

Lesson 7 – The Good News

Grade 3 – Chapter 7

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus taught about God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth. Jesus established the Kingdom of God on Earth, and his teaching and miracles were signs of the Kingdom.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Don't be afraid of silence!

-After you ask someone a question, anticipate a pause of several seconds

-Some people need longer than others to process. That's ok! You can always go back to someone who needs more time.

-“I can see that you were working on your answer. I'll give you a moment.” OR “Would you like me to come back to you?”

-Do your best to push your kids when trying to get engagement. They want to be engaged but sometimes they need a little push to get there.

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity - coloring sheet or crossword puzzle

STEP 2 - INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray

- **Say prayer on pg. 121**
- **Our Father**
- **Read God's word section**
- **Talk about What do you wonder questions.**

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

The Gospel Message

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Provide info on the bible from the catechist background (pg. 123)**
- **Ask the children to see if their family has a bible ahead of time. Have the children look for the Old Testament section and the new testament.**
- **See if they can locate the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. (They may need their parents to help with this activity as the page number for each Bible will be different).**

Jesus' Message.

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Read God's Word**

Activity – Crossword Puzzle

The Kingdom of God

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Emphasize faith words**

Parables

- **Read paragraphs about parables.**
- **Read one or two parables to the children and see if they know what point Jesus was making with the story. They can read the other examples with their parents and talk about them.**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **Review paragraphs**

People of Faith

- **Talk about St. Issac Jogues**

Do the Live Your Faith section

Take Homes

- **Remind the children to review the Faith and Family section with their parents**
- **Chapter Review if not done in class**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Closing Prayer

- **Review Hail Mary and Glory Be**

Crossword Puzzle

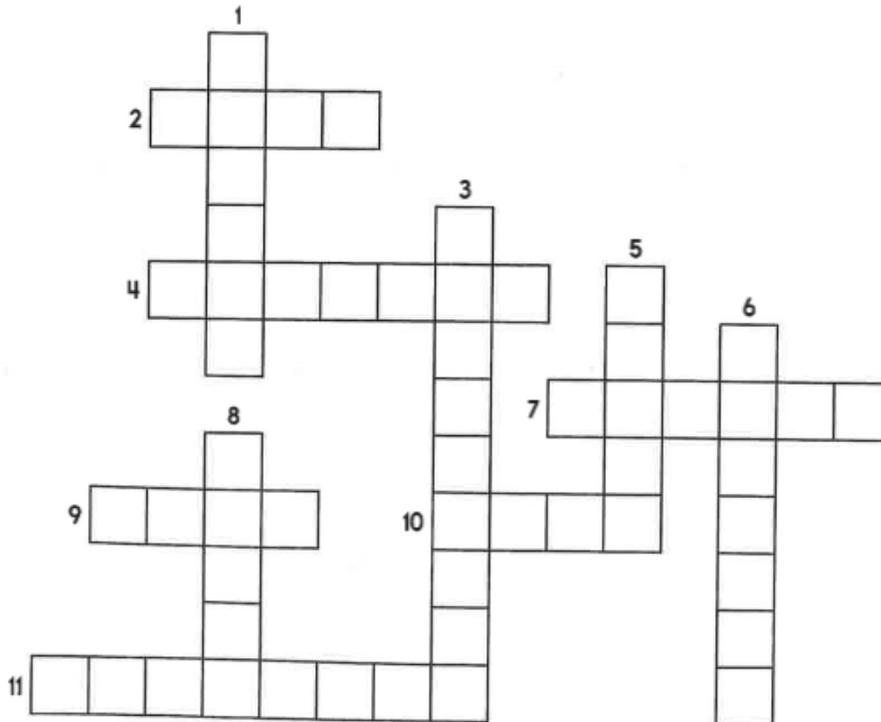
This crossword puzzle contains many words that have to do with God's Good News. Use the Word Bank to complete the puzzle.

Across

2. one Gospel is named for him
4. the promised or anointed one
7. an Old Testament writer
9. ____ news makes people happy.
10. The word *Gospel* means "Good ____."
11. Twelve of Jesus' followers

Down

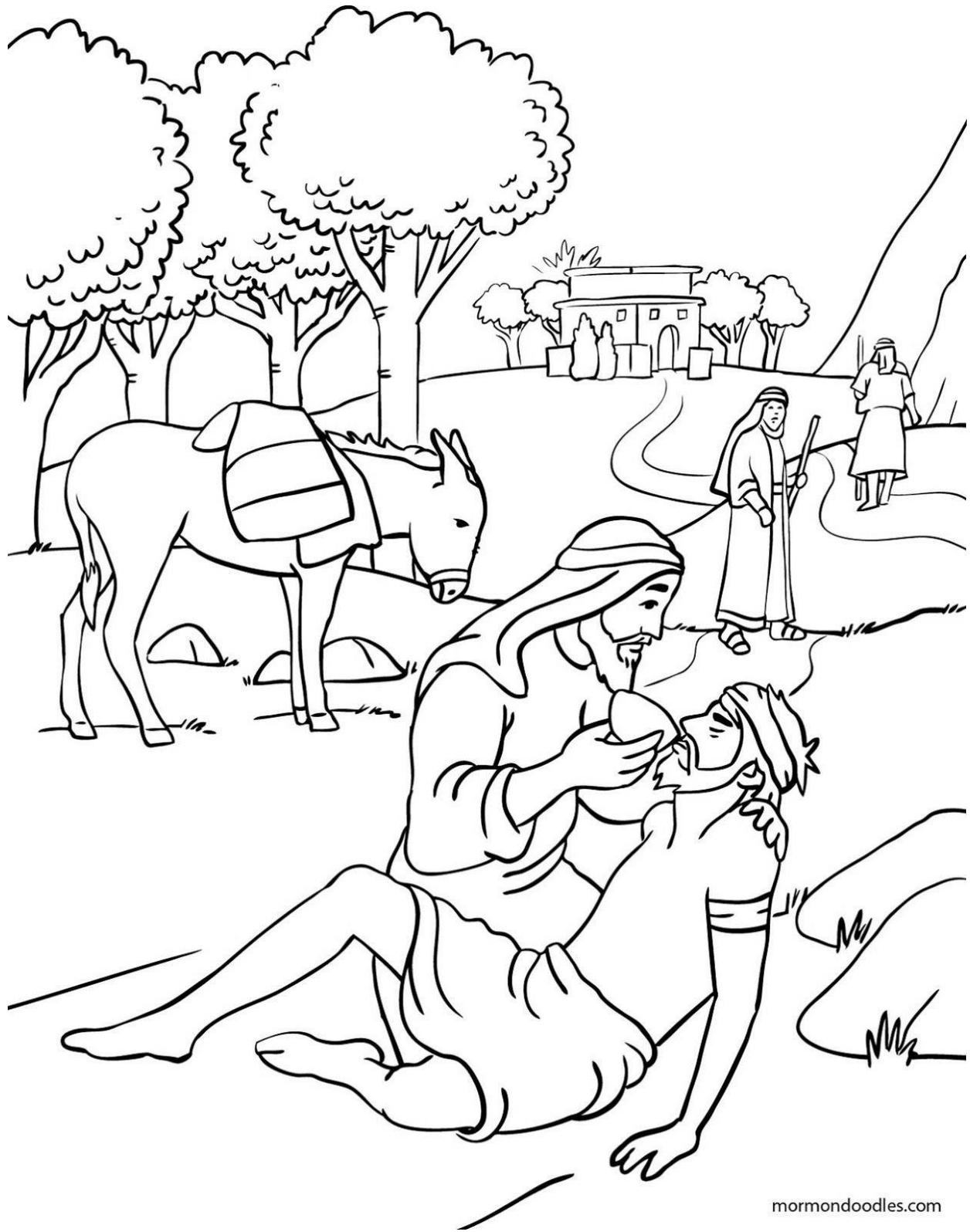
1. Church members ____ to worship.
3. God's Kingdom is full of this feeling.
5. God the Son
6. Humans are part of the ____ of God.
8. God ____ everyone.



Word Bank

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- Apostles
- gather
- good
- happiness
- Isaiah
- Jesus
- Kingdom
- loves
- Mark
- Messiah
- News



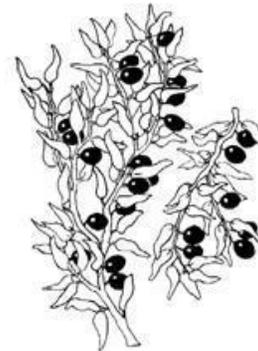
The Good Samaritan

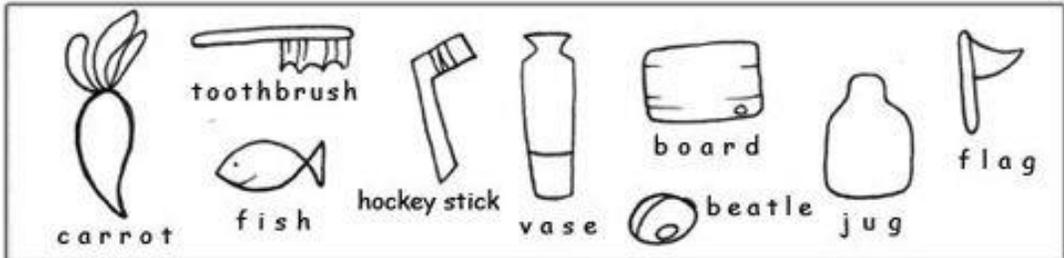


Make all the words fit into this crossword



- Man
- Jerusalem
- Jericho
- Robbers
- Priest
- Levite
- Samaritan
- Wounds
- Oil
- Wine
- Inn
- Neighbor
- Coins





The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

One time, our Lord Jesus Christ told a story to teach a lesson.

He told about a man with two sons. One day, the younger son asked his father for a lot of money. He took the money and left his home. He traveled far away and wasted all the money his father gave him.

Soon after that, there was not enough food in the land. So, the younger son got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pigs' food. He worked hard, but was still hungry.

As he worked, he remembered that the servants at his father's house worked hard but had plenty of food. He thought to himself, "I will go and say I am sorry to my father for sinning and wasting his money. Then I will ask him to hire me as one of his servants." Right away, he started towards his home.

While he was still far away, his father saw him. He was so glad to see his son that he ran to him and hugged him and kissed him. The son told his father he was sorry for what he had done, and that he did not deserve to be called his father's son anymore. But the father was so happy to see his son! He asked the servants to dress the young man in the best clothes. He told them to prepare a feast to celebrate the son's return. It was a very happy time in that house!

When the older son came in from the field and found out what was happening, he got angry. His father came out to talk with him, to ask him to join the party. But the older son said, "I have worked hard for you all these years and you didn't give me a party. It's not fair that my brother, who ran off and wasted your money gets a party, now, just for coming back!"

But the father said, "Son, you are always with me and everything that is mine is yours, too. It is right for us to celebrate now, though, because your lost brother has found his way back home, where he belongs!"

Parable of the Wedding Feast (Luke 14: 12-24)

“Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.’”

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner... Come to the wedding banquet.’”

“But they paid no attention and went off -- one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed them and burned their city.”

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.”

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

“The wages of sin is death,” the Bible warns (Romans 6:23). Nothing will save us except the blood of Jesus.

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

(Matthew 18:21-35)

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

The Parable of the Sower

(Matthew 13:1-9)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."