

KIDS Home Lessons

LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME TOGETHER!

October 15 | Matthew 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-48 | Parable of the Faithful Servant

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The Gospel Project Curriculum intentionally shares the whole story of Bible with kids on their developmental level over a 3 year cycle. Your child will be introduced to **gospel centrality** as their lessons connect all the pieces from individual stories in the Bible to show the **one big story of God's plan to redeem people through Jesus**. Our heart beat is to share the gospel of Jesus over and over again in order to anchor God's one big story into the hearts of kids.
- Gospel-centered parenting helps your child see that Jesus Christ is perfecter and the transformer of you and your child. Our aim is not to modify our children's behavior by teaching the Bible as a collection of moral stories and rules about how to behave. Rather when our children see that every story in the Bible points back to Jesus, they understand Jesus is God's plan from the beginning to rescue people from sin and death! The gospel changes everything, including us.
- A **catechism** is simply a method of learning the truths about God and his gospel by asking questions which prompt answers. We encourage you and your children to memorize the catechisms shared along with the accompanying **Scripture** to build a storehouse of knowledge that the Holy Spirit can use to transform us to look more like Jesus.
- **Repeat, repeat, repeat:** Throughout the lesson, repeat the **Big Picture Question** and the **Christ Connection** to remind the kids of what they've learned and why it's important. Make it fun to make it stick.
- **Make it stick:** We do activities and games, ask questions and review to help the Bible story stick. This helps kids know how to apply what they are learning. The goal of this time is to give them a chance to practice what they learned and give them an opportunity to share.

BEFORE I TEACH

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Read the Bible Story to prepare yourself. After you read, **ask yourself:**

- What am I excited to teach from this passage?
- What did I learn about God (or myself) that was hard to hear?
- Did God reveal anything new to me in the passage?

Read the Christ Connection and **Big Picture Question**. After you read, **ask yourself:** *Why does this matter for the kids?* Jot down your answer in a journal, and pray the Holy Spirit would give you insight to know what truths about God your child needs to hear today.

MEMORIZE

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- **Catechism**
 - YOU ASK: **Who were our first parents?**
 - THEY ANSWER: Adam and Eve
- **Scripture Verse**
 - **Acts 17:26a** "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth."

STORY & WORSHIP

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- **Bible Story** | Help kids see that the Bible is true and it's full of stories that help us know God and trust Jesus.
 - Watch the video lesson provided on the website!
 - Review the Big Picture Question and the Christ Connection after the story.
 - **Big Picture Question:** What will happen to the wise and faithful servant? The wise and faithful servant will be rewarded.
 - **Christ Connection:** Jesus gives believers the responsibility of caring for His world and sharing the gospel. No one knows the exact time Jesus will return to earth. We must always be ready. When Jesus returns, those who faithfully work for Him will be rewarded, but those who do not will be punished.
 - **Say** • How do we respond to this good news we just heard? **We worship God!**
 - Use the videos on the website to sing, dance and worship God together.
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TALK ABOUT THE STORY

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- **PRE-K:**
 - Who did the master put in charge of his household? (the servant who worked hard)
 - Did the faithful servant work hard, even when the master wasn't watching? (yes)
 - What did the bad servant do? (He was mean to the others servants. He didn't work hard.)
 - What happened to the bad servant when his master came back? (The master punished him.)
 - What should we always be ready for? We should be ready for Jesus to come back.
 - Say • Jesus wants people who believe in Him to take care of His world and to tell others about Him. No one knows when Jesus will come back to earth. We must always be ready. When Jesus comes back, He will reward those who worked hard for Him.
- **1ST-2ND GRADE:**
 - Whom did Jesus describe in this parable? (a master and his servants, Luke 12:42)
 - What will happen to the wise and faithful servant? (The wise and faithful servant will be rewarded.)
 - What will the wise and faithful servant be put in charge of? (the master's possessions, Luke 12:44)
 - What will happen to the servant who isn't wise and faithful? (He will be punished, Luke 12:46-47)
 - What did Jesus say would be expected of the one given more responsibility? (He will be expected to do
 - many things, Luke 12:48)
- **3RD-5TH GRADE:**
 - What job did the master give the faithful and wise servant? (He put him in charge of his household servants, to give them food at the right time; Matt. 24:45; Luke 12:42)
 - What will the faithful servant be doing when the master comes home? (working; Matt. 24:46; Luke 12:43)
 - How will the master reward the faithful servant? (He will put him in charge of all his possessions; Matt. 24:47; Luke 12:44)
 - What will happen to the wise and faithful servant? The wise and faithful servant will be rewarded.

MAKE IT STICK

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- **Activity for PREK:** Crumple a bunch of paper wads and drop them on one side of the room. Give kids small brooms or pool noodles that kids can use to “sweep” the paper wads to the other side of the room. If you’d like to make this game a race, use masking tape to mark a start and finish line. Once all the kids sweep their paper wads to the finish line, guide them to scoop up the paper wads and place them in the trashcan.
 - **Say** • What should we always be ready for? We should be ready for Jesus to come back. While we wait for Jesus to return, we can do good work in the world. The Bible even says God has prepared good works for His people to do. [See Eph. 2:10.] When we don’t feel like being faithful servants, God can help us work hard to do what He has asked us to.
- **Activity for 1ST-2ND GRADE:** Tape a large sheet of paper on the wall. Invite kids to share something they are good at or enjoy doing. Write each response on the piece of paper. After receiving several answers, form two groups. Invite each group to talk about how they can use the first talent to serve Jesus. For instance, if the kids listed baseball, they could tell their teammates about Jesus. After about a minute let each group share what they came up with. Continue through each item on the list or as long as time allows.
 - **Say** • Often times, our gifts and talents are things we are good at or enjoy doing. If we are wise and faithful, we will find ways to use those things to serve God. What will happen to the wise and faithful servant? The wise and faithful servant will be rewarded.
- **Activity for 3RD-5TH GRADE:** Choose volunteers to act out the following roles: master, faithful servant, evil servant, and narrator. Remaining kids can play the roles of other household servants. Guide the narrator to read from a copy of the Bible story script or from Matthew 24:45-51 in the Bible. She should read and pause for kids to act out the Bible story. Applaud kids’ performance. Switch roles if time allows.
 - **Say** • Jesus’ parable of the faithful servant teaches us about being ready for the day Jesus returns. We can be wise and faithful by sharing the gospel with others and living in a way that honors God.

LET'S PRAY

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- Encourage kids that **Jesus hears them** any time they are talking to him! This is a great way to grow closer to your children and to hear their heart. Ask Jesus to help you believe and do what you've learned together.
- **Praying Together:**
 - Start a family journal where you can remember together what you are learning, what you and your children are praying for and praising God for
 - Ask your children for one thing they want to thank or praise God for and one way they want God's help so you can pray about that together.
 - Preschoolers can learn how to pray by repeating small phrases after you as you pray aloud.
 - Visit our Family Resources page for more ideas!



BONUS!

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they know what the word "gospel" means. Clarify that the word gospel means "good news." It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

- **God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.
- **We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)
- **God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.
- **Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.
- **We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.