

Dear Grownups,

Before I tell you about this week's workbooks, I thought I'd give you another list of resources to use with children of all ages. I've split them into categories to make it easier for you to select what might work for your house!

### **Apps:**

Bible App for Kids – Laid out like a game with different 'levels' it goes through the Bible story by story encouraging kids to listen and then answer questions with games/activities throughout. Really good to show them the chronology of the Bible and how stories they've learnt about in isolation are actually part of one big story. Would require little to no help depending on ages.

God for Kids: Family Bible App – This one is more of a game/adventure. Good for ages 5-8, again with little to no help needed. Children select an avatar and then work their way through different adventures (1- Who is God? 2- Who is Jesus? 3- Who is the Holy Spirit?) Does include some in-app purchases to be aware of.

Echo (prayer app) – Best for older children/family use. Good way to keep track of prayers and different people to pray for. Would be especially good in this time to pray for church family members by name and individually. You enter in the prayers, and then press the 'pray now' button. You can set prayer times to ensure that a certain number of the entered prayers are set or so you pray for a certain amount of time. Might also be good to enter in prayers which correspond to the P.R.A.Y style of praying the older ones learnt about last week.

### **YouTube Channels:**

Crossroads kids – Bible stories in easy to watch short videos. Generally, they cover a story/theme with a short application and recap at the end. The channel also includes other videos with songs. These are the videos we'll be primarily using in these books.

Saddleback Kids – Another channel which does animated Bible stories. These videos tend to focus on the story alone with no application.

BeginnersBible – Uses the same illustrations as found in the most popular Beginners Bible and animates them. Also includes some songs. The animation is slightly more dated than the other two but still good!

### **Songs:**

Awesome Cutlery – These are the songs we're using in these books. They have good lyric videos and their songs are free and available on YouTube, Spotify, etc.

Rend Co. Kids – Rend Collective have a small album of kid's music. These aren't just 'fun' songs but include some more 'worship-like' songs but in language accessible for children. Again, available on YouTube, Spotify, etc.

Bear Hug Band – Same as above. A few of these songs are being introduced to SuperZone and Junior Church when we're back – especially the Armor of God one! These guys use a lot of funny voices and they're really memorable. My sister still loves them and she's 20.

A Gospel Coalition Spotify playlist: "Upbeat Songs for Quarantined Kids" -

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/upbeat-songs-quarantined-kids/>

**Livestreams:**

Both Awesome Cutlery and Rend Collective are doing livestreams. Awesome Cutlery are doing one on Monday at 4pm which will include songs and a short message/sketch for children. Rend Collective are doing ones every now and then called 'Socially Distant Worship' which likewise include worship and songs but this time for all ages. For more details see both their Facebook pages and the church page as I'll do my best to share information about these and similar events.

In the next few weeks I'll add to this list and create some playlists online to make viewing them easier. I'll direct you to them in the next instalment, on the Facebook page and on the website.

This week's workbook continues looking at the parables of Jesus before moving onto Jesus himself. This is to lay the foundations for concentrating on the Easter story in Week 3.

Following on from comments I've made some adjustments but if you have anything else you think could be done better let me know. I want to make these as useful for you and your families as they can be.

As always, I'll be praying for you and your families as you use these. I pray that God will use this time to draw all of us closer to him. That the children will learn more about him and come to rest on his strength in this confusing time. I also pray that despite not being in the same building, that the children and us will still feel part of the same family of God as we learn together!

Please let me know if there is anything specific for your family which I can pray for,

Caroline

# Day Eight – Sunday 29th

## THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Has anyone ever done something that upset you? Jesus taught us that when someone does something to upset us, and they are sorry, we need to forgive them. Sometimes this can be hard. Jesus' friend Peter must have found it hard too – one day he asked Jesus how many times did he have to forgive someone if they kept upsetting over and over again!

Today we are going to learn about Jesus' answer.

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

WATCH: Saddleback Kids 'The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant' >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ED3fzkS-bhA>

READ: Matthew 18:21

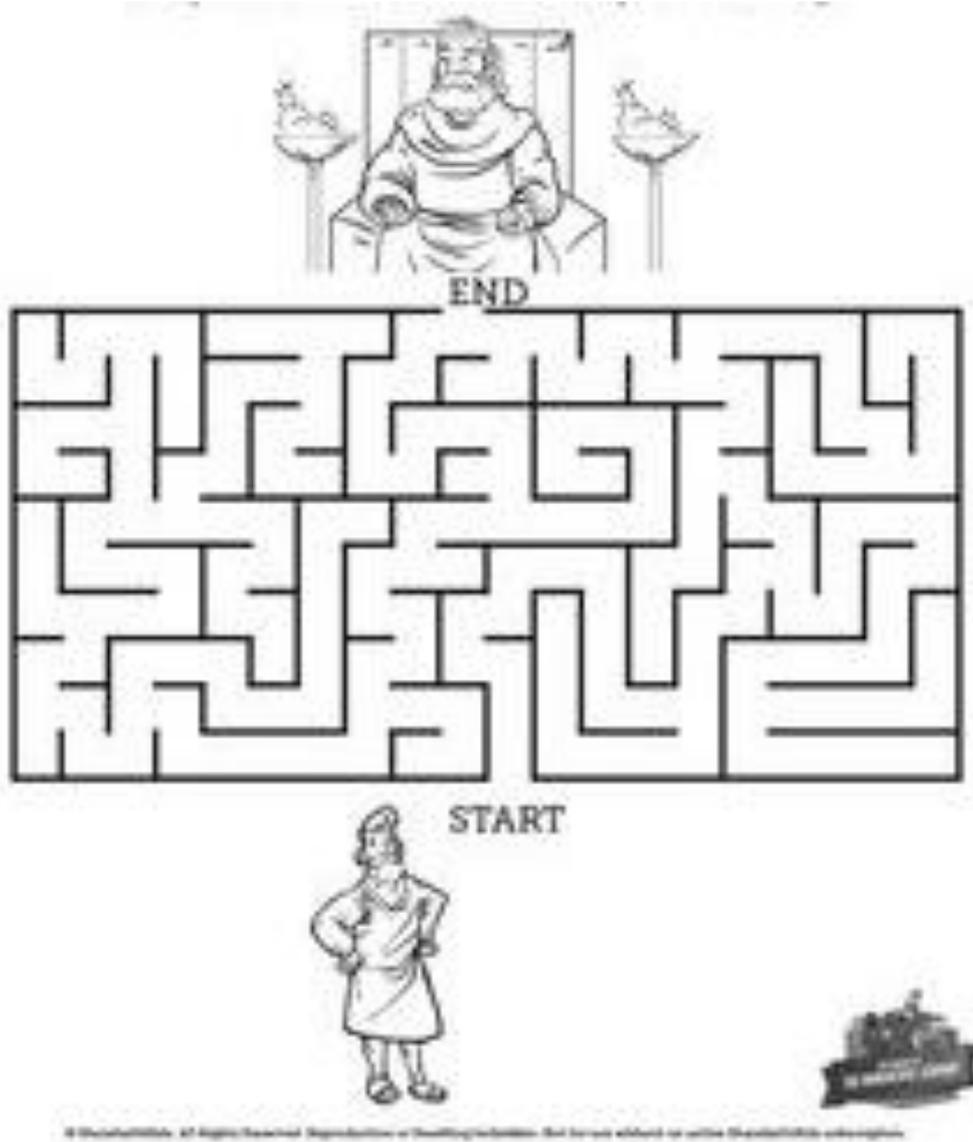
How many times does Peter think we should forgive someone? Circle the right answer!

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Jesus tells Peter that we should forgive people 7 x 70 times! 7 x 70 = 490. That's a lot of times to forgive the same person! To help us learn why we should forgive people, Jesus tells us a story about two servants and a King.

The first servant owed the King a lot of money. The servant doesn't have enough money to pay back the King, so the King tells his men to throw the servant and the servant's family in jail as a punishment. The servant falls on the ground and begs the King to have pity on him. When the King sees this he forgives the servant and wipes his debt away.

Can you guide the servant to the King?



Because the King forgives him, the servant gets to walk away free! We'll call him the Forgiven Servant.

But that's not the end of the story. There is another servant who owed the Forgiven Servant some money. The Forgiven Servant had owed the King lots of money, but this servant only owed the Forgiven Servant a little bit of money. When the Forgiven Servant comes to get his money back, the other servant can't pay him, just like the Forgiven Servant, he didn't have enough money to pay his debt. He falls onto his knees and begs the Forgiven Servant to forgive him, but he doesn't! He has the servant thrown in jail.

Even though he had been forgiven for a very big debt, the Forgiven Servant couldn't forgive another servant for a smaller debt. That's why we call him the Unforgiving Servant, because he didn't like forgiving others.

When the King hears what the Unforgiving Servant did, he tells the Unforgiving Servant that because he could not forgive others he is no longer forgiven. So, the servant and his family all have to go to jail to pay the punishment for his debt.



## THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Jesus wants to warn us not to be like the Unforgiving Servant.

All of the bad things we do upset God all the time, and the Bible says that we should be punished for them. They add up to a really big debt, just like the money the servant owed the King. But if we ask God to forgive us, just like the King in the story, God forgives us, and we don't have to be punished anymore. Because we have received this huge amount of forgiveness, we should forgive others. We shouldn't be like the Unforgiving Servant who was happy to be forgiven but wasn't kind enough to forgive other people.

Just like God forgives everyone who asks no matter how many times they have upset him, we should try to forgive others no matter how many times we've forgiven them already.

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

Listen: Awesome Cutlery > God Showed Us His Love

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

PRAY: Thank God that he is always willing to forgive us if we ask him too. Thank Jesus for taking the punishment our sins deserve. Ask God to help you to be forgiving to others, even when you find it hard to.

# Day Nine – Monday 30th

## THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

Have you ever lost something very important? Maybe something you were meant to keep safe, but when you need it you can't find it anywhere? In Luke 15 Jesus tells lots of stories about things getting lost. Today we are going to be looking at the parable of the lost coin.

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

WATCH: Saddleback Kids 'The Parable of the Lost Coin' >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvHxUxjaboE>

READ: Luke 15:8-10

I want you to think of your favourite thing in the whole wide world. Maybe a toy you were given for Christmas or your birthday? Maybe your favourite book? Something that you would be very upset if you lost it. Can you draw it here?

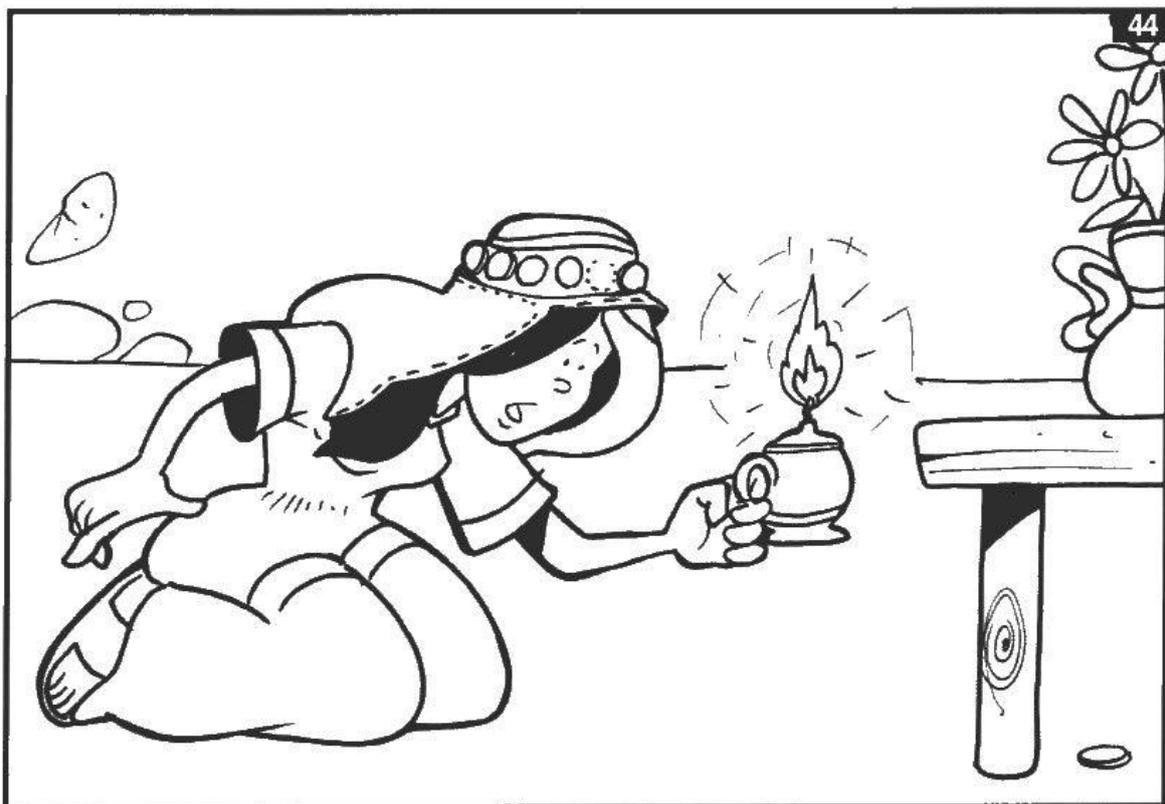


In this story, a lady owns something very important to her: some silver coins. How many silver coins did the lady have?

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These coins were very, very important to this lady. So just like if you lost your toy, when she finds out one of her coins is missing, she searches the house for it.

She tidies her bedroom but doesn't find it. She tidies the kitchen but it's nowhere in there. She tidies the living room, the hallway, everywhere in her little house but she still can't find it! She gets a lamp and shines it everywhere looking for the coin. Then she gets a broom and sweeps the entire house trying to find the coin. This must have been a lot of hard work and would have taken her a long time. Can you find the colour in this picture and find the coin?



Eventually the lady finds the coin and she is so happy! She is so happy that she invites all of her friends around to celebrate that she found her lost coin!

Jesus says this is how God feels about us. Even though lots of people are God's friends, God is still sad when someone isn't his friend. It's like they're lost. God doesn't walk away and think 'I already have lots of

followers!' because God loves us he reaches out to us all the time. Then, whenever someone asks god to forgiven them so they can be his friend, God is so happy that there is a big party filled with joy and happiness in heaven!

How cool is it that God loves you that much! He loves you way more than you can ever imagine!

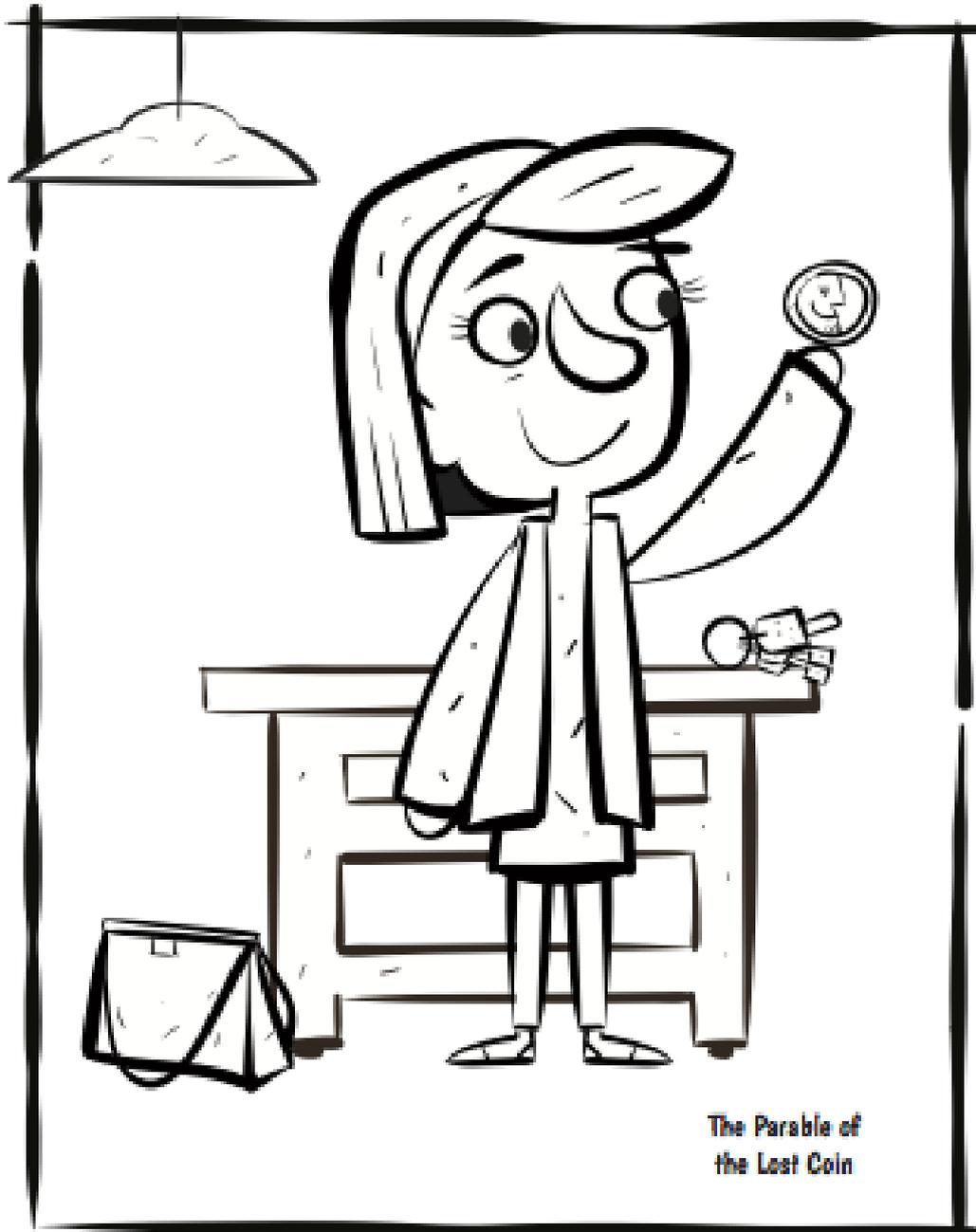
So, just like the lady in the story, whenever you find something you lost, remember how much God loves you and how happy he is when we become his friends!

Like the lady looking for her coin, God looked for us by sending Jesus to earth so that we could get to know God better, and through Jesus' death we could be forgiven and become God's friends. This song is all about everything Jesus did for us:

Listen: Rend Co. Kids > The Story of The Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1dmm9N-6bl>

PRAY: Thank God that he loves us so much that when we were lost, he sent Jesus to find us. Thank God that he loves us more than we can ever imagine. Ask God to help you understand how much he loves you. Ask God to help you become his friend and grow closer to him as you grow up!



The Parable of  
the Lost Coin

# Day Ten – Tuesday 31st

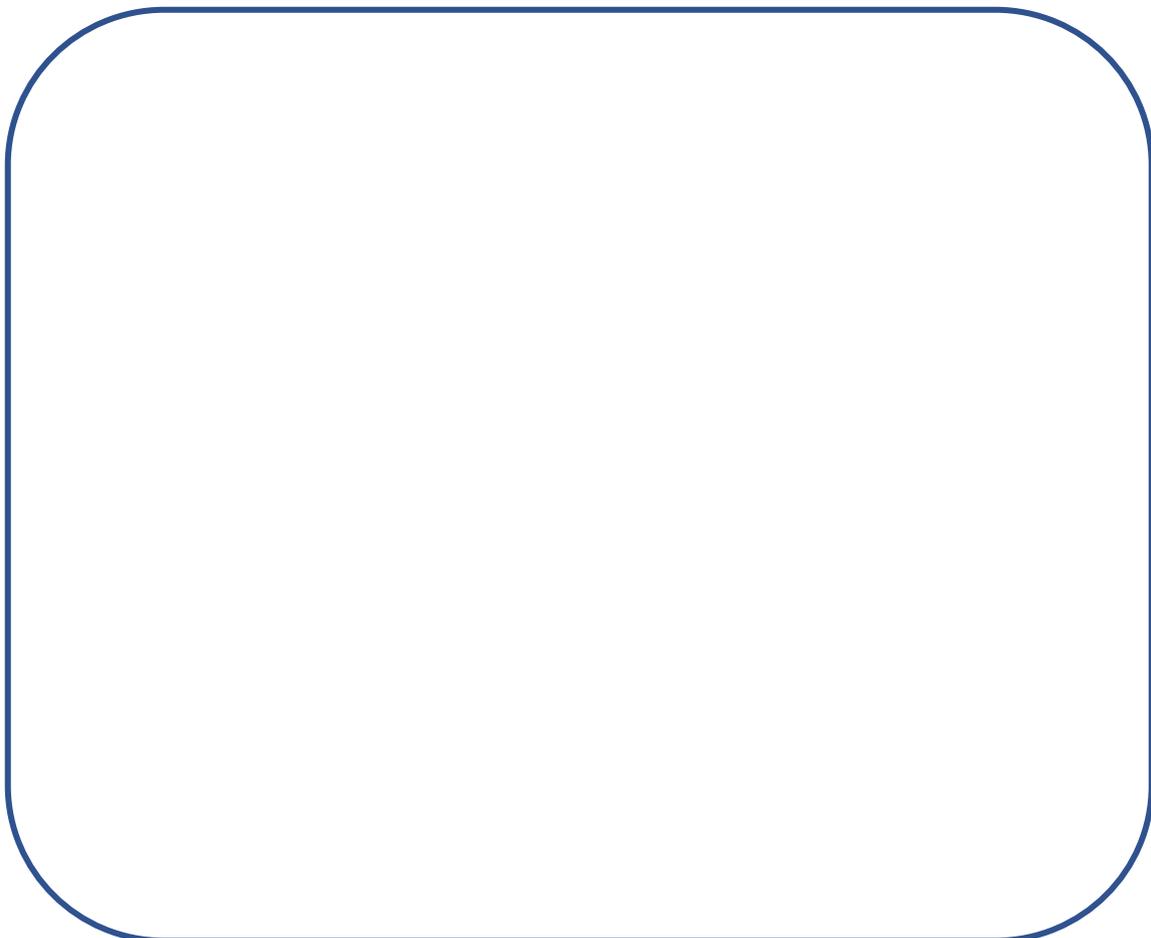
## THE PARABLE OF THE WEALTHY MAN

It's easy to get scared about things we don't know. One of the things we can never be 100% sure of is the future. But there is one person who always knows what's going to happen – God! Today we are going to learn about a story Jesus told which is all about trusting God and relying on him, not ourselves.

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

WATCH: Saddleback Kids 'The Parable of the Wealthy Man' >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syYixa4ZRPY>

In today's story, Jesus tells us about a man who owned a farm. What should we call this man? Why not draw a picture of him and give him a name!



READ: Luke 12: 13-21

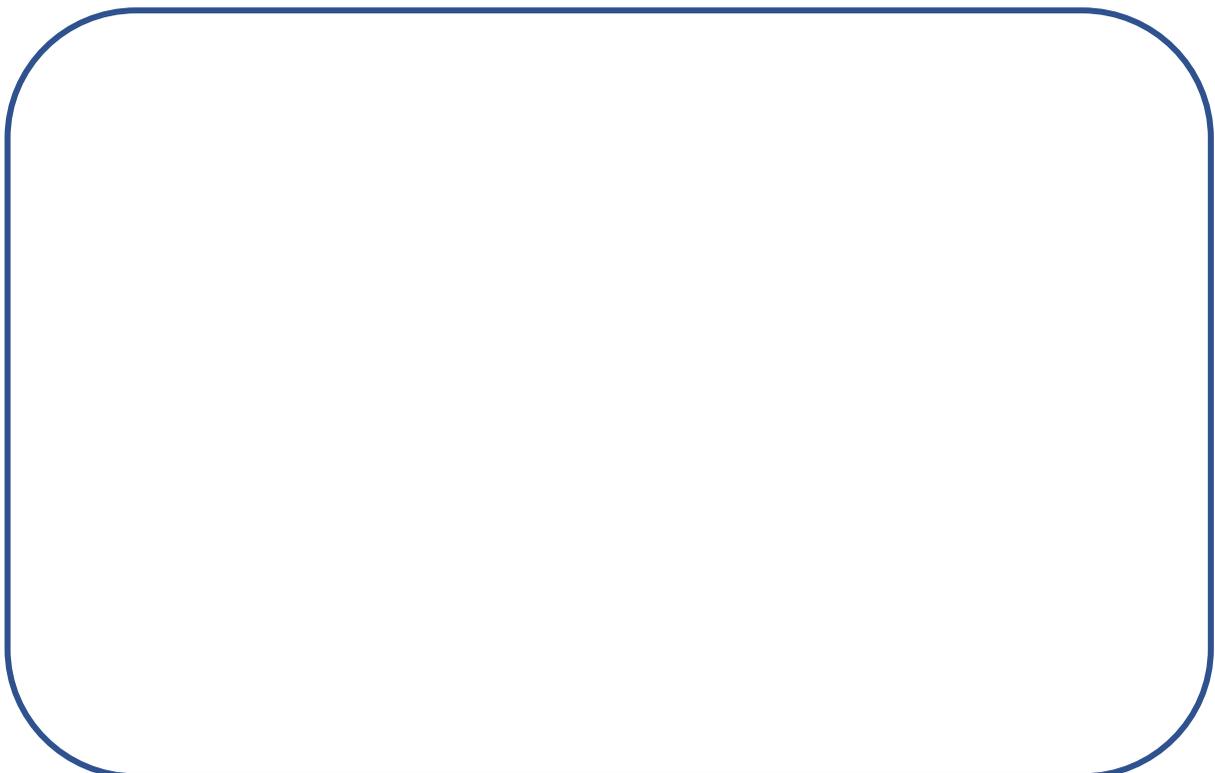
One year, Farmer \_\_\_\_\_ had a really good harvest. He has so much grain that he couldn't fit it into his barns! So, he thought to himself:

"I know what I'll do. I will tear down these small barns and build much bigger ones. There I will keep all my grain. I will say to myself "I have plenty of food, enough for many years. I won't have to work anymore, I can just eat, drink and be

But God speaks to him that night. He calls him a fool! He has been very stupid. He is about to die, and he has spent all of his time storing away food he didn't need instead of spending time with God!

Jesus doesn't want us to be like the Foolish Farmer. He tells us that we should spend our time storing up treasure in heaven by spending time with God. How do we spend time with God? Can you fill in the gaps and draw a picture to match the 2 big ways we spend time with God?

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PRAY: Thank God that he loves us so much that we don't have to worry about things going on in our life but can trust them to him. Think about things that are worrying you. Tell them all to God and ask for his help. Ask God to help you spend more time with him and not be like the Rich Fool.

## The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."  
Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



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JUDGE	CROWD	THINGS	BARN	GUARD
STORE	EAT	BIGGER	LIFE	GREED
RICH	FOOL	DIVIDE	GROUND	DRINK
GOOD	CROP	WATCH	GRAIN	MERRY

# Day Eleven – Wednesday 1st

## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO BUILDERS

Last week we had some really lovely weather. The sun was shining, the sky was blue – and there was no rain! When we get nice weather lots of people go to the beach. They swim in the sea, eat ice-cream and build sandcastles. In today's story we meet two builders – one was wise and the other foolish.

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

WATCH: Saddleback Kids 'The Two Builders' >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6S3cRVLMFQ>

READ: Matthew 7: 24-26

This is the last parable of Jesus that we are going to look at. Through all of the parables we've looked at Jesus has taught us lots of different things. Can you remember the different stories? Connect the story to the lesson we learnt.

2 Sons, 1 Father

We shouldn't be too busy for God

The Good Samaritan

God has forgiven us for lots of things, so we should forgive others too!

The Great Banquet

God forgives us and always welcomes us home!

The Unforgiving Servant

God loves us so much he sent Jesus to find us

The Lost Coin

God loves everyone, so we should too!

In today's story Jesus wants us to learn how important it is that we listen to what he says.

Jesus tells us about two builders – one was wise but the other was foolish. Both wanted to build houses. The Foolish Builder wasn't careful about where he built his house. He built his house somewhere pretty but didn't check that it was safe! Then, when wind and rain came his whole house was swept away!

The Wise Builder was clever. He thought for a long time about where to build his house. He decided to build his house on some rock knowing that it would be safe there. Then, when the wind and rain came, his house was strong and safe! Can you join the dots and colour in the Wise Builder's house?



Jesus tells us that when we listen to him and believe in him, we are like the wise builder. We build our life on Jesus who is a strong foundation. Then, when bad times come, we can trust in him to keep us safe through the storm.

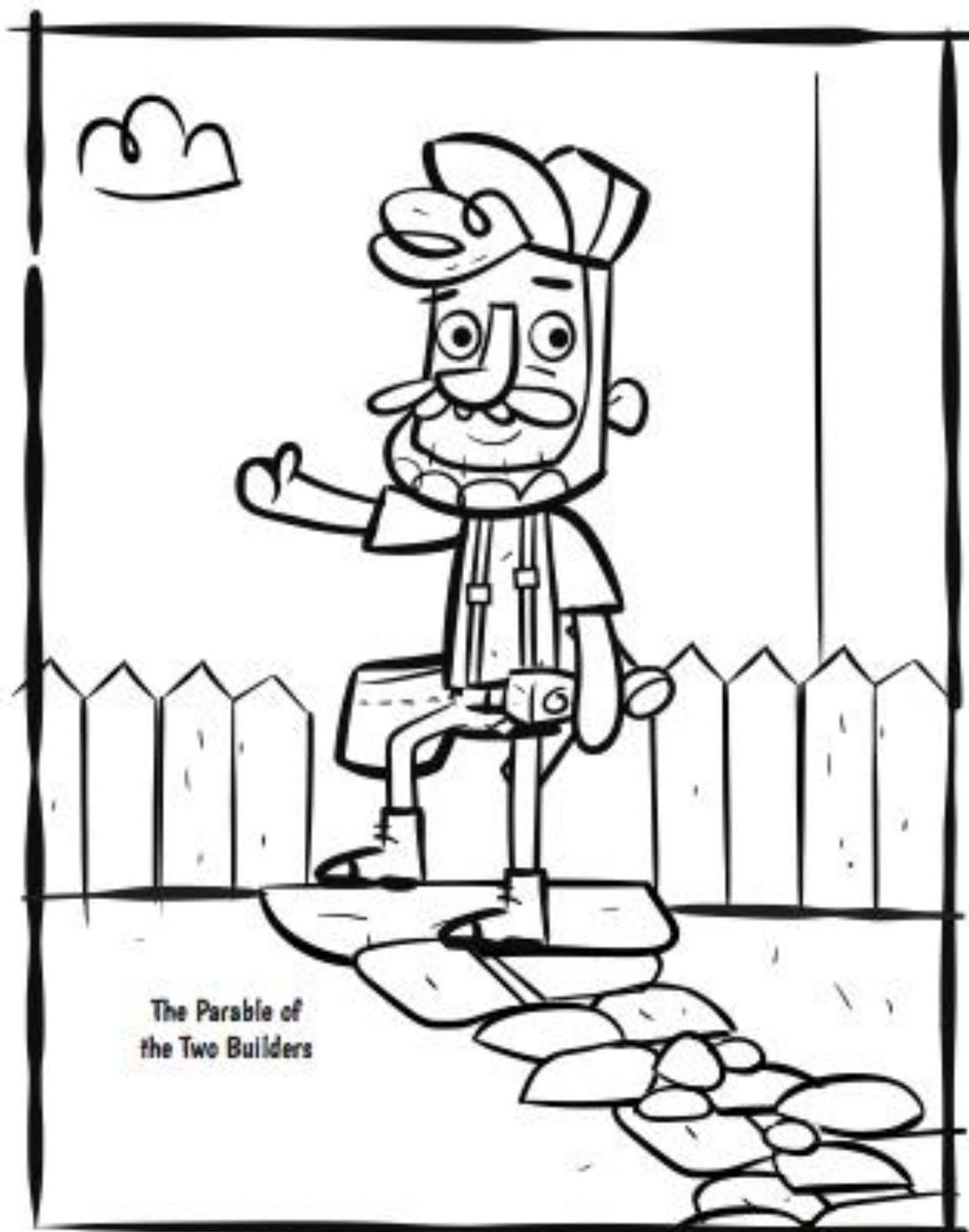
But if we don't listen to Jesus, we are like to foolish builder. We'll build our lives focussed on unimportant things. Then, when bad times come, we have nothing strong to trust or rely on and our lives will fall apart.

So, we should listen to the teaching Jesus has given to us and spend our lives trusting in him and being his friend.

This song talks about trusting Jesus all of our lives – going wherever he tells us and doing whatever he tells us to. This is such an adventure because we know we are safe with him!

Listen: Rend Co. Kids > I'll Go Anywhere

PRAY: Thank God that he sent Jesus to pay the price for everything we have done. Thank him that now we can be forgiven and be his friends. Ask God to help you grow up trusting in him. Ask God to help you live your life following everything Jesus taught us. Praise him that we can go on great adventures following him but knowing he is always with us wherever we go!



The Parable of  
the Two Builders

# Day Twelve – Thursday 2nd

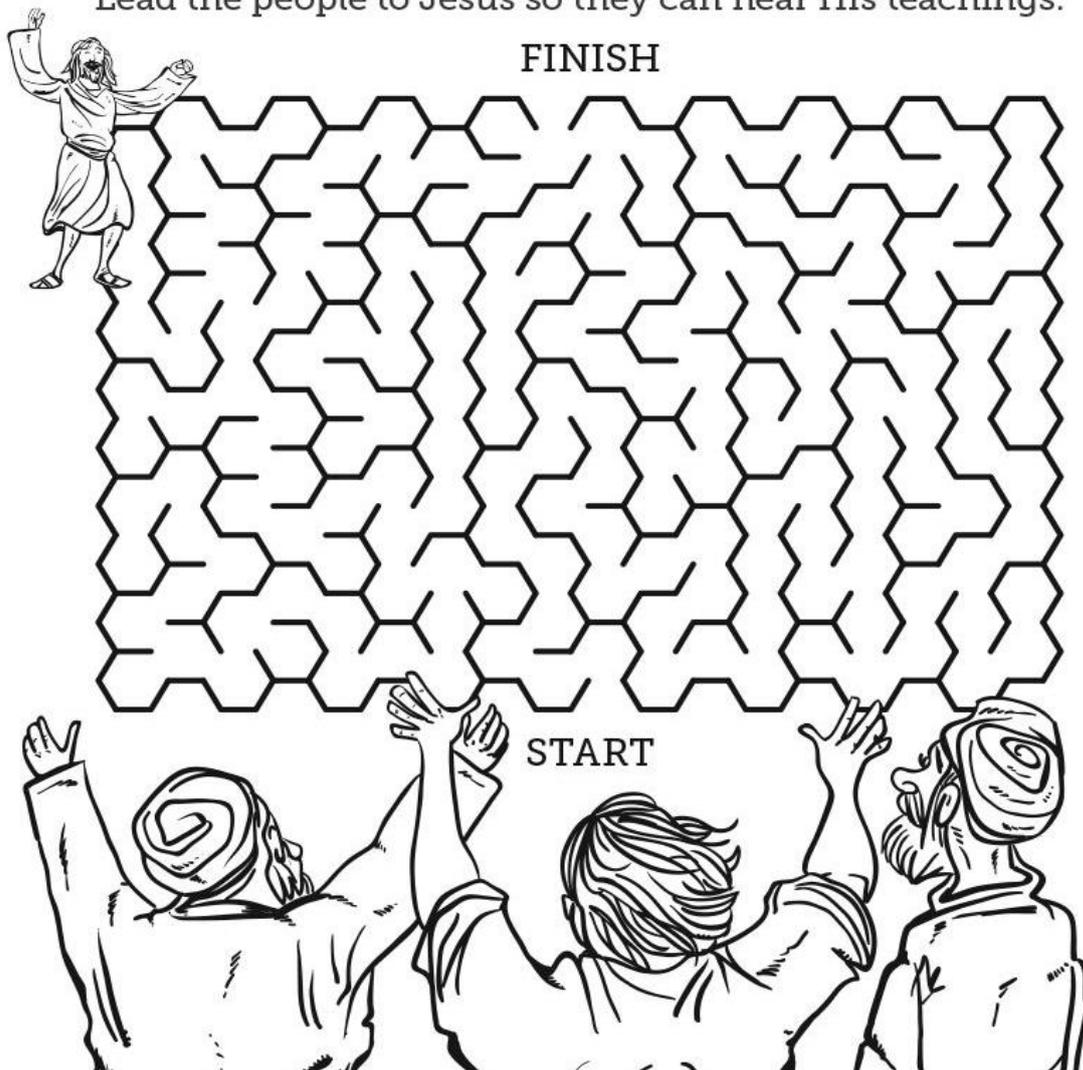
## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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

WATCH: Crossroads Kids 'Sermon on the Mount' >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ze7w3-BL3OM>

We've been learning about the different stories just told. Jesus was such a good teacher and everything he taught about God was so interesting that people travelled for miles to hear him speak. One day such a big crowd gathered to hear Jesus speak that he climbed up a hill so that all of them would be able to hear and see him.

Lead the people to Jesus so they can hear His teachings.



From the mountain Jesus started to teach the crowd all about love. The people there all thought that they should love the people who loved them and hate the people who hated them. But Jesus tells them something different. Can you find Matthew 5:43-44 in your Bible? Using your Bible help put the words in the right places!

“But I tell you, \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ for those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

Hurt    Love    Enemies    Pray

It’s the same for us! We should love everyone, including the people we don’t like or who are mean to us. Even people we don’t know! We should even be praying for them.

Jesus explains that this is what God does. God sends the sun to shine on everyone, good and bad. In the same way he sends rain to help food grow to everyone, good and bad. If God shows his love to everyone, then so should we! Can you draw the sun and the rain God’s sends to everyone?



Jesus showed us what this type of love looks like. After he had finished speaking Jesus started healing lots of people. He healed everyone who asked!

Jesus showed us what it is like to love everyone in a way that isn't selfish and doesn't ask for anything in return. Now, when we show people this love it's like they're receiving a little taster of Jesus' love for them!

Can you think of something you can do today to show this love to someone?

PRAY: Thank God for Jesus – everything he did and everything he taught us. Thank him for the blessings he has planned for different people. Thank God that he loves us so much! Ask God to help you love others like Jesus. Think of someone you don't like or who is mean to you – pray that they will one day know how much Jesus loves them too!



# Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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GALILEE  
KINGDOM  
PRAYER  
SALT  
ROCK

CROWD  
TORAH  
REJOICE  
PROPHETS  
MOUNTAIN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

FASTING  
LIGHT  
GENEROUS  
YESHUA  
DISCIPLES  
HEAVEN

# Day Thirteen – Friday 3rd

## PREPARING FOR JESUS

Did you know that the whole Bible is one story – God’s Big Story! Today we are going to start learning about God’s Big Story by focussing on God’s Son, Jesus!

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

WATCH: Crossroads Kids ‘God’s Story: Jesus’ >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u-ICIHAmKk>

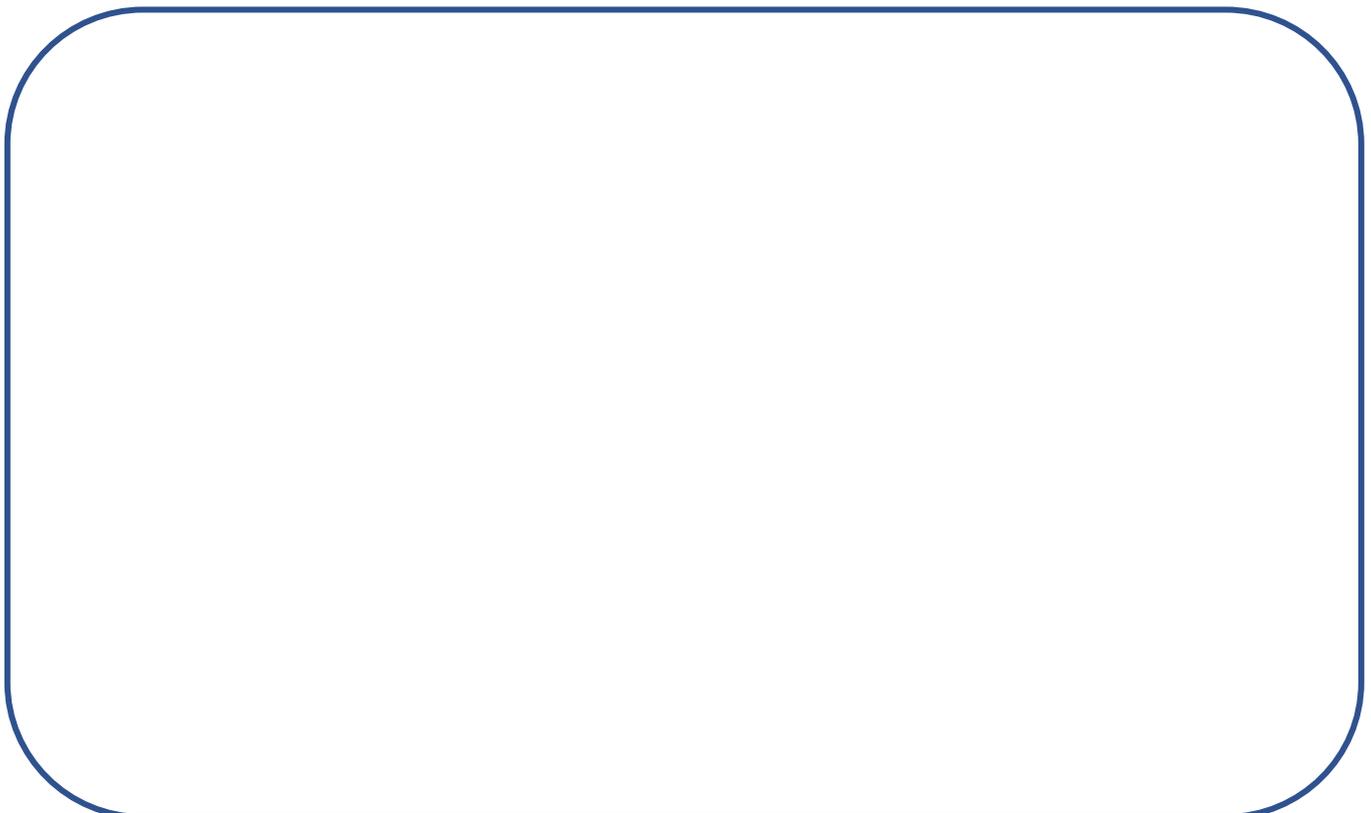
Today we are learning all about God’ Son! What is God’s Son called?

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Right at the start of the world, God mad humans. The first humans were called Adam and Eve. But Adam and Eve, and every person since, did naughty things which upset God. But God promised to send someone who would make everything better again. God’s people waited for years and years and years! They were every excited for their rescuer to come. They thought he would be a strong warrior who would help them win battles!

But God had a different plan...

God sent his Son Jesus to Earth. Can you remember where Jesus was born? Draw it in the box below:



The rescuer everyone had been waiting for was a little baby born in a stable! But this baby was special. This baby was God's son and he was both human and God – he was perfect! He never did any naughty things!

Jesus is our rescuer because even though he had never done anything bad, one day he was killed. Jesus died on the cross taking the punishment for all of the bad things we do. This means that God isn't upset with us anymore. But Jesus didn't stay dead. Because Jesus is God, he was more powerful than death and he rose again 3 days later!

Can you draw arrows showing the correct order of God's Rescue Plan?

## God's Rescue Plan

Jesus died on the cross for  
our sins

God sent Jesus to be born  
in a stable

Jesus rose again!

Can you find John 3:16 in your Bible? Use it to help you put the words in the right places!

“For God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ so much that he  
gave his only \_\_\_\_\_ so that whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in  
him man not \_\_\_\_\_, but have eternal \_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_\_\_

John   loved   Son   life   world   believes   16   die

Listen: Rend Co. Kids > Story of the Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1dmm9N-6bl>

PRAY: Thank God that he loves us so much – even though we do things that upset God, he still made a rescue plan so we can be his friends. Ask God to help you understand everything Jesus did for you on the cross. Ask God to help you know that the only way to be his friend is through Jesus!

# Day Fourteen – Saturday 4th

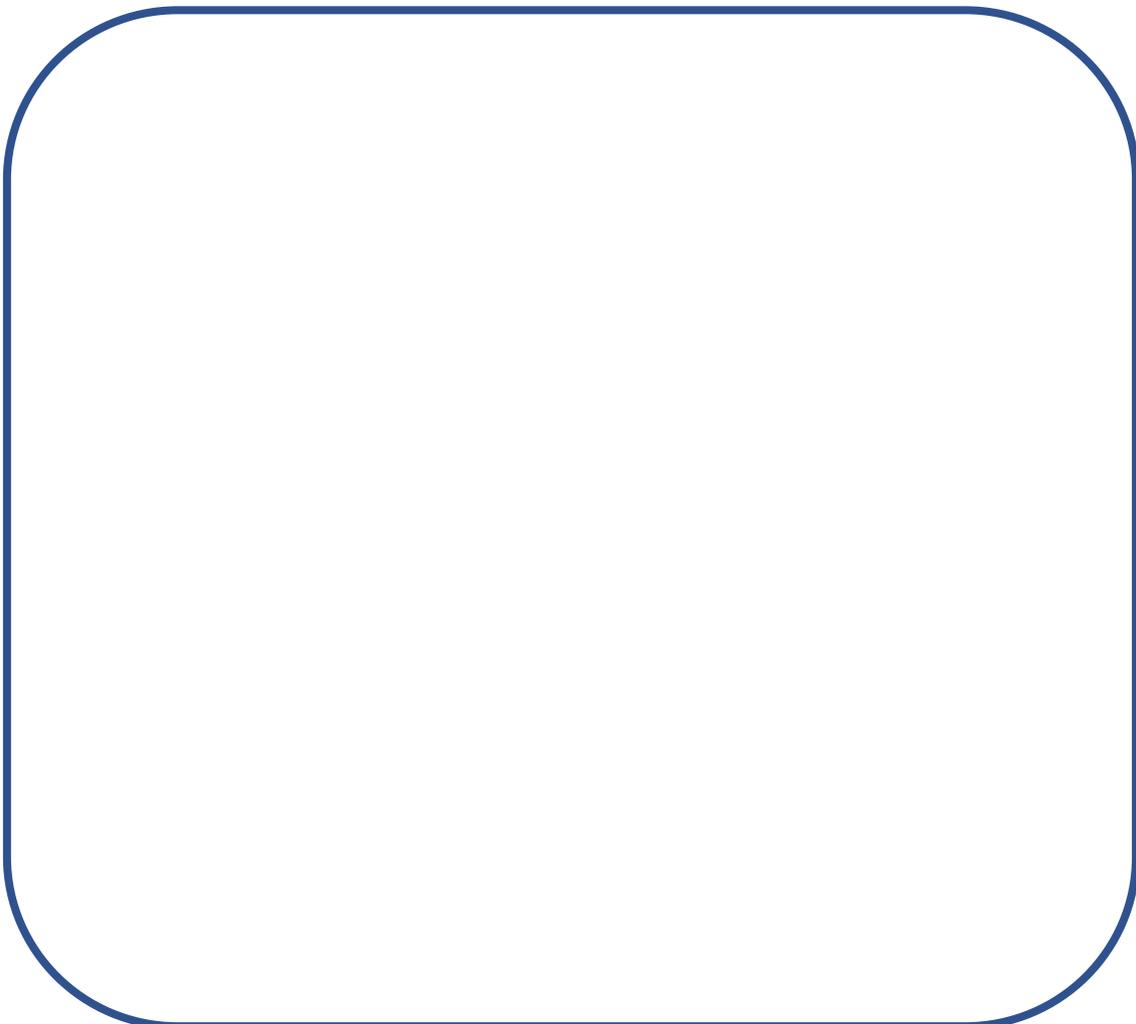
## JESUS WAS LIKE US

Jesus is God's Son, but when He lived on Earth, He was human, just like us! Today we are going to be learning about the different things Jesus did when He was on Earth. Lots of these things we do too, but Jesus also did lots of incredible things that we can't do but Jesus can because He is God!

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

WATCH: Crossroads Kids > 'Jesus was like us'>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7A8CL2aH10>

We know lots of things about Jesus and what He did when He lived on Earth. This is because some of Jesus' friends (His disciples) wrote down all of their memories of Jesus after He died. We can find these eye-witness accounts in the Bible, they were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At Junior Church we learn lots of stories about Jesus, can you think of one and draw it here?



Jesus came to Earth to live as a human, just like us, so He could save us from our sins. Because Jesus was like us, He understands different feelings we experience. In your Bible, find these passages and write next to each one the emotion Jesus feels that we sometimes feel too.<sup>1</sup>

John 11:35 S \_ \_

Matthew 4:1-4 H \_ \_ G \_ \_

John 4:6 T \_ R \_ \_

Matthew 9:6 C \_ \_ P \_ \_ I \_ \_

Matthew 4: 1-11 T \_ \_ P \_ \_ D

Jesus was like us. He knows what it is like to feel how we are feeling. But Jesus wasn't exactly like us. Jesus is also God! This means, when we pray to Jesus, He understands how we are feeling AND He has power over everything we pray to Him about. How amazing is it that an all-powerful God not only wants us to tell Him about our lives but also knows how we are feeling because He has felt the same emotions too?!

### PRAY

Why not spend some time praying with God now? Talk to Him about how you are feeling and why. Remember, Jesus will understand your feelings and because He loves you, He wants you to talk with you about them!

Listen: Awesome Cutlery 'God doesn't have a birthday'>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYt2NBZlc5s>

Sometimes it can be confusing that Jesus was a human AND God. But that is just part of God's awesomeness and something we should praise Him for!

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<sup>1</sup> Sad Hungry Tired Compassion Tempted

