

SESSION 19 PARENT CONNECTION

THE PROMISED ONE

TODAY'S POINT: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH THAT GOD PROMISED.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Is the Messiah
(Matthew 16:13-28, Luke 9:18-27)

KEY POINTS

- Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.
- Messiah means “anointed one” or “promised deliverer.”
- As the Messiah, Jesus came to fulfill God’s plan so we can be forgiven when we trust in Jesus for salvation.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:24

FAMILY READING

Matthew 16:13-28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who did Peter say Jesus was? (the Messiah, the Son of God, Matthew 16:16)
- Read Matthew 16:24. What does this verse mean? (As followers of Jesus, we are willing to say no to the selfish things we want so that we can follow and obey Jesus.)
- When is it hard to put Jesus first? (Remind your child that everyone struggles with selfishness. However, Jesus calls us to put Him first because that is how life works best.)

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BIBLE STORY

The Parable of the Good Samaritan
(Luke 10:25-37)

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:24

FAMILY READING

Luke 10:25-37

KEY POINTS

- People who love and follow God will also love other people and show mercy to them.
- The Samaritan was the only one who showed mercy and acted like a neighbor to the hurt man.
- Just as Jesus has shown mercy and kindness to us, we also are to show mercy and kindness to others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who showed the injured man that he was a true neighbor? (the Samaritan, Luke 10:37)
- Who has shown mercy to you? (God, family members, teachers, etc.)
- How can you be a good neighbor to others? (Talk about opportunities your child has to show kindness and mercy to others.)



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BIBLE STORY

The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son
(Luke 15)

KEY POINTS

- God rejoices over the sinner who repents because that person is now saved.
- Jesus wants everyone to believe the good news of the gospel and be part of God's family.
- When others follow Jesus, we should rejoice with God.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:24

FAMILY READING

Luke 15:11-32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did the father do when his lost son came home? (He rejoiced and threw a big celebration, Luke 15:23-24)
- How does knowing Jesus rejoices over sinners coming to faith in Him change how you might see other people? (We want to rejoice and celebrate people who trust in Jesus. We want to tell others about the good news Jesus has to offer everyone who believes in Him.)

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BIBLE STORY

The Unforgiving Servant
(Matthew 18:21-35)

KEY POINTS

- God sent Jesus to pay the punishment for our sin so we can have life with God forever.
- Everyone who trusts in Jesus for salvation is called a child of God and a citizen of His kingdom.
- As part of God's kingdom, we remember His mercy and recognize that we should be merciful and forgiving toward others.

KEY VERSE: Luke 12:31

FAMILY READING

Matthew 18:21-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did the king do for his servant who owed him ten thousand talents? (He forgave the servant his debt.)
- Who showed mercy? The king or the servant? (the king because he was willing to forgive a very large debt—a debt that the servant could never repay)
- How do these Bible verses teach you how to forgive others? (We need to forgive others again and again.)

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BIBLE STORY

Possessions and the Kingdom of God
(Luke 12:13-34)

KEY POINTS

- Jesus taught His disciples about the importance of not worrying about gaining wealth and possessions here on earth.
- Jesus taught that we should seek first the kingdom of God.
- Jesus helps us to understand that our hearts seek after what we most treasure (value).

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FAMILY READING

Luke 12:28-34

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What should our hearts love most? (God/Jesus, Luke 12:31)
- God has given us everything we need in Jesus. How does knowing this help us be generous? (We can be generous knowing that what we have here on earth is temporary—kind of like borrowing a library book. One day we will be with God forever. That is the greatest treasure of all.)



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BIBLE STORY

The Vineyard Workers
(Matthew 20:1-16)

KEY POINTS

- Jesus sees our needs and is generous to give us what He knows is best for us.
- God invites all people to come be a part of His kingdom.
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- How was the vineyard owner generous? (He gave the same pay to workers who worked a shorter time, Matthew 20:1-7)
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Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.
Matthew 20:26b

BIBLE STORY

The Wedding Banquet
(Matthew 22:1-14)

KEY VERSE: Matthew 20:26b

FAMILY READING

Matthew 22:1-14

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- Jesus loves us and wants to be with us forever.
- God's kingdom will be filled with people from every tribe, nation, and tongue who trusted in Jesus for salvation.
- Accepting the invitation to God's kingdom means we trust in Jesus as our Savior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the only way we can get into the kingdom of God? (only by believing the good news of the gospel and trusting in Jesus as our Savior)
- The king said the people he invited were not worthy. What did Jesus mean by this? (No one is worthy of salvation because everyone sins. But Jesus makes us worthy of God's kingdom when we trust in Him as our Savior. His perfect goodness allows us to enter God's kingdom as worthy citizens.)



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BIBLE STORY

The Greatest will Serve
(Matthew 20:20-28)

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- Jesus showed us what it looks like to be the greatest in the kingdom of God by being willing to lay down His life for the sake of others.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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BIBLE STORY

The Bridegroom and the Talents
(Matthew 25:1-46)

KEY POINTS

- We should always be prepared for Jesus' second coming because we do not know when it will be.
- We need to be faithful with what God has given us while we wait for Jesus.
- While we wait for Jesus to return, we seek to tell others about the good news of the gospel, use our gifts for God's kingdom, and love others as though we were serving Jesus.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 20:b

FAMILY READING

Matthew 25:31-40

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- When is Jesus coming back again? (We don't know the time but we trust in His promise that He will return.)
- Why should the followers of Jesus be excited about His return? (We don't need to fear the return of Jesus because we are completely forgiven through Jesus. We are excited because we will live with Him forever in His kingdom.)

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