

Lesson 6 – About the Bible

Grade 1 – Chapter 6

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus told short stories, or parables, to teach others something about God. The Bible is the Word of God written in human words.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

HELPFUL HINT OF THE DAY

Redirect Behavior

- Kids don't always hear what you say but how you say it. A firm, confident voice is different than just a frustrated, angry one.
- Tell them to stop. If you find yourself yelling, you are losing control of the group.
- Being specific about your directions lets them know what is needed. Being prepared and stating this upfront will help you lead effectively.
- Sometimes we all just need to move around, so lead them in an activity that might get them out of their seats or the classroom.

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – coloring sheet A Happy Homecoming

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Say prayer.**
- **Say Hail Mary together. Can use flash cards to make sure all the kids know the prayer.**
- **Read the “A True Friend” story and ask questions**
- Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that Jesus told stories to teach about God's love.
 - Read aloud the story as the children follow along.
 - *Ask:* Why did Bug help Squirrel? Possible response: Bug didn't want anything bad to happen to Squirrel.
 - *Say:* Bug was a good friend to Squirrel. Who is a good friend to you?
 - When finished, transition back to the lesson instruction.
- **A True Friend**
- One day Bear saw Squirrel in a tree. Bear thought Squirrel would be a tasty lunch. He grabbed Squirrel by the tail. Bug saw what Bear did. Bug would not let Bear hurt his friend! So Bug flew right into Bear's face. Bear was so mad that he dropped Squirrel. Squirrel and Bug quickly ran away!

God's Word

- **Read paragraph and then ask What do you Wonder?**
- **Talk about several parables the kids may recognize. (Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son, etc)**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

We Learn from Stories

- **Read paragraph**
- **Tell the parable of the Lost Sheep OR Read “The Little Lost Sheep” book**

Our Shepherd

- **Read paragraph and do Share your Faith activity.**
- **Activity – A Story about God**

Stories about God

- **What can you find in the Bible? Show children the bible as you are explaining this. Ask the children to look at a Bible if they have one at home.**
- **Read paragraphs**

The Holy Book

- **Read paragraphs and discuss 2 parts of the Bible**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Read paragraphs about the Bible.**
- **Discuss 2 parts of the Bible.**
- **Talk about people in the Old Testament (Moses, Daniel)**
- **Talk about parables - Read the Parable of the Spoon**
- **(Can talk about the parable of the Lost Son or Good Samaritan or watch a short you tube video if there is extra time).**
- **Color bookmark for the Good Shephard.**

Read about St Paul of the Cross

- **Can do Live your Faith activity**

Take Home:

- **Encourage children to share Family and Faith section with their parents.**
- **Chapter Review and unit review**
- **A Kind Man sheet**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Say Hail Mary

THE PARABLE OF THE SPOON

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

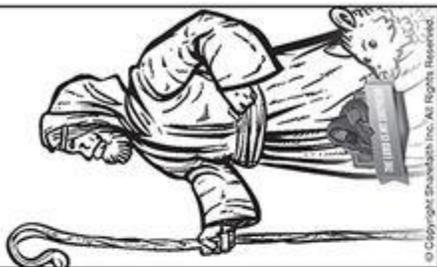
Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

God smiled. "It is simple," He said, "Love only requires one skill. These people learned early to feed one another. Those who are hungry are greedy people, and they think only of themselves.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

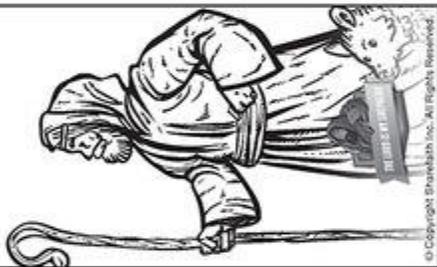
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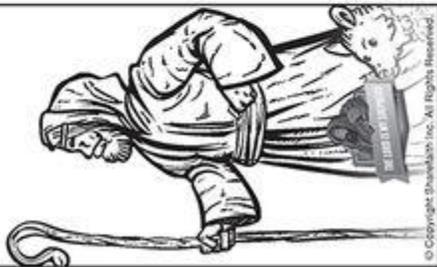
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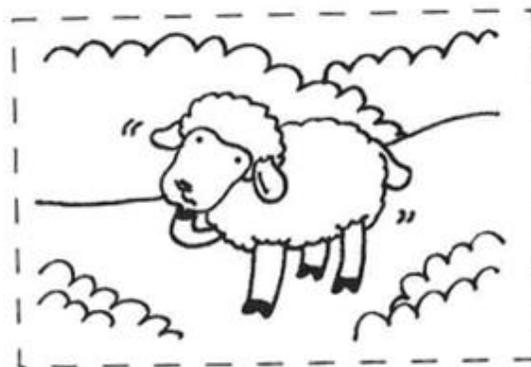
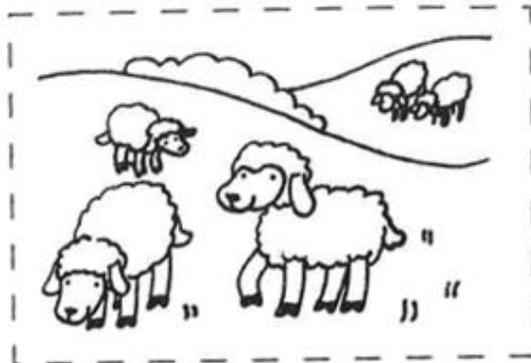
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A Story About God

Color the pictures below. Then cut them out. Use the pictures to tell the story of the Good Shepherd.



A Kind Man

(Luke 10)

The Samaritan was the only one who stopped to help the hurt man. He cleaned his wounds and put bandages on them. He brought the injured man to an inn and paid for him to stay there.

Find and color these shapes in the pictures.



A Happy Homecoming

(Luke 15)

When the father saw his son coming down the road, he threw his arms around him. He put a nice robe on his son. He threw a feast for him.

Just like in this story, God loves and welcomes back anyone who has gone away from Him. Use the code to color the picture.

