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STORY 1: The Good Samaritan





Jesus often told stories when He was teaching people. The Bible calls them parables.

> The parables that Jesus told were simple stories which contained lessons about God and His ways.

We usually ask a question because we want to know the answer, but sometimes we think we already know the answer. That's the way it was, one day, with a Jewish teacher who was talking to Jesus.

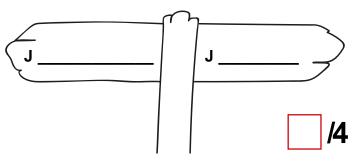
First of all they talked about what God wants us to do. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind," the teacher said.

What else did he say? Put the correct words in the spaces.

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Jesus then told a story to show him who his neighbour really was. A man went on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked and robbed and left for dead.

Fill in the place names Q: and draw an arrow underneath to show which way the man was going.





Three people came along the same road.

The first man was a priest. He just looked and walked by.

The second man was a Levite (a man who helped in the Temple). He came and looked at him, but did nothing to help.

The third man was a Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans were not friends. He came to the injured man, gave him first aid, and took him to an inn on his own animal. The Samaritan stayed with him overnight, then gave the innkeeper two coins to look after him.



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Q:	Only one	or tnese	sentences	is correct.	Find it and	put a tick ir	i the box.

The priest stopped and looked after the man.		
The Levite took the man to the inn.	_	_
The Samaritan gave the man first aid and took him to the inn.		/

The Jewish teacher would be very surprised that the Samaritan was the one who had helped the poor man.

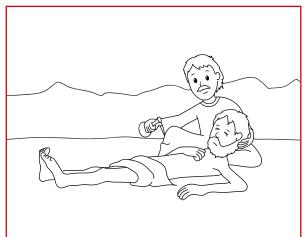
Q: Use these clues to fill in the WORD GRID.

- 1. He really was a good neighbour.
- 2. The Samaritan put the man on this.
- 3. The number of coins.
- 4. The man was taken here.

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When Jesus had finished telling the story He asked, "Which of these three do you think was a good neighbour?"



Q: Underline the man's answer.

"The man who was kind to him."

"The man who did nothing to help."

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Jesus told the teacher to go and do the same. It is easy to be kind to people we like, but this Bible story tells us that Jesus wants us to be kind to everyone we meet.



STORY 2: The Lost Sheep





When Jesus lived on earth, the Pharisees and Jewish teachers of the law thought that they were better than tax collectors and sinners.

One day the tax collectors and sinners came to hear Jesus. The Pharisees and teachers of the law began to grumble. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them," they said. They thought they were insulting Jesus, but in fact what they said was true! Jesus does welcome people who have done wrong things.



Q: Draw lines to complete the sentences.

The Pharisees and teachers of the law

The tax collectors and sinners

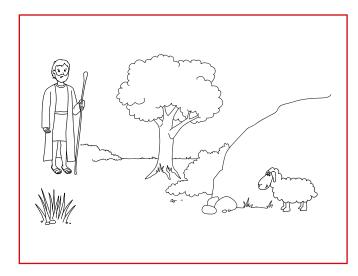
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Q: Fill in the missing words.

"This man w __ _ _ with them."

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Jesus knew what they were saying. "What would you do," He asked, "if you had a hundred sheep and you lost one?"

They knew that the shepherd would leave the ninety nine sheep in the open country and go to look for the lost one, until he found it.

When he found it, he would put it on his shoulders and take it home, feeling very happy.

Q: Fill in the missing words and write them in the Crossword.

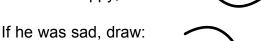
The 1) _____ had a
2) ___ sheep.

When 3) __ was lost, the shepherd left the ninety nine and went to look for the 4) __ one.

When he found the sheep he put it on his 5) __ __ factor for the downward of the downward of the downward for the down

Q: How did the man feel when he arrived home? Complete the face by drawing his mouth.

If he was happy, draw:





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The man was very happy when he found his lost sheep. The Bible tells us there is joy in Heaven when one person is sorry for doing wrong and trusts in Jesus. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We are like sheep which are lost. He wants to find us, so that we may be with Him for ever.

Q: Colour the Key Verse.

Jesus said,



John 10: 11

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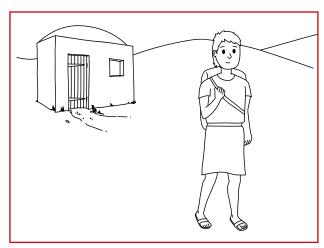


STORY 3: The Lost Son





Jesus told another story to show that God loves all of us. There was a man who had two sons. The younger son asked his father for the money that would one day be his. The father gave him the money. Shortly after, the son packed his bags and went on a long journey to a land far away. There he wasted his money in bad ways.



Q: Underline the correct answers:

How many sons did the man have? Which son asked for money? When did he leave home? Where did he go?

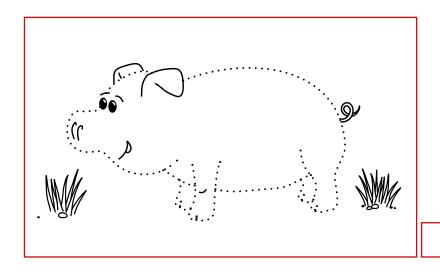
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The younger son / The older son
Shortly after / A year later
To the next town / Far away

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When all his money had gone, there was a famine in the land. The young man was in need, so he got a job looking after pigs. Sometimes he was so hungry he wanted to eat the pigs' food!

Q: Join the dots to draw a pig. Colour it.



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One day the young man came to a decision. At home even the servants had enough to eat. He was so hungry he decided to go home. He planned what he would say to his father. "I have sinned against Heaven and against you. I do not deserve to be called your son. Make me like one of your servants." Then he set out on his journey home.

The Bible says that when we admit we have done wrong, are truly sorry and decide to put things right, we have REPENTED.

Q: Write TRUE or FALSE besice	le each statement:
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The young man was very hungry.

He wanted to eat the pigs' food.

His friends helped him when the famine came.

He repented.

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His father saw him coming when he was still a long way off. He ran and kissed him. The son began to say the speech he had prepared, but his father interrupted him. He told the servants to get the best robe, a ring and sandals for him and gave instructions for a party to be held.

Q: Put the following words in the correct places to show what the father said:

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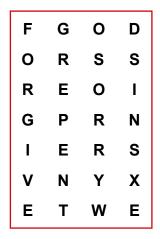
This ____ of mine was

d ___ and is alive again; he was ___s __

and is __ u __.

Q: The words that are highlighted in the following sentences are in the Word Square. Circle these words when you find them. They are written across or down.

The Bible says GOD loves us. He will FORGIVE us when WE REPENT, tell Him we are SORRY for our SINS and accept Jesus as our Saviour.





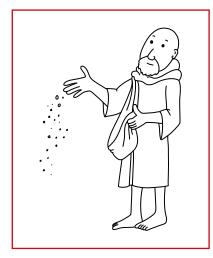
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STORY 4: The Sower







Jesus was sitting in a boat on the lake speaking to the people on the shore. He told them another parable.

He told the people that when a farmer scatters seed on the ground, the seed falls on four different types of ground.

Later on, Jesus told His disciples what the parable meant.

The seed is the Word of God.

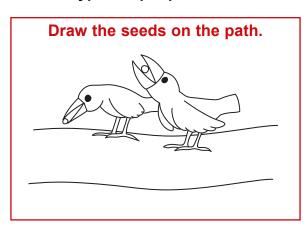


This includes the words that Jesus spoke and all the other words we read in the Bible.

Q: The different types of soil are like different types of people.

1) Some seed falls on the path and the birds swoop down and eat it.

This means some people hear the Word of God, but Satan comes like a bird and snatches it away (Satan is another name for the devil).



Draw the sun.

2) Some seed falls on rocky ground and begins to grow. Because there isn't much soil, the plants can't make roots. They soon die because the sun scorches them as they have no water.



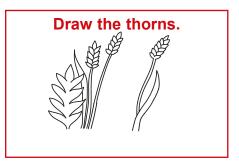
This means some people say they will follow Jesus, but when trouble comes, they give up. It is plain that they are not Christians.



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3) Some seed falls among thorns. The thorns choke the plants and so they die.

This means some people think more of the things they own than they do of Jesus.



Draw some more of the harvest.



4) Some seed falls upon good soil and produces a good harvest.

This means some people receive the Word of God and they become strong Christians, whose lives please God.

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Q: Crossword

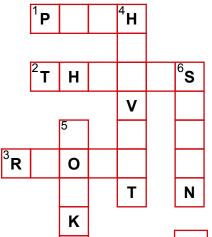
Clues Across

- 1. The seed didn't enter the ground at all here.
- 2. These choked the seed.
- 3. Plants in the rocky ground had no

Clues Down

- 4. This is produced in good ground.
- 5. This sort of ground is where the seed had no roots.
- 6. He snatches the seed away.

This story teaches that God wants us to be like the good soil, and follow what He says to us in His Word, the Bible.



Q: Colour only the boxes with X in them. The letters that are left will show you what the seed is a picture of, in the parable.

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