

Luke 7:18-35
ARE YOU THE ONE?



Key Verse:

This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

Luke 7:27

The Point:

Jesus is the Messiah, who proclaims God’s kingdom as John did.

Making Connections:

Jesus Heals

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Understanding Miracle Stories

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

After his two healings in Capernaum, word spreads about Jesus and his ministry. John, who was sent to prepare the way for the Messiah, sends two of his disciples to ask if Jesus is the one they have been awaiting. Because of Jesus' public ministry, Jesus continues to draw crowds like the one he speaks to in today's lesson.

Story Summary:

Are You the One?

John had heard of the healings and ministry of Jesus, and sent two of his disciples to ask if Jesus was indeed the Messiah. The disciples' question provides an opening for Jesus to explain his purpose and ministry, and also the purpose of John's ministry. Jesus told the disciples to tell John all the things that they had seen.

Then, Jesus questions the crowd about what they expected to see when they went to see John the Baptist. He reminds them that John is a prophet, but a very special prophet, one who is to prepare the way for the Messiah. John had baptized many, but many others did not believe in John's teaching. Jesus contends that it seems the people ("this generation") are never happy. John did not eat or drink and people said he had a demon. Jesus eats and drinks and people say he is a glutton and drunkard. Jesus leaves them with a proverb about wisdom.

John was a messenger who pointed to the coming of the kingdom of God. We, too, can be messengers who continue to spread the message that Jesus, the Messiah, has come to bring healing and freedom, proclaiming God's new kingdom, just as John did.

The Point

Jesus is the Messiah, who proclaims God's kingdom as John did. God sent John to proclaim the kingdom of God with a baptism of repentance. Although John's role was important, his ministry was to point the way to the coming Messiah. Jesus comes with mighty miracles and teachings, all to proclaim the upside-down kingdom where the most honored are those most marginalized in human society.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Understanding Miracle Stories

What do miracle stories teach us about Jesus? The miracle stories can be divided into three groups. Healing stories describe Jesus healing a person who has been experiencing a severe illness or physical disability—even death. Exorcisms involve a personified evil, such as a demon. Natural miracles are events when Jesus exerts power over nature, such as calming the sea or multiplying loaves and fish. These miracles tell us about Jesus' compassion for those in need, his power over the forces of sin and evil, and his command over nature.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

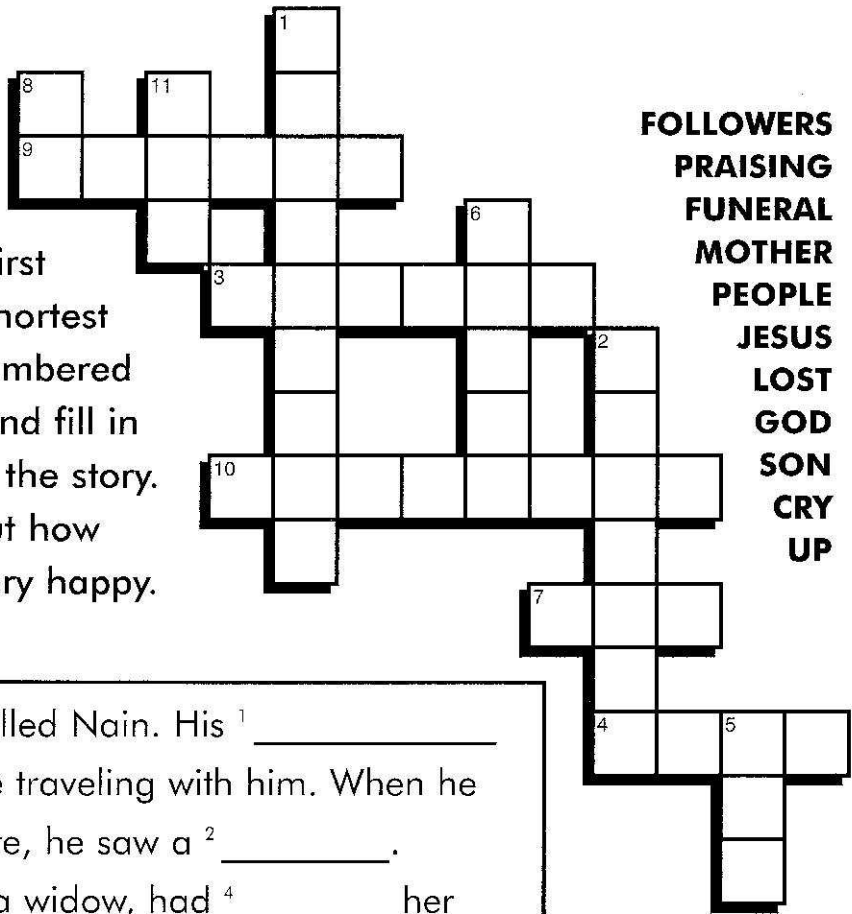
Through prayer, we can communicate with God. Praying through the use of colorful fabric helps students connect prayer and needs such as food. Enhancing student's senses will help students to think creatively about prayer.



JESUS RAISES A WIDOW'S SON

Luke 7:11-17

To solve these puzzles, first fit the words from the word list into the puzzle squares. Start with the longest words first and work down to the shortest words. Then take the numbered words from the puzzle and fill in the numbered blanks in the story. Then you can read about how Jesus made a mother very happy.



Jesus went to a town called Nain. His ¹ _____ and a large crowd were traveling with him. When he came near the town gate, he saw a ² _____. A ³ _____, who was a widow, had ⁴ _____ her only ⁵ _____. When the Lord saw her, he felt very sorry for her. ⁶ _____ said to her, "Don't ⁷ _____." He went up to the coffin and touched it. Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get ⁸ ____!" And the son sat up and began to talk. All the ⁹ _____ were amazed. They began ¹⁰ _____ God. They said, "¹¹ _____ is taking care of his people."





Luke the Healer

I A G L E Z X G K V B K B K O
T V A P G M M B J D I S G G H
Y L R Z W Y F E F W K X D C T
Q W A V S I B H S A E K B X E
D R I M U I L A I S W S M X E
B N M N E H G D P T E O U D N
E B X C D Q B H E T W N F V J
P B L I N D S A T R I A G F B
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S H D O B D U H O H F O S U C
O R E E D Y E M D E T E Z S J
I H L D C K P A R A Y F G D V
S Q R Y Z H J Z F R B H O V J
K F C L M F T P R O P H E T C

Wilderness

Baptism

Deaf

Wind

Messenger

Sight

Hear

Prophet

Lame

Reed

Blind

Walk

I

choose

to

follow

Jesus

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.
Romans 1:16

When I'm at school I _____

When I'm at church I _____

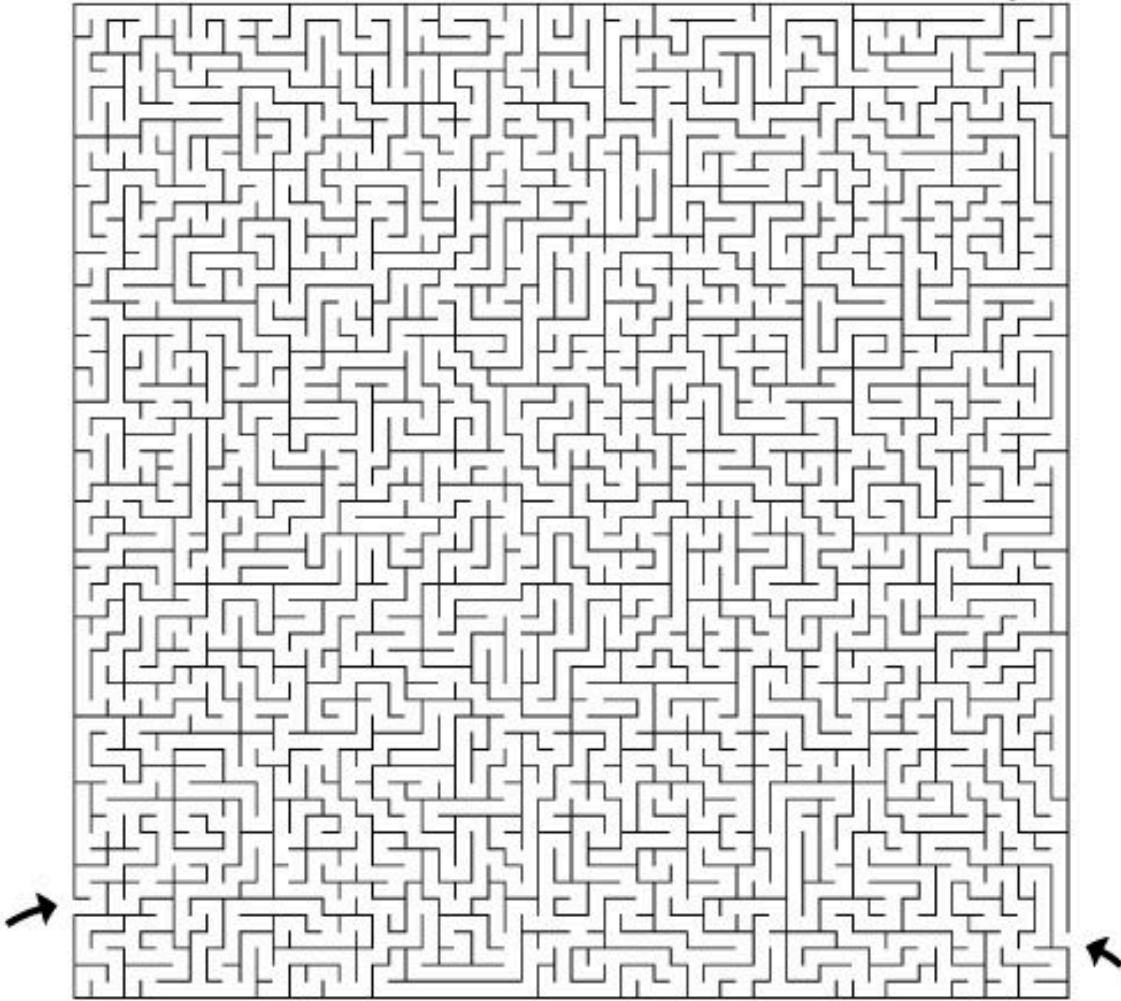
When I'm at home I _____

When someone is mean to me I

When I hurt someone I _____

I follow Jesus everyday by

FOLLOW JESUS!





THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS
3RD-6TH

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

LAST WEEK

A Roman commander comes to Jesus asking him to heal his servant by giving the command from far away, which Jesus does. Soon after, Jesus raises a dead man so he can take care of his mother (Luke 7:1-17).

THIS WEEK

John the Baptist hears about Jesus' ministry while he is in prison, so he sends two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. Jesus points to his miracles to answer his question (Luke 7:18-35).

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PRACTICE: PRAYER

Through prayer, we can communicate with God. Some prefer to pray while being active, while others pray prefer to sit quietly. There is no right or wrong way to pray. This week, make a list of those who care for you, such as teachers, pastors, doctors, parents and family members. Thank God for them.

NEXT WEEK

When Jesus dines in a Pharisee's home, a woman labeled a sinner comes in. She washes his feet with tears and anoints them with ointment. Jesus tells a parable about forgiveness and forgives the woman (Luke 7:36-50).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Luke 7:18-35

John is the messenger sent by God to prepare the way for healing through Jesus Christ. Make a plan to invite friends to church one day within the next month. Talk through ways to ask friends to come.

Monday—Read Proverbs 8:32-36

These wise words remind us that when we love God and others as the center of our lives, we find joy. Create a list of things that make you happy at home, at school, and at church. Draw a picture of your favorite happy memory.

Tuesday—Read Luke 8:4-10

This story reminds us to grow in God's Word. When those who are not growing in good soil try to grow, they will fail. Create flowers by drawing or using craft materials and hang them around your home as a reminder to grow in good soil.

Wednesday—Read Luke 8:11-15

Jesus explains the Parable of the Sower. Make a food creation together that reminds you of good soil. Some food creations might be dirt cake, cookies in flower shapes, etc.

Thursday—Read Luke 8:16-18

This story is a reminder that no one lights a candle and hides it. Our light that comes from following Jesus also should not be hidden but shown for all to see. Sing the song "This Little Light of Mine."

Friday—Read Luke 8:19-21

Jesus' mother and brothers were lost in the crowd. Jesus reminds us that anyone who hears his word and follows are his family, too. Take time and share fun stories about your family. Talk about grandparents, cousins, other caregivers, etc.

Saturday—Read Luke 8:22-25

Jesus was on a boat with the disciples and a storm came. Jesus calmed the storm with just his words. When have you experienced a bad storm? How did it make you feel? Give each other hugs or high fives as a reminder that Jesus calms our hearts during the storms in our lives.