

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Parents' Page

Lesson 8

Jesus' Parables

Your child should understand...

Love—Showing love through actions

Your child should be able to...

1. Describe how the good Samaritan showed love.
2. Describe how the father felt about his prodigal son.
3. Identify how we build treasures in heaven.

Your child should be able to say...

Matthew 16:15-16

“‘But what about you?’ He asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God.’”

Please read to your child...

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| Thursday | Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 |
| Friday | Matthew 13:44-50 |
| Saturday | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Monday | Luke 12:4-9, 16-21 |
| Tuesday | Luke 15:11-24 |

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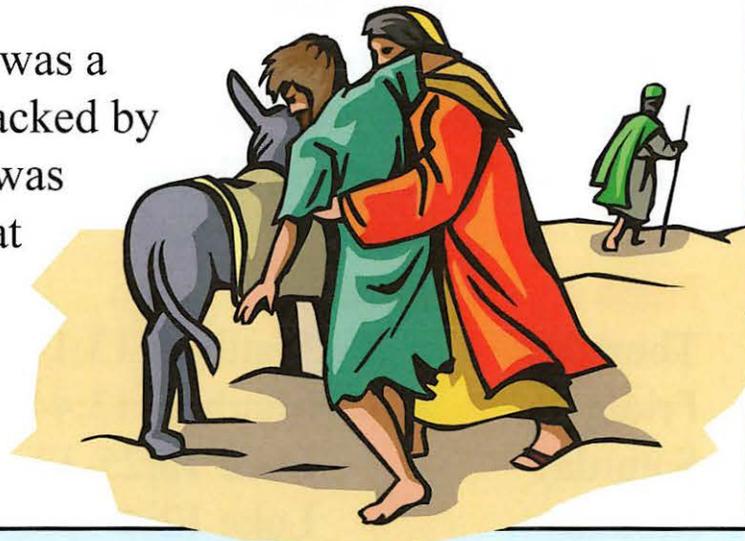
Jesus' Parables

As Jesus was teaching, He used parables, or stories, to help the people understand what He was teaching. A *parable* is a story about things that can happen to people and things on earth. But a parable teaches us what God wants us to know and do. Some people say it like this: “A parable is an *earthly* story with a *heavenly* meaning.”

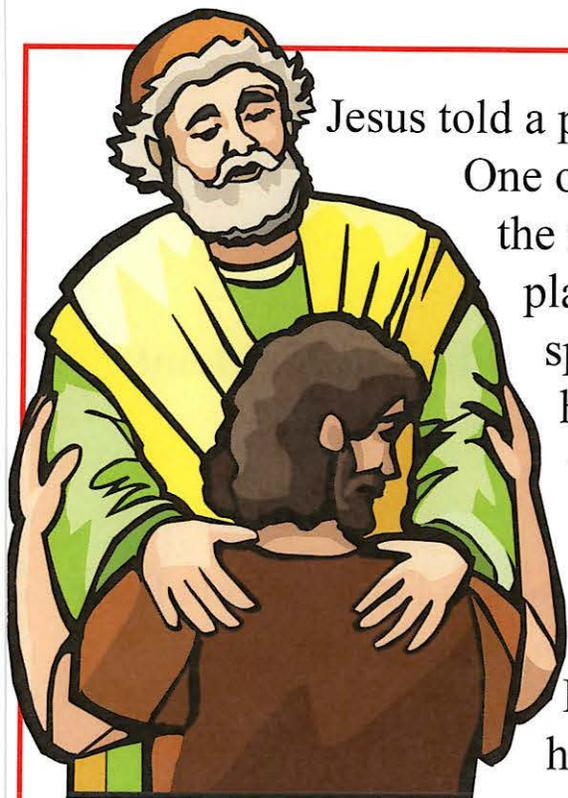
Jesus told a parable about a man who was going on a trip. Robbers beat up the man and left him on the side of the road! A priest, who was *supposed* to be God's special servant, came by, saw the hurt man, but passed by him on the other side. Then a Levite, who also *said* that he loved God, came by. He did the same thing—saw the hurt man and passed by on the other side.

But, a good Samaritan found the hurt man and felt sorry for him. He bandaged the man's hurt places. He let the man ride on his own animal. The Samaritan took the man to an inn to take care of him.

Jesus asked, “Which of the three was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the robbers?” We can see that it was the good Samaritan. We know that he truly loved God and others because of the way he took care of the man. Jesus wants us to be like the good Samaritan.



Be ready to tell the class the parable of the good Samaritan and how he showed love to the man who was hurt.



Jesus told a parable about a father who had two sons. One of them asked his father for money. He took the money and left home to go to a faraway place. He ran around with bad people and spent all the money his father had given him. The father was sad. He waited and waited for his son to come home. Finally, the son was so hungry that he went home to his father. He said he was sorry he had sinned. His father was happy to see him! He forgave his son and had a big party for him. That is the way God forgives us when we say we are sorry and stop doing wrong.

He is happy.

How did the father feel when his son *left* home? _____

How did the father feel when his son *came* home? _____

Did the father forgive his son? _____

Jesus told some parables about treasures. Some people want money, a big house, lots of clothes, toys, and cars. These things are their “treasures.” But Jesus wants us to love Him and His kingdom more than anything. When we love and obey God and love and help one another, we are building treasures in heaven. Our treasures in heaven will last forever!

How we can build treasures in heaven?

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Memory Verse:

Are you ready to **say your memory verses in Bible class without any help**? It's time, so practice, practice, practice!

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What is the book of **Philippians** about?
(Rejoice in the Lord)

Stand in the doorway, and say the names of **Jesus' apostles**.
(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas,
Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)
How many apostles did you name?

Look at your **Bible map**, and “**walk**” your fingers to show where **Jesus walked in Galilee**.