

# TABLE TALK



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# MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

Over the last few weeks, we've been learning about what God is like. Can you remember any of the things we've learnt about God? Can you spot the 3 things about God David sings in this verse?

“The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress and my Deliverer.” 2 Samuel 22:2

Today we're looking at the third way David describes God – God is our deliverer. What is a deliverer?

David sings these words after God had rescued him when he was in trouble and lots of people were trying to hurt him. God has delivered him from them – God had saved him.

God is our deliverer too because, just like he saved David, God has saved us too. What has God saved us from? How did God save us?

God saved us from the punishment our sins deserve by sending his Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Jesus died on the cross so that, now, anyone who believes in him, doesn't have to die but will have eternal life! Through Jesus' death, God delivered us from sin!

# TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

On Tuesday's we've been learning about the 7 'I AM' sayings of Jesus. Today we are looking at number 6 – can you remember what the first 5 were?

Can you find the I AM saying in today's Bible verse?

“Jesus answered, “I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.” –  
John 14:6

Just like today, when Jesus was on Earth, lots of people taught that there were lots of ways to get to God. Here, Jesus is teaching his disciples that they shouldn't listen to these other people.

He tells them that there is only one way to get to God – through him!

When Jesus died on the cross and took the punishment for our sins, he made a way for us to come to God confidently. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we don't have to be worried about the punishment our sins deserve – Jesus has already paid it! – instead we can come to God knowing we will be welcomed.

Just like Jesus said, this is the *only* way we can come to God. Jesus is the way!

Let's spend some time thanking Jesus for his death which gave us the way to get to God. Thank him that he is the way!



# WEDNESDAY : PEOPLE



On Wednesdays we are learning about different people from history who loved Jesus and lived their lives in his service. Today we are learning about a man called Ding Limei who was born in Shandong, China in 1871. When Ding was young, Christianity wasn't well known or well liked in China, but both of Ding's parents followed Jesus and taught their son about him. When Ding grew up, he decided he wanted to tell lots of people about Jesus, just like his parents had taught him – so he became a pastor.

Ding had only been a pastor for a year when life for Christians changed dramatically in China. In 1899 a huge group of people began attacking Christians. The violence lasted two very long years and during that time lots of people, and lots of Christians, were hurt or killed because they followed Jesus. This must have been a very scary and sad time for Ding and other Christians. In 1900 Ding was arrested because of his faith and he was kept in prison for 40 days. While he was there the guards hurt him as a way of punishing him and trying to get him to abandon Jesus.

Things would have been a lot easier for Ding if he had done what they said. If he stopped following Jesus, he would have been safe, and they would have left him alone. But Ding knew that loving Jesus and telling other people about him was the most important thing he could do. It was way more important than his own safety.

So, when Ding was released from prison he decided to travel to every province in China, preaching and setting up churches. This was dangerous, scary and hard work – that is exactly what Ding did! Nearly 20 years after vowing to tell all of China about Jesus, Ding, along with lots of other Chinese Christians travelled to the most far away places in China and told them about Jesus!

Ding was very grateful for his parents who taught him about Jesus and wanted to bless others by telling them about Jesus too. Even though Ding's love of Jesus made life very difficult and scary for him – Ding didn't give in to the world around him.

Do you thank God for the people in your life who teach you about Jesus?  
Do you bless others by telling them about how much God loves them?



Right now there are around 97.2 million Christians in China!

# THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

On Tuesday we looked at a verse sang by David after God had delivered him from a battle. In the Bible there are lots of time God does something for his people and they show how thankful and happy they are by singing to him!

These are some verses sung by Hannah in 1 Samuel 2. Hannah had been praying for a really, really, long time that God would give her a baby. God answered her prayer and Hannah's son Samuel was born. In her song, Hannah praises God for everything he has done for her and his people. She sings:

“The Lord has filled my heart with  
joy. I feel very strong in the Lord.  
I can laugh at my enemies.  
I am glad because you have  
helped me!  
There is no one holy like the Lord.  
There is no God but you.  
There is no Rock like our God.”

What do you want to thank God for today? What things has God done for you or for other people you know? Maybe listen to a song you like which praises God like Hannah does in these verses!



# FRIDAY : THE WORLD

“*First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. - 1 Timothy 2:1*”

On Sunday we celebrated Harvest. Harvest is a time of year when farmers gather in lots of the food which has grown over the summer and we thank God for all he has given us.

But lots of people in the world don't have food to eat. Over 800 million people in the world are hungry right now. Most of these people live in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia.

For some, because of different reasons, they can't afford food. For others, things like bad weather, flooding or drought, means that not enough food has grown for them to eat. When people don't get enough food to eat it can make them really poorly and when children are hungry for a long time it can make them ill for the rest of their lives.

## PRAY

Let's pray and ask God to:

- Help crops grow well – bless them and the people who plant them.
- Help charities which work to give food to people who don't have it.
- Help those who are hungry right now – that he will be with them and provide for them.
- Help other countries who have more than enough food, give more to those in need.
- Help us appreciate the food we have which God has given us.

