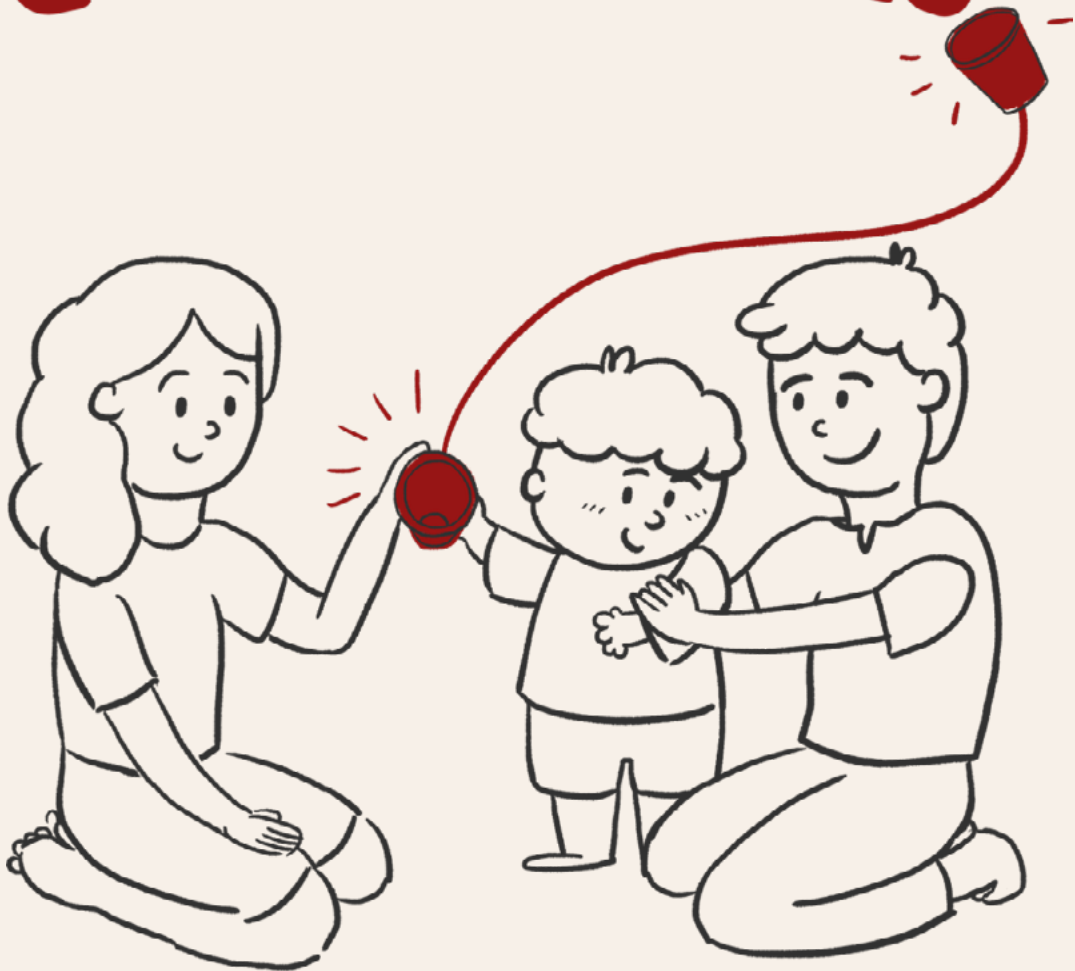




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FAITH FORMATION THROUGH GODVERSATIONS

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

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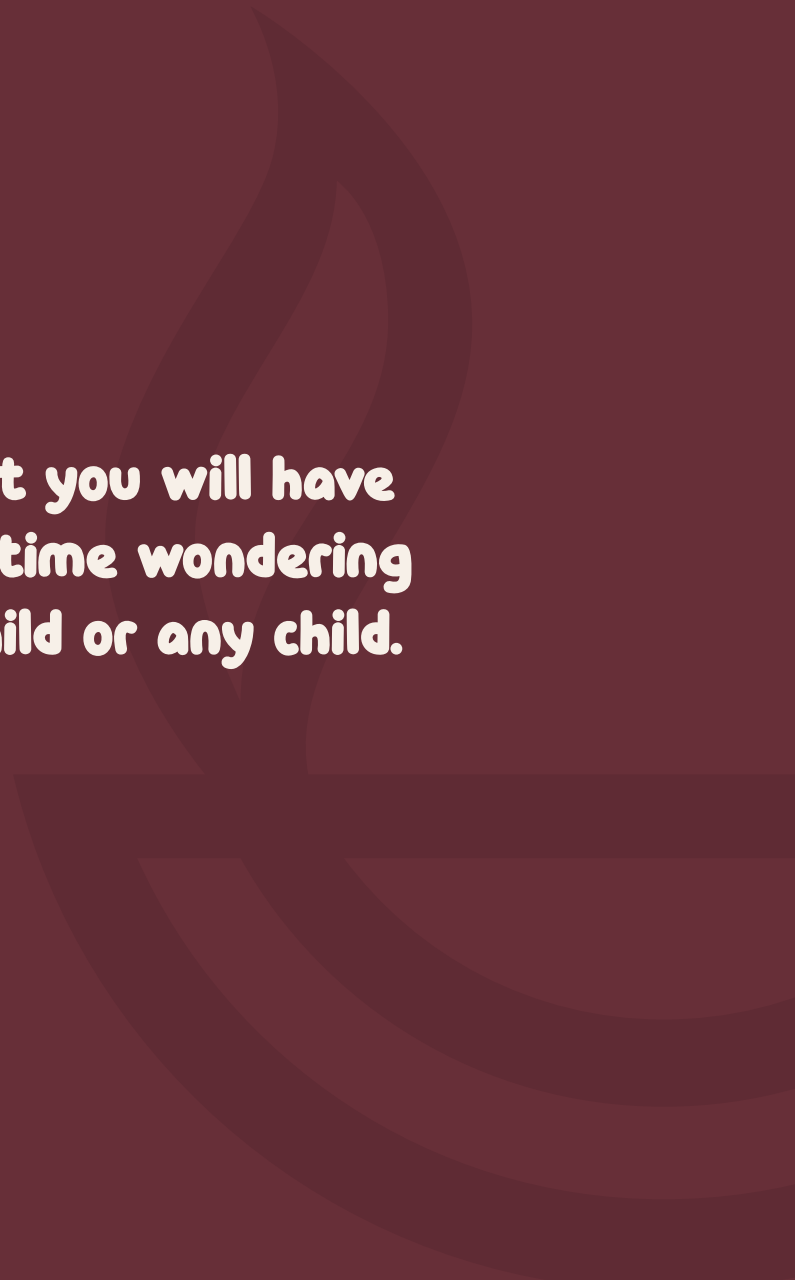
Step 3: Read the Bible passage

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.**

#31 THE RICH FOOL

WATCH THE VIDEO

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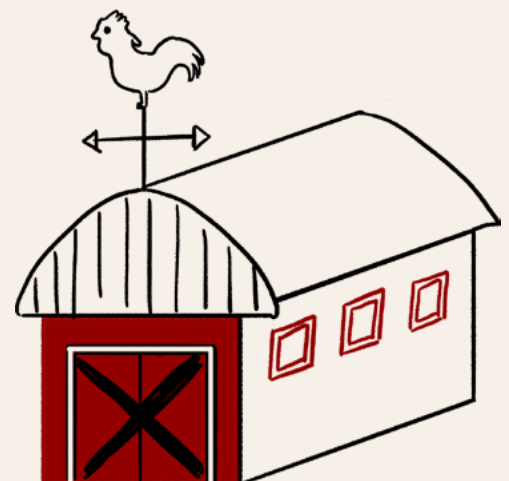
Read Luke 12:16-21 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

¹⁸ 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

²¹ 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'



I WONDER

- How it feels like to be rich.
- If it is wrong to be rich.
- What kind of crops the rich man planted.
- How big his barns were.
- Why God called him a fool.
- What it means to be rich towards God.
- Why Jesus told this story.

TAKE HOME POINT

- We are not to focus on laying up earthly riches for ourselves but are to be rich towards God by using what we have for His Kingdom.

#32 THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

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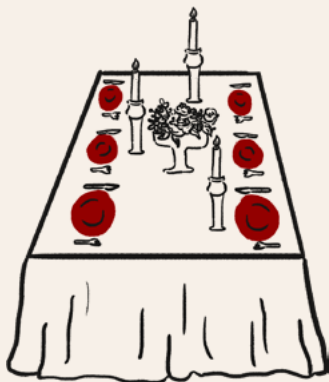
Read Luke 14:15-24 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, 'Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

¹⁶ Jesus replied: 'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ 'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ ' Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'



²⁰ 'Still another said, "I have just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ 'The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the

town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame!

²² “Sir,” the servant said, “what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.”

²³ ‘Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”’

I WONDER

- What people expect at a great banquet.
- What it takes to organise a great banquet.
- How I would feel if all my guests did not want to come.
- Why the people did not want to attend.
- What other excuses people gave.
- How the poor, crippled, blind and lame felt when they were invited.
- Whether I will be invited to the banquet.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Many who are invited into God’s kingdom but do not respond to His call will be rejected but others who are unexpected guests who respond will be welcomed into God’s kingdom.

#33 THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Read Luke 14:25-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

³¹ 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ 'Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; it is thrown out. 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

I WONDER

- Why did Jesus say that a person cannot be His follower if he loves his family or himself more than Jesus? Does it mean I cannot love my family or myself if I want to follow Jesus?
- What does it mean to “bear your own cross and come after Jesus”?
- Why did Jesus use the examples of building a tower and a king fighting against another king?
- What did the crowds think after Jesus said these things?
- If I am able to be a follower of Jesus?
- Why did Jesus use salt to describe the identity of His disciples?
- If I have ears to hear what is Jesus saying?

TAKE HOME POINT

- A disciple of Jesus must count the cost and be willing and ready to give up what he has to follow Jesus.

#34 THE LOST SHEEP

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Read Luke 15:3-7 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.



I WONDER

- If the sheep had names.
- Why the sheep wandered away.
- Why the shepherd went to look for the one sheep.
- What happened to the other 99.
- How the sheep felt when he was lost.
- How the sheep felt when he was found.
- Why Jesus told this story.
- Who I feel like in this story.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Like the shepherd who looks for the 1 lost sheep, Jesus seeks out the lost sinner to save him.

#35 THE FATHER AND HIS SONS

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<https://be.su.org.my/FatherSonsMp3>

Read Luke 15:11-32 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹¹ Jesus continued: ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” So he divided his property between them.

¹³ ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ ‘When he came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was

filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

²² 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

²⁸ 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

³¹ "'My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

I WONDER

- Why the younger son asked for his share of his property.
- Why the younger son spent all his money.
- How he felt living with the pigs.
- What made him think of his father.
- What the father felt when he saw the younger son from afar.
- Why the elder brother was upset.
- Why the father celebrated when the prodigal son returned.
- Who I identify with in this story.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Like the Father who welcomed his rebellious son home, God graciously welcomes sinners like us back to Him.

#36 THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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<https://be.su.org.my/RichManLazarusMp3>

Read Luke 16:19-31 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire!"

²⁵ 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us!"

²⁷ 'He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my

family,²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.”

³⁰ ““No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.”

³¹ ‘He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

I WONDER

- How did Lazarus feel when he sat outside the gate of the rich man’s house?
- Why did the rich man ask for Lazarus and not Abraham?
- If it is wrong to have good things in this life?
- Why was the rich man sent to Hades?
- Why did the man think his family needed an extra warning?
- Where can we hear the words of Moses, Abraham, and the prophets?
- What is the warning in this story for all of us?

TAKE HOME POINT

- Those who enjoy their riches with no care for the poor and whose hearts are hardened against God will face eternal judgment.

#37 THE CHILDREN COME TO JESUS

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<https://be.su.org.my/ChildrenComeToJesusMp3>

Read Luke 18:15-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them.

¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'



I WONDER

- Why did people bring young children to Jesus?
- Why did the disciples rebuke those who brought children to Jesus?
- How did those who brought little children to Jesus feel when they were rebuked by the disciples?
- Why did Jesus call the children to Him?
- If Jesus also had fun and games with the children who came to Him?
- What did the disciples feel when Jesus told them not to stop the children from coming to Him?
- What did Jesus mean when He said one must be like a child to enter the kingdom?

TAKE HOME POINT

- One must be like a child - fully dependent upon Jesus and what He has done to enter God's kingdom.

#38 THE RICH RULER

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Read Luke 18:18-30 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

¹⁹ 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother.'"

²¹ 'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'



²⁶ Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?'

²⁷ Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.'

²⁸ Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!'

²⁹ 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

I WONDER

- Why did the rich ruler come to Jesus?
- If the rich ruler could really keep all of God's commandments?
- How sad did the rich ruler feel when he heard what Jesus said? Did he cry?
- Why did Jesus use the example that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom". What does this mean?
- How much does it cost to follow Jesus?
- If I would be willing to leave all I have and follow Jesus if I was wealthy?
- What must I do to inherit eternal life?

TAKE HOME POINT

- Because of our sinful hearts, none of us can keep God's commandments perfectly to inherit eternal life. But what is impossible for men is possible with God, so we can only rely on Him to save us.

#39 THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

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<https://be.su.org.my/DeathLazarusMp3>

Read John 11:1-16 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

⁸ 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.'



¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' ¹² His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.'

¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

I WONDER

- Why Lazarus' sisters sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was ill.
- Why Jesus waited two more days before going to see Lazarus.
- Why the Jews wanted to stone Jesus.
- How Jesus knew that Lazarus was dead.
- Why Jesus said, 'Lazarus has fallen asleep'.
- How God's Son is glorified through Lazarus' illness and death.
- Why Thomas said that they might die with Jesus.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus' words and actions even in times of tragedy are meant to reveal who He is and result in God the Father receiving glory.

#40 I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

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

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<https://be.su.org.my/ResurrectionLifeMp3>

Read John 11:17-27 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴ Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

²⁷ 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'



I WONDER

- How old Lazarus was when he died.
- How it feels to lose a brother or sister.
- Whether Mary, Martha, and Lazarus ever quarrelled with each other.
- How Martha felt when Jesus was late in coming to them.
- What Jesus meant when He said He is the resurrection and the life.
- Why Jesus said that if we believe in Him we will never die.
- Who is the Messiah.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus has power over death and is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Jesus shall have eternal life.

#41 JESUS WEEPS

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Read John 11:28-37 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.



³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

I WONDER

- Why Martha called Jesus, 'Teacher'.
- How many people were there to comfort Mary and Martha.
- Why Mary fell at Jesus feet.
- Why Jesus was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.
- Why Jesus wept.
- What was Lazarus' illness.
- What Mary and the people expected of Jesus.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, who is fully man, feels deeply for the loss of His people.

#42 JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

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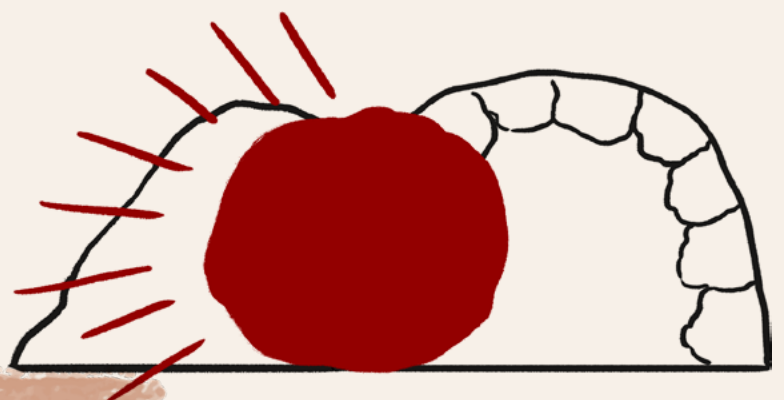
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Read John 11:38-44 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'



I WONDER

- Who the people at the tomb were.
- How the crowd felt when they rolled away the stone.
- Whether there was any odour when the tomb was opened.
- What it is like to be dead.
- How Jesus called out to Lazarus in a loud voice.
- What it is like to be resurrected.
- How Jesus actually raised Lazarus.
- What it would be like if we were there.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, who has power over death, raises Lazarus from the dead.

#43 TRUE GREATNESS

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Read Matthew 20:20-28 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him.

²¹ 'What is it you want?' he asked.

She said, 'Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.'

²² 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?'

'We can,' they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, 'You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that



the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

I WONDER

- Why do people want to be great or be in a position of importance?
- Why did the mother make the requests on behalf of her children?
- What does drinking from the cup mean?
- Why were the other 10 disciples angry at the two brothers?
- What did the sons of Zebedee want?
- What Jesus meant when He said that He came to serve, but not to be served?
- Can you really be great if you're a servant? How can you be great when you're a servant?

TAKE HOME POINT

- True Greatness is being a servant to all, just as Jesus first served us by giving His life to save us.

#44 ZACCHAEUS

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<https://be.su.org.my/ZacchaeusMp3>

Read Luke 19:1-10 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'



⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

I WONDER

- How short and how rich was Zaccheus?
- Why Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus.
- What other ways I would have used to see Jesus if I were Zaccheus.
- How Jesus knew Zaccheus's name and knew where he was.
- How Zaccheus felt when Jesus asked him to come down and requested to stay in his house.
- How the crowd felt when Jesus said he would go to Zaccheus's house for dinner.
- What happened to Zaccheus's heart when Jesus came to his home.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Zaccheus' encounter with Jesus led him to faith and repentance.

#45 MARY ANOINTS JESUS AT BETHANY

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Read John 12:1-8 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

I WONDER

- What they ate at dinner.
- How Lazarus felt being alive again.
- Why Mary poured such expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.
- Why Mary used her hair to wipe Jesus' feet.
- How long Mary's hair was.
- How Judas felt after helping himself with the money in the bag.
- If Jesus cared for the poor.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Mary's act of devotion showed how much she loved Jesus

#46 THE WICKED VINEDRESSERS

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Read Luke 20:9-19 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: ' A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ 'Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him."

¹⁴ 'But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. "This is the heir," they said. "Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

'What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.'



When the people heard this, they said, 'God forbid!'

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, 'Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone”?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

I WONDER

- Why the man who owned the vineyard in the parable rented it out to the tenants.
- Why the man who owned the vineyard sent his servants to collect some of the fruit from the tenants.
- How badly the tenants beat up the servants whom the man sent to collect some fruit.
- Why the man who owned the vineyard thought that the tenants would respect his son.
- Why the tenants chose to kill the son of the man who owned the vineyard.
- What is the meaning behind this story.
- What did Jesus mean when he spoke about the stone the builders rejected becoming the capstone/cornerstone. What is a capstone/cornerstone?

TAKE HOME POINT

- Like the son of the man who owned the vineyard in the parable, Jesus, who is the cornerstone, was rejected by the Jewish religious leaders.

#47 THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

WATCH THE VIDEO

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<https://be.su.org.my/TenVirginsMp3>

Read Matthew 25:1-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

⁷ 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

⁹ "'No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

¹⁰ 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him



to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"

¹² 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you"

¹³ 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

I WONDER

- Why was the bridegroom late?
- Why didn't the foolish virgins take oil?
- Why they needed to bring lamps?
- Why the bridegroom came at midnight?
- How did the ten virgins feel while waiting?
- How did the 5 foolish virgins feel when they couldn't enter the wedding?
- How do I keep watch? What does it mean to keep watch?

TAKE HOME POINT

- Like the 5 virgins who took oil for their lamps, we must always be prepared as we don't know when the bridegroom (Jesus) will return.

#48 TALENTS

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Read Matthew 25:14-30 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁴ ' Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ ' After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

²¹ 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²² 'The man with two bags of gold also came.



“Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more!”

²³ ‘His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

²⁴ ‘Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. “Master,” he said, “I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you!”

²⁶ ‘His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!”

I WONDER

- Why did the master give different amounts to different servants?
- What did the master expect the servants to do with the talents?
- How did the first servant feel when he was given 5 bags of money to take care of?
- Why did the man with only 1 bag choose to bury it?
- What did the man who was given 1 bag think of his master?
- Who do we identify with in the story?
- What do the bags represent for us?

TAKE HOME POINT

- We are to be good stewards with what the Lord has entrusted to us

#49 JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

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Read John 13:1-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'



⁸ 'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.' ⁹ 'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!'

¹⁰ Jesus answered, 'Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. ¹³ 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

I WONDER

- Why Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
- How Jesus felt washing Judas' feet.
- Why Judas wanted to betray Jesus.
- Whether Judas had a choice.
- How Jesus felt about being betrayed.
- Why Peter initially didn't want Jesus to wash his feet.
- How I would feel if Jesus washed my feet.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus as teacher and Lord humbled Himself to wash every disciples' feet, leaving an example of servanthood for all of us to follow.

#50 I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

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<https://be.su.org.my/WayTruthLifeMp3>

Read John 14:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'



⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

I WONDER

- Why the disciples' hearts were troubled.
- How many rooms there are in the Father's house.
- What kind of rooms are there.
- What kind of preparations Jesus needed to do.
- What Jesus meant by, 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'
- Why seeing Jesus is the same as seeing the Father.
- When Jesus is coming back.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and the only one who leads us to the Heavenly Father. He prepares a place for us in His Father's house.

#51 I AM THE TRUE VINE

WATCH THE VIDEO

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LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/TrueVineMp3>

Read John 15:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



⁹ 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

I WONDER

- How I would feel if my branch does not bear fruit.
- Why some branches do not bear fruit.
- Why the gardener cuts off the branches that do not bear fruit.
- Whether it is painful to be pruned.
- What fruit God wants us to bear.
- What it means to remain in Jesus.
- Why Jesus told this parable.

TAKE HOME POINT

- We need to abide in Jesus to bear much fruit, so that the world will know that we are His disciples.

#52 PRAYING OR SLEEPING

WATCH THE VIDEO

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LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/PrayingSleepingMp3>

Read Matthew 26:36-46 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

³⁸ Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.'

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?' he asked Peter. ⁴¹ 'Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'



⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, 'My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.'

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!'

I WONDER

- Why Jesus prayed.
- Whether it is easy to pray what Jesus prayed.
- How Jesus felt when He found the disciples sleeping.
- What Jesus meant when He said, 'The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak'.
- Why Jesus prayed the same prayer 3 times.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, in His prayer, fully submitted to the Father's will.

#53 BETRAYAL

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Read Matthew 26:47-56 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, 'Do what you came for, friend.'

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² 'Put your sword back in its place,' Jesus said to him, 'for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?



⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?' ⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, 'Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me.

⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

I WONDER

- How Judas felt when he was coming to Jesus with the crowd and chief priests.
- How Jesus felt when Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.
- How Jesus felt when they seized Him.
- Why one of the disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest.
- Why Jesus rebuked His disciples.
- Why the disciples fled.
- How Jesus felt when all of His disciples fled.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Judas's betrayal and the disciples' desertion of Jesus all happened in fulfilment of the Scriptures.

#54 DENIAL

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LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/DenialMp3>

Read Luke 22:47-62 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?'

⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, 'Lord, should we strike with our swords?' ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, 'No more of this!' And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, 'Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour – when darkness reigns.'



⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵

And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

⁵⁶ A servant-girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, 'This man was with him.'

⁵⁷ But he denied it. 'Woman, I don't know him,' he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, 'You also are one of them.'

'Man, I am not!' Peter replied.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, 'Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.'

⁶⁰ Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!' Just as he was speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the cock crows today, you will disown me three times.' ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

I WONDER

- Why Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested. Could He have run away or disappeared?
- Why did Peter follow the crowd and Jesus from a distance.
- How did the servant girl recognise Peter.
- What went through Peter's mind when the people recognised him?
- Why Peter chose to say he did not know Jesus 3 times.
- How Peter felt when the rooster crowed 3 times and he remembered Jesus's words to him.
- What I would have done if I was Peter.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Peter crumbled under pressure and denied Jesus three times, just as Jesus said he would.

#55 THE CRUCIFIXION

WATCH THE VIDEO

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Read Luke 23:26-43 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

²⁶ As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then

“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”” ³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

I WONDER

- Why Jesus did not save Himself.
- Why one of the criminals rebuked the other criminal who insulted Jesus.
- Why there was a written notice above Jesus that read, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS".
- Why the soldiers crucified Jesus.
- Why the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes.
- Why Jesus asked His Father to forgive those who crucified Him.
- How the people felt seeing Jesus being crucified.
- What it is like being with Jesus in Paradise.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus, who is truly God's Chosen King, the Christ, did not save Himself but died on the cross to save sinners

#56 HE IS RISEN

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LISTEN TO THE READING

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Read Mark 16:1-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

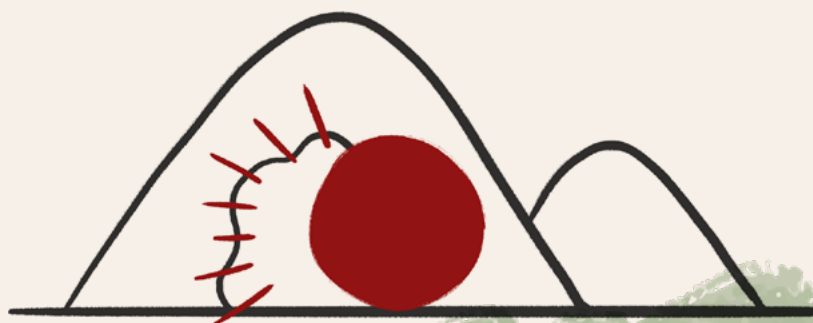
¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.

They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

¹² Afterwards Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

I WONDER

- Why the women brought spices to anoint Jesus' body.
- How much spices the women brought to anoint Jesus' body.
- What was their main concern and why.
- Who helped to roll the stone away.
- Why the women were alarmed when they saw a young man dressed in white sitting on the right side in the tomb.
- What went through their minds when they heard that Jesus had risen.
- Why they were afraid and astonished

EXTRA APPLICATION QUESTION

- Share what it means for you today that Jesus is alive.

TAKE HOME POINT

- **Jesus is alive! He is risen and has conquered sin and death.**

*Note: Some earliest manuscripts end the reading with verse 8 and do not include verses 9-13

#57 THE EMPTY TOMB

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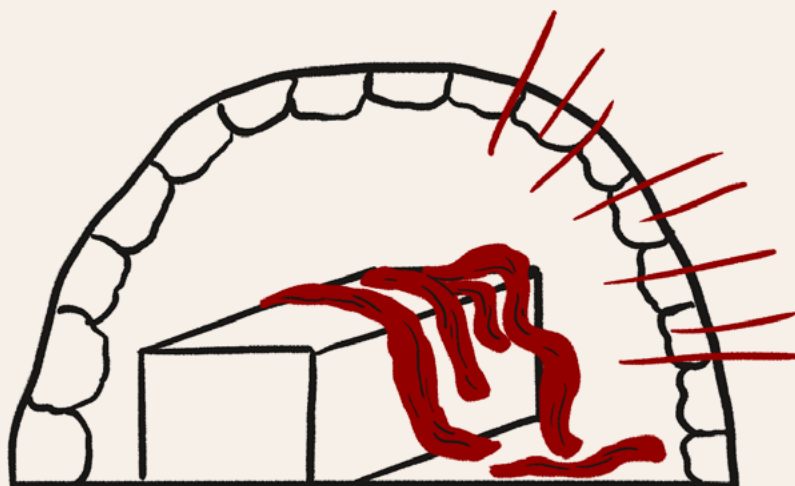
LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/EmptyTombMp3>

Read John 20:1-8 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.



I WONDER

- If I would go to the tomb alone while it was still dark.
- Who removed the stone.
- How Mary felt when she thought Jesus' body was removed from the tomb.
- Why Peter was slower than the other disciple.
- Why the other disciple did not go in first.
- What is the significance of the cloth lying in its place, separate from the linen.
- What happened to Jesus' body.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus has risen from the dead in fulfilment of the Scriptures.

#58 THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

WATCH THE VIDEO

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

LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/RoadEmmausMp3>

Read Luke 24:13-35 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

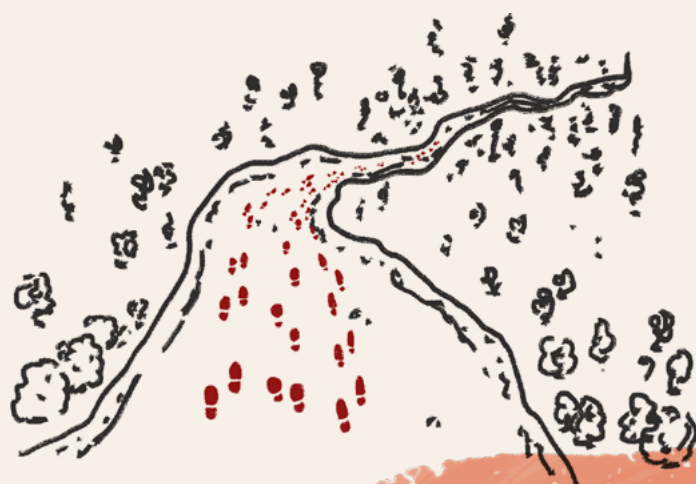
¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be



sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

I WONDER

- Why the 2 disciples were kept from recognising Jesus when He walked alongside them.
- If I would have recognised Jesus if I was one of the 2.
- Why the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus were discouraged and downcast.
- If the 2 disciples understood what Jesus taught them as they walked together.
- How the 2 disciples felt when they finally recognised that it was Jesus when He broke bread with them.
- What it would have been like to feel my heart burning if I was walking beside Jesus like one of the 2 disciples.
- How the other eleven disciples felt when the 2 told them that they had seen Jesus and He had risen. Did they believe this news?

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus taught the two disciples from Scriptures concerning Himself and all that had taken place.

#59 JESUS AND THOMAS

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<https://be.su.org.my/JesusThomasMp3>

Read John 20:24-29 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

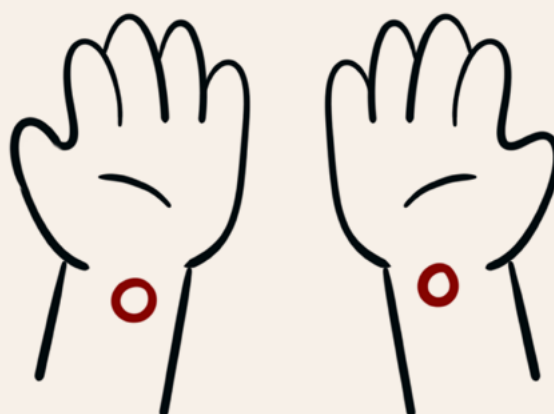
²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'



I WONDER

- Why Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus first came to them.
- Why Thomas didn't believe that his fellow disciples had seen Jesus.
- How Jesus suddenly appeared even though the door was locked.
- How it feels like to put my fingers into Jesus' wounds.
- What Jesus' voice and tone was like when He spoke to Thomas.
- Why did Thomas call Jesus Lord and God.
- How I can believe something without seeing.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Thomas's doubts turned to faith when he encountered the risen Jesus.

#60 THE REINSTATEMENT OF PETER

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

LISTEN TO THE READING

<https://be.su.org.my/ReinstatementPeterMp3>

Read John 21:15-25 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very



truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is going to betray you?') ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?'

²² Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.' ²³ Because of this, the rumour spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?'

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

I WONDER

- Why Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him three times.
- How sad Peter was when Jesus asked him the same question 3 times.
- Why Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep three times?
- Why Jesus said that Peter would be taken where he did not want to go when he was old. What did Jesus mean?
- Who the disciple whom Jesus loved was.
- If the disciple whom Jesus loved didn't die, what happened to him?
- How many more things Jesus did that were not written down.

TAKE HOME POINT

- Jesus graciously reinstated Peter and gave him the task of caring for His sheep (His people).

