



Sunday 4th September 2022 – The Cost of being a Disciple

Read: Luke 14:25 – 33

Jesus wanted people to think carefully before becoming a disciple – he knew it would not be an easy task and he wanted people to know what they would be expected to give up. Jesus wanted the disciples to put God first, not to constantly have excuses but be able and willing to learn and serve no matter what – even if it meant giving up everything. Jesus still wants us to put him first today and to be prepared to follow him.

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDq8woZJpa0>

Who are Jesus disciples? What was he expecting them to do? Why did Jesus want his disciples to think carefully about following him? How would you feel if Jesus said these things to you?

Do: Colouring Page - <https://www.steviedoodles.com/free-coloring-pages/luke-1433-free-printable-scripture-coloring-page>

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/cost_of_discipleship_wordsearch.htm

Wordshape - https://sermons4kids.com/cost_of_discipleship_wordshape.htm

Pray: Dear God, help us put Jesus first. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen

(Taken from Praying Together)

Share – Think of how you can put God first today.



Sunday 11th September 2022 – The Lost Sheep and Coin

Read: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus used parables to teach people all sorts of things. When people were complaining and giving out about how he had been building relationships with people they thought were not good enough. Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep and lost coin. Both people in these parables went out of their way to find what was lost, searching, and never giving up. Jesus used these stories to remind people that God will not give up on them and will keep looking.

Watch – The Lost Sheep - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Ry2MaMyvGo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry2MaMyvGo)

The Lost Coin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvHxUxjaboE>

Why did Jesus tell these parables? Why did people think that Jesus should not be spending time with these people? What was lost in the story? How were they found? What did the people do when they were found? What happens in heaven when someone is lost but is found?

Do: Colouring Page - <https://mywonderstudio.com/en/level-1/coloring-page-the-parables-of-jesus-the-lost-sheep/>

Sheep Craft - <https://inthebagkidscrafts.com/sheep-craft-with-cotton-balls/>

Lost Coin puzzle - <https://www.biblewise.com/kids/fun/lost-coin.php>

Wordsearch - <https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/lost-sheep-word-search/view/>

Can you think of a modern day example of something lost that Jesus would tell a parable about? Write or draw this parable.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for never giving up on me. Amen

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Share – Can you find something that you have lost?



Sunday 18th September 2022 – The Dishonest Manager

Read: Luke 16:1-13

Today's story is another parable, but this time Jesus is teaching his disciples. Jesus wants the disciples to understand that they cannot be distracted by trying to be rich, or by telling lies and getting caught up in everything that is happening around them the disciples must set a good example – they should be honest and not tell lies. Jesus wants them to focus on what is good and right and not set a bad example for others.

Watch – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN9fgUMYIAU>

Who was Jesus telling this parable to? Why did the pharisees not want to hear it? Why does Jesus expect so much of his disciples? What should the disciples be focused on? What should we do with our money?

Do: Colouring Page - <https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/no-one-can-serve.pdf>

Acrostic Puzzle - https://sermons4kids.com/parable_dishonest_manager_acrostic.htm

Fill in the gaps - https://sermons4kids.com/parable_dishonest_manager_cloze.htm

Decoder - https://sermons4kids.com/parable_dishonest_manager_secret_message.htm

Pray: God, help me to do what is right by you. Amen

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Share – Over the next few weeks collect any copper coins you can – as a group can you donate this money to charity or share with a missionary organisation.



Sunday 25th September 2022 – The Rich Man and Lazarus

Read: Luke 16:19-31

In this parable we hear about two men, one who was very rich and had everything he wanted, the other was very poor, homeless, and lived outside the rich mans gates. The rich man had feasted every day and wore fancy purple garments. The poor man called Lazarus had to beg, but the rich man refused to give him anything. Both men died, Lazarus went to heaven, the rich man went to hell. When he was in hell, he saw Lazarus and asked for some water, and if Lazarus could go and tell his brothers that hell was real and to change their ways. The rich man was told no – his brothers have all the teachers they need on earth and need to trust and believe in what they say. We need to do the same by following the teachings of Jesus.

Watch – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kS382rfB7po>

Who was happier? How would you have helped Lazarus? I wonder what the people who heard this story would have thought of it. What can we learn from this parable?

Do: Colouring Page - <https://mywonderstudio.com/en/level-1/coloring-page-the-parable-of-jesus-the-rich-man-and-lazarus/>

Craft - <https://ministry-to-children.com/put-god-first-bible-craft/>

Wordsearch -

http://www.biblekids.eu/bible_word_search_puzzles/bible_word_search_puzzles/lazarus_wordsearch_puzzle.JPG

Crossword - https://sermons4kids.com/rich_man_lazarus_crossword.htm

Trading Places - trading places - The rich man and Lazarus “traded places” – in two teams take turns to answer questions – whoever gets the question right trades places. If both get the question wrong, then they both stay where they are.

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Share – Continue with your copper collection – can you decorate a jar to collect them in?