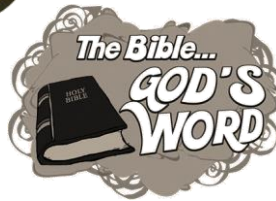


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Being
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The Least is the Greatest

Memory Verse
Luke 9:48b

The disciples still think of greatness like how the world thinks. For them greatness depends on achievement and position and they see their band as privileged and exclusive. Children are nobodies in Jewish societal hierarchy. By associating God with a child, Jesus pointedly says the least among them is the greatest. In the kingdom of God however, greatness is not measured by achievement but is a gift given by God. So we do not have to fret when other people are put on a high position. We just need to be a servant like Jesus (Phil 2:3-11) and He will exalt us. Serving God does not make us exclusive and special: He called us and He can call others. We are not to exclude other servants of God.





O God, teach us to be humble so that we might be truly servants with a servant's heart.



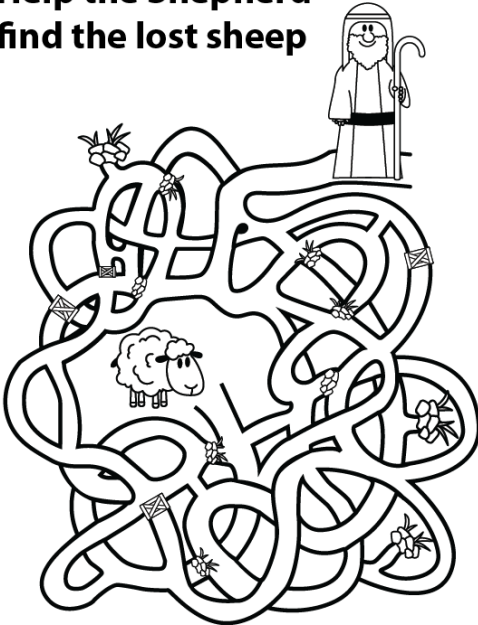
God's Persistence To Save

Memory Verse
Luke 15:7



Luke 15:1-32

Help the Shepherd
find the lost sheep



This passage says much about the heart of God; He cares enough for sinners to go looking for them, even when they have stayed away consciously. Are you too busy for others? Is there something you can do to share God's love with others?



Dear Jesus, help me to reach out to others and bring them to You.



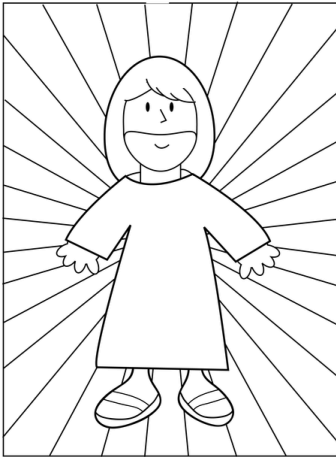
Seventy-Seven Times and More!

Memory Verse
Matthew 18:35



Matt 18:15-35

Forgive others!



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Do you find it difficult to forgive others? But that's what God requires the most from us. Peter wanted to know how many times we need to forgive others and Jesus answered 'seventy-seven times'. This really means an infinite number of times. But why is it so important to forgive?



Lord, help me to be sincere when I pray daily, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'



Disciples Need Focus

Memory Verse
Luke 9:62



Luke 9:51-62



I will fix my eyes on Jesus

We need to keep our focus firmly on Christ or else we will get easily distracted no matter what environment we live in. In today's passage we meet some distracted and wannabe disciples of Jesus. They wanted to follow Jesus but lacked focus. Jesus' response to them reveals the kind of focus they each needed but lacked. Are you fixing your eyes on Jesus daily?



Help us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 12:2).



What Do We Thirst For?

Memory Verse
John 7:37b-38



John 7:14-53

For the Jews, 'thirst' and 'water' are used symbolically to refer to their relationship with God. Unlike the psalmist who thirsted for God and longed to meet Him (Psa 42:1-2), people who reject Jesus have no such thirst for God. They replace thirst for God with something other than God. Do you thirst for God? Why?





What do you thirst for?



Lord, help me to thirst for You and deepen my relationship with You.



Sin Has No Favorites

Memory Verse
John 8:7b



John 8:1-30

Sin shows no favoritism. Today, we see Jesus teaching this lesson to the self-righteous Pharisees and teachers of the law. There was someone qualified to stone the woman. Yes. Jesus the sinless One. He showed her mercy instead but did not condone the sin. Jesus told the woman not to repeat her past sins. She could look forward to a new life in Christ (v.11). Do you show mercy to sinners? _____



Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. Thank You Lord for Your mercy and forgiveness. Help me to show mercy to other sinners.

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The Jews Learn Some Home Truths

Memory Verse
John 8:31

The Jews considered themselves unique as they were the only nation that had a covenant relationship with God. When Jesus addressed those who believed in Him, He knew that their belief was not based on who He was. They believed in a Messiah who would free them from the enemies of their nation. He had come to set them free from their sins (v.32). It is not the freedom to do as we please but the freedom to please God. Since God is the source of all good, this is the freedom that is good for us. Only the Son of God who is free from all sin can offer us this freedom (v.34-36).





Are there sins in your heart? Ask God to set you free today.



Knowing and Accepting Truth

Memory Verse
John 9:25b



John 9:1-41

I was blind
but now I _____!



John 9:25b

Imagine that you were the man born blind. One day you were sitting in your dark world and begging and the next you had crystal-clear vision and were debating with your religious leaders. The Person behind this amazing transformation? Jesus! How would you feel?



Pray for people to know and accept the TRUTH of GOD.



The Good Shepherd

Memory Verse
John 10:10



John 10:1-21

Jesus is my Good



In John 10, Jesus declared His love and concern for the human “sheep” of His generation. “I am the good shepherd,” He said. “The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (v.11). Jesus’s compassion drove His interactions with the crowds, His responses to their needs, and, ultimately, His sacrifice on their (and our) behalf. In what ways have you seen God’s care for you? Who can you tell about Him today?



What a gift our Shepherd is to us, Father!
Help us to respond to His voice—and draw nearer to You.

Unbelief of the Jews



Memory Verse
John 10:27-28

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John 4:26

“... If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly’ ” (John 10:24). “I have already told you, and you don’t believe me,” Jesus replied. “The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name. ...The Father and I are one” (John 10:25,30). Jesus spoke plainly to the crowd but they did not believe Him. What about you? Do you believe what Jesus said? Why?



Talk to Jesus if you have any doubts about His Word.



Short-term Mission Trips

Memory Verse
Luke 10:20



Luke 10:1-24

In today's passage we see Jesus sending 72 'ordinary' disciples on their first ever short-term mission trip. What can we learn from this 'mission trip'? Among the facts gleaned from this passage, we can see that its context was the great missionary need but a lack of workers (v.2). So Jesus sends out a group of committed disciples to partner with Him by preparing the way for the Gospel message to be preached (v.1). The 'mission trip' was a success (v.17-20) because the mission team members were well prepared and obedient to Jesus' instructions (vs 3-11).





Pray for more 'ordinary' disciples of Jesus to be sent out to the mission field.



Just Obey and Do It

Memory Verse
Luke 10:41-42



Luke 10:25-42



In today's passage, we find that the expert in the law had a similar problem. He knew what was right but would not do. What is the one thing that God is telling you to do today? It's not enough that you can answer correctly. Will you trust and obey God and just do it?



Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Help me to obey what You tell me to do.

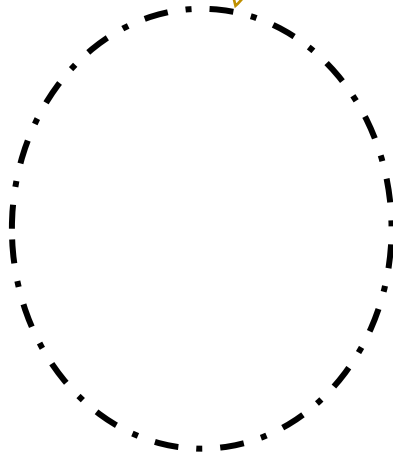


Sunday Worship Celebration



What was your favourite song we sang?

Who is preaching?



What were some of the main points you heard today?



List any words you heard, but don't know.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____



Write your prayer here...

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The Purpose of Miraculous Healings



Memory Verse
Matthew 12:33



Miraculous healings remind us that Jesus has won the victory over Satan even if not all will be healed. It is also a reminder that God is still in control. His kingdom has come on earth and we have a responsibility to live for God. Have you seen or heard someone healed by God miraculously? What went through your mind at that time?



Thank You Lord for reminding us that miracles come from You and we are to be responsible citizens of Your kingdom.



Generosity and Responsibility

Memory Verse
Luke 11:29



Luke 11:29–36

*Generosity is giving
 from the heart*



In today's passage, Jesus brings up the subject of money, specifically the need for us to be generous with our money. To have 'a good eye' is a Jewish idiom (common in Jesus' time) which simply means 'you are generous' and to have a "bad eye" simply means 'you are stingy.' Read the parallel passage in Matt 6:19-24. Are you generous with your money for God's kingdom use?



Ask God to help His children grow in generosity by responsibly sharing what we have been entrusted with.



Love or Legalism?

Memory Verse
Matthew 23:12



Matt 23:1-36



Jesus focused on how to love God and others. The Pharisees and Scribes focused on how 'not to sin'. Jesus' approach was positive and God-centred. The Pharisees and Scribes were negative and self-centered, resulting in legalism and pride. Worse, it hindered others from knowing the love of God because God's laws were wrongly made out to be oppressive



Dear God, help me to focus on loving You and others instead of judging others of their sins.



How Much Is Enough?

Memory Verse
Luke 12:15



Luke 12:1-21

Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" Luke 12:41. Jesus did not answer Peter's question. Instead, He went on to elaborate on faithfulness and responsibility by relating it to proper stewardship of material possessions (v.42-44). Jesus warned that He will be coming back one day to demand an account (v.45-48). By doing so, Jesus was gently reminding Peter that the message, though familiar, was for him as well. Likewise, God's message is for us too.


**GOD LOVES
 A CHEERFUL
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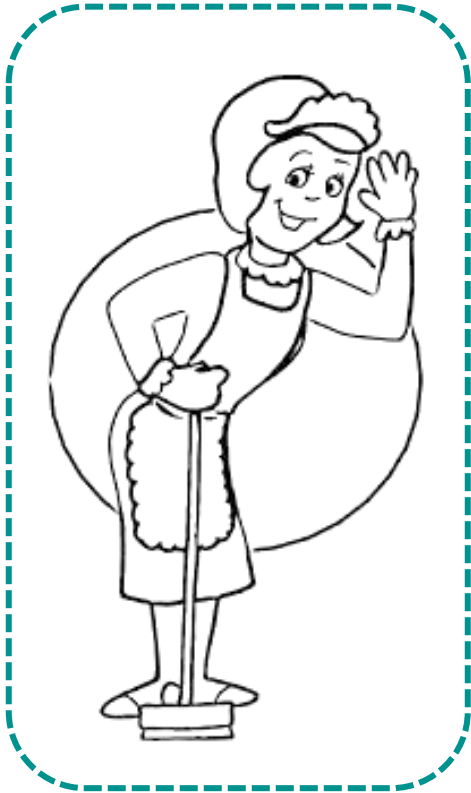


Thank You God for reminding me that I am Your servant. When You give me more, it is for me to be able to bless others more (Luke 12:48).



Be A Good Steward

Memory Verse
Luke 12:40



Today's reading reminds us not to forget that we are stewards of the good things we possess. When we think we are masters, we will tend to treat others as our 'servants' when in reality we are also servants (v.45).

How do we treat waiters or our "kakak" (housemaid) at home? Do we give them their dues (v.42)? Just because our parents have the money to pay for a service does not give us the permission to act selfishly. Someday we will be called to give an account of our actions (v.45-



Thank You Lord Jesus for reminding me that You are my Master and I am Your servant. May I always be ready for service unto You.



Watch Out!

Memory Verse
Luke 13:8



Luke 13:1-17

REPENT

"I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Luke 13:3,5. Jesus makes it clear that all of us are sinners (vs 1-5). We all need to repent (vs 3,5). By the grace of God, we have forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. Do we really know Jesus as Lord and Savior? If we do, let us show it in the fruits of repentance.





Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins. Thank You for Your saving grace for me.

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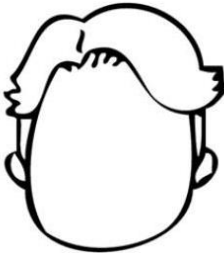
The People were Not Willing

Memory Verse
Luke 14:17



Luke 13:31–14:14

*This is how I look when
 I feel rejected*



Jesus did not waste time worrying about being rejected by someone like Herod who was cunning, self-seeking and evil. He kept His focus on the task God had appointed for Him (v.32-33). But His rejection by the Jewish nation brought a different response. Their rejection of Him was mostly due to stubborn blindness. Rather than respond with anger, Jesus responded with great sadness and compassion. Luke 19:28 tells us Jesus wept for Jerusalem. He had loved the people and had come to bring them salvation and deliverance.





"Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

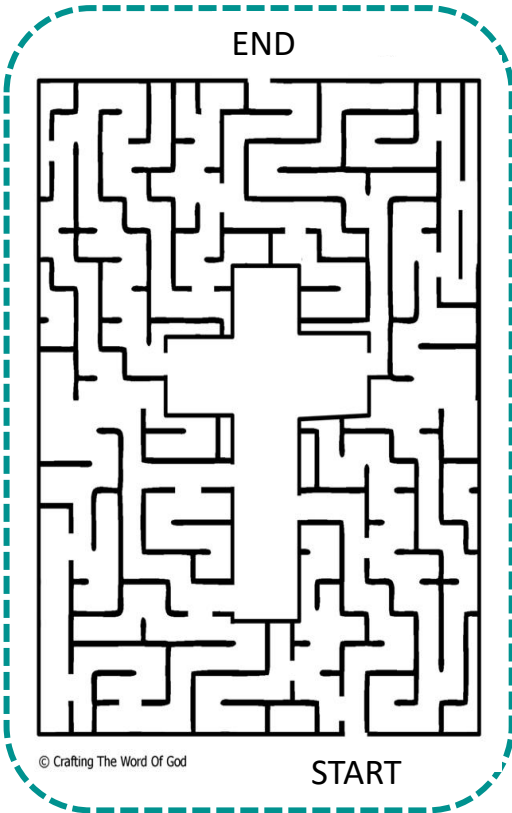


Finishing The Journey

Memory Verse
Luke 14:27



Luke 14:15-35



Jesus wants His disciples to remain “salty” (v.34-35). To be salty is to have an effect on those around us. It may mean making decisions that are difficult, not condoning sin in our families, neighbourhood, school etc. To follow Jesus and share His cross may mean that neighbours and friends do not always understand why we do what we do as we choose to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Are you willing?



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Lord, I want to carry my cross and follow You with all my heart even if others don't understand why I make this choice.



Seeking True and Eternal Riches

Memory Verse
Luke 16:13



Luke 16:1-31

The parable of the shrewd manager is not an easy one to understand, even for adults. God gives us every blessing we have, whether monetary or spiritual. He wants us to be wise in how we interact with one another, and to use our gifts to give back to Him and to one another. We have the choice to deny and reject, but God wants nothing to interfere with our love for Him.

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Dear God, Thank you for all of your blessings. Please help us to use them wisely and to glorify You with all we have.



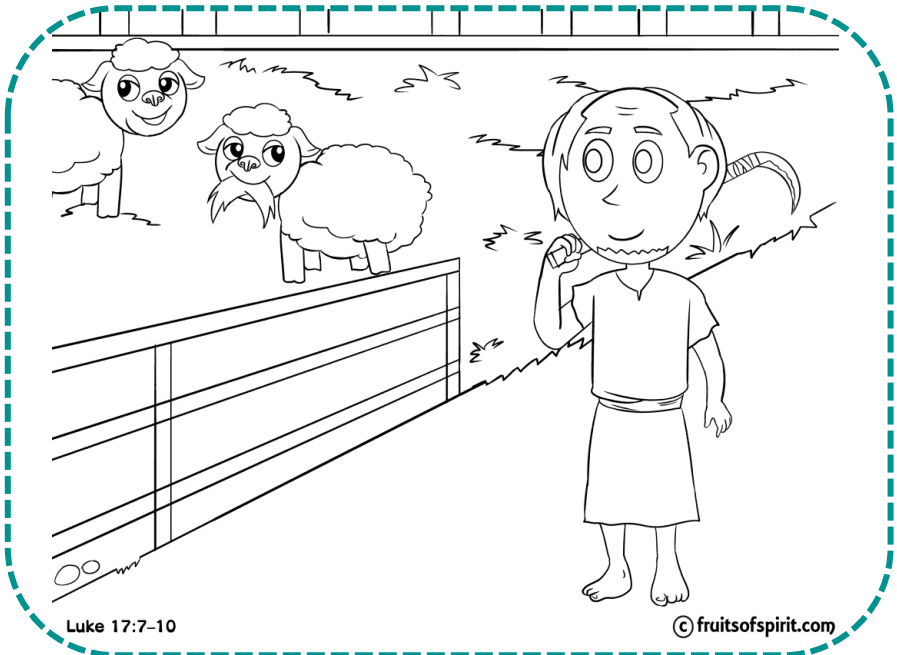
Discipleship is Servanthood

Memory Verse
Luke 17:15



Luke 17:1-19

So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." Luke 17:10. The disciple's main responsibility is to trust and serve our Master - Jesus Christ!



Luke 17:7-10

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Let us give thanks for the privilege to be His disciples and for what we have to serve Him and others.



Subjects of God's Kingdom

Memory Verse
Luke 17:33



Luke 17:20–37

"... the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21



"Nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21. As we wait for Christ to come again, let us continue to be good disciples and good subjects of God's kingdom. Let us reflect on how we can live as loyal and obedient disciples of His kingdom.



Dear God, free me from worldly temptation and help me to live as loyal and obedient disciple of Your kingdom here on earth as I wait for Your return.



God Hates Divorce

Memory Verse
Mark 10:9



Mark 10:1-12

**MARRIED
FOR LIFE**



MARK 10:9

During Jesus' day concerning divorce, Rabbi Hillel taught that a man could divorce his wife for any reason. His view was popular at that time. It was for this reason the scribes tested Jesus. They wanted Jesus to become unpopular with the people for they knew He would disagree with Rabbi Hillel's view. Jesus' view is the Biblical view as stated in Malachi 2:16, where the Lord says, 'I hate divorce ...'. God intends for a husband and wife to be married for life. (v 6-10).



Pray for husbands and wives to love each other deeply. Pray for God's mercy to heal broken marriages.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection.

(Matthew 21:1–11)



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HOLY WEEK JOURNEY



1



Jesus enters Jerusalem

2



Jesus cleanses the Temple

3



Jesus and the disciples share the Last Supper

4



Jesus prays in Gethsemane

5



Judas betrays Jesus and Jesus is arrested

6



Pilate questions Jesus

7



Jesus is put on the cross

8



Jesus is wrapped in a linen cloth and put in the tomb

9



He is risen!

Passion Week (also known as Holy Week) is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday)

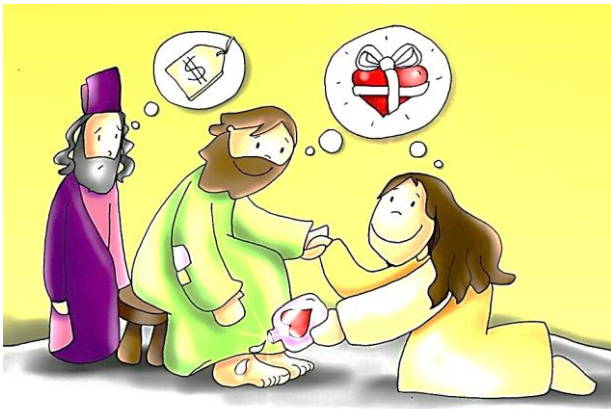
Life-Giving Perfume



Holy Week LENT MEDITATION



In the gospel story today, there is a woman who brought some perfume to Jesus. Well, it was really a special oil. It was used to prepare people for being burial, from something called a spikenard plant. This woman poured it on Jesus's feet, and wiped it up with her hair. She was willing to give a costly ointment for the One she knew was the Messiah. Judas criticized her for wasting such an expensive item, but Jesus defended her actions and reminded everyone that He was worth more than money. What are you? Is Jesus worth more than anything to you? Why?





Dear Jesus, You are worth more than all riches. Help me to remember that and to always put you first in my life. Amen



John 12:20–36

Seeking Jesus



Holy Week

LENT MEDITATION

The Son of Man! Whatever others thought of Him, Jesus had no qualms about who He was. He saw Himself as "the Son of Man"—a human being, and yet also the prophesied divine Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14) to whom authority, glory and sovereign power would be given, before whom all nations and peoples of every language will one day bow and worship, and a King whose Kingdom is everlasting and imperishable. Wow! But to realize this, the Son of Man must first die. He who would be King of kings and Lord of lords would be betrayed and arrested, mocked and spat at, beaten and nailed to the cross, pierced in His side, and then buried in a borrowed tomb.

JESUS IS THE
SON OF MAN



Dear God, help me to see Jesus as He really is. Take away all my false images of Jesus, and help me know Him as Your Son, my Savior and my Lord. Amen.



John 13:21–32

Betraying Jesus



Holy Week
LENT MEDITATION

"One of you is going to betray me." Who me? The disciples looked at one another with uncertainty and suspicion, in disbelief and perhaps even in fear. Would it be Simon Peter, the fiercely loyal leader of the band? Or John, the disciple whom Jesus loved? Or Judas, the keeper of the money? Or one of the others? Betrayal is when a person breaks the trust and faith of others that trust them. Have you ever betrayed Jesus, Your Saviour and Master?





Dear God, forgive me for being ashamed of You before the watching world. Grant me courage to walk with You through good times and bad times. Amen.