

Tuesday: Jesus Teaches Many Parables



Introductory Question

What is something good that you did and forgot about until someone reminded you?



Bible Story

Yesterday, we read that Jesus cleared out the temple and healed the lame and the blind. The story continues in Matthew 21:23-25:46, where Jesus began to teach many parables. One of them was about what will happen when the Son of Man (the Messiah – Jesus) comes with all His angels and gathers up all people from every nation. Then, the Son of Man (the King) will separate all people as a shepherd separates sheep from goats – the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. The King will reward the sheep with eternal life, saying, “I was hungry and you fed Me, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was a stranger and you invited Me in.” (Incorporate your family’s or group’s answers to the Introductory Question – for example,) just as Michael forgot that he had sent a thank-you card to his uncle, and Katelyn forgot that she had stood up for her friend at work, the sheep will not remember when they did these things for Jesus. But Jesus will say, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (v. 25:40).

Continue to tell the story from **Matthew 25:31-46** and **22:34-40**, including main points such as:

- Then the King will banish the goats into eternal fire and punishment, saying, “I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me, I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in...” The goats will say, “When did we see you in need and not help you?” And the King will reply, “Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me” (v. 25:45).
- On another occasion, an expert in the law asked Jesus, “What is the greatest commandment?” Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (v. 22:37-39).



Listening Prayer & Journaling

Invite your family to spend a few minutes in Listening Prayer and Journaling: As we’ve listened to these words from the Bible, God has been speaking to us through them. What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do? You can talk to God about anything.



Sharing & Praying

When everyone begins to finish Journaling, give each person an opportunity to share what God has been speaking to them. After each person shares, pray for them.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 22:37, 39

“...‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’ ...[And] ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”