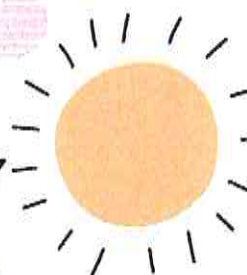


FLOWING

Forgiveness



UNIT VERSE

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
LUKE 4:18 CSB

Jesus showed Peter that He took forgiveness seriously.

**How many times did Jesus tell Peter
to let the forgiveness flow?**

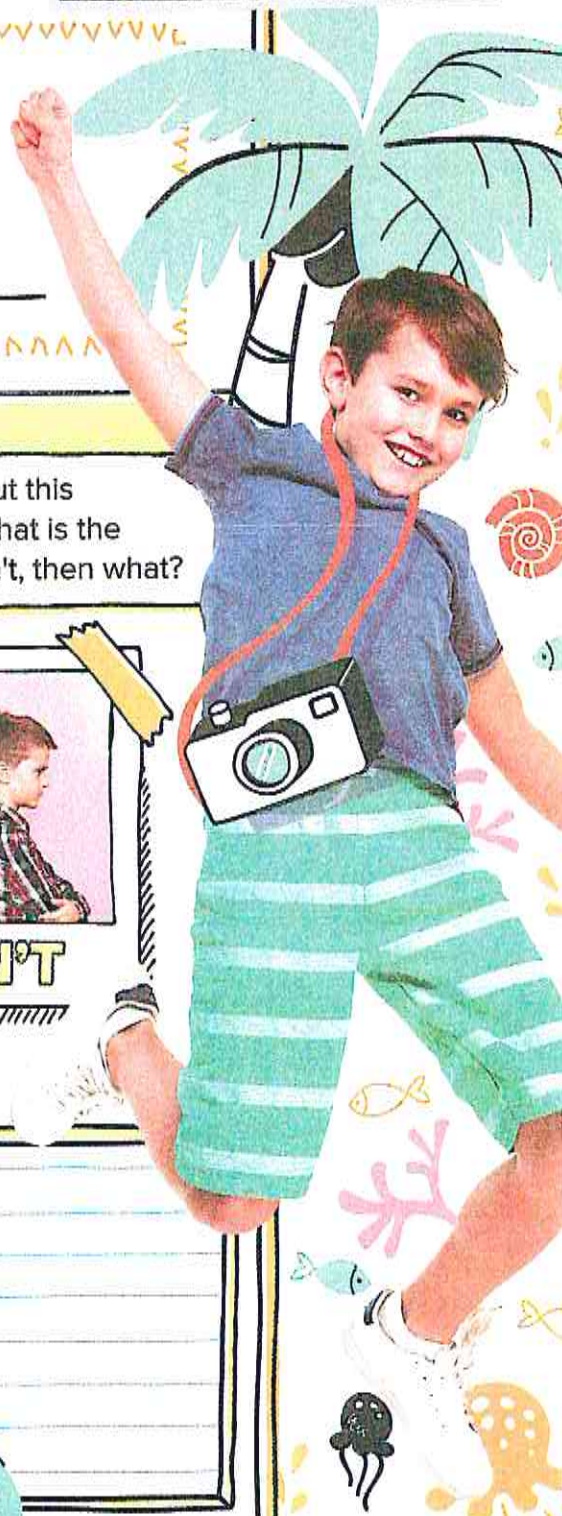
Read **Matthew 6:14-15** to discover more of what Jesus said about this important topic. Drawing on those verses, fill in the flow chart. What is the "if" statement in the verse? If you do it, what happens? If you don't, then what?



DO



DON'T



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Jesus Taught About Forgiveness

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter came to Jesus one day and asked Him a question: "If my brother sins against me, how many times should I forgive him? Seven times?"

Jesus answered that seven times would not be enough. Jesus said, "Seventy times seven."

Jesus told a story to explain. He said there was a king who wanted to collect money from his servants who owed him money. There was one servant who owed the king 10,000 talents. The servant had no way to pay the king back that much money, so the king demanded that the servant, his family, and everything he owned to be sold and the money given to the king.

The servant fell to his knees and begged the king to be patient. The servant promised he would pay the king everything he owed him if the king would just give him more time. The king felt sorry for the servant and set him free. The king also forgave the servant's debt and said he did not have to pay back any of the money he owed.

When the servant left the king, he found a fellow servant who owed him 100 denarii. The first servant grabbed the man, started choking him, and said, "Pay what you owe!" The fellow servant fell to his knees and begged for patience. He promised he would pay back all he owed.

But the first servant would not forgive the man. He wanted his money. He threw the man in prison until he could pay the entire amount.

When the king heard about this, he called for the first servant to be brought back to him. The king said the servant was evil. The king had forgiven the servant the huge amount of money he owed, but then the forgiven servant did not show any kindness or forgiveness to his fellow servant.

The king sent the first servant to jail until he could pay everything that was owed. Jesus told Peter everyone should forgive and really mean it.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 4:32

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught that believers should forgive others as God forgives them.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Taught About Forgiveness* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story helped your preteen learn that Jesus taught believers to forgive others as God forgives them. Even though forgiveness is sometimes difficult, believers can depend on God to help them forgive.

LIVE IT OUT

Remind your preteen that she should forgive because God forgives her. Help her memorize Ephesians 4:32. Challenge her to recite the verse if she is in a situation requiring her to forgive.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus transformed people through His love.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 4:32

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 5:15

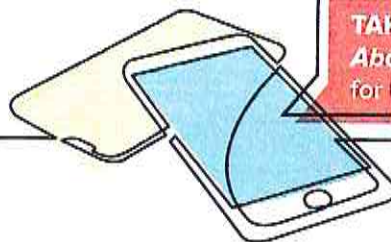
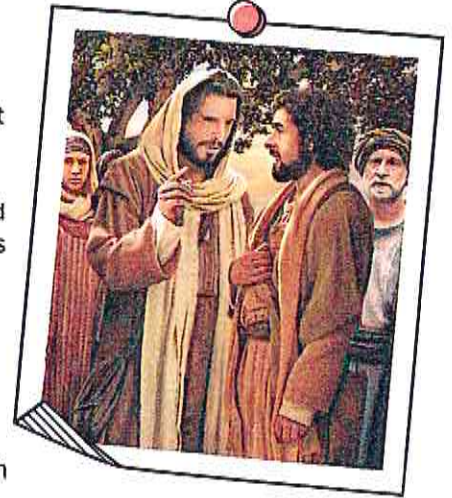
Tuesday: Mark 4:24

Wednesday: Colossians 3:13

Thursday: Mark 11:25

Friday: Proverbs 20:22

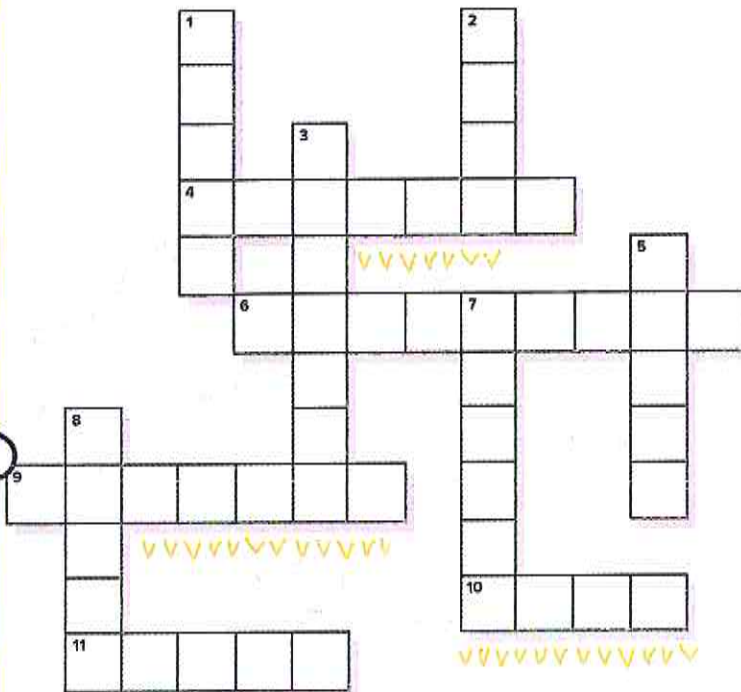
Saturday: Matthew 6:14





ONE WAY PUZZLE

Was Jesus just telling stories about lost stuff or did He have a point? Solve this puzzle to get a better sense of what that point might have been.



ACROSS:

- 4: Jesus is the great _____.
- 6: In Acts 4:12, Peter said that this is found in no one but Jesus.
- 9: This son asked for his share of the family money and ran off.
- 10: Luke 19:10 says Jesus came to _____ and save the lost.
- 11: A shepherd lost one of his _____.

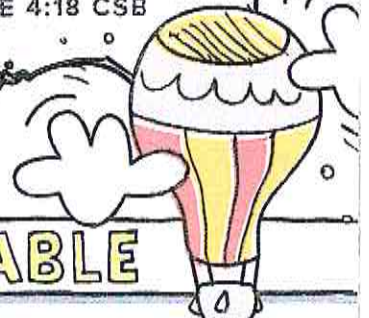
DOWN:

- 1: In John 14:6, Jesus said He is the "way, the _____, and the life."
- 2: We'll find today's three parables in the 15th chapter of this book.
- 3: A story that uses a comparison to make a spiritual point.
- 5: After being lost, a coin, sheep, and son were all _____.
- 7: They celebrate in God's presence when a sinner repents.
- 8: A woman had ten _____.

UNIT VERSE

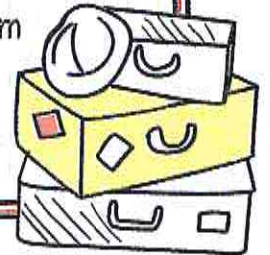
The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18 CSB



PARABLE

A brief story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God.



PRODIGAL

You might hear today's third parable called the "Prodigal Son." Prodigal is an old-fashioned word that means "wasteful."

The younger brother took his family wealth and wasted it.

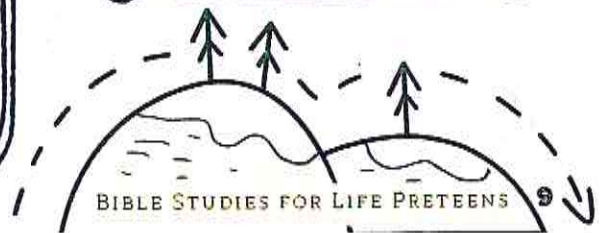


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Jesus Told Three Parables

LUKE 15

Jesus used parables to teach people. A *parable* is a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Jesus taught, "Is there one here among you who would not leave his herd of ninety-nine sheep to search for a lost sheep until he finds it?"

When he finds the lost sheep, the shepherd puts him on his shoulders.

He calls out to his neighbors and friends: "Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep!" Jesus said that in heaven there will be more joy over one lost person who repents of his sin than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent.



The Parable of the Lost Coin

A woman had ten silver coins. One of them was lost. The woman looked everywhere. She swept the house and kept on searching for the coin. When she found it, she called her friends to celebrate with her. Jesus said that in that same way, the angels rejoice when one person turns to God.

The Parable of the Lost Son

A man had two sons. One day the younger son said to his father, "Give me my share of the inheritance." So the father gave the younger son his part. The younger son packed his bags and went to a distant land where he lived foolishly and wasted his inheritance.

Being tired and hungry, he decided to go home. He said to himself, "Even the servants in my father's house eat better than this! I will go to my father and ask if I can work for him because I am no longer worthy to be called his son." So the son headed for home.

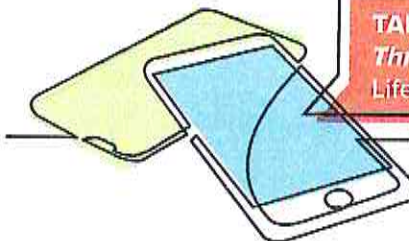
While he was still a long way off, his father saw the son coming toward home. The father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son said, "I have sinned against God and against you."

But the father told his servants, "Bring the best robe for my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let's have a feast and celebrate! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!"

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 4:9

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught about God's love.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Told Three Parables* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story focused on how Jesus taught about God's love. Jesus told three parables to emphasize how much God loves His people and how He rejoices when one person trusts Him as Savior and Lord.



LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your preteen to recall the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God's love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught that He is the only way to God.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:9

Monday: Jeremiah 31:3

Tuesday: John 15:9

Wednesday: Psalm 136:26

Thursday: Ephesians 2:4-5

Friday: Nehemiah 1:5

Saturday: 1 John 4:7

UNIT 1
SESSION 5

Jesus Taught About Giving

UNIT VERSE

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18 CSB



Isn't Giving

Just About Money?

Look up and read the verses below. Answer this question: "Isn't giving just about money?" for each verse you read, connecting the Scripture reference to the correct answer. If you connect to "No," then share a brief explanation of what giving is really about.



MATTHEW 6:21

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

LEVITICUS 27:30

DEUTERONOMY 16:17

PSALM 4:5

PROVERBS 3:9

LUKE 6:38



ROMANS 12:13

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

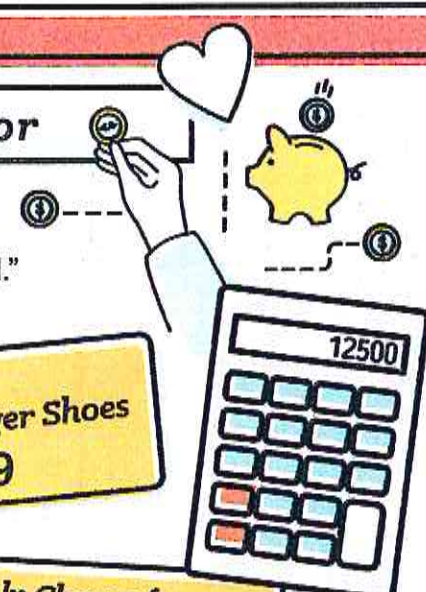
1 PETER 4:10

1 JOHN 3:17

YOU EARN _____
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Tithe Calculator

A *tithe* is "one-tenth of money, crops, or property offered to God."



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MARK 12:41-44

Jesus sat in the temple across from where people gave their offerings. He watched how the crowd put their money into the treasury. Jesus knew some of the people were very rich. He watched the rich ones put in large amounts of money. Jesus knew they were giving what was left over after they bought everything they needed and even a lot of what they just wanted. It was not hard for the rich people to give this much money. They would not even miss it!



Jesus kept watching as a woman approached the offering place. This woman was a widow. She did not have a husband with money to take care of her. She did not have much money at all, but she dropped two small coins into the offering. They were not worth very much, but they were all she had.

Jesus called His disciples to Him. He explained to them, "This woman has put in more than all the others who are giving. These other people have only given what was extra, what they didn't need. This woman has given everything she owns. This is all she has to buy the things she needs. She has given the most!"

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Mark 12:44

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught that when we give, we worship and honor God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story helped your preteen learn about giving. Jesus taught that when we give, we worship and honor God. In the story of the poor widow, Jesus knew her heart in giving was different from all the others who gave much.

LIVE IT OUT

What does your preteen give to God? Begin helping your child develop a spirit of cheerful giving by planning activities to allow him to participate in giving of his time, talents, and money.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught that worship is for God's glory.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Mark 12:44
Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:7
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 29:14
Wednesday: Proverbs 11:25
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 8:12
Friday: Proverbs 3:9
Saturday: Luke 6:38

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Taught About Giving* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

