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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 23

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UNIT 23: JESUS THE TEACHER

Session 1: Jesus Forgives and Heals Luke 5



Sunday, July 5

What did Jesus
teach when He
was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and
His kingdom. He taught that
all Scripture is about Him.

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so
that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father in heaven.

Monday,
July 6

SESSION I



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will read about a miracle Jesus performed specifically for a paralyzed man. Being paralyzed means the man could not walk.
- ▶ This passage talks about Pharisees. Remember, Pharisees were the religious leaders who thought they could have eternal life by following God's Law perfectly.



Read Luke 5:17

- ▶ This one verse says a lot! What was Jesus doing in this verse?

- ▶ Who was there with Jesus?

- ▶ What did Jesus have in Him from God?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read just one verse, but we learned that Jesus was teaching a group of Pharisees and teachers and that Jesus had the Lord's power to heal.



Read Luke 5:18-19

- ▶ Describe in your own words what happened in these two verses.

- ▶ Why do you think these men brought the paralyzed man to Jesus?

- ▶ How do you think the crowd reacted when they saw a man being lowered down into the room from the roof?

Wednesday,
July 8

SESSION I



Before you read...

- Yesterday, we read that a group of men brought a paralyzed man to Jesus and lowered him through the roof on a stretcher to get the man close to Jesus.



Read Luke 5:20-21

- What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?

- Wait! Does Jesus say He will heal the man? What do Jesus' words tell us about what is most important to Him?

- What did the Pharisees think of what Jesus said?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. He did not say the man was healed. Jesus cares the most about the condition of our heart. It was more important to Jesus to forgive the man than to heal his paralysis. We will keep reading to see what Jesus does next.
- ▶ The Pharisees were not happy about Jesus forgiving the man's sins. They thought only God can forgive sins, which is true. But Jesus IS God!



Read Luke 5:22-24

- ▶ If you look back up at verse 21, the Pharisees did not speak their thoughts out loud. What does Jesus say in verse 22?

- ▶ In verse 23, Jesus asks the Pharisees which is easier: to forgive sins or to heal a paralyzed man. Which do you think is easier for Jesus?

- ▶ What does Jesus call Himself in verse 24? What do you think that title means? (This is a hard question!)

Friday,
July 10

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus could read the thoughts of the Pharisees, He called himself, 'the Son of Man,' and He said He has the authority on earth to forgive sins. Whoa! Those three verses show that Jesus was truly God while He was on earth. He was both human– like man– and God.



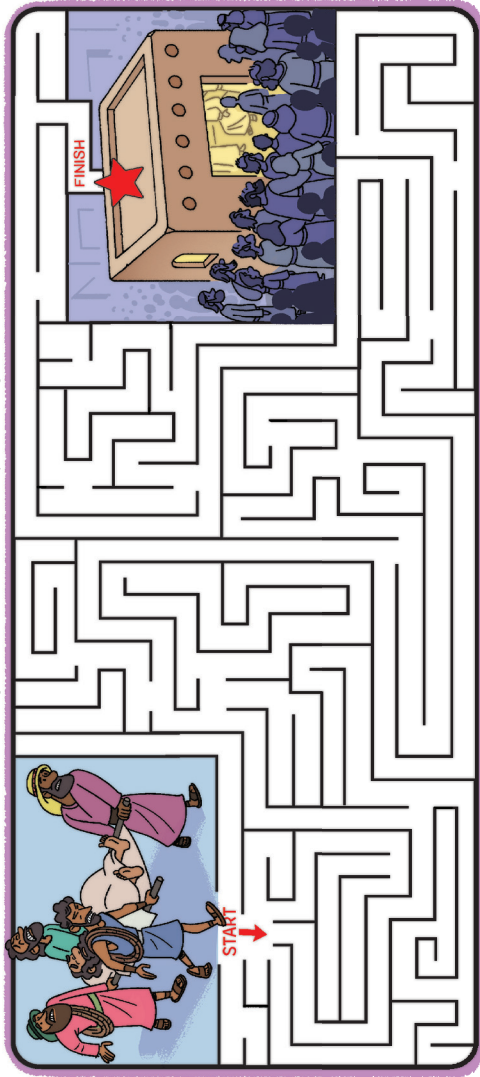
Read Luke 5:25-26

- ▶ What TWO things did the paralyzed man do in verse 25?

- ▶ How did the crowd respond to this miracle?

- ▶ The healed man had some great friends who helped him get to Jesus in a creative way. What are some creative ways you can help others know more about Jesus?

Jesus Can Heal | Help the four men get their friend to Jesus by following the maze.



Help a Friend | Fill in the blanks using the word bank to learn how Jesus helped the paralyzed man.

1. _____ men came to the house.
2. They carried a _____ man on a _____.
3. The men _____ their friend through a hole in the _____.
4. Jesus saw their _____.
5. Jesus said, "Your _____ are _____."

Word Bank:

sins
faith
lowered
paralyzed
forgiven
stretcher
four
roof

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Session 2: Jesus Chose Disciples Mark 2-3



Sunday, July 12

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will learn that Jesus invited 12 men to follow Him as disciples.



Read Mark 2: 13-14

- ▶ Who was the first disciple Jesus called in this passage?

- ▶ What was this man's job?

- ▶ This passage calls the man Levi. We know him by another name. What is it? (Hint: he wrote one of the gospels.)

Tuesday,
July 14

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus told Levi, a tax collector, to follow Him. And Levi did! Tax collectors were hated by many because they often took extra money from people. But Jesus wanted Levi the tax collector to follow Him.



Read Mark 2:15-16

- ▶ Who was Jesus having dinner with?

- ▶ What did the Pharisees think of Jesus' dinner friends?

- ▶

Why did Jesus eat with tax collectors and "sinners?"



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus spent time with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus didn't look down on people, but instead loved everyone. However, the Pharisees did not think Jesus should be around sinners.



Read Mark 2:17

- ▶ What did Jesus tell the Pharisees?

- ▶ What did Jesus mean by this statement?

- ▶ Who did Jesus come to save?

Thursday,
July 16

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Today, we will skip ahead a few verses to a list of Jesus' 12 disciples.



Read Mark 3:13-15

- ▶ Where did Jesus go to call His disciples?

- ▶ What three things did this passage list the disciples would do?

- ▶ Which of those three things do you think was most important?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus called 12 disciples to be with Him, to be sent out to preach, and to have authority to drive out demons. Those are three important jobs!



Read Mark 3:17-19

- ▶ List the 12 disciples.

- ▶ Jesus still calls people to follow Him today. Why do you follow Jesus?

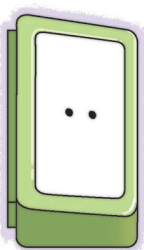
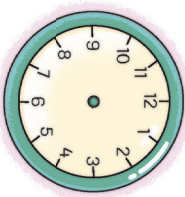
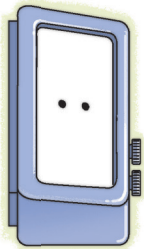
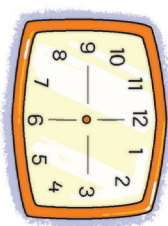
- ▶ What jobs do you have as a Christ follower?

Disciple Mix-Up | Unscramble the letters below to reveal the names of the twelve disciples Jesus chose.



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|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| WTTEAM | _____ | IONMS EERTP | _____ |
| MSAHOT | _____ | MAESU | _____ |
| MESJA EHT NOS FO PHAESALU | _____ | HNOU | _____ |
| EAUHTDSD | _____ | RWEDNA | _____ |
| MISON HET AEOTLZ | _____ | PPHIL | _____ |
| DSUAV IORASICT | _____ | WEMOOLBHTRA | _____ |

Time to Pray | Jesus prayed often. Fill in the clocks with four different times you can pray throughout the day. Below each clock, write what you will pray for at that time.



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Session 3: The Lord of the Sabbath Matthew 12



Sunday, July 19

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Monday,
July 20

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are going to be talking about the Sabbath. The Sabbath is important because in Genesis, after creation, God rested on the seventh day and blessed it. Later, in Exodus, God gave His people the command to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.



Read Matthew 12:1-2

- ▶ What did Jesus' disciples do on the Sabbath?

- ▶ What did the Pharisees think of this action?

- ▶ Challenge: Who were the Pharisees?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that Jesus' disciples picked some heads of grain and ate them on the Sabbath. The Pharisees said this was unlawful. God did tell His people to rest on the seventh day, but the religious leaders also made up extra man-made rules about things people could and could not do on the Sabbath. Harvesting grain was one of those man-made rules.



Read Matthew 12:3-8

- ▶ What did Jesus say that David did that was unlawful?.

- ▶ Jesus reminded the Pharisees of examples from the Old Testament where great people did not follow the rules. What phrase does Jesus use in verse 7 to explain why that was okay?

- ▶ Who is the Son of Man? Who is the Lord of the Sabbath?

Wednesday,
July 22

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ The Pharisees would have known the Old Testament very well. Yesterday, we read some examples Jesus gave from the OT to show the Pharisees that God desires our love most of all. Jesus wanted the Pharisees to know that loving others by showing them mercy was more important than their extra man-made rules.



Read Matthew 12:9-10

- ▶ Where did Jesus go next?

- ▶ Who did He find there?

- ▶ How do you think Jesus will answer the Pharisees' question?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that Jesus met a man with a shriveled hand in the synagogue. The Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus by asking Him if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. Again, healing on the Sabbath was one of their extra man-made rules.



Read Matthew 12:11-12

- ▶ What did people rescue on the Sabbath?

- ▶ Who is more valuable to God: people or sheep?

- ▶ What is lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Friday,
July 24

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- Yesterday, we read that Jesus said it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. That seems like a good rule! It should always be lawful to do good.



Read Matthew 12:13-14

- What did Jesus do for the man?

- How did that make the Pharisees feel?

- When is the right time to love and care for others?

The Sabbath |

The Lord gave us the command to rest for our good and His glory. Draw pictures below of some ways you and your family rest.

Do You See It? | Compare the two pictures and find and circle the 10 differences.



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Session 4: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-6



Sunday, July 26

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will read from a famous speech from Jesus known as 'The Sermon on the Mount.' The first part of the speech is also called the Beatitudes, which means big blessings.



Read Matthew 5:1-6

- ▶ Where was Jesus when He taught about these blessings?

- ▶ List the four types of people He calls blessed in this passage.

- ▶ Do you think someone who is poor or sad or hungry usually feels blessed?

Tuesday,
July 28

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus called several different types of people blessed. But, they are not people who usually feel blessed.
- ▶ Today, we will continue reading Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and learn more about how He wants us to live.



Read Matthew 5:13-16

- ▶ What two things does Jesus call the people?

- ▶ What does Jesus say you usually do with a lamp?

- ▶ In verse 16, Jesus says, "In the same way, let your light shine..."
How can you let your light shine for Jesus?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have been reading the amazing teachings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. We have learned that Jesus gives blessings to those who follow Him and that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
- ▶ Today, we will skip ahead to the end of Matthew 5 to read another lesson from Jesus.



Read Matthew 5:43-48

- ▶ In verse 44, Jesus gives two very important commands. What are they?

- ▶ What is an example of a way you can love your enemy?

- ▶ In verse 48, Jesus says to be perfect. But can we really be perfect? Who is the only one who is perfect? (Hint: that is why He had to die for us—because we can't be perfect!)

Thursday,
July 30

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Jesus' Sermon on the Mount continues into Matthew, chapter 6. We have two more lessons from Jesus to read about this week.



Read Matthew 6:19-21

- ▶ What do you think are earthly treasures?

- ▶ What do you think are treasures in heaven?

- ▶ What do you treasure the most in your heart?



Before you read...

- ▶ Today, we will finish reading from this section of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus has been teaching how people in His Kingdom should live. If you want to read the entire sermon, it is all of Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7.



Read Matthew 6:25-27

- ▶ What things does Jesus say not to worry about?

- ▶ What does Jesus say we are more valuable than?

- ▶ What is something you have worried about that you can trust Jesus to take care of?

Shine Like Light | Jesus told the people to shine like light so that others would see their good works and give glory to God. In the spotlights, draw examples of good works that can lead others to give glory to God.



Don't Worry | Jesus told us not to worry about our life. There are 10 items that don't belong in the picture below. Draw an X through the three items that Jesus instructed us not to worry about and circle the other seven out-of-place items.





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