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Unit 25, Session 1

Kingdom Parables

Matthew 13

Story Point: God’s growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

Jesus told the people parables to teach them about the kingdom of God.

Jesus told a parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it grows taller than the garden plants. It becomes a tree, and the birds come and build nests in its branches.”

Jesus continued, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, or yeast, that a woman mixed into fifty pounds of flour. The leaven makes the dough rise.”

Jesus told another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, buried in a field, that a man found. He reburied it, and then he joyfully sold everything he had and bought that field.”

Then Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.”

When Jesus finished teaching the crowds, He left that place and went to Nazareth.

Christ Connection: The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- What did Jesus say the kingdom of God is like? Unscramble each description.

1. RASMTUD EDES _____

2. VALENE _____

3. SURETREA _____

4. a merchant looking for fine REALPS _____

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What four stories did Jesus tell to teach about God's kingdom?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.



APPLY the Story

- Why did Jesus teach in parables?
- What role can you play in growing God's kingdom?
- What is most valuable to you? How do your actions show its value?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.



APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to give you understanding of His Word and a desire to seek His kingdom above all else.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 3:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 78:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 1:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 11:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1:6-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:28 |



Unit 25, Session 2

Three Parables

Luke 15

Story Point: Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Jesus told them three parables to teach about God. Jesus said, “If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 sheep and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it.” Jesus also said, “If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it.”

Jesus told a third story. “A man had two sons. The younger son said, ‘Father, give me my inheritance today.’ So the father did. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. The younger son decided to go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants.

“His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize.

“But the father told his servants, ‘Let’s

celebrate with a feast! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!’

“At this time, the older son came from the fields. ‘What’s going on?’ he asked one of the servants.

“‘Your brother is here,’ the servant said. ‘Your father is celebrating.’ The older brother was angry!

“‘Son,’ the father said, ‘everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate. Your brother was lost and is found.’”

Christ Connection: The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God’s forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Look up each reference in the Bible. Draw a picture from each scene.

Luke 15:11-19	Luke 15:20-24	Luke 15:25-32

- What does this story teach us about God?

- In the third parable, how did the father react to his son's return?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God's forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.



Unit 25, Session 3

Jesus' Hard Teachings

John 6

Story Point: Many people misunderstood Jesus' teaching.

A crowd of people went looking for Jesus. They found Jesus on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. "Teacher, when did You get here?" they asked Jesus.

Jesus answered, "Why are you looking for Me? Did you want to find Me because I can do miracles, or were you looking for Me because I gave you food? If you're seeking food, remember that food on earth will perish. Search for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give it to you."

The people asked, "What does God want us to do?" Jesus said, "Believe in the One whom He has sent." The people said, "Will You do another miracle?" Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again."

The Jews began complaining. "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" they asked. Jesus said again,

"I am the bread of life. Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you will not live forever."

When Jesus said this, many of His followers said, "This teaching is hard. Who can accept it?" Many of the people who had followed Jesus turned away from Him. Jesus asked His twelve disciples, "Do you want to go away too?"

Peter answered, "Lord, where would we go? We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

Christ Connection: Jesus wanted to do more than fill people's stomachs; He wanted to give them true life. Jesus' teachings were hard to understand. When Jesus talked about His flesh and blood, He was talking about His death and resurrection. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us the gift of eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Draw an emoji that best describes how you feel about each statement.
 - Food on earth will not last forever.
 - The Son of Man gives food that never goes bad.
 - Jesus came from heaven.
 - Jesus is the Holy One of God.
 - Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”
 - God wants people to believe in the One whom He has sent.
 - Jesus said, “Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you will not live forever.”
- What does this story teach us about God?
- What did Jesus say that caused people to turn away from Him?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus wanted to do more than fill people’s stomachs; He wanted to give them true life. Jesus’ teachings were hard to understand. When Jesus talked about His flesh and blood, He was talking about His death and resurrection. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us the gift of eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- How would you answer Jesus' question—you don't want to go away too, do you? Do any of Jesus' teachings confuse you?

- What did Jesus mean when He said people would eat His body and drink His blood?

- What kind of king did the people want Jesus to be? What kind of king is Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus wanted to do more than fill people's stomachs; He wanted to give them true life. Jesus' teachings were hard to understand. When Jesus talked about His flesh and blood, He was talking about His death and resurrection. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us the gift of eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to give you understanding of His Word. Thank God for sending Jesus to show us what He is like.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1:18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 14:27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 2:44 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:2-4 |



Unit 25, Session 4

Jesus Raised Lazarus

John 11

Story Point: Jesus has power over death.

Jesus and Lazarus were friends. One day, Lazarus got sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus. “Lord, Your friend Lazarus is sick,” they said. Jesus stayed where He was for two more days. Then Jesus said, “Let’s go back to Judea.” By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in a tomb for four days. Martha said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” Martha said. “I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Martha went back to her house. She told Mary that Jesus wanted to see her. Mary fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died!” Mary was crying. Jesus wept too.

Mary led Jesus to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave, and a huge stone covered the opening. “Remove the stone,” Jesus said.

So the stone was moved aside. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You heard Me.” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!”

Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in linen and cloth. Jesus said, “Unwrap him and let him go.”

Christ Connection: When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Use these words to fill in the blanks: BETHANY, DEAD, DEATH, LAZARUS, LIFE, MARTHA, MARY, OUT, POWER, RESURRECTION, SICK, TOMB.

Lazarus lived in the town of _____, in Judea, with his sisters, _____ and _____. One day, Lazarus got _____. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus. “Lord, Your friend _____ is sick,” they said. When Jesus came, Lazarus was _____. Jesus said, “I am the _____ and the _____.” He went to the _____ and said, “Lazarus, come _____!” Lazarus came out of the tomb. Jesus showed His _____ over _____.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why do you think Jesus didn’t heal Lazarus right away?

CHRIST CONNECTION

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.



Unit 26, Session 1

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19;
John 12

Story Point: People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. “As soon as you enter the village,” Jesus told them, “you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

The disciples did as Jesus asked. They brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get onto it. People spread their robes along the road for Jesus, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.

The whole crowd praised God. “Hosanna!” they said. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Some religious leaders asked Jesus to tell

His disciples to be quiet. Jesus answered, “If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!”

While Jesus was in the temple complex, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them.

Jesus went to the town of Bethany to spend the night.

Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: “Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events in the order they happened. Read Matthew 21:1-17 if you need help.

_____ People came to Jesus, and He healed them.

_____ The crowds shouted, “*Hosanna* to the Son of David!”

_____ Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

_____ The religious leaders asked Jesus to quiet His disciples.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why was Passover such an important time for the Jewish people?

CHRIST CONNECTION

During Jesus’ triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: “Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything.



APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus as the Messiah and for the promise of eternal life that we have through Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 118:26 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:46 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 55:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 10:40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 11:33 |



Unit 26, Session 2

Jesus Was Questioned

Matthew 22; Mark 12;
Luke 20

Story Point: Jesus spoke with wisdom and authority.

The religious leaders decided to ask tricky questions to catch Him saying something wrong. They sent some men to Jesus. The men said, “Teacher, is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

“Why are you trying to trick Me?” He asked. “Show Me the coin you use to pay taxes.” The men brought Him a denarius. Jesus asked, “Whose picture is on the coin?”

“Caesar’s,” they answered. Jesus said, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what belongs to God.” The men were amazed at what Jesus said, and they went away.

Later, the religious leaders came to question Jesus again. “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” they asked.

Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with

all your mind, and with all your strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Then Jesus asked the religious leaders a question: “Whose son is the Messiah?”

“David’s,” they said.

“How can that be?” Jesus asked. “David called the Messiah ‘Lord.’ Why would he do that if the Messiah is his son?”

The religious leaders didn’t know what to say. Their plan had failed, and no one was brave enough to ask Him any more questions.

Christ Connection: When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth.



APPLY the Story

- Why did the religious leaders ask Jesus questions? Were they really interested in what Jesus was teaching?
- How can we see Jesus' wisdom and authority in the way He answered the religious leaders?
- How can we answer life's questions with wisdom?

CHRIST CONNECTION

When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth.



APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to show us what He is like and that because of His authority in heaven and on earth, we can trust Him as our firm foundation for life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:22-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:105 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:32 |



Unit 26, Session 3

The Last Supper

Matthew 26; Mark 14;
Luke 22; John 13

Story Point: Jesus commanded His disciples to remember His sacrifice.

Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. On the day when the Jewish people were supposed to kill the Passover lamb, Jesus sent Peter and John to get the meal ready.

When the Passover meal was ready, Jesus and His disciples reclined to eat. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me.” The disciples were upset, but Jesus knew this was part of God’s plan. Peter said he would never betray Jesus, but Jesus said Peter would deny Him three times.

Then Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and then gave it to His disciples to eat. Jesus said, “This is My body, which I am giving for you. Do this to remember Me.”

Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples. They drank from it, and Jesus said,

“This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.”

They sang a hymn together, and then they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed His disciples with the bread and the drink that He is the true Passover Lamb. God’s people had broken the old covenant, and God promised to make a new covenant to forgive sins. The new covenant says that everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Jesus’ death and resurrection will be forgiven of his sins and will have eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending His Son as a sacrifice. Ask Him to help you faithfully tell others how much He loves them.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 31:31 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 5:7 |



Unit 26, Session 4

Jesus Was Arrested

Matthew 26–27

Story Point: Jesus allowed His enemies to arrest Him.

Jesus came with His disciples to a garden. Jesus took three of His disciples into the garden, and Jesus became very sad and troubled. He fell facedown and prayed, “Father! If it is possible, spare Me from this. But I want to do Your plan.”

Jesus came back and found the three disciples asleep. Jesus went away and prayed a second time. Then He said, “Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me.”

Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. Jesus’ followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby to watch. The men who arrested Jesus led Him to the high priest. The religious leaders wanted a reason to kill Jesus, but they couldn’t find one. The high priest asked, “Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?”

Jesus replied, “Yes, that’s right.”

Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus is God’s Son. They said Jesus was lying. The crowd said, “He deserves to die!”

A servant saw Peter and asked, “Aren’t you one of Jesus’ disciples?” “No, I’m not!” Peter said. Twice more someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter lied. “No!” he said. “I don’t even know Him!”

The next morning, the religious leaders decided how they would kill Jesus. Then they took Him to Pilate, the governor.

Christ Connection: Jesus knew that His death was God’s plan to save people from sin. Jesus’ friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father’s plan in order to bring salvation to the world.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Imagine you were one of Jesus' disciples. Write a note in your own words about what happened when Jesus was arrested.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why didn't Jesus stop His enemies from arresting Him?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.



APPLY the Story

- Why did Jesus allow His enemies to arrest Him?
- Caiaphas asked Jesus if He was the Messiah. What does *Messiah* mean?
- Jesus laid down His life for us. How can we lay down our life for others?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.



Unit 26, Session 5

Jesus' Crucifixion

Matthew 26–27; John 18–19

Story Point: Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

Jesus stood before Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Yes, that’s right.” Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus did not say anything.

Pilate asked, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?”

The crowd answered, “Crucify Him!”

Pilate asked, “Why? What has He done wrong?”

But the crowd kept shouting, “Crucify Him!”

Pilate’s soldiers took off Jesus’ clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. “Hail, King of the Jews!” they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.

Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, “It is finished!” Then Jesus died. Jesus was buried in a rich man’s tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb and Roman soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus’ body.

Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- Find Philippians 2:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him taking the curse of sin for us and giving us a new life in Him. Pray for boldness to share the good news of the gospel with others.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 3:25-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 5:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:16 |



Unit 27, Session 1

Jesus’ Resurrection

Matthew 28; John 20

Story Point: God raised Jesus from the dead to defeat sin and death.

On the third day after Jesus’ death, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus’ tomb. She saw that the large stone at the entrance had been moved away. Mary ran to Simon Peter and John. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and I don’t know where they have put Him!” she said.

Peter and John ran to the tomb. John looked inside and saw the linen cloths lying there. Then Peter went into the tomb and saw the linen cloths too. John believed that Jesus was alive. Then Peter and John went back home. Mary went back to the tomb and cried. She saw two angels. They said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“Because they’ve taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put Him,” she said. Then Mary turned around. Jesus stood in front of her, but she did not recognize

Him. Jesus said, “Who are you looking for?”

Mary thought Jesus might be the gardener. She replied, “Sir, if you have taken Jesus away, tell me where you’ve put Him and I will go get Him.”

Jesus said, “Mary.”

Mary realized who He was and said, “Teacher!”

Jesus sent Mary to tell the other disciples that He was going back to the Father. Mary did what Jesus said, and she told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!”

Christ Connection: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn’t stay dead. God was pleased with Jesus’ sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. Jesus provides salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

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- Decode the message from Mary. (Hint: 1 = A, 2 = B, and so on)

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- What does this story teach us about God?

- How does trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior change us?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn't stay dead. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. Jesus provides salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross on our behalf and giving us new life in Him. Help us to never forget how much He loves us.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 2:19-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:47 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15:17 |



Unit 27, Session 2

The Emmaus Disciples

Luke 24

Story Point: Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him.

On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus. The two disciples were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked, Jesus began to walk with them, but the disciples did not recognize Him. Jesus asked the disciples, "What are you talking about?"

They told Him, "The religious leaders handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death, and they nailed Him to a cross. We had hoped He was the One who would set Israel free. Early this morning, some women went to the tomb and did not find Jesus' body. They saw angels, who said that Jesus is alive."

Jesus said, "Isn't this what had to happen to the Messiah?" Then, beginning with Moses and the Prophets, Jesus explained what all the Scriptures said about Him.

Jesus and the two disciples arrived at Emmaus. Jesus joined them at the dinner table. He took the bread, thanked God for it, and broke it into pieces. Then He gave the pieces to the disciples. Right away, the disciples recognized Jesus! But Jesus immediately disappeared from their sight.

The disciples immediately left Emmaus and went back to Jerusalem. They found Jesus' eleven disciples and others who gathered with them. They told them what happened. They said, "Jesus is alive!"

Christ Connection: The whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, God began working out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Find the letters in the grid to discover where Jesus' disciples were going.
(Hint: 1, 1 = A)

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	1	2	3

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why do you think the two disciples were prevented from recognizing Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, God began working out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners.



APPLY the Story

- Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for making a way for us to have eternal life and helping us understand this truth through His Word.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:6-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 3:16-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 12:24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 5:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 5:39 |



Unit 27, Session 3

Jesus Appeared to the Disciples

Luke 24; John 20

Story Point: Jesus proved He is alive.

The disciples gathered together in a house. Some of Jesus' disciples had reported seeing Him alive. Was it true? As the disciples talked, Jesus appeared among them and said, "Peace to you!" The disciples were afraid! They thought they were seeing a ghost.

"It's Me!" Jesus said. Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side. The disciples were so happy to see Jesus! The disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat. Jesus talked to them and explained the Bible to them. "The Bible is about Me," Jesus said.

Then Jesus told the disciples that they had a job to do. Jesus had died and was raised from the dead so that people could be forgiven for their sins. The disciples needed to tell other people to repent from their sins and be forgiven.

One of Jesus' disciples, Thomas, was not

with the others when Jesus visited him. He did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas said, "I want to see and touch the holes in His hands and His side, or I will never believe!"

A week later, Thomas was with the disciples when Jesus appeared again. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out and touch My side. Don't be an unbeliever; believe!" Thomas did believe. "My Lord and my God!" he said. Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe in Me without seeing Me are blessed."

Christ Connection: For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to more than 500 people and proved that He is alive. Jesus is still alive today. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He sends out believers to tell others about Him and gives us power through the Holy Spirit.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Circle the letter to indicate if the statement is true or false. Then write out the circled letters to discover a command Jesus gave to Thomas.

<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>	
B	A	Jesus said the Bible is all about Him.
E	R	The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost.
S	L	John was missing when Jesus appeared.
U	I	The disciples were afraid of the Romans.
E	C	Jesus ate fish.
V	T	Jesus told the disciples to teach about Him.
D	E	The disciples gathered on the last day of the week.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How can we know Jesus even if we've never seen Him?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why did Thomas doubt that Jesus was alive when the other disciples believed?
- How are we blessed by believing in Jesus without seeing Him?
- What can we do when we doubt what is true?

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APPLY the Story

- Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus that He cares about our doubts. Ask Jesus to help you remember and believe His truths in your heart.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15:6-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 11:23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 43:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:32 |



Unit 27, Session 4

Jesus Returned to Heaven

Matthew 28; Acts 1

Story Point: Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission.

After Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, He spent time with His disciples over 40 days. Jesus told them even more about God’s kingdom.

Jesus said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation.”

Jesus also said, “Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Then Jesus said, “Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age.”

Jesus said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. All of a sudden, two angels appeared. These angels asked, “This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven.”

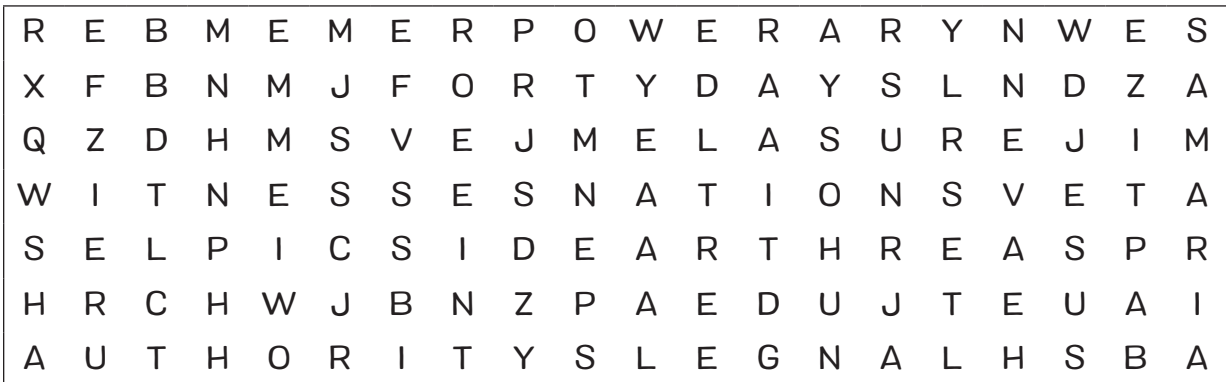
Christ Connection: Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God’s work—to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Find and circle the key words in the word search: ANGELS, AUTHORITY, BAPTIZE, DISCIPLES, EARTH, FORTY DAYS, HEAVEN, JERUSALEM, JESUS, JUDEA, NATIONS, POWER, REMEMBER, SAMARIA, WITNESSES



- What does this story teach us about God?

- What is a disciple?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work—to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.



APPLY the Story

- Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for His promise to be with us always and to send the Holy Spirit to guide us until He comes again.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 3:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 9:27-28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:20 |