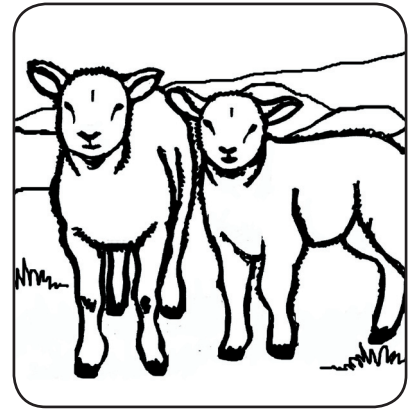


Sheep in the Midst of Wolves

Life of Jesus
Lesson 12

Scripture: Matthew 10:1-42

What is one thing you learned about sheep?



For answering...

1. According to Matthew 10:16, how are the disciples sent out? _____
2. How should they behave? _____
3. Write Matthew 10:22 _____
4. What does Mt. 10:22 mean? _____
5. Who are we to fear in this world? _____ Who is the only one we should fear? _____
6. According to Matthew 10:38 what should we do? _____
7. Match the twelve disciples, or apostles, that Jesus called with the fact that describes the disciple: *James, Peter, John, Thaddaeus, Andrew, Judas, James, Thomas, Matthew, Bartholomew, Philip, James, Simon.*
 - a. _____ Was a tax collector. (Mt 9:9)
 - b. _____ Brother of Peter. (Mt 4:18)
 - c. _____ Was paid 30 pieces of silver. (Mt 26:14-15)
 - d. _____ Told Nathanael about Jesus. (Jn 1:45)
 - e. _____ Was known as "The Zealot." (Mt 10:4)
 - f. _____ Said Jesus was Christ: the son of the living God. (Mt 16:16)
 - g. _____ Jesus told him to believe that He rose from the dead. (Jn 20:27)
 - h. _____ Jesus sent him with Peter to prepare the last Passover. (Lk 22:8)
 - i. _____ Witnessed transfiguration of Jesus with John & Peter. (Mt 17:1-2)
 - j. _____ He has the longest name. (Mt 10:2-4)
 - k. _____ The son of Alphaeus. (Mt 10:3)
 - l. _____ Was not with the rest in the upper room. (Acts 1:13; Mt 10:2-4)

For someone else...

Think about someone who has criticized you. Pray for them.

What are some things you could do for that person?

For memory...

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."
Matthew 10:16

Come To Me, I Will Give You Rest

Life of Jesus
Lesson

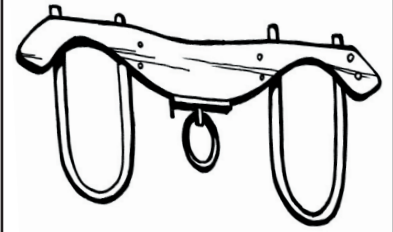
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Scripture:

Matthew 11:1-11, 25-30

From Before

Write down 2-3 facts about John the Baptist.



For answering...

1. How would John's appearance differ from someone living in a king's palace? _____
2. What does Jesus tell the people about John the Baptist? (Mt 11:9-11) _____
3. What was the message that John was bringing? _____
4. In Mt 11:25-30, Jesus speaks to God. Why is it important to give thanks to the Lord of heaven and earth? _____
5. Jesus wants us to know him and come to him for rest. What is this rest? _____
6. What is a yoke? _____
7. What are some burdens a person might be bearing? _____
8. How does Jesus make burdens light? _____
9. What can be done if you know someone who is burdened with sin or if you have sins that are bothering you? _____
10. Write 1 John 1:9. _____
11. How does one learn of Jesus as it says in the memory verse? _____
12. How about someone who doesn't know Jesus? How do they learn of him? _____

...a little something different.

Ask your parents if they approve of your friends. If they don't approve, ask them what kinds of friends they want you to have. What is your reaction to their answer?

For memory...

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30

Those Not With Me are Against Me

Life of Jesus
Lesson

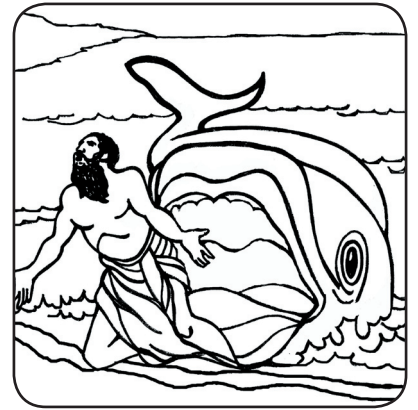
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Scripture:

Matthew 12:22-30, 38-50

From Last Week

What does it mean to do the will of God?



For answering...

1. What took place in the beginning of the lesson? (Mt 12:22) _____
2. What does it say about Jesus in relationship with the Pharisees? (Mt 12:25) _____
3. What was the response of Jesus to the Pharisees? (Mt 12:28) _____
4. The Pharisees ask Jesus for something amidst their unbelief. What was it? _____
5. Why were the Pharisees seeking a sign from heaven? _____
6. How did Jesus respond? _____
7. What did Jesus mean by saying the only sign given will be the sign of Jonah? (Mt 12:39-42) _____
8. What sign was this generation going to be given? _____
9. What was Jesus' response when someone told him that his brothers and mother were wanting to speak to him? (Mt 12:46-50) _____
10. Who are Jesus' brother, sister and mother? _____
11. If someone is not Jesus' brother, sister or mother, what relationship do they have with him? _____

For next week...

Ask your parents what a parable is and why Jesus used them to teach others.

For memory...

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:40

Jesus Tells The Story of The Sower

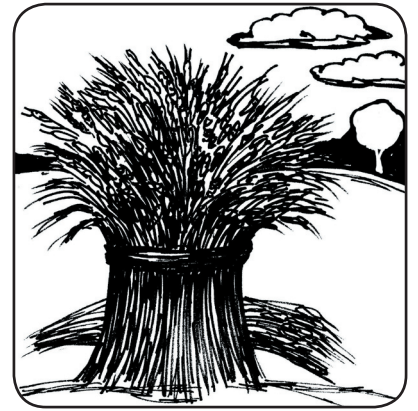
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Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23

From Last Week

What was your parents answer to the question, "What is a parable?"



For answering...

1. What do you think Jesus is representing by the seed and the ground? _____
2. What is a parable? _____
3. What is the seed as explained by Jesus in the Parable of the Sower? _____
4. Where were the first seeds spread and what were the results? _____
5. What happened to the seeds that fell in the rocky places? _____
6. What happens to those who are not well-rooted? _____
7. Who is our solid root or our firm foundation? _____
8. What happened to the seed sown amongst the thorns? _____
9. Why do we become unfruitful if we rely on this world and its riches above the riches of God? _____
10. What happened to the seed that fell on the good soil? _____
11. Why did Jesus use parables to teach? _____
12. How does God speak to us and teach us today? _____

...a little something different.

Who do you trust the most and why? _____

For memory...

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Take Heart, It is I

Life of Jesus
Lesson

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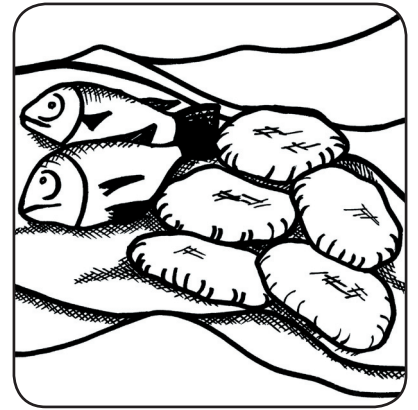
Scripture:

Matthew 13:53-14:36

From Last Week

How does Jesus teach people?

What is a parable?



For answering...

1. Write Jesus' words from Matthew 13:57: "A prophet _____."
What does this mean? _____
2. Who did Herod say Jesus was? _____ (Matt 14:1-2)
3. Who was responsible for John the Baptist's death? _____
4. How did Jesus respond to the news about John the Baptist? _____
5. What does Jesus do for the multitude? _____
6. What is the amazing part of this feast? They feed _____ people with _____ loaves and _____ fish. (Mt 14:19-21)
7. How did Jesus go out to the disciples who were in the boat? _____
8. What was the reaction of the disciples when they saw Jesus walking on the water? _____
9. How did Jesus respond to their fear? _____
10. What did Peter say to Jesus? (Matthew 14:28-29) _____
11. What happened to Peter when he walked onto the water? _____
12. Is it easy to trust Jesus for everything? _____
13. Write Philippians 4:6 _____
What does this verse mean? _____

For next week...

Write down the rules for being a Christian. For example: what kinds of things should Christians do and what kinds of things should they not do.

Ask your parents if they had the same "rules" for being a Christian when they grew up.

For memory...

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
(Isa 41:10)

The Heart of the Matter

Life of Jesus
Lesson

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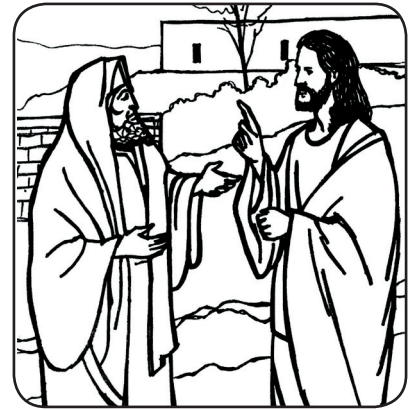
Scripture:

Mark 7:1-23 (24-37; 8:1-10)

From Last Week

What is one thing you remember from last week?

On the back of this paper list the things Christians are supposed to do or not do.



For answering...

1. What did the Pharisees see the disciples do? _____
2. The pharisees ask Jesus a question, what was it? _____
3. What was Jesus' response? _____
4. What is the Old Testament law concerning mothers and fathers? (Exodus 21:17; Lev 20:9) _____
5. What was Jesus' summary statement to the Pharisees? _____
6. What defiles a person? _____
7. If out of the heart comes all manner of evil, where does the good come from? _____
8. What does the saying, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me," mean? _____
9. What does this say about the condition of our hearts? _____
10. If our hearts are wicked, how are we able to do good? _____
11. Why do you think the Pharisees were having such a problem with the disciples? _____
12. Are there things that people can make into rules or laws that are not commandments? _____

... a little something different

What makes someone a Christian? _____

For memory...

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Galatians 5:22-24

Lose Your Life to Save It

Life of Jesus
Lesson

18

Scripture:

Mark 8: 11-9:1 Matthew 16

From Last Week What are the ingredients for making bread?



For answering...

1. Jesus made a comment about leaven. What was it? _____
2. What did the disciples think He meant? _____
3. What does leaven do? _____ (1 Cor 5:6)
4. Why was Jesus concerned with the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees? _____
5. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" What was the answer? _____
6. Jesus started teaching his disciples openly, what was He teaching? _____ (Mk 8:31)
7. What was Peter's reaction? _____
Why? _____
8. How did Jesus respond to Peter? _____
9. Jesus told Peter that he was not mindful of the things of God, but of the things of men. What does that mean? _____
10. How is this like the warning Jesus gave about the leaven of the Pharisees? _____
11. Write Mark 8:35-36 in your own words. _____

... a little something different

Take a survey of 3-5 people you know. Ask "What did the Jewish people of the Old Testament expect from a Messiah?" Write the responses below.

For memory...

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:35-36

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Life of Jesus
Lesson

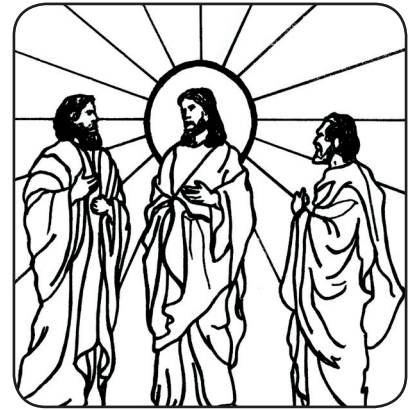
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Scripture:

Matthew 16: 24-28; 17: 1-33, 22-23

For the End

At the end of chapter 16, Jesus said that some here wouldn't die until they saw the son of man coming in his kingdom. Did that happen?



For answering...

1. What happened to Jesus on the mountain? _____
2. Who did Peter, James and John see with Jesus? _____
3. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah being there? _____
4. Peter had a suggestion upon seeing this amazing event. What was it? _____
5. What was the answer to Peter's suggestion? _____
6. What did the voice say? _____
7. Who did the voice belong to? _____
8. What was the disciples' reaction? _____
9. How did Jesus respond to their fear? _____
10. When the disciples got up, who was there? _____ Why is this significant? _____
11. What happened right after Jesus, Peter, James and John returned from the mountain? _____
12. Why do you think God didn't allow them to build tents (houses) on the mountain? _____
13. What is the significance of the healing right after the mountaintop experience? _____

... a little something different

Read Matthew 17: 22-23. What is significant about these two verses? _____

For next week...

Write down three of the greatest Christians you know.

For memory...

...There is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

1 Corinthians 8:6

Forgive As You've Been Forgiven

Life of Jesus
Lesson

20

Scripture:

Matthew 18, Mark 9: 33-5

From Last Week

Who are the greatest Christians you know? Why?



For answering...

1. Why would the disciples be arguing about who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? _____

2. Who does Jesus put in front of them to demonstrate who is great in heaven? Why? _____

3. In the parable of the lost sheep who does the shepherd show his love to? _____

4. What are we supposed to do if someone sins against us? _____

5. Are we supposed to go and tell other people about another's sin? _____

6. What are we to do if our brother does not listen to us when we go to him? Why? _____

7. If someone still doesn't listen, what should we do? _____

8. How are we supposed to treat a Christian who will not repent even after they have been confronted by the church? _____

9. If we loose or bind sins (forgive or don't forgive) here on earth, how does that affect heaven? _____

10. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, who does the first servant represent? _____ How should we treat those who sin against us? _____

11. Knowing that the first servant who asked for forgiveness represents us, can we withhold forgiveness from anyone? Why or why not? _____

... for next week

What is the greatest thing about being a Christian? _____

Ask three other people what they think is the greatest thing about being a Christian? _____

For memory...

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:23

Disciples: Go and Proclaim Him

Life of Jesus
Lesson

21

Scripture: Luke 9: 51-10:42

From Last Week What is a disciple?



For answering...

1. What can these verses tell us about being a disciple, about following Christ? ____

2. When Jesus sent out the 72, what were his specific instructions? (Luke 10:1-17)

3. If the disciples are accepted or rejected, who is ultimately accepted or rejected? ____ What does that say about how much of a representation of Christ his followers are? ____ (Lk 10:16)

4. How did the 72 return? ____ What were they saying?

5. The disciples were victorious because they had the same authority that Jesus had over the spirits. What did Jesus say was an even greater privilege than having that authority? ____

6. Who decides who will know the Father? ____ (Lk 10:22). What does that mean for us in sharing the message of Jesus? ____

7. Why do you think prophets and kings weren't able to see and hear the things the disciples now see and hear? ____

8. Why does Jesus tell the story of the Samaritan? ____

9. What does it mean to be a neighbor according to the story Jesus told? ____

10. What does the story tell us about being a disciple of Jesus? ____

11. What is one lesson from the story of Mary and Martha? (Luke 10:38-42) ____

... for next week

Write down three advantages or disadvantages of money.

1. ____

2. ____

3. ____

For memory...

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Micah 6:8

Enter As a Child

Life of Jesus
Lesson

22

Scripture:

Luke 18:15-30

From Last Week

What are some advantages and disadvantages of money?



For answering...

1. Who were the first people that came to Jesus in this text? Why were they coming? _____
2. How did the disciples react to this? _____
3. How did Jesus respond to the disciples? _____
4. What is the kingdom of God? _____
What does an infant offer to the family of God? _____
5. A ruler then asked Jesus a question "_____ Master (teacher), what shall I do to inherit _____ life? What was Jesus' response? _____
6. What was Jesus' reaction when the ruler told him he had kept all the commandments since he was young? _____
7. Why was the ruler sad? _____
8. What does a rich man have to offer to the world and the kingdom of God? _____
9. How did Jesus respond to the rich man's sadness? (Luke 18:25) _____
10. Write Luke 18:27 in your own words. What was Jesus saying about who can be saved? _____
11. What is one difference between the infant and the rich ruler in relationship to the Kingdom of God? _____
12. Which one are we more like in this lesson? Why? _____

... a little something different

Do your possessions control you? Take this challenge, -- if you dare! For one week turn off all electronics; no radio, no cell phone, no electronic games or music devices... etc. That means DON'T use any of those devices for one week. How much control do they have in your life? Do they control your life or do you have self control?

For next week...

What is the "payment" for volunteer service?

For memory...

"But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19: 26

He Came to Serve, Not Be Served

Life of Jesus
Lesson

23

Scripture:

Matthew 20

From Last Week Is there a reward a payment for doing vounteer work or Christian service?



For answering...

1. What is the owner of the vineyard like? _____
2. Describe the workers. _____
3. Who do you think is most important in this story: the workers or the owner? _____
4. Who does the owner of the vineyard in this parable represent? _____
Who do the vineyard workers represent? _____
5. What does this parable tell you about God? _____
6. What does Jesus say is going to happen to him? (Mt. 20:17-19) Does that relate in any way to the owner of the vineyard? (Jn 3:16-17) _____
7. Why do James and John want to sit on the right hand of God? _____
8. What is the cup that Jesus must drink? _____
9. What is different about the leading of Jesus in his Kingdom as compared to leaders today? _____
10. How do we lead people to Christ? _____
11. What happens when the blind men see/know Jesus? _____
12. Which is the kingdom of heaven more like: getting paid for work or getting the gift of sight like the blind men in today's lesson? Why? _____

... a little something different

How did you do with the "electronics" challenge?

For next week...

A king is coming to your town or city. Maybe even to your class. What will the welcome be like? What will you do? How will you feel?

For memory...

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28