

KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 19th April 2020

THEME - FAITHFULNESS

Matthew 21:28-32 and Matthew 25:14-29

BIBLE

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. **32** For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Matthew 25:14-29 (NIV)

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 “‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the stories

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder which son did what his father wanted?

I wonder how was he faithful to his father?

I wonder what do you think it means to be a faithful person?

I wonder what gifts the Lord has given you?

I wonder how we use the gifts the Lord has given us?

I wonder how God feels when we do not use the gifts he has given us?

ACTIVITIES

Tell the Story

Retell the stories in your own words, creating a modern version. Can you remember all the different parts of the story? Maybe you would like to act it out.

Exploring the Faithfulness

Can't Get Rid of Me - Movie Shrek (Donkey and Shrek)

Below are some questions to help you explore the story.

- Donkey wants to be Shrek's friend. Why is that?
- Does Shrek want to be donkey's friend?
- How does Shrek try to lose donkey?
- Why do you think Donkey refuses to go away?
- In real life, do you sometimes find it hard to be friends with certain people because they don't seem to want friends?
- How hard do you think you should try to be friendly with people when they don't seem to want you around?
- When is it all right to give up on someone?
- How can we be faithful to our friends?
- Should we carry on being faithful to our friends if they are ignoring us?

Donkey won't leave Shrek. No matter how horrible or unwelcoming he is, Donkey carries on following him.

What does faithfulness look like in friendships. How hard should we work at trying to win people over – when should we give up on them?

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Create a friendship bracelet

Using three or four pieces of different coloured wool or thread, plait a friendship bracelet (if you have some small beads add them to the plait as you go) Test the length around your wrist, when the plait is the right length tie a knot and cut the wool/thread. Make another bracelet just the same for yourself.

Post the bracelet to your friend to let them know you are thinking of them.

Plant a Seed (see the activity sheet)

Plant a seed, take care of it and watch it grow.

Chalk the Walk

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...tell people about the story by writing the words 'Christ is Risen' or 'Jesus is Alive.'

Colouring (see the colouring folder)

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

Modelling

Either in salt dough or paper mache and make a heart. If in salt dough you could write the word FAITHFULNESS in the heart before it dries. Or wait until it is dry and print the word onto the heart.

or

Think of a something you could make that would help to remind you to be faithful.

A Faithful person is as solid as a rock

If you have enjoyed this activity your challenge this week is to find a stone(rock) big enough to write the word FAITHFULNESS

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see.

Acrostic Poem

On a piece of paper write the word FAITHFUL in capital letters down the side.
Next to the "F" write, "Father God, help me to be faithful."

By each other letter think of a sentence beginning with that letter, which is something you need help to be faithful with.

Next to the last "L" to finish write: "Let me be a faithful person."

They now have an acrostic poem, you can decorate around the edge of the poem.

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PRAYER

Prayer activities (see sheets in prayer activity)

Why not learn the Lord's prayer in sign language, look at the prayer activity sheet.

and

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

***Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache.**

1. Use a simple mix of flour and water. Use one part flour with two parts water until you get the consistency like think glue. Add more water or flour as necessary, mix well and get out all the lumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mould!
2. Similar to the above recipe, but definitely need adult supervision.
4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the hob and bring to the boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together one cup of flour with two cups of water, stir well to get out as many lumps as possible.
Once the water is boiling, carefully add your floured water mixture. Simmer the mixture for 2-3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few teaspoons of salt to help prevent mould. Allow to cool before you try to use it!
3. You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about one part water with two parts glue.
4. Use wallpaper paste. Follow the directions from the manufacturer to mix this paste. Adult supervision when using it.

***Recipe for Salt Dough**

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water

- In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
- Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
- Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
- Make your creations using the salt dough.
- Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

Tips and Ideas

- Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.

- *You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.*
- *Salt dough can also be air-dried and is an alternative to oven drying.*
- *Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!*