach them an important lesson about their attitudes.

Jesus told them they should take the least important places when invited somewhere, instead of looking for the most important places to sit. We should not think we are the most important ones around, and feel we are better than others. Philippians 2:4 says, "... *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*" Also read Philippians 2:3. We should have an attitude of wanting to serve others, not always wanting others to serve us. Jesus was the perfect example of serving others, and remember who He is — the Son of God! Luke 14:11 says "*For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted!*"

Jesus then turned to the Pharisee who had invited Him to his house and taught him a lesson. He said when you invite someone over, do it for the right reason. Don't just ask your friends and relatives to come over so you can get something from them. Be willing to do things for those who cannot repay you. Do things for the right reasons, regardless of whether they can repay you or not.

One of the men at the dinner said, "*Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.*" He was feeling like everyone would see the benefits of being a follower of God — a Christian. Jesus then taught a lesson about those who would follow Him. He told them that most people who were being invited to the feast of God would make excuses about why they could not come. Jesus would then turn to others and invite them and they would come. Jesus will take those who will obey Him. Those who don't want to obey will not get a second chance. They will be lost.

Finally, Jesus taught about discipleship — being a disciple, or follower, of Jesus. Jesus said:

1. We must love Jesus more than anything else in our lives and keep Him first, above anything else that we do. There is nothing or no one more important than Jesus.
2. We must be someone who is willing to work for Jesus at all times.

People that are willing to do these things can be disciples of Jesus. Jesus had invited all to come to His feast. Will you see the importance of being a good Christian or will you make excuses and not become a Christian and miss all of the good that God has prepared for His children?

#### Notes for Parents:

- This chapter is full of valuable lessons for every age.

**Getting the Main Points:**

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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important

yourself

1. We should not feel we are \_\_\_\_\_ than others.
2. When invited somewhere we should not take the most \_\_\_\_\_ seat.
3. Think of others before \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Have the right \_\_\_\_\_ for the things you do.
5. We must put Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
6. Jesus is inviting us to His \_\_\_\_\_.

**For the More Advanced:**

Read verses 27 through 33 and answer the following questions.

1. What would someone building a tower do first?
2. What will happen to him if he starts and can't complete the tower?
3. What does a king do before going out to war with another king?
4. What must we be willing to do if we want to be His disciple?

**Memory Work:****Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*

## Lost Sheep, Coin, and Prodigal Son

### Luke 15

Do you know that out of the billions of people that live in this world, Jesus care about you? He loves and cares about every single person. You are very important to Him, and He wants you to be with Him in heaven someday. Jesus told three parables to help us understand just how much He cares for each person.

The first parable we call the parable of the lost sheep. This parable talks about a man who had 100 sheep, and one of them got lost. He left the 99 sheep and went to look for the one lost sheep until he found it. When it was found, the man rejoiced!

The second parable we call the parable of the lost coin. In this parable, a woman had 10 silver coins and lost one. She got a light, swept her house, and carefully searched for the lost coin. When she found it, she also rejoiced!

The third parable we call the parable of the prodigal (wasteful) son. This parable tells of a man who had two sons. The younger son wanted his inheritance from his father. After getting his inheritance, the younger son went to another country. While he was there he wasted all his inheritance and lived a sinful life. Since he had spent all of his money, he was needy, so he got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry, he would have even eaten the pigs' food, but no one would give him anything.

As time went on he thought about what he had done; how he had left home, wasted all his money, and how he had been living. He decided to go home to his father and ask to be as one of his slaves. As he began his journey home, his father saw him as he was still a long way off, and ran to him and hugged and kissed him.

The son said, "*Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.*" But his father was so happy he came back, he brought out the best robe for him, put a ring on his hand, and put sandals on his feet. They brought the fattened calf and killed it and made a feast for him. He rejoiced that his son had returned home! (Read Luke 15:25-32 to see how his old brother felt about all of this).

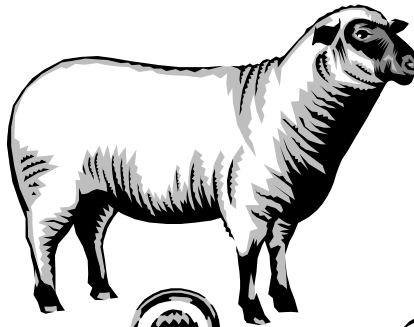
People are lost without Jesus in their lives. They cannot find the way to heaven without Jesus. When one person turns to Jesus and obeys Him, there is much rejoicing in heaven! Jesus wants everyone to obey Him and turn to Him. You are important to Him!

#### Notes for Parents:

- All of these suffered loss and later found the item that was lost. There was great rejoicing after each item was found. Jesus and God have suffered great loss because there are a lot of people who are still lost in their sins. This lesson teaches us there is great rejoicing in heaven over the one who repents and is found.
- God also cares a lot for those who are already saved!

### Getting the Main Points:

Color the three things in this lesson that were lost and then found.



### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 25 through 32 and answer the following questions.

1. What did the older son hear as he approached the house?
2. How did the older son react as he heard the news of his brother?
3. Had the father ever held such a party for the older son?
4. Why then did the father rejoice over the younger son?

### Memory Work:

**Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*

## Parable of the Unrighteous Steward

Luke 16:1-18

A good or righteous "steward" was someone who was trusted to take care a job for his master. He was responsible for what he did with his master's possessions. Jesus told a parable about an unrighteous steward who had been wasting his master's possessions. Someone told his master what he was doing, and the master took away his job of being a steward. The master met with the steward and asked him to give an account of what his stewardship.

The steward was concerned and went out and collected money from those who owed his master money. Instead of collecting all of the money, he settled for part of what was owed. He thought the people would like him for reducing their debt and he would be able to ask favors from them when he was in need. The master praised the unrighteous steward for getting back to work and getting some of the money back.

God expects us to use our possessions wisely today. The way we spend our money and time is important. Jesus does not want us to be selfish with what we have. We must use what we have to help others. Jesus said if we cannot use our possessions on earth wisely, how then are we going to use our spiritual possessions? We must properly use our time and money while here on earth. Then Jesus will bless us with great blessings in heaven forever.

Luke 16:13 says, *"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."* "Mammon" means wealth and riches. Money should never be the most important thing to us. 1 Timothy 6:10 says, *"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith ..."*

Jesus did not say money was evil. He said the *love* of money was evil. Some people love money more than God, and have even become unfaithful to God because of it. How sad! God has blessed us with money, as well as many other possessions, to use wisely. What are some other possessions, besides money, God has given you? How can you use your money and other possessions wisely? If we use our time on this earth wisely, we will get treasures in heaven that are worth far more than anything we can have on this earth. Be a good steward for God!

### Notes for Parents:

- Children can learn proper handling of money even through their allowances, if applicable. They can also learn how to give by watching the example that is given by the parents.
- We should never be too busy to give of our time to help others. God will repay us for all of the difficult times that we endure while trying to help others.
- The treasures of this earth are nothing compared to heaven.
- We must be faithful in the use of everything God has given us — especially our talents. Use everything God gives you to glorify Him.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a happy face for True and a sad face for False.

1. \_\_\_\_ A steward is expected to take care of his job.
2. \_\_\_\_ We must be busy doing God's work.
3. \_\_\_\_ Money is the root of all evil.
4. \_\_\_\_ If we are too busy to do God's work, it is alright.
5. \_\_\_\_ We cannot serve God and riches.
6. \_\_\_\_ God will give us treasures in heaven for our faithfulness.
7. \_\_\_\_ Being a good steward is not really important to God.

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 14 through 17 and answer the following questions.

1. What was it that the Pharisees loved?
2. Does God know what is in our hearts?
3. The things that men think are really good are what to God?
4. What is easier to pass away than even one little letter of the law?

### Memory Work:

**Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*



## Rich Man and Lazarus / Sin, Faith, and Duty

Luke 16:19-17:10

There was a certain rich man who thought only of himself. He wore expensive clothes and lived in luxury every day. At the rich man's gate lay a poor man named Lazarus. He would beg for the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. He was covered with sores which the dogs came and licked.

Lazarus died and the angels carried him away to a place of peace and happiness, rest and comfort, called Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, but he was taken to a place of torment, a place of fire and pain. The rich man lifted up his eyes and far, far away he saw Lazarus. He cried, *"Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame."*

Abraham answered, *"Remember that during your life you received your good things and Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony."* He also said that there was a great gulf between them that no one could pass over. There was no way to go from the place of torment to the place of rest and peace.

The rich man then remembered his brothers who were still living on the earth. He did not want them to come to this place of torment. He said, *"Please send Lazarus back to my father's house. He must warn my brothers about this awful place."* Abraham said, *"They have the words of Moses and the Prophets. Let them obey those words."* The words of Moses and the prophets are written in our Bibles.

The rich man knew his brothers would never do that. He said, *"No, but if someone, were to be sent from the dead, they would repent."* Finally, Abraham said, *"If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they would not listen to one who rises from the dead."*

Jesus then told His disciples that they must live good lives for Him. They must be sure not to cause others to stumble, they must be willing to help their brother, and they must be willing to forgive one another. The disciples knew this would take work, so they asked Jesus to increase their faith. Even after we do all of this we must realize that we are unworthy slaves, only doing that which was required. God wants us to be humble, knowing it is through His power we are saved.

### Notes for Parents:

- Forgiveness is also included in this text. We must have a forgiving attitude toward others ... even if asked 7 times a day! The apostle knew the only way they could do that would be to have a greater faith, therefore, they asked the Lord to increase their faith! If we don't forgive, we will not be forgiven.
- Once we die, our fates are fixed. We cannot move from one realm to the other. God has placed a great gulf that cannot be crossed.
- We must hear the words of Jesus. If we study our Bibles, we can know His words and we can obey them. We must obey if we want heaven.

### Getting the Main Points:

Write a "T" for True or an "F" for False.

1. \_\_\_ The rich man shared his food with Lazarus.
2. \_\_\_ Lazarus was very poor.
3. \_\_\_ The rich man went to Abraham's bosom after he died.
4. \_\_\_ People can leave torment and go to Abraham's bosom.
5. \_\_\_ We must have a forgiving attitude so God will forgive us.
6. \_\_\_ It doesn't matter how we live on this earth.
7. \_\_\_ Even after we do all Jesus asked us, we have only done that which is required.

### For the More Advanced:

Read Chapter 17 verses 7 through 10 and answer the following questions.

1. When a slave came in from the field, were they allowed to immediately sit down and eat with the master?
2. What did the slave have to do before he could eat?
3. Does the master thank the slave for doing what was expected?
4. What do we say to God when we have done everything He says?

### Memory Work:

**Luke 12:40**

*"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour that you do not expect."*

## Raising of Lazarus / Plan to Kill Jesus

### John 11

Lazarus was a Jew who lived in the village of Bethany with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. They were close friends of Jesus, and loved each other very much. They believed that Jesus was the Christ. One day while Jesus taught the people in another country, a messenger came from Bethany to tell Jesus "*Lord, the one you love is sick.*" Lazarus had become very ill. Jesus waited two days after hearing this news before He left for Bethany. The sisters were disappointed that Jesus didn't come right away, but He had a good reason for waiting.

Lazarus died and they prepared his body and buried him. They laid him in a cave and a great stone was rolled over the opening. Four days later Jesus arrived in Bethany. Mary and Martha both told Jesus that if He had been there earlier, their brother, Lazarus, would not have died. Jesus told them their brother would rise again. Jesus asked where they had laid Lazarus, so they took Jesus to his tomb. Jesus wept because of the sadness He saw on the faces of Lazarus' family and friends. The Jews could see how much Jesus loved Lazarus.

The Jews knew Jesus had healed those who were blind, and had done other miracles. They questioned why He had not healed Lazarus before he died. But what they were about to see would answer their questions. Jesus said, "*Remove the stone.*" Martha told Him Lazarus had been dead four days, and there would be a terrible smell if the grave were opened. That did not stop Jesus. He prayed to His Father, and then said, "*Lazarus, come forth!*" Lazarus arose from the dead. He was bound hand and foot with burial wrappings, and his face had been wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said, "*Unbind him, and let him go.*"

Many of the Jews saw this miracle and believed in Jesus. That is why Jesus had waited before going to Bethany. He wanted to raise Lazarus from the dead so others would see His power in the miracle and believe in Him. Other Jews went to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus had done. The chief priests and Pharisees got together and planned how they would kill Jesus. They gave orders that if anyone knew where He was he should report it, that they might seize Him. Jesus had left Bethany and traveled to another country.

In this lesson we see the care and concern that Jesus has for our sorrow and troubles. Jesus wants to help us, but He also wants us to give God credit for the great blessings we receive. Allow Jesus to take care of you too.

#### Notes for Parents:

- Jesus waited to go to Lazarus so He could show the power of God was with Him. He wanted all to believe in Him.
- Jesus was touched with the sorrow of His friends. He raised Lazarus and ended their pain. We will one day be raised to heaven and all our pain will be ended.
- Mary and Martha both knew that Jesus could have healed Lazarus. They had great faith. Jesus gave them an even greater faith by showing them that He could raise him up from the grave. Jesus is powerful!

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 1. Village where Lazarus lived           | Jesus wept          |
| 2. What happened to Lazarus              | Raised Lazarus      |
| 3. How Jesus felt about Lazarus          | Kill Him            |
| 4. Mary and Martha had great             | Bethany             |
| 5. Jesus' feelings when He came to tomb  | Died and was buried |
| 6. Jesus' miracle                        | He loved him        |
| 7. What some Jews planned to do to Jesus | faith               |

### For the More Advanced:

Read verses 21 through 27 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus tell Martha about her brother Lazarus?
2. Martha thought Jesus was talking about what event?
3. What did Jesus say He was?
4. What did Jesus say would happen to those who believes in Him?

### Memory Work:

**Luke 19:10**

*"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

## Ten Lepers / Kingdom of God

Luke 17:11-37

As Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He entered a certain village. Ten lepers were standing at a distance when they saw Him. They shouted, "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*" When Jesus saw them, He said, "*Go, and show yourselves to the priests.*" As they were going, they all noticed they were healed — their leprosy was gone. Jesus had made them clean.

One of the ten lepers was a Samaritan (remember that the Jews and Samaritans hated each other). The Samaritan fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked Him for healing him. He was the only one out of the ten that turned back to Jesus to thank Him. Jesus asked him, "*Were there not ten cleansed — where are the other nine?*" Jesus told this Samaritan, "*Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.*"

Jesus then began teaching His disciples about His second coming. At the end of time Jesus will return and all those who obeyed Him will get to be in heaven with Him. Those who chose not to obey Him will not get to go to heaven.

No one except God, the Father, knows when that time will come. It could come soon or it could be many years from now. Jesus showed these people how many other events had occurred without any notice, just as the second coming will come. He mentioned Noah and how suddenly the flood came. He also showed them how suddenly the city of Sodom was destroyed in the days of Lot. There won't be any warning when Jesus comes again to take Christians to heaven.

God wants everyone to live in such a way that if Jesus came at any time we would be ready to go with Him. So it is very, very important to obey Jesus every day and do what He says. Then, no matter when Jesus comes, we will be able to live with Him forever in heaven. When we do things that are wrong, we should immediately repent and ask God to forgive us. God knows our heart and will forgive us when we are sincere. Heaven will be wonderful! I want to be there, don't you!

### Notes for Parents:

- Gratitude is so important. We all need to have a "Gratitude-Attitude." Philippians 4:6 says our prayers should always include thanksgiving. We have so many blessings for which to be thankful. Let's always thank God, as this one leper did, for the many blessings He gives us. May we never be among the nine.
- We need to live every day as if the Lord would return that day.

**Getting the Main Points:**

Circle the correct answer.

1. There were \_\_\_\_\_ lepers in a certain village.  
a. five                      b. nine                      c. ten
2. As these lepers were going to see the priest, they were \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. running                  b. healed                      c. singing
3. Only \_\_\_\_\_ turned to thank Jesus for His healing.  
a. one                      b. two                      c. three
4. \_\_\_\_\_ knows when Jesus will return.  
a. Jesus                      b. God                      c. Nobody

**For the More Advanced:**

Read verses 28 through 32 and answer the following questions.

1. What were the people doing in the days of Lot?
2. What happened on the day that Lot left the city of Sodom?
3. It will be just the same on what day?
4. Who should we remember that helps us remember not to look back?

**Memory Work:**

**Luke 19:10**

*"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

## Widow / Tax Collector

Luke 18:1-14

Today we will study about two parables that Jesus taught. The first parable showed the people that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart (get discouraged or give up). Here is the parable: In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God, and did not respect man. There was a widow in that city who kept coming to the judge. She wanted the judge to protect her against someone who was bothering her. The judge did not care about anyone except himself, and at first would not help the widow. She did not give up, but continued to plead to the judge for help. Finally, the judge decided to help her.

This parable teaches us how important it is to always keep praying. Jesus is not like this judge because He cares about you and me, and wants to help us. He wants us to be like the widow who kept asking, and never gave up. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "*Pray without ceasing.*" We must trust God to answer our prayers. He promises He will. Prayer is very important because it is the only way to talk to God. We need His strength to help us be strong and keep our lights shining. He will help us say NO to Satan. Pray every day — several times a day. Prayer is a wonderful blessing. Thank God for it!

The second parable was about two men who were in the temple praying to God; one was a Pharisee, the other was a tax-collector or a publican. The Pharisees thought they were a special people and thought the tax-collectors were awful people. The Pharisee stood up and began thanking God that he wasn't like other people. He thought he was better than everyone else — especially the tax-collector. He was so proud of all the things he was doing and he thought they were so wonderful.

The publican, however, was standing some distance away, and wouldn't even lift up his eyes to heaven. He beat his chest saying, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"

Which prayer do you think God heard and was pleased with? Jesus said, "*Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.*" It will be better for us to be humble and to let God exalt us instead of exalting ourselves. God will take the humble to heaven.

### Notes for Parents:

- Do we view prayer as something we do just at mealtimes and before bed? Those are appropriate times to pray. However, we need to be of a prayerful attitude and think to pray at other "unscheduled" times also. What about praying with your children before school to help them let their lights shine and to follow the "golden rule." In our cars before we begin trips; when special needs arise, etc. Prayer is the communication of an attitude of faith, trust and love, whether that be communicated in words or deeds or both. We must have a proper view of ourselves. We are very important to God, but He wants us to be humble and not think we are better than others.

### Getting the Main Points:

Write a "T" for True and an "F" for False.

1. \_\_\_ Jesus wants us to keep praying and never give up.
2. \_\_\_ The judge in the first parable cared about others.
3. \_\_\_ Jesus cares about you and wants to help you.
4. \_\_\_ The Pharisee had a good attitude and prayed in the right manner.
5. \_\_\_ The publican was humble and God answered his prayer.
6. \_\_\_ Some people are better than others.
7. \_\_\_ Everyone who humbles himself shall be exalted but he who exalts himself shall be humbled.

### For the More Advanced:

Make a list of things you can and should pray for.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

### Memory Work:

**Luke 19:10**

*"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*



## **Divorce / Rich Young Ruler / Children**

**Matthew 19; (Mark 10:1-31; Luke 18:15-30)**

Some Pharisees came to Jesus asking Him if it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason. Jesus answered by teaching them some important facts about marriage:

1. Marriage is from God.
2. A husband and wife are to leave their separate homes and make a new home together and are to become as one.
3. When a man and a woman are married in the sight of God, no one should do anything to separate that relationship.
4. God's plan from the beginning of time was one man for one woman for life.

God created man and woman to be helpers to each other. He created the relationship of marriage to fill their needs. What God has joined together, let no man separate. God wants marriages to last for a lifetime.

As Jesus continued teaching, some children were brought to Him so He could touch them. At first His disciples were upset with this, maybe thinking Jesus was just too busy to deal with all of these children. But Jesus told the disciples that children were very special to Him, and to allow them to come to Him. Jesus is never too busy to deal with any one of His children. Jesus truly does "Love the Little Children." God calls us His children and cares for us too.

As time went on, a rich young ruler came to Jesus asking what he needed to do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to keep these commandments: *"You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal or lie; honor your father and mother; and love your neighbor as yourself."*

The young ruler told Jesus he had done all of those. He asked Jesus what else he should do? Jesus said, *"If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."* But when the young ruler heard this statement, he went away very sad because he owned a lot of property, and had a lot of possessions. His problem was selfishness. His possessions were too important to him, and he did not want to share and help others. Eternal life was not as important as his wealth.

Jesus said, *"Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."* We must be willing to give up anything we own for Jesus. Nothing is more important than Jesus. God shared His most important possession with us — Jesus Christ. We must be just as willing to share our possessions with others.

### **Notes for Parents:**

- Matthew 19:9 states the only exception to God's marriage laws. Immorality is the only reason (other than death) given by God that can sever the bond of marriage in God's sight.
- It is not impossible for the rich to enter heaven.

### Getting the Main Points:

Draw a line from the blank to the correct answer.

selfish	one	God	home	children
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1. Marriage is from \_\_\_\_.
2. God's plan for marriage from the beginning was \_\_\_\_ man for \_\_\_\_ woman for life.
3. A husband and wife are to make a new \_\_\_\_ together.
4. \_\_\_\_ are very special to Jesus.
5. The rich young ruler was \_\_\_\_.
6. God calls us His \_\_\_\_\_.

### For the More Advanced:

Read Matthew 19: 27-30 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter want from Jesus?
2. What shall those who have followed Jesus sit on?
3. If we have left anything for Christ, what will we receive?
4. Who will be first and who will be last?

### Memory Work:

**Luke 19:10**

*"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

## **Laborers / Servanthood / Bartimaeus**

**Matthew 20; (Mark 10:32-52; Luke 18:31-43)**

Jesus told a story about a landowner who went out early in the morning (probably around 6:00 a.m.) to hire laborers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them each a denarius for the day. (A denarius was considered one day's wages.) Then about 9:00 a.m. he went out and hired more laborers to work in his vineyard. And he did the same around 12 noon. Then about 5:00 p.m. he hired even more laborers to work for him (the work day usually ended around 6:00 p.m.).

When evening came, the landowner called all of the laborers together to pay them their wages. Those who began working around 5:00 p.m. were paid first. They each received a denarius. But when those who were hired first saw they were all getting paid the same amount, they began to complain. They said they had worked longer than these other laborers. They thought they should receive more money. But the landowner told them they were being paid exactly what he had promised them (remember they had agreed to work for a denarius). They should be happy with what they had received. They should not have complained or felt jealous toward the other laborers just because he wanted to be generous (See "Notes for Parents" section regarding application). He taught them that those who want to be first will be last and those who are willing to be last will be first.

Jesus continued teaching His disciples the importance of being a servant to others and not wanting others to serve them. He was the greatest Servant of all. Remember His words, "*The last shall be first, and the first last.*"

As they continued traveling, two blind men were sitting by the road. One was named Bartimaeus. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was coming, he began to cry, "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!*" The people told him to be quiet, but he continued crying out the same words. Jesus stopped and called them to Him. Jesus asked, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Bartimaeus said, "*Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.*" Jesus was moved with compassion and touched their eyes and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

### **Notes for Parents:**

- Those who obey God late in their life have the same reward of heaven as those who obey God early in their life. However, we should never think we can live however we want, and then when we are old we'll obey God. That is the wrong attitude. None of us know how long we will live. God wants us to obey Him every day. However, some people never learn the truth until they are old. We should be thankful God allowed these people to live long enough to learn the truth so they could obey Him. There is no greater blessing than to become a Christian in the days of your youth.
- When we ask Jesus for favors, He is faithful and compassionate and will hear us and meet our needs. He will heal our spiritual blindness.
- There is a phrase repeated over and over: The first shall be last and the last shall be first. God is stressing this!

### Getting the Main Points:

Color the face yellow for True and black for False.

1. 😊 It was fair for the landowner to pay them all the same amount.
2. 😊 The first laborers were right in complaining.
3. 😊 It is not fair for a person to be generous.
4. 😊 Jesus wants us to be a servant to others.
5. 😊 The first shall be last and the last shall be first.
6. 😊 Jesus did not want to be bothered by Bartimaeus.
7. 😊 Bartimaeus had faith in Jesus.

### For the More Advanced:

Read Matthew 20:20-23 and answer the following questions.

1. Who came to Jesus to make a request from Him?
2. What did she ask from Jesus?
3. Did James and John think they could "drink of the same cup?"
4. Who were the left and right positions reserved for? [Hint v23]

### Memory Work:

**Luke 19:10**

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## Zacchaeus / Parable of Money

Luke 19:1-27

There was a man who lived in Jericho named Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector and was rich. Many tax collectors were dishonest and kept part of the tax money for themselves. This is why the people did not like tax collectors.

As Jesus was passing through Jericho, Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. There was a crowd of people around Jesus. Since Zacchaeus was a short man he couldn't see over the crowd to see Jesus. He ran ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Him.

As Jesus came to that place He said, "*Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.*" Zacchaeus hurried down from the tree, and was very happy Jesus was coming to his house. The people were unhappy that Jesus was staying at the house of someone they considered a sinner. Zacchaeus knew he had done wrong in being dishonest with the people so he told the Lord he would give half of everything he owned to the poor. And he also said he would pay those people back that he had stolen from, four times as much as he had taken from them. Zacchaeus repented! Jesus was very pleased with Zacchaeus and his repentance. He told Zacchaeus that salvation had come to his house because Jesus had come to seek and save that which was lost.

Jesus then went on to tell a parable to the people. A certain nobleman went to a distant country. He called ten of his slaves to him and gave each slave a mina (about \$20). He told them to do business with their mina until he returned. When he came back he called the slaves together to report what business they had done with their money.

The first slave had made ten more minas. He was rewarded by his master. The second slave had made five more minas. He also was rewarded. But another slave had done nothing with his mina. He just put it away in a handkerchief and kept it until his master returned. The master was very unhappy with this slave, and took his mina away and gave it to the first slave.

Jesus was teaching that God gives each person some talent or ability. We must use our ability for the Lord. God will not be happy with us if we don't use our talents for Him. Some people have more talents than others, and each person's talents may be different than others. We must do our individual best in living for God. He will then be pleased and our reward will be heaven.

### Notes for Parents:

- Zacchaeus is a good example of someone hungering and thirsting after righteousness. He was saved because of his repentance and faith.
- We must produce fruit for Jesus. We cannot simply hide our abilities and expect God to be happy with us.
- We will be rewarded for the work we do. Jesus came to save!

**Getting the Main Points:**

Draw a picture of Zacchaeus and how he saw Jesus. Also, be thinking about what your talent is and how you can use it for good.

**For the More Advanced:**

Make a list of your talents and how you can use them for God's work.

Talent	How You Can Use It
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

**Memory Work:**

**Luke 19:10**

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