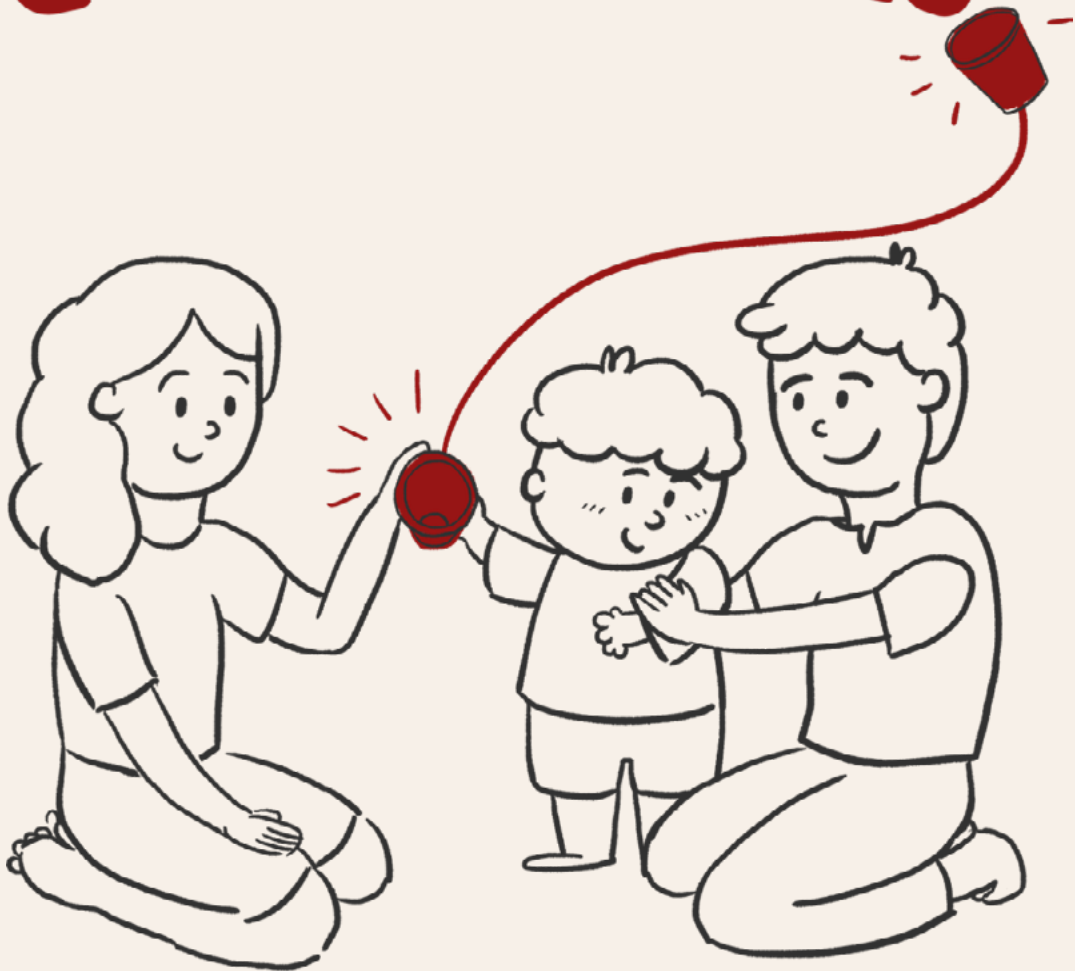




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# GODVERSATIONS



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## FAITH FORMATION THROUGH GODVERSATIONS

Conversations are important. It is through conversations that we know and understand each other better. We get to share our ideas, thoughts, opinions, our stories and our journey in life. In the family context, it is important for there to be more conversations between parents (especially fathers) and children on spiritual matters because these are critical for faith formation.

Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia has produced Godversations to help parents have meaningful conversations about God, or “Godversations”, with their children. This resource can also be used to help other children engage with God’s Word with the assistance of an adult.

## HOW TO USE GODVERSATIONS

Step 1: Watch the video

WATCH THE VIDEO

Step 2: Listen to the audio

LISTEN TO THE AUDIO

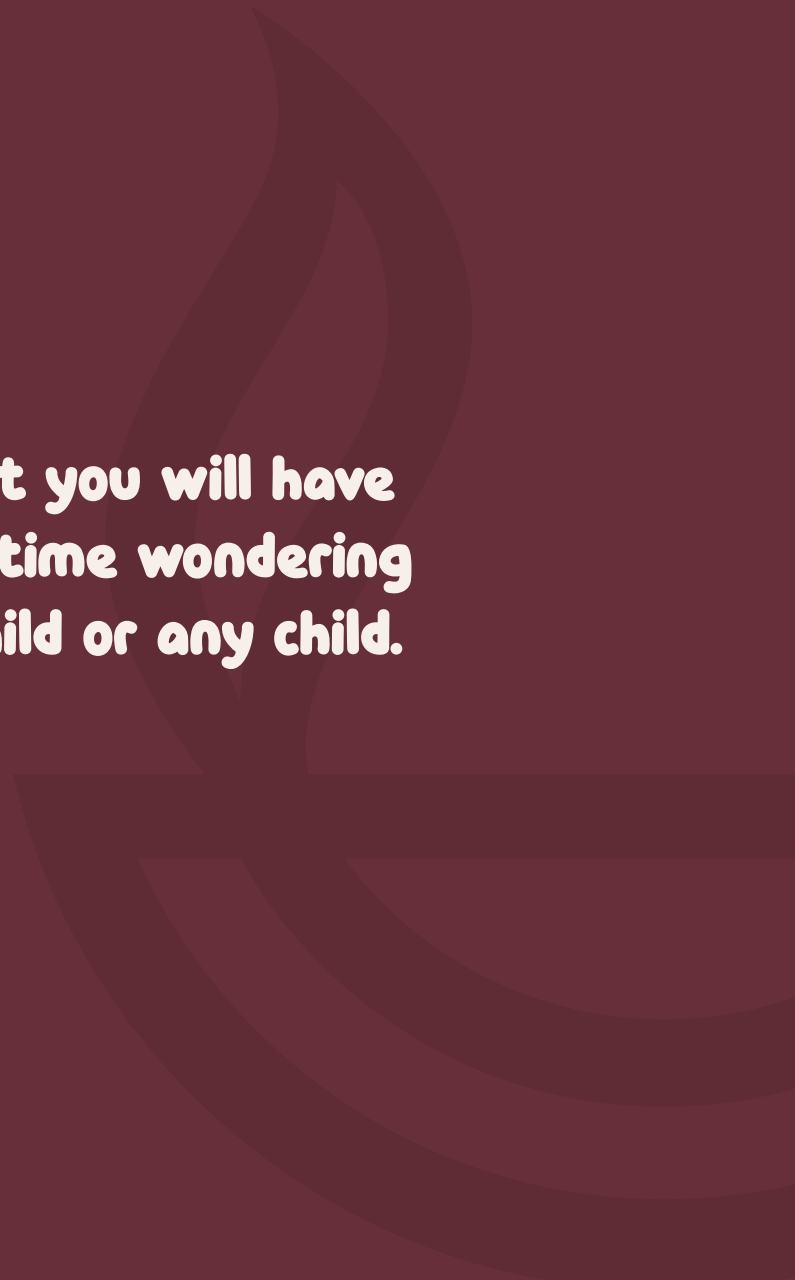
Step 3: Read the Bible passage

Step 4: Have conversations using the questions



## **IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS BOOKLET IS DESIGNED TO AID AND FACILITATE GODVERSATIONS.**

- It is NOT meant for Bible Studies.
- It is NOT meant for teaching or for the typical Sunday school lessons.
- However, the Bible remains the main text for the Godversations. Therefore, it is helpful to read the text together.
- The aim is not just to get right answers, but more importantly to allow their own honest responses to the text.
- The questions are designed to be a catalyst to help a child to wonder and discover. You don't have to use all the questions, pick and choose what is suitable for your context.
- Some questions are more direct; others are to help us wonder about the text and story. Parents should resist the temptation to give the answers. You might not even have the answers; therefore, we learn to discover the Bible together with the child.
- Unlike a typical Bible Study, which is strictly focused on discussion of the text, it is perfectly OK to have a lengthy "side" discussion as long as the parent is able to draw out a teachable moment with the child about God, His Word and life.
- Sharing your own journey and stories will be great but do encourage the child to share his or her own stories, thoughts and perspective.
- The ultimate aim is to help the child interact with the Bible, to discover that the Bible is interesting, relevant and in the process, discover God more.
- Hence, we suggest that in a family context, the setting should be informal for these Godversations; perhaps at the dining table after a meal, on a sofa together or just on the floor.
- We encourage you to close the Godversations in prayer especially regarding things that your children have shared with you.



**We pray that you will have  
a wonderful time wondering  
with your child or any child.**

# #1 THE BIRTH OF JOHN

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/BirthofJohn>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/BirthofJohnMp3>

## Read Luke 1:5-25 New International Version

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

<sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside.

<sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup> He



will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’

<sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, ‘How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well on in years.’

<sup>19</sup> The angel said to him, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.’

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realised he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

<sup>23</sup> When his time of service was completed, he returned home.

<sup>24</sup> After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. <sup>25</sup> ‘The Lord has done this for me,’ she said. ‘In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people.’

## I WONDER

- How did Zechariah and Elizabeth feel when they couldn't have a child?
- How long did Elizabeth and Zechariah pray for a child before God answered their prayer?
- How would I feel if I met an angel?
- Why didn't Zechariah believe the angel?
- What did Zechariah think about the angel's message to him about the child Elizabeth would bear?
- How did Zechariah tell Elizabeth what had happened to him when he went home but couldn't speak?
- How did it feel like not being able to speak for months?
- How did Zechariah and Elizabeth feel when they found out they were having a baby?

## TAKE HOME POINTS

- God hears and answers the prayers of His people.
- God heard and answered Zechariah's prayer. And in fulfillment of His promises, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, John, would be the one who would prepare the way for the Lord (Jesus).

## #2 THE BIRTH OF JESUS

### WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/BirthofJesus>

### LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/BirthofJesusMp3>

### Read Luke 2:8-20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.' <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'



<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## I WONDER

- Why the shepherds needed to watch over the flocks during the night.
- What angels look like.
- What the shepherds thought about the message from the angel.
- What it is like to hear the multitude of angels praising God.
- Why the shepherds rushed to find Mary, Joseph and the baby.
- Who this baby was.
- Why the shepherds glorified and praised God after seeing the baby.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Baby Jesus, God's promised Saviour King, was first revealed to the least in society, the shepherds.

# #3 BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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<https://be.su.org.my/BoyJesus>

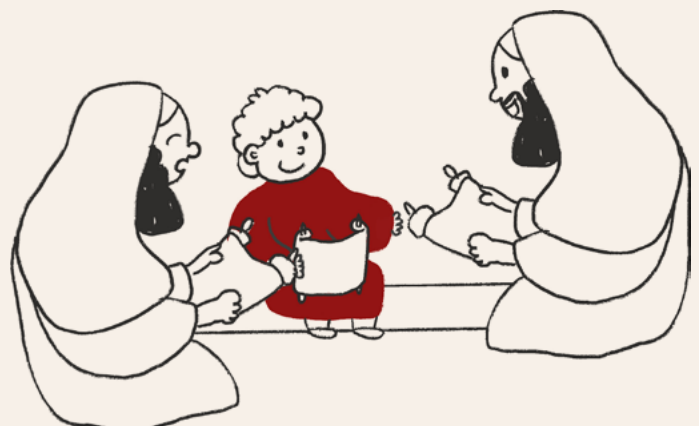
## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/BoyJesusMp3>

### Read Luke 2:41-52 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'

<sup>49</sup> 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.



<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

## I WONDER

- What happens during a Passover festival?
- Why didn't Jesus' parents notice He was missing before they left?
- What did the parents feel when they realised Jesus was missing? How does it feel to lose your child?
- What did Jesus mean when He said His "Father's house"?
- What kind of conversation did Jesus have with the teachers?
- Why were they amazed by Jesus' understanding and answers?
- Why was this event important to Mary? Why did Mary treasure all that happened and the conversation she had with Jesus in her heart?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus was aware of His identity as the Son of God from young.

## #4 TEMPTATION OF JESUS

### WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/TemptationJesus>

### LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/TemptationJesusMp3>

### Read Matthew 4:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high



mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."'

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## I WONDER

- How did Jesus feel when He was in the wilderness?
- Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to the wilderness?
- How did Jesus survive forty days and forty nights of fasting?
- How do we live by the Word of God and not by bread alone?  
(v.4)
- Can Jesus really turn stone to bread?
- Why did Jesus respond to the Devil the way He did?
- Why did Jesus not do what the Devil tempted Him to do?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus faced temptations but overcame them by the Word of God and did not sin.

# #5 WATER INTO WINE

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/WaterWine>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/WaterWineMp3>

### Read John 2:1-12 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

<sup>4</sup> 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom



aside <sup>10</sup> and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

## I WONDER

- Why Jesus's mother, Jesus, and His disciples were invited to the wedding?
- What the wedding would have been like?
- How the master of the banquet felt when the wine ran out?
- If Jesus's mother could guess what He was going to do?
- What the servants were thinking when Jesus asked them to fill the jars with water? Did they feel silly?
- How I would have felt if I were a disciple seeing Jesus turn water into wine?
- How the bridegroom felt when the best wine came at last?
- Why Jesus performed His first miracle/sign at a wedding?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus performed His first miracle and revealed His glory as God's promised King.

# #6 NICODEMUS

**WATCH THE VIDEO**

<https://be.su.org.my/Nicodemus>

**LISTEN TO THE READING**

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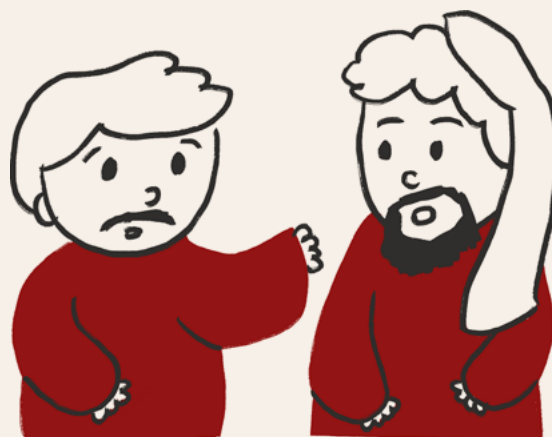
## Read John 3:1-5 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

<sup>4</sup> 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.'



## I WONDER

- Why Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night?
- What Nicodemus was trying to find out from Jesus when he came to see Him?
- How Jesus felt when Nicodemus came to see Him?
- How Nicodemus knew Jesus was from God?
- Why Nicodemus didn't understand what Jesus was telling him?
- What it means to be "born again"?
- What it means to be "born of water and the spirit"?
- How I would have felt if I were Nicodemus speaking to Jesus?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- We need to experience a spiritual birth from God (born again) to enter His kingdom.

# #7 THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/SamaritanWoman>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/SamaritanWomanMp3>

### Read John 4:1-26 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptising more disciples than John – <sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)



<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

<sup>11</sup> 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup> He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

<sup>17</sup> 'I have no husband,' she replied.

Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

<sup>19</sup> 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

<sup>21</sup> ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am he.’

## I WONDER

- How thirsty Jesus felt after the long journey?
- How the Samaritan woman felt when Jesus talked to her? Was she annoyed or afraid?
- What happened between the Samaritans and the Jews?
- What “living water” is?
- How the Samaritan woman felt when Jesus knew about her life?
- If the Samaritan woman knew who Jesus was?
- What is eternal life?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus will give living water, the source of eternal life to anyone who asks for it.

# #8 THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/CallDisciples>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/CallDisciplesMp3>

### Read Luke 5:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.



<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## I WONDER

- How did Peter and the other fishermen feel when they caught nothing during the night?
- Why did Simon Peter do what Jesus said even though He knew there were no fish?
- What does Jesus mean by "fishing for people"?
- What did they do with all the fish they had caught?
- What did the fishermen think of Jesus at the beginning and at the end of the story?
- Why did Simon Peter tell Jesus to leave him alone?
- Why did they leave everything and follow Jesus?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus calls sinners to follow Him and to be fishers of men.

# #9 THE LEPER

**WATCH THE VIDEO**

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**LISTEN TO THE READING**

<https://be.su.org.my/LeperMp3>

## **Read Luke 5:12-16 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)**

<sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'

<sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately the leprosy left him.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus ordered him, 'Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their illnesses. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

## I WONDER

- What the leper felt when he saw Jesus?
- What was the life of a leper like during Jesus' time?
- What was the first thing the leper did once he was healed?
- Why Jesus charged him to tell no one?
- Why the leper asked permission from Jesus to heal him?
- Why would Jesus withdraw to desolate places to pray?
- Why Jesus gave him instructions to prove that he was clean?

## TAKE HOME POINTS

- Jesus healed a leper who was considered unclean by others.

# #10 HEALING AT THE POOL

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/HealingPool>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/HealingPoolMp3>

### Read John 5:1-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup>Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. <sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’

<sup>7</sup>‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’

<sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law



forbids you to carry your mat.'

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Pick up your mat and walk!"'

<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, 'Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?'

<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, 'See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.' <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. <sup>17</sup> In his defence Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.'

## I WONDER

- What did the sick man by the pool do all day long?
- How did the man feel waiting for so long?
- Why didn't anyone help the man?
- What did the man think when Jesus told him to get up?
- How did the man feel when he realised he could walk and what was the first thing he did?

- Why were the Jewish leaders upset that the man could now walk? Shouldn't they have been happy?
- What did other people think when they saw the man walking?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus healed a man who had been invalid for 38 years on the Sabbath as He was working just as the Heavenly Father is working.

# #11 FORGIVENESS OF SINS

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/ForgivenessSins>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/ForgivenessSinsMp3>

### Read Mark 2:1-12 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? <sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the man, <sup>11</sup> 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' <sup>12</sup> He got up, took

his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

## I WONDER

- What the atmosphere was like at Jesus' home.
- Who were the four men who carried the paralytic.
- What was the crowd's reaction when they saw the paralytic being lowered from the hole in the roof.
- What was Jesus' reaction?
- Why did Jesus tell the man, "Your sins are forgiven"?
- What were the people's reactions (including the scribes) to what Jesus said.
- Which was easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven" or "Rise, pick up your bed and walk". Why?
- What was Jesus' purpose in healing the paralytic.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus proved that He has authority to forgive sins (that He is God) by healing the paralytic.

# #12 THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/LordPrayer>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/LordPrayerMp3>

### Read Matthew 6:5-15 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>5</sup> ' And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> 'This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.”



<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## I WONDER

- Why do we need to pray?
- Who is a hypocrite?
- Why do we address God as our Father?
- When and how does the Kingdom of God come?
- Why do I need God to forgive me?
- What evil does God have to deliver us from?
- Why does Jesus teach us this prayer?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- When we pray, we can talk to God as our Father.

# #13 WISE AND THE FOOLISH BUILDERS

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/WiseFoolishBuilders>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/WiseFoolishBuildersMp3>

### Read Matthew 7:24-29 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>24</sup> 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



## I WONDER

- How do you build a house? What is needed to build a house?
- How long did it take to build the house on the rock versus the house on the sand?
- Why would you build the house on sand?
- What happened to the people when the house fell?
- What kind of house are you building?
- What does this story actually mean?
- How do we hear and obey the Word of God?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- We need to be like the wise builder in the parable who built his house on the rock. This means we must hear and obey (put to practise) God's Word.

# #14 CENTURION'S SERVANT

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/CenturionServant>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/CenturionServantMp3>

### Read Matthew 8:5-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> 'Lord,' he said, 'my servant lies at home paralysed, suffering terribly.'

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Shall I come and heal him?'

<sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, 'Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go," and he goes; and that one, "Come," and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this," and he does it.'

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, 'Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and



gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that moment.

## I WONDER

- What was it like being a Centurion?
- How did the Centurion know about Jesus?
- Who's the servant of the centurion? Why did the Centurion care about the servant?
- How it feels like when you have to humble yourself to ask for help? How did the Centurion feel having to ask help from Jesus?
- Why didn't the Centurion lead Jesus to his home?
- Did the Centurion believe in Jesus?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus honoured the Centurion's faith in Him by healing his servant.

# #15 THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/ParableSower>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/ParableSowerMp3>

### Read Luke 8:4-15 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>4</sup> While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: <sup>5</sup> ' A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.'

When he said this, he called out, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, 'The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;  
though hearing, they may not understand.”



<sup>11</sup> 'This is the meaning of the parable: the seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

## I WONDER

- Why Jesus used parables to teach.
- What it is like to be a farmer.
- What kind of seeds did the farmer sowed.
- What does each soil represent.
- What kind of soil am I.
- How I can be the good soil.
- What I can learn from this story.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Just like how the seed, which fell on different soils, had different outcomes in Jesus's parable, people who hear God's Word will have different responses to it. The right response is to hear and receive God's Word and bear fruit.

# #16 THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEEDS AND THE MUSTARD SEEDS

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/ParableSeeds>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/ParableSeedsMp3>

### Mark 4:26-34 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>26</sup> He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.



## I WONDER

- How small is a mustard seed?
- How big is a mustard tree?
- Why did Jesus use the mustard seed as an example?
- What does the Kingdom of God look like in our world today?
- How long does it take for the mustard seed to grow into a mustard tree?
- Who represents the man who scatters seeds on the ground?
- What these parables mean?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Even though God's kingdom has small and humble beginnings, God is the One who causes His Kingdom to grow and be a blessing to many.

# #17 THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/Pearl>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/PearlMp3>

### Matthew 13:44-46 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

## I WONDER

- What the kingdom of heaven is like.
- What things do people treasure.
- What kind of treasure the man found.
- How the man felt when he found the treasure.
- How big the pearl was.
- Whether it was a big risk to sell everything in order to get the treasure/pearl.
- What I would sell everything for.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- God's kingdom is worth far more than anything we could sacrifice or give up in order to receive it (be a part of God's kingdom).

# #18 THE STORM

**WATCH THE VIDEO**

<https://be.su.org.my/Storm>

**LISTEN TO THE READING**

<https://be.su.org.my/StormMp3>

## **Read Mark 4:35-41 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)**

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.'<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.<sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.<sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'



## I WONDER

- What kind of boat it was that Jesus, and His disciples were in.
  - How many people were in the boat.
  - What it was like to be caught in such a storm.
  - Why Jesus was sleeping.
  - Why the disciples woke Jesus up.
  - How Jesus calmed the storm with just a command.
  - Why the disciples were afraid after Jesus calmed the storm.
- What is the answer to the disciples' question at the end of this story.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, who is God, has authority over nature.

# #19 THE LEGION

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/Legion>

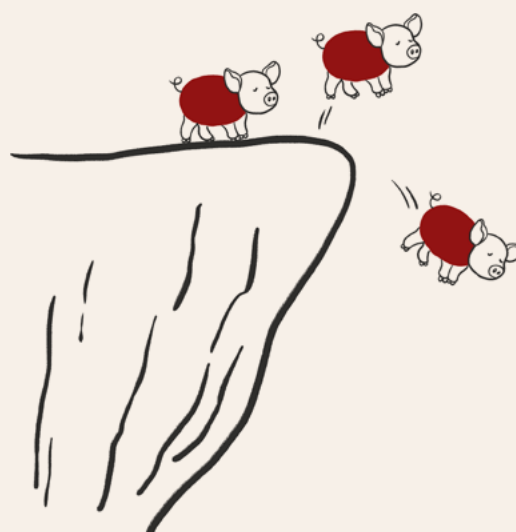
## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/LegionMp3>

### Read Mark 5:1-20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

<sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and



foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

<sup>7</sup> He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!' <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!'

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'My name is Legion,' he replied, 'for we are many.'<sup>10</sup> And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.

<sup>12</sup> The demons begged Jesus, 'Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.'<sup>13</sup> He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>14</sup> Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.<sup>15</sup> When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

<sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well.<sup>17</sup> Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup> Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## I WONDER

- What it is like living among the tombs (in caves).
- How hard life was for this demon-possessed man.
- Why the man ran and fell before Jesus.
- How he knew who Jesus was.
- Why "Legion" asked permission to enter the pigs.
- Why the herdsmen and the people of the city reacted the way they did.
- What went through the demon-possessed man's mind throughout the whole incident.
- Why Jesus did not permit the man to follow Him.
- What the man told others in the Decapolis about Jesus.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, God's Promised King has power over evil spirits

# #20 JESUS FEEDING THE 5000

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/JesusFeed5000>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/JesusFeed5000Mp3>

### Read John 6:16-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass



in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.'<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

## I WONDER

- Why so many people followed Jesus.
- How 5000 people could hear Jesus speak.
- How Andrew found out that the boy had food with him.
- How old the boy was.
- How the disciples felt when Jesus asked them to sit the people down.
- How the miracle happened.
- How the people and the disciples felt when they saw and experienced the miracle.
- Why the people wanted to make Jesus king.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Just as God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna long ago, Jesus fed the 5,000 in a miraculous way. And also, Jesus can multiply whatever little we can offer Him.

# #21 WALKING ON WATER

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/WalkOnWater>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/WalkOnWaterMp3>

### Read John 6:16-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,  
<sup>17</sup> where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. <sup>18</sup> A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' <sup>21</sup> Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.



## I WONDER

- How rough was the sea that night?
- How much could the disciples see in the storm?
- What the disciples were thinking as they rowed the boat?
- How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus walking on water?
- How could the disciples have recognised Jesus.
- What happened after the disciples took Jesus into the boat?  
How did the boat reach land immediately?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, who is God, can walk on water. He has power over nature.

# #22 THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/UnforgivingServant>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/UnforgivingServantMp3>

### Read Matthew 18:21-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

<sup>23</sup> 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

<sup>26</sup> 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.'

<sup>28</sup> 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.'

<sup>29</sup> 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back!'

<sup>30</sup> 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## I WONDER

- Can I forgive someone seventy-seven times?
- How do I know whether I have forgiven someone?
- Why did the master forgive the servant?
- How the servant felt when the master forgave him?
- Why couldn't the servant forgive his fellow servant? Why was it so hard?
- What the servant felt when the master was angry and threw him into jail?
- Why should I forgive others who sin against me.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- We need to forgive others just like how God has forgiven us in His Son Jesus.



# #23 SENDING OUT 72

**WATCH THE VIDEO**

<https://be.su.org.my/Send72>

**LISTEN TO THE READING**

<https://be.su.org.my/Send72Mp3>

## Read Luke 10:1-20 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." <sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> "Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near."

<sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.



<sup>13</sup> 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup> 'Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.'

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.'

<sup>18</sup> He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

## I WONDER

- Why Jesus sent His disciples out two by two.
- How the 72, who were chosen by Jesus to go out, felt?
- Why Jesus told them not to carry moneybags, knapsacks, sandals, and greet no one on the road?
- Why people would reject Jesus' disciples.
- What did the disciples experience in their journey?
- Why Jesus said to "Rejoice that your name is written in heaven?"

## TAKE HOME POINT

- While it is a great privilege to be given authority to be ministers (servants) of Jesus, it is a far greater privilege and blessing to have our names written in heaven.

# #24 THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/GoodNeighbour>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/GoodNeighbourMp3>

### Read Luke 10:29-37 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ' And who is my neighbour?'

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: ' A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

<sup>36</sup> 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## I WONDER

- Why the man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho.
- How far and long the journey was.
- How the man felt when he was attacked by the robbers.
- Why the priest and the Levite purposely passed the injured man on the other side.
- Why the Samaritan decided to help the man.
- Who was the good neighbour.
- What kind of neighbour am I?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- We are called to be good neighbours to those around us by loving and helping them in their need.

# #25 MARY AND MARTHA

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/MaryMartha>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/MaryMarthaMp3>

### Read Luke 10:38-42 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

<sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'



## I WONDER

- What did Martha want to prepare? / What chores did she need to do?
- Did Mary realise that Martha was upset with her?
- What was Jesus telling Mary?
- What did Jesus mean when He said Mary had chosen what is better?
- What things distract us from spending time with God?
- What would Jesus tell us is most important?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Nothing is more important than spending time with Jesus.

# #26 THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/WomanCaughtAdultery>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/WomanCaughtAdulteryMp3>

### Read John 8:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup>but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered round him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'



<sup>11</sup> 'No one, sir,' she said.

'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin.'

## I WONDER

- How the teachers of the law and the Pharisees found out about the woman.
- What they expected Jesus to do with the woman.
- Why they wanted to trap Jesus.
- How the woman felt.
- What Jesus wrote on the ground the 1st and 2nd time.
- Why no one threw the first stone.
- What it would be like to be stoned.
- How the woman felt when Jesus didn't condemn her

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus did not condemn the woman for her sin but instead, gave her a fresh start by asking her to go and sin no more.

\*Note: This story is not found in the earliest manuscripts of John's Gospel.

# #27 JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/JesusHealsManBornBlind>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/JesusHealsManBornBlindMp3>

### Read John 9:1-12 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

<sup>3</sup> 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'



<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup> His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was.

Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.'  
But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.'

<sup>10</sup> 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.'

<sup>12</sup> 'Where is this man?' they asked him.

'I don't know,' he said.

## I WONDER

- Why the man was born blind.
- What it feels like to be blind.
- What Jesus meant when He said, "I am the light of the world".
- Why Jesus used His saliva to make the mud.
- How the man felt when he could see for the first time.
- What was the first thing the man saw.
- Why some of his neighbours could not recognise him.
- Why the people wanted to know where Jesus was.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus healed the man born blind to work the works of the Father who sent Him. He is the Light of the world who comes to bring spiritual sight to a world blinded by sin.

# #28 REACTION TO THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/ReactionHealingBlindMan>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/ReactionHealingBlindManMp3>

### Read John 9:13-34 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

<sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.'

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.'

But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.'

The man replied, 'He is a prophet.'

<sup>18</sup> They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. <sup>19</sup> 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?'



<sup>20</sup> 'We know he is our son,' the parents answered, 'and we know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.' <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That was why his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

<sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. 'Give glory to God by telling the truth,' they said. 'We know this man is a sinner.'

<sup>25</sup> He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'

<sup>26</sup> Then they asked him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?'

<sup>27</sup> He answered, 'I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?'

<sup>28</sup> Then they hurled insults at him and said, 'You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.'

<sup>30</sup> The man answered, 'Now that is remarkable! You don't know

where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. <sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, 'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!' And they threw him out.

## I WONDER

- Why the people brought the man to the Pharisees.
- What the Sabbath is all about.
- Why the Pharisees were not happy that the blind man could see.
- Why the Pharisees did not like Jesus.
- How the man felt having to answer the Pharisees again and again.
- Why the Pharisees could not believe that the man was healed of his blindness.
- Whether it is true that God does not want to listen to sinners.
- What the blind man thought of Jesus

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Spiritual blindness (unbelief and the rejection of Jesus) is far worse than physical blindness.

# #29 I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/GoodShepherd>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/GoodShepherdMp3>

### Read John 10:1-18 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> 'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So



when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

## I WONDER

- How sheep can recognise the shepherd's voice.
- How is Jesus the gate for the sheep.
- What it means to have life to the full (abundant life).
- Why Jesus called Himself the good shepherd.
- Why the good shepherd laid down His life for the sheep.
- Where the other sheep are.
- What Jesus meant when He said that He lays down His life only to take it up again.
- If Jesus knows my name.

## TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down His life for His sheep.

# #30 ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

## WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://be.su.org.my/AskSeekKnock>

## LISTEN TO THE READING

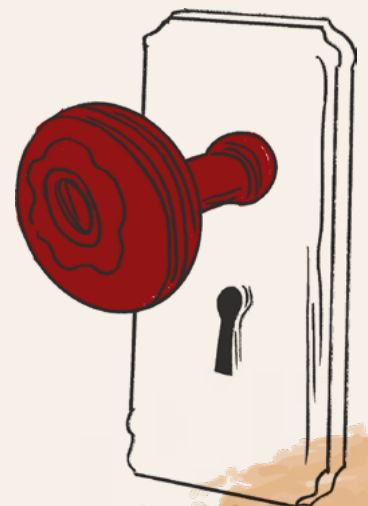
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### Read Luke 11:5-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



## I WONDER

- Why did Jesus tell this story?
- What I would say or do if my friend woke me up in the night to ask for something. Does it matter which friend it was?
- Do our parents give us everything that we ask for?
- What is the difference between God and our human parents (or guardian)?
- Why would God want to give us what is good?
- What are some of the things we can ask God for?
- Does God sometimes say, “no” to the things we ask for?

## TAKE HOME POINT

- We are to persist and persevere in prayer, knowing that our Heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people.

