

Dear Grownups,

These are interesting times presenting everyone, including the church with different challenges. One challenge for us while the church is closed is keeping the children engaged with the word of God.

To help you with this I've quickly drawn up these workbooks, one for ages 3-6 and another for 7-11. There is a different study for each day. Each study focuses on a different topic and uses the Bible and YouTube videos to help them understand the passages. Each study looks at a passage and comes with question, colouring in, games and maybe a song. Some children, especially younger ones, will need help governing the workbooks.

I will make one of these for as long as the schools and the church remains closed. The idea is that they are used every day to help fill the void left by Junior Church and/or SuperZone. Over the next few weeks I will be editing them. Please send me any feedback you might help to contribute to the next ones. I will send them out one week at a time.

This week's studies begin with two on prayer and the Bible. This is to ensure that all children are on the same page as the studies continue. Then we will begin looking at the parables Jesus taught. Next week we will start looking at the Easter story and everything it means for us, your faith and our lives.

I will be praying for you and your families as you use these workbooks. I hope that they will be useful to you.

Please get in touch if there is anything I can do for you or your families.

All the best, Caroline

Day One – Sunday 22nd

PRAYER

While we learn about Jesus from our homes, all of us are going to spend time each day praying to God. So, the first thing we are going to do is look at Prayer! We're going to ask: How do I pray? And, what should I Pray?

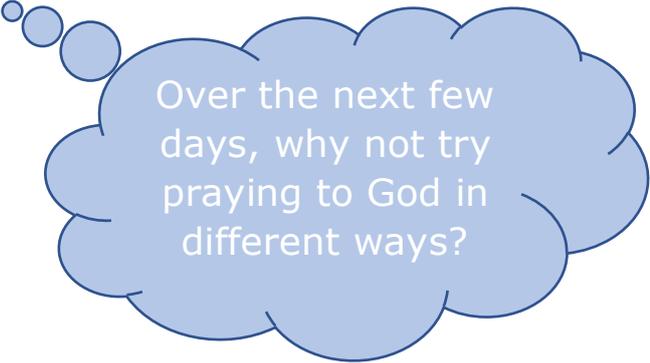
1) How do I pray?

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFmOCYj0Fvk>

Prayer is talking to God. Because God loves us and He cares about us, He wants us to tell Him all about our lives. We can pray to God in lots of different ways, can you list some of the ways we can pray?

Who can pray to God?

- Only special people
- No one
- Everyone!



Over the next few days, why not try praying to God in different ways?

2) What should I pray?

WATCH: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdIXOk_QdQ

This video teaches us an easy way to remember how to pray. Can you fill in the gaps?

P _ _ _ _ _
R _ _ _ _ _
A _ _
Y _ _ _ _

Can you find Matthew 6:9-13 in your Bible? Here Jesus is teaching His friends how to pray using a prayer we call 'The Lord's Prayer'.



Here is a copy of The Lord's Prayer. Try to highlight where Jesus teaches us to: praise God, ask for God's help, and repent (say sorry) for the bad things we've done.

'Our Father in heaven,
we pray that your name will always be
kept holy.
We pray that your kingdom will come.
We pray that what you want will be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive the sins we have done,
just as we have forgiven those who did
wrong to us.
And do not cause us to be tested;
but save us from the Evil One.'
The kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours forever. Amen.

PRAY: In whatever way you want to pray, talk to God using the P-R-A-Y technique.

Day Two – Monday 23rd

THE BIBLE

As well as praying, another important way we learn about Jesus and become His friends, is by reading the Bible. Today we are going to learn some facts about what the Bible is and how we should read it!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZoWiY5cra>

So, What Is the Bible?

The Bible is a very big book. Your Bible might look different to someone else's, but they all have the same stuff inside. Here are some Bible facts to help you know your way around the book!

- The Bible contains 66 Books.
- Each book is divided into chapters (big number) and verses (little number) – these haven't always been there but were added in a few hundred years ago to help us find our way around such a big book!
- The Bible is split into the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- The Old Testament is the part of God's BIG Story before Jesus was born.
- The Old Testament is the first 39 Books of the Bible.
- The New Testament is the part of God's BIG Story after Jesus' birth.
- The New Testament is the next 27 Books of the Bible – starting with Matthew.
- There are lots of different types of Books in the Bible. The Old Testament contains History Books (like Genesis) which tell the History of God's people, and Law Books (like Leviticus) which record all of the rules God gave his people. It also has Poetry Books (like Psalms), Books of Wisdom (like Proverbs), Books filled with prophecy from different prophets (like Isaiah), and even a Book all about a love story – Ruth.
- The New Testament starts with 4 Books which are eye-witness accounts of Jesus' life. It also has lots of Books filled with letters from some of the first church leaders, like Paul.

This is no ordinary book! Using your Bible, can you answer these questions?

1. What is the first sentence in the Bible?

2. What is the first sentence in the New Testament?

3. What is the last verse in the Bible?

4. How many pages are in your Bible?

5. What name do we give the rules written down in Exodus 20:2-17?

6. John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible, what does it say?

It's important to read our Bible's so that we can keep learning about God and his Big Story. But the Bible is such a big book, filled with words we might not understand and stories that can be confusing, that we might not know where to start!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jpj9lCwk5KI>

It doesn't matter how you read your Bible. The most important thing is that you do! Why not start with the New Testament and the stories about Jesus written by his friends? Or ask a grown up to read it with you!

Remember, whenever you don't understand something, you can ask God to help you and ask a grownup or someone at church to explain!

PRAY: Thank God for the Bible. Thank him that we can learn more about him when we read it and about his BIG Story. Ask him to help you read your Bible and understand what it means.

Day Three – Tuesday 24th

TWO SONS ONE FATHER

Yesterday we learnt about how the Bible is filled with stories which help us learn about God. Well, no one knows more about God than Jesus – He is God! When Jesus lived on Earth he used lots of stories to teach his friends lessons about God. Over the next few days we are going to look at some of these stories.

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfDfMZ6MTJs>

In your Bible can you find Luke 15:11-32? Fill in the gaps below!

A man had ___ sons. One day the _____ son asked the father his _____ even though he was only meant to get this money when his dad died. This made his dad feel ____, but still said _____. He gave _____ of his money to the _____ son. The younger son took the money and _____ home.

He bought everything he _____. It didn't take a _____ time for the money to run out. When the _____ ran out his friends and all the fun went away. Now the son had no _____ and no _____. The son was so _____ he got a job feeding _____. The son was _____ and looked at the food being fed to the _____. He thought "Even the _____ have food to _____. The _____ at my _____ house always have food to eat too. Maybe if I go back _____, my dad will let me _____ for him and then I can eat. If I stay here I'll _____!"

The son walked all the way _____. When the _____ was still a long way away, his _____ saw him. When he saw his son the dad _____ all the way down the road to his son and gave him a huge _____. The dad was so _____ to have his son back. He even threw him a _____!

Because the dad _____ his son, he forgave him for upsetting him. Because he _____ his son, the dad treated his son as if he had never _____. We do things that _____ God. But if we ask him to forgive us, because he _____ us, he welcomes us home like long lost children!

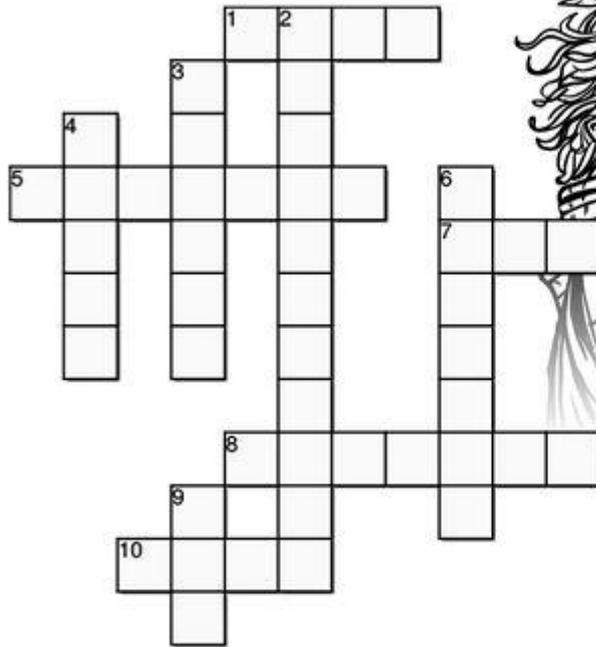
The prodigal son walked away from the loving relationship he had with his Dad. This is the same thing we do when we sin and upset God. But just like the Dad in the story, God is our loving father and he forgives us! But we do so many things wrong that it took a big rescue plan to bring us back to God. Listen to this song and hear about how much God loves us and how he forgives us.

Listen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo4rRUINoX4>

THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15:11-32



Across

1. When the son lost all his money, he got a job feeding _____.
5. The young son wasted all his money on girls, drinking and _____.
7. The father lavished his son with fine shoes, clothes and a fancy _____.
8. His job was embarrassing because doing it made him _____.
10. After losing all of his inheritance and working a dirty job, where did the son decide to go?

Down

2. When the youngest son left home, what did he ask his father for?
3. Who ran to the son on the path?
4. When the son returned, the father decided to throw a huge _____.
6. Who was not happy about the son's return?
9. In the story Jesus is comparing _____ to the father, and _____ to the son.

PRAY: Think about some things you've done that upset God. Ask God to forgive you and thank him that because of Jesus we are able to carry on being his children! Thank God that he loves us so much, he is our loving father!

Day Four – Wednesday 25th

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

This is a very famous story that Jesus told. This story helps us to understand more about God's love and how that love should change the way we live our life's.

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc>

This story can be found in Luke 10:25-37. Here are some questions to test how well you know the story!

1) What is the name given to the stories Jesus used to teach us?

2) Jesus gets asked a question by a Jewish expert in the law. What was this question?



3) This was a little bit of a trick question because the man already knew what the law said. What does the man think he needs to do to be perfect? (v27)

" _____ the Lord with all your _____, with all your _____. Love him with all your _____ and with all your _____.

And _____ your _____ as yourself!"

4) Jesus tells him he is correct, but the man wants to impress Jesus, so he asks him a question. What does he ask? (v29)



Jesus goes on to tell the man the story of The Good Samaritan. In this story a man gets attacked when he's traveling to a place called Jericho.

This road was very dangerous and while he is traveling the man is attacked, robbed, beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Three people find him by the side of the road. Who were they?

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

The first two men both worked in the temple, God's House, so we would expect them to help right? But they don't! This is because, according to the Old Testament Law, if they went near someone who was dead or dying, they would have to go all the way back to Jerusalem. Because they don't want to do this, they leave the man behind. They even cross to the other side of the road so they don't have to go too close to him!

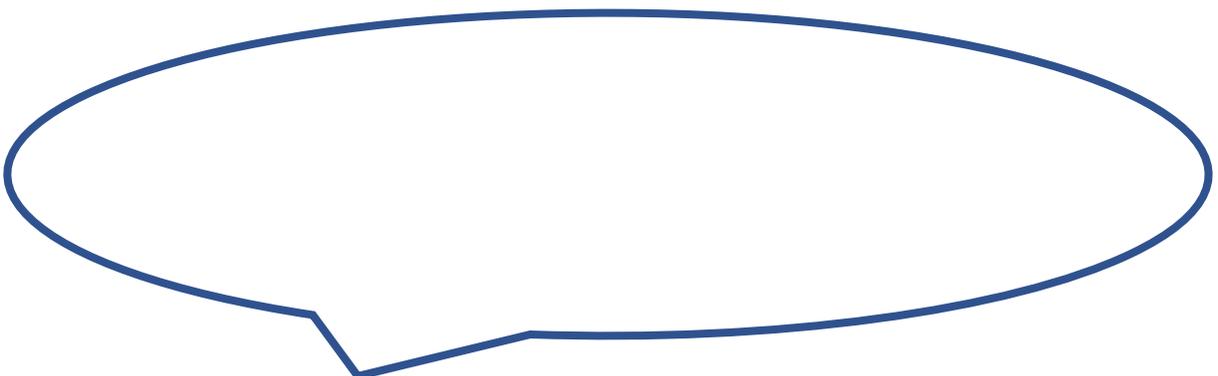
The third man does stop. Where was he from? _____

The Jews and the Samaritans were not friends, so nobody would have expected him to help, but he does! Do you see how much he helps the man? Read verses 34-35. What

- 1) He goes to him and...
- 2) He put the man on...
- 3) He takes him to...
- 4) He pays the innkeeper....

This man goes out of his way to help a man he didn't know! So, what does this say about who our neighbour is? Everyone is our neighbour! Jesus says that we should love everyone, not just those we know or who are like us. Everyone!

But Jesus didn't tell the story just to teach the law expert this, he wants us to know it too! Can you write the Jesus' command in the bubble below?



Sometimes its good to think about what a part of the Bible means for our Head (what we can learn), our Hearts (how we should feel) and our Hands (what we should do). We'll do this a couple of times over the next few weeks, so I've done this first one for us. Can you draw a little logo in each box to help you remember?



Head

This story teaches us that God loves everyone! The Samaritan helped the man because he loved him even though he knew nothing about him. God helps us because he loves us, *even though* he knows everything about us. He knows all of the bad things we've done but he still loves us!



Heart

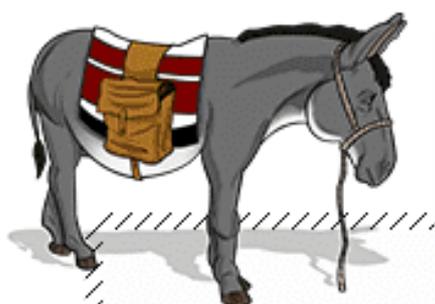
This story teaches us that we need to love everyone. Not just people who are like us. We should to love everyone, even the people we find hard to love. This is because God loves us unconditionally and that's how we should try and love others.



Hands

This story teaches us that we should show this love to others. We can do this by helping those who are need, like the Samaritan in the story. Like the good Samaritan, we should help others as much as we can – even if it is an inconvenience to us!

PRAY: Thank God that he loves us so much. Thank him that he loves everyone – not just people who are good all the time (because none of us are!) Thank God that he showed his love to us by sending Jesus to help us be his friend. Ask God to help you love others with all your heart and to help them when you can!



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Y U T B F I V S E Y G B R U R R F A A U
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NEIGHBOR
DENARII
DONKEY
ROAD
BANDAGE
JERICHO

TORAH
BIBLE
SAMARITAN
YAHWEH
PRIEST
ANIMAL

OIL
LEVITE
INN
JERUSALEM
WINE
YESHUA



Day Five – Thursday 26th

GENEROSITY

The Bible talks a lot about generosity. It's important that being generous isn't just about giving money. In one story Jesus told his followers about the different ways we can be generous to others. This story is special. This story is about something that will happen one day in the future!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyXe25LycY>

READ: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus says that one day, what we sometimes call Judgment Day, Jesus as God's Son will divide everyone into two groups. Just like a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats, Jesus will separate the good people from the bad. What makes a person a sheep or a goat? Generosity.

Look at the passage and complete the tick box below.

Who did this?		
Gave their food to someone who was hungry		
Gave water to someone who was thirsty		
Gave someone somewhere to stay when they were alone		
Gave clothes to someone who didn't have anything to wear		
Gave their care for someone who is sick		
Gave their time to visit someone in prison		

None of these people gave any of these things to Jesus, but Jesus tells them that when they did it for others it was as if they were doing it for him. In the same way, when they refused to help someone it was the same as refusing Jesus.

Once Jesus has divided the two groups, each gets sent to a different place. The people who refused to help others, refused Jesus and are sent away from him to be punished. We might think of this as Hell. The sheep – the people who gave to others and served Jesus, they receive a blessing from God and follow Jesus into God’s Kingdom, Heaven.

Then the King will say to the good people on his right, “Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you.”
Matthew 25:34

But we shouldn’t be generous because we want to go to heaven. We should be generous because when we serve others, we are serving Jesus. Jesus was the most generous of all. We can give others our money, our time, our care. Jesus gave us his life so that we can be his friends! When we’ve experienced generosity like this, it should inspire us to show that same generosity to others!

How can you be generous to someone else today? Write down something you can do today to help someone else and try to do it before you go to bed!

Listen:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo4rRUINoX4>

PRAY: Thank God for everything he has given us. Thank him for Jesus and all he did for us on the cross. Ask God to help you to be more generous to others. Ask him to show you something you can be doing to help those around you!

Day Six – Friday 27th

THE GREAT BANQUET

When Jesus was on Earth everyone wanted to invite him to their house for dinner. Some people even through big parties for him. These parties had lots of food and we call them banquets.

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5k4>

I want you to picture the best party ever. If you could have a party wherever you wanted, whenever you wanted, with whoever you wanted and with EVERYTHING you wanted, what would it look like? Draw your party below!



The man in todays story spent a lot of time getting his party ready. He wanted it just right so that everyone he invited would have a great time. This is like God. The Bible says that God is busy preparing a banquet in heaven for his followers. Can you imagine how amazing this party will be?!

But in the story, when the man sends his servant to gather the guests to come to the party, they all had different excuses – and some of them are pretty rubbish!

Can you remember the 3 excuses his friends give him?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Can you imagine how the man must have felt? He did all that hard work and then his friends don't show up! Well, this is kind of like us and God too. God has prepared a party and then sent his servant, Jesus, to invite the Jewish leaders to come. But they made all types of excuses to not believe in Jesus and the salvation he offered.

What does the man in the story do when his friends make excuses?

God does the same. God invites EVERYONE to his party in Heaven, not just a select few. This means all of us are invited too!

But people still make excuses. We might think we're too busy for Jesus. We're too tired to read our Bible today. Or telling other people about God isn't cool and we don't want to be unpopular. But in the story, the people who made excuses don't get to go to the banquet. We shouldn't make the same mistake!

READ: Revelation 3:20

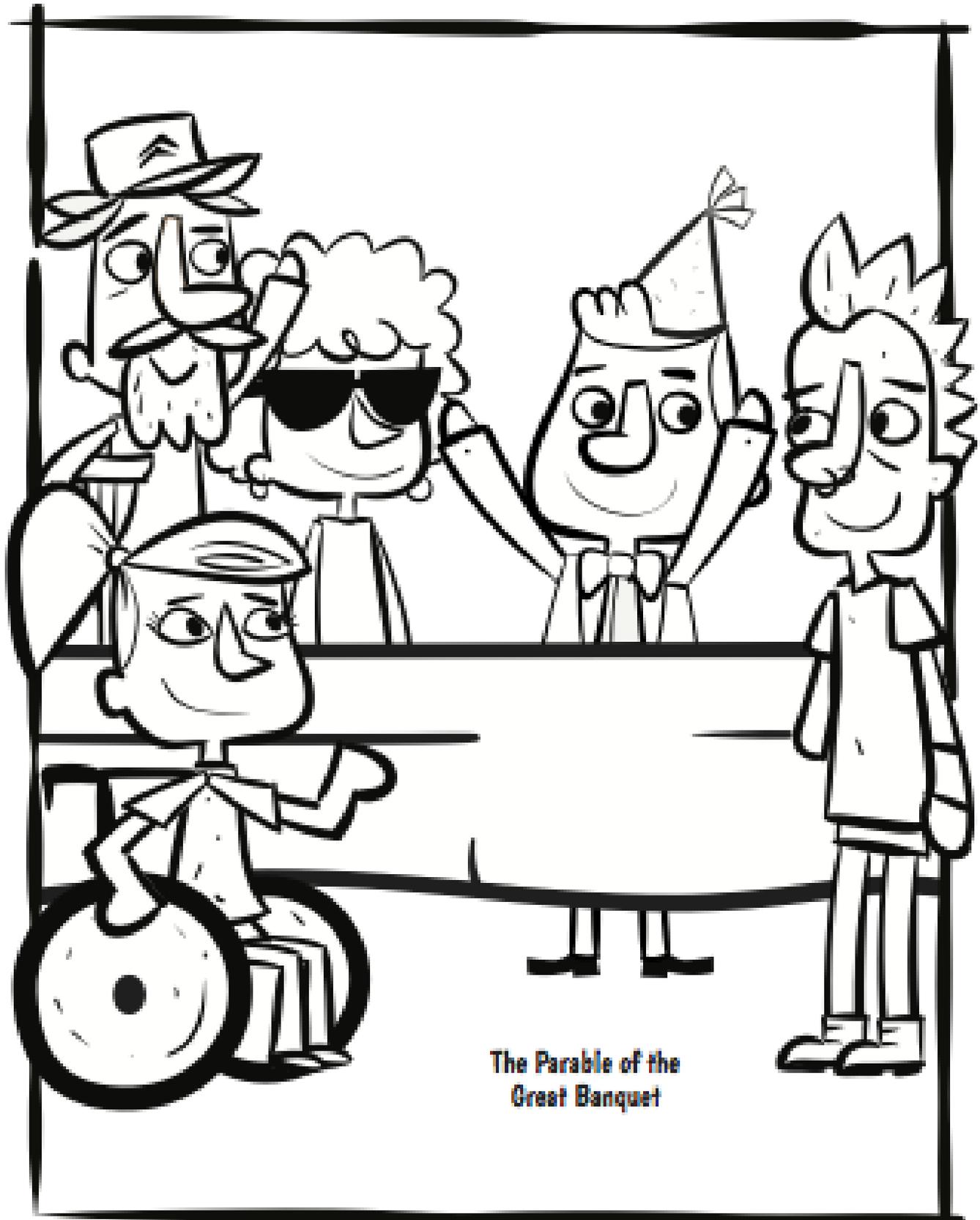
Jesus is inviting all of us to the Great Banquet in Heaven. He wants to be our friend and if we put our trust in him and his sacrifice, one day we'll go to the party God is preparing for us!

This song tells us all about this party that will happen one day!

Listen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyOB15KKnIw>

PRAY: Thank God for this party he is making for us. Thank him that he sent Jesus to tell us all about it. Ask him to help you respond to his invitation and tell other people about it!



**The Parable of the
Great Banquet**

Day Seven – Saturday 28th

THE SOWER

Have you ever planted something? You plant a seed and you wait ages and ages and ages for it to start growing. Then, when it starts to grow it keeps growing until it's a really tall, healthy plant. But sometimes it never grows, or the plant can get poorly, and it dies. Jesus told a story about a farmer and some seeds, and we'll be learning about it today!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs

In this story Jesus talk about seed which grows in 4 different places. Read Luke 8:4-15 and draw pictures showing the seed in the boxes below.

Verse 5

Verse 6

Verse 7

Verse 8

Each of these seeds represent how different people respond to the good news Jesus has to offer. Connect the types of seed with the different ways people respond to Jesus.

Verse 5

Verse 15

Verse 6

Verse 12

Verse 7

Verse 14

Verse 8

Verse 15

When you hear about Jesus, how much he loves you and how he died for you, what is your response?

Are you like the seed growing among the thorns? Do you let everything else keep you from loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Are you more interested in sports, friends, games etc.?

Or is your heart soft towards God and His voice that when you hear His Words you try hard to listen and obey so that you can grow into a stronger Christian every day? You can keep your heart turned towards God by reading and studying God's Word and obeying what He teaches you. As you do this you grow stronger every day. By hearing and obeying His Word you will find that it is easier to say no to sin. You will want to please God and share Jesus with others. This kind of life will be a fruitful life and God will be pleased.

PRAY: Thank God that he loves us so much he sent his son to die for us. Thank you thank God did this knowing that not everyone would listen and believe in him. Ask God to help you be the seed that landed on good soil – that you will grow closer and closer to him as you grow up.

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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