

FAMILY WORSHIP KIT

Lessons from Jesus



Dear Parent/Guardian/Church Leader,

Parents are sometimes challenged in providing meaningful worship experiences for their children. This is an especially difficult time to disciple children when families are quarantined and churches are closed. “Lessons from Jesus” will teach principles from some of Jesus’ parables. This curriculum can help parents disciple their children even when they are not able to attend a church worship service.

This is not a replacement or a substitute for a Sabbath School curriculum, but a worship kit designed for families to lead a full worship experience for their children at home. Churches can purchase the materials in bulk, organize them in kits, then mail/distribute to the families. Highlighted items are the materials that the church/group can purchase for the kit. Internet links are provided to make it easier to find the kit items. However, you may choose to supplement with alternative items as is convenient for you. The worship kits, along with the worship guide, and common household items will provide all the necessary materials for families to engage in a meaningful worship experience that will meet the needs of children of a wide age range.

We invite you to add this fun, kid-friendly, interactive worship kit to your toolbox for helping to deepen your family’s walk with Christ. “Shelter in Place” offers an opportunity for engaging family Bible study time like never before! Try this Adventist resource and tell us what you think.

In His Service,



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#1 Lessons from Jesus: Love each other (The story of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37)

Prepared by: Shawna Trotman Henry, Children's Ministries Director, Center for Youth Evangelism

Key Point: Jesus asks me to love others.

Key Text: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NKJV)

Objectives:

- Head: Students will understand how to show love like Jesus did.
- Heart: Students will value the importance of loving others.
- Hand: Students will demonstrate acts of loving kindness to others.

Supplies: (provided in kit)

- Worship song video
- Beach Ball: https://www.amazon.com/Kangaroo-Rainbow-Beach-Balls-Inflatable/dp/B0194D3KW8/ref=sr_1_5?crd=30RPL9J3BT5EF&dchild=1&keywords=10+inch+beach+balls+inflatable&qid=1584885235&srefix=10+inch+beach%2Caps%2C170&sr=8-5
- Good Samaritan Bandage Craft: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/good-samaritan-bandage-craft-kit-a2-13707425.fltr?keyword=good+samaritan>
- Stickers:
 - https://www.amazon.com/Jazzstick-10-Sheet-Valentines-Stickers-Glitter/dp/B07KP71LN7/ref=sxin_3_ac_d_rm?ac_md=0-0-aGVhcnQgc3RpY2tlnM%3D-ac_d_rm&cv_ct_cx=heart+stickers&dchild=1&keywords=heart+stickers&pd_rd_i=B07KP71LN7&pd_rd_r=6a0fa8d3-831c-418c-b964-6d1bf0fa1a03&pd_rd_w=EvLvM&pd_rd_wg=KALob&pf_rd_p=de19e82a-2d83-4ae8-9f5c-212586b8b9a0&pf_rd_r=Y27FZWRVQPR5R6RPHSJT&psc=1&qid=1584887668&sr=1-1-12d4272d-8adb-4121-8624-135149aa9081&swrs=050D7D08449D2466F4BB6376B78B1AD4
 - OR: https://www.amazon.com/Tongnian-Butterfly-Decorative-Collection-Scrapbooking/dp/B07QYGHN8Z/ref=sr_1_24?dchild=1&keywords=flower+stickers&qid=1584887745&sr=8-24
 - OR equivalent
- Names/Address/tel # of 2 shut in members (provide different names for each packet)
- Cards/Envelopes:
 - <https://www.hobbylobby.com/Scrapbook-Paper-Crafts/Card-Making/Blank-Cards/Simply-Solids-Box-Of-Cards/p/18499>
 - Or
 - <https://www.michaels.com/cream-scalloped-flat-cards-and-envelopes-by-recollections-4.25-in-x-5.5-in/10602903.html>
 - Or equivalent
- Stamps (to mail cards to shut in persons)

Supplies: (not provided in kit)

- Bible
- Songs for singing
- Laptop/device
- Downloaded mission story and mission activity supplies
- Permanent marker for prayer ball
- Washable markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc

Program Item	Supplies	Description
Song Service	Laptop/Device Song Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option A: Sing your favorite family songs • Option B: Create a kids' worship song video with people from your church • Option C: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYWQgzW0QFR2Lp03LNm0Hyw
Opening Discussion		<p>Discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was the last time someone showed love to you? What did that look like? • When was the last time you showed love to someone else? What did that look like? <p>The Bible talks about our loving others. Today we will study more about what that looks like. <i>Jesus asks us to love each other.</i></p>
Key Text	Bible	Read/Repeat Key Text: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NKJV)
Opening Song	Laptop	Play/Sing: "Amazing Love" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avJ4IDnZWRU
Prayer (Beach Ball Prayer)	Sharpie Permanent Marker Beach Ball https://www.amazon.com/Kangaroo-Rainbow-	<p>Prior to Worship do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflate beach ball • In each color write a category of prayer (eg pray for a friend, family member,

	Beach-Balls-Inflatable/dp/B0194D3KW8/ref=sr_1_5?crid=30RPL9J3BT5EF&dchild=1&keywords=10+inch+beach+balls+inflatable&qid=1584885235&srefix=10+inch+beach%2Caps%2C170&sr=8-5	<p>teacher, country, give thanks, I'm sorry/confession, praise, personal want/need, etc)</p> <p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toss the pre-marked ball to a family member. • Family member who catches the ball prays a prayer in the category where the right thumb lands. • Then toss the ball to another family member • Continue to pray in this fashion
Mission Spotlight	<p>Mission Quarterly (Download)</p> <p>Laptop/Device for Mission Video</p>	<p>Read this week's mission lesson from: https://am.adventistmission.org/mg-children In addition, you may choose to do one of the activities listed on the mission site.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Watch this week's mission video from: https://m360.tv/stories</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Put aside your offering in a special container. You may want to decorate a special jar/cup/container for your mission offering.</p>
Key Text	Bible	<p><i>Repeat Key Text:</i> "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NKJV)</p>
Reading God's Word	<p>Bible Luke 10:25-37 (Story of the Good Samaritan)</p> <p>Laptop/Device</p>	<p>Read the story of the Good Samaritan in your favorite Bible Version.</p> <p>After reading do the one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger Children: Watch the story here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc • Older Children: Act out the story
Interacting with God's Word	Family Discussion	<p>Discuss any or all of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does this story tell us to do? • Who are the people we should love? • Who are our neighbors?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some practical ideas that we can show love to the following groups (family, friends, church/community)? • Are any of these projects things we can do as our family's "Jesus in Jeans" service project? Develop a family plan for this project (and share with Pastor Taylor).
<p>Make it stick activity</p>	<p>Good Samaritan Bandage Craft: https://www.orientaltrading.com/good-samaritan-bandage-craft-kit-a2-13707425.fltr?keyword=good+samaritan</p> <p>Markers Stickers https://www.amazon.com/Jazzstick-10-Sheet-Valentines-Stickers-Glitter/dp/B07KP71LN7/ref=sxin_3_ac_d_rm?ac_md=0-0-aGVhcnQgc3RpY2tlnM%3D-ac_d_rm&cv_ct_cx=heart+stickers&dchild=1&keywords=heart+stickers&pd_rd_i=B07KP71LN7&pd_rd_r=6a0fa8d3-831c-418c-b964-6d1bf0fa1a03&pd_rd_w=EvLvM&pd_rd_wg=KALob&pf_rd_p=de19e82a-2d83-4ae8-9f5c-212586b8b9a0&pf_rd_r=Y27FZWRVQPR5R6RPHSJT&psc=1&qid=1584887668&sr=1-1-12d4272d-8adb-4121-8624-135149aa9081&swrs=050D7D08449D2466F4BB6376B78B1AD4</p> <p>OR https://www.amazon.com/Tongnian-Butterfly-</p>	<p>Younger Children: Complete the Good Samaritan Craft.</p> <p>All:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make cards for 2 shut in members/persons and drop in the mail box • With parents, give the shut in person a Sabbath call today.

	<p>Decorative-Collection-Scrapbooking/dp/B07QYGHN8Z/ref=sr_1_24?dchild=1&keywords=flower+stickers&qid=1584887745&sr=8-24</p> <p>Names/Address/tel # of 2 shut in members (provide different names for each packet)</p> <p>Cards/Envelopes https://www.hobbylobby.com/Scrapbook-Paper-Crafts/Card-Making/Blank-Cards/Simply-Solids-Box-Of-Cards/p/18499 Or https://www.michaels.com/cream-scalloped-flat-cards-and-envelopes-by-recollections-4.25-in-x-5.5-in/10602903.html Or equivalent</p> <p>Postal Stamps</p>	
Key Text	Bible	<i>Repeat Key Text.</i> “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12 (NKJV)
Recap and Prayer		Jesus loves us. We can show our love for Him by loving others. Pray asking God to help us show love to others everyday
Bonus challenge for older children/teens/youth	Laptop/Device	Make a word search puzzle with key words from today’s lesson. You can use an online tool such as http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp Challenge a family member or church friend to complete your word search.

Parable of the Builders

#2 Lessons from Jesus: Build Your Life on God's Word (The parable of the two builders – Matthew 7:24-27)

Prepared by: Shawna Trotman Henry, Children's Ministries Director, Center for Youth Evangelism

Key Text: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

Key Theme: Jesus wants me to listen to God's words and obey them.

Objectives:

- Head: Students will understand that the Bible provides instructions for living for Jesus.
- Heart: Students will believe that hearing and obeying God's Word (the Bible) is the guide to living for Jesus.
- Hand: Students will complete activities that demonstrate the Bible as a guide for living.

Supplies (included in kit):

- Scripture Prayers handout below (Parents will need to cut into strips prior to worship.)
- Colored Jumbo Craft Sticks: https://www.amazon.com/Colored-Jumbo-Craft-Sticks-250ct/dp/B07VDV48QM/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=colored+craft+sticks&qid=1584903297&sr=8-6
- Popsicle/Craft Sticks (10): https://www.amazon.com/Sticks-Natural-Popsicle-Length-Crafts/dp/B07F367TCK/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=popsicle+sticks&qid=1585056704&sr=8-4
- Stone patterned paper: https://www.amazon.com/Wallstickery-Granite-Removable-Furniture-Cabinets/dp/B07G25BKPX/ref=sr_1_21?dchild=1&keywords=granite+patterned+contact+paper&qid=1584904966&sr=8-21
- Sand (small amount in ziplock bag)- hardware store
- Construction Paper- natural colors
- Heading Strip- (see below)

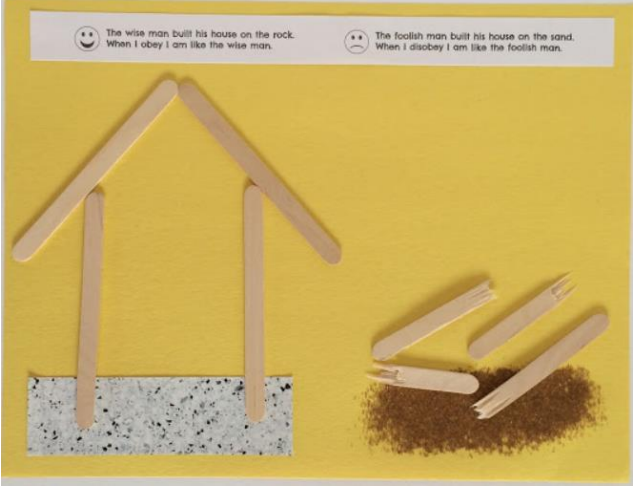
Supplies (not provided in kit):

- Bible
- Songs for singing
- Laptop/device
- Downloaded mission story and mission activity supplies
- Washable markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc
- Glue
- Paper
- Pen/Pencils

Program Outline: Parable of the Builders

Program Item	Supplies	Description
Song Service	Laptop/Device Song Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option A: Sing your favorite family songs Option B: Create a kids' worship song video with people from your church Option C: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYWQgzW0QFR2Lp03LNm0Hyw
Opening Discussion		<p>Say: If I asked you to bake a cake right now, without a recipe, could you do it? How do you think it would come out? What would you need in order to bake a delicious and attractive cake? <i>(Allow children to discuss what would happen if they tried to bake the cake without instructions. Discuss, the importance of a recipe that would outline supplies and offer detailed instructions)</i></p> <p>In today's lesson we will learn about two persons who built houses. One used good instructions. The other didn't. Let's see how their houses turned out and what made the difference.</p>
Key Text	Bible	Read/Repeat Key Text: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 (NIV)
Key Theme		Today we will learn the importance of listening to and obeying the Bible. Say the key theme together: "Jesus wants me to listen to God's words and obey them."
Opening Song	Laptop	Play/Sing: "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" (use actions). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA
Prayer (Craft Stick Scripture Prayers)	Scripture Prayers (printed and cut) Jumbo Colored Craft Sticks: https://www.amazon.com/Colored-Jumbo-Craft-	* This will take some advanced prep. Cut scripture prayers handout (see below) with each scripture in a different strip. Glue adoration/praise scriptures on the purple sticks, confession scriptures on red sticks, thanksgiving scriptures on green sticks, and

	<p>Sticks- 250ct/dp/B07VDV48QM/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=colored+craft+sticks&qid=1584903297&sr=8-6 Glue Sticks</p>	<p>supplication/asking scriptures on blue sticks.</p> <p>Place scripture sticks in a cup/jar. Have each person pick a few sticks and pray those scriptures out loud. You may add some of your own prayers as well.</p>
Mission Spotlight	<p>Mission Quarterly (Download)</p> <p>Laptop/Device for Mission Video</p>	<p>Read this week's mission lesson from: https://am.adventistmission.org/mg-children In addition, you may choose to do one of the activities listed on the mission site.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Watch this week's mission video from: https://m360.tv/stories</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Put aside your offering in a special container. You may want to decorate a special jar/cup/container for your mission offering.</p>
Key Text	Bible	<p><i>Repeat Key Text:</i> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 (NIV)</p>
Reading God's Word	<p>Bible Matthew 7:24-27 (Parable of the Builders)</p> <p>Laptop/Device</p> <p>Spray bottles of water, large fans, flashlights</p>	<p>Read the story of the Parable of the Builders in your favorite Bible Version.</p> <p>After reading do the one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger Children: Watch the story here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWHLB1f6_U • Older Children: Dramatize the story. Use spray bottles of water (rain) and big fans (wind), flashlights (lightning) and loud claps (thunder) to simulate the storms when you dramatize the story.
Interacting with God's Word	Family Discussion	<p>Discuss any or all of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What made the difference between the house that withstood the storm and house that didn't? • What is Jesus telling us to do? • What does the rock represent?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rock represents the words of God found in the Bible. Is it enough just to have the Bible? Or do we need to do more? (<i>Get them to talk about the importance of listening and obeying God's Word</i>) • How can I apply this story to my life now?
<p>Make it stick activity</p>	<p>Popsicle Craft/Sticks (10): https://www.amazon.com/Sticks-Natural-Popsicle-Length-Crafts/dp/B07F367TCK/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=popsicle+sticks&qid=1585056704&sr=8-4</p> <p>Stone patterned paper (cut in strips - see picture): https://www.amazon.com/Wallstickery-Granite-Removable-Furniture-Cabinets/dp/B07G25BKPX/ref=sr_1_21?dchild=1&keywords=granite+pattered+contact+paper&qid=1584904966&sr=8-21</p> <p>Sand (small amount in ziplock bag)- hardware store</p> <p>Construction Paper</p> <p>Activity Title Strip (see below)** Glue</p> <p>Strips of Paper to write scenarios on</p>	<p>Younger Children: Parable of the Builders Craft</p>  <p>Taken from: http://faithsprouts.blogspot.com/2015/01/jesus-teaches-me-to-be-wise.html</p> <p>Older Children: Take turns making up real-life scenarios that illustrate “rock” (wise/Bible based) or “sand” (unwise/non-Bible based) decisions. Share these with the rest of the family and have others determine if the choices are wise (rock) or unwise (sand) decisions.</p>

Key Text	Bible	<i>Repeat Key Text:</i> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24 (NIV)
Recap and Prayer		Jesus wants me to listen to God’s words and obey them. Pray asking God to help us to be wise, and to listen and obey His Word.
Bonus challenge for older children/teens/youth	Laptop/Device	Make a cryptogram puzzle based on today’s lesson. You can use an online tool such as http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/cryptogramSetupForm.asp Challenge a family member or church friend to complete your puzzle.

**Activity Title for Craft: (Cut out the headings below and affix to top of craft above the appropriate house)

The wise man built his house on the rock.

When I read and obey God’s Word, I am like the wise man.

The foolish man built his house on the sand.

When I disobey God’s Word, I am like the foolish man

Scripture Prayers:

Adoration

Psalm 95:6 "Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Psalm 99:5 "Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is He!"

Psalm 150:2 "Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!"

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!"

Confession

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive
us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Romans 10:10 "For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved."

Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."

Thanksgiving

1 Chron 16:34 "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Col 3:15 "... And be thankful."

1 Thess 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances..."

Phil 4:6 ... with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Supplication

Matthew 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives..."

Heb 4:16 "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Phil 4:19 "And my God will supply every need."

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you."

#3 Lessons from Jesus: Jesus Searches For Us (The Parable of the Lost Coin- Luke 15:8-10)

Prepared by: Shawna Trotman Henry, Children's Ministries Director, Center for Youth Evangelism

Lessons from Jesus: Jesus never gives up looking for us. (Luke 15: 8-10)

Key Text: "...There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 (ESV)

Key Theme: Jesus never gives up looking for us and rejoices when we choose Him.

Objectives:

- Head: Students will understand the joy in Heaven that results from a sinner choosing Jesus.
- Heart: Students will believe that Jesus values them.
- Hand: Students will complete activities that demonstrate the joy in Heaven over a sinner's repentance.

Supplies (included in kit):

- Pack of M&M's (1/family)
- Colored Cardstock (1/child)
- Brown Cardstock (1/child)

Supplies (not provided in kit):

- Bible
- Songs for singing
- Laptop/device
- Plain copy paper
- 10 Coins (perhaps pennies or nickels)

Program Outline: Parable of the Lost Coin

Program Item	Supplies	Description
Song Service	Laptop/Device Song Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Option A: Sing your favorite family songs ● Option B: Create a kids' worship song video with people from our church ● Option C: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYWQgzW0QFR2Lp03LNm0Hyw
Opening Discussion		<p>Say: What things make you jump and shout for joy? (Allow kids to share the things that make them happy).</p> <p>In today's lesson, we will learn that the angels and God are super happy when a sinner chooses to follow Jesus.</p>
Key Text	Bible	<i>Read/Repeat Key Text:</i> "There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 (ESV)
Key Theme		Jesus never gives up looking for us and rejoices when we choose Him.
Opening Song	Laptop	Play/Sing: "I have a joy, joy, joy, down in my heart." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imK7pAMf61E
Prayer (Craft Stick Scripture Prayers)	M&M Prayers	<p>Give each child a few M&M's for each color in your hand, pray for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brown- Pray for someone who is having a hard time. ● Green-Pray for a friend. ● Red-Thank God. ● Orange- Praise God. ● Yellow- Pray your personal request.
Mission Spotlight	Mission Quarterly (Download) Laptop/Device for Mission Video	<p>Read this week's mission lesson from: https://am.adventistmission.org/mq-children</p> <p>In addition, you may choose to do one of the activities listed on the mission site.</p> <p>OR</p>

		<p>Watch this week's mission video from: https://m360.tv/stories</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Put aside your offering in a special container. You may want to decorate a special jar/cup/container for your mission offering.</p>
Key Text	Bible	<i>Read/Repeat Key Text:</i> "There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 (ESV)
Reading God's Word	<p>Bible Luke 15:8-10 (Parable of the Lost Coin)</p> <p>Laptop/Device</p>	<p>Read the story of the Parable of the Lost Coin in your favorite Bible Version</p> <p>After reading do the one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Younger Children: Watch the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vvgq48DAVg: ● Older Children: Dramatize the story
Interacting with God's Word	Family Discussion	<p>Hide and Seek: Hide a favorite toy and have the child look for the toy.</p> <p>Discuss any or all of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How have you felt when you lost something? ● How do you feel when you find something you lost? ● How can you apply this story to your life now?
Make it stick activity	<p>Colored cardstock (1 sheet) Brown cardstock (1 sheet) Title page (see below) Cut out story (see below)</p> <p>Plain copy paper Coins</p>	<p>Younger Children: Complete parable of the lost coin craft as shown here: http://www.aprilshomemaking.com/2011/09/parable-of-lost-coin-craft.html</p> <p>Older Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use this link to make an origami coin purse: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIMZOUL7s_Y ● Write the key text on the outside of your purse. ● Place 10 coins in the purse.

Key Text	Bible	<i>Read/Repeat Key Text:</i> “There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10 (ESV)
Recap and Prayer		<p>Jesus never gives up looking for us and rejoices when we choose Him.</p> <p>Pray asking God to help us to always choose Jesus.</p>
Bonus challenge for older children/teens/you th	Laptop/Device	<p>Make a word search puzzle with key words from today’s lesson. You can use an online tool such as http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp</p> <p>Challenge a family member or church friend to complete your word search.</p>

Supplemental Resources:

Title for craft activity:

Parable of the Lost Coin

Text for Craft:

“Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will light a lamp and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost!’ In the same way, there is joy before the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart.”

Luke 15: 8-10 (ICB)

#4 Lessons from Jesus: A Good Soil Heart (The Parable of the Famer - Luke 8:4-15)

Prepared by: Shawna Trotman Henry, Children's Ministries Director, Center for Youth Evangelism

Lessons from Jesus: Jesus wants me to have a heart that responds to His Word. (Luke 8:4-15)

Key Text: "And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." Luke 8:15 (NLT)

Key Theme: Jesus wants me to have a heart that responds to His Word.

Objectives:

- Head: Students will understand what it means to have a heart of "good soil".
- Heart: Students will value the importance of a heart receptive to God's Word.
- Hand: Students will demonstrate what it means to have a "good soil" heart.

Supplies (included in kit):

- Beach ball (used previously in Good Samaritan Lesson)
- Smooth Rocks: https://www.amazon.com/Pebbles-Outdoor-Decorative-Natural-Polished/dp/B07TMKK83G/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=smooth+river+rocks&qid=1584915796&sr=8-6
- Small Building blocks: https://www.amazon.com/Lighting-Building-Bricks-Compatible-Lego/dp/B06ZZGGZXQ/ref=sr_1_13?crid=V7D3HXVEVUAU&dchild=1&keywords=small+building+bricks&qid=1584915847&sprefix=small+building+b%2Caps%2C162&sr=8-13
- **(Warning for rocks and building blocks: choking hazard: not suitable for children under 3!!!)**
- Plant Pots: https://www.amazon.com/KINGLAKE-Plastic-Seedlings-Container-Starting/dp/B01N7QROQQ/ref=sxin_1_ac_d_rm?ac_md=0-0-cGxhbnQgcG90cw%3D%3D-ac_d_rm&cv_ct_cx=plant+pots&dchild=1&keywords=plant+pots&pd_rd_i=B01N7QROQQ&pd_rd_r=95401b2f-e56d-4196-bf91-2629ddd3268f&pd_rd_w=SZMCG&pd_rd_wg=TgAOQ&pf_rd_p=de19e82a-2d83-4ae8-9f5c-212586b8b9a0&pf_rd_r=XMN1CS7GQWYNBKVZZ36W&psc=1&qid=1584913452&sr=1-1-12d4272d-8adb-4121-8624-135149aa9081
- Potting soil (hardware store or supermarket)- about 1 cup in sandwich bag
- Seeds for planting (hardware store or supermarket)- a few in really small storage bag

Supplies (not provided in kit):

- Bible
- Songs for singing
- Laptop/device
- Plain copier paper to make plant label
- Glue

Program Outline: Parable of the Farmer

Program Item	Supplies	Description
Song Service	Laptop/Device Song Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Option A: Sing your favorite family songs. ● Option B: Create a kids' worship song video with people from your church. ● Option C: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYWQgzW0QFR2Lp03LNm0Hyw
Opening Discussion	<p>Sheet</p> <p>Smooth Rocks: https://www.amazon.com/Pebbles-Outdoor-Decorative-Natural-Polished/dp/B07TMKK83G/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=smooth+river+rocks&qid=1584915796&sr=8-6</p> <p>Building Blocks: https://www.amazon.com/Lighting-Building-Bricks-Compatible-Lego/dp/B06ZZGGZXQ/ref=sr_1_13?crid=V7D3HXVEVUAU&dchild=1&keywords=small+building+bricks&qid=1584915847&srefix=small+building+b%2Caps%2C162&sr=8-13</p> <p>(Warning for rocks and building blocks: choking hazard: not suitable for children under 3!!!)</p>	<p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spread a light sheet on the floor. Have child/children lay on the light sheet on the floor. ● Next, place several smooth rocks under the sheet and have child lay again on the rocks covered by the sheet. ● Repeat once more, this time using building blocks instead of the rocks. <p>Discuss: What did it feel like to lay only on the sheet on the hard floor? Was it comfortable? Do you think you could sleep all night like that? What about the rocks? And the building blocks?</p> <p>In today's lesson we will learn what happens if our hearts are thin, rocky, or thorny.</p>
Key Text	Bible	<i>Read/Repeat Key Text:</i> "And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." Luke 8:15 (NLT)
Key Theme		Jesus wants you to have a heart that responds to His Word.

Opening Song	Laptop	Play/Sing: "Change My Heart O God" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llSmG-eJTU
Prayer (Beach ball prayers)	Beach Balls (used in Good Samaritan lesson)	Prior to Worship do the following: Inflate beach ball In each color write a category of prayer (eg pray for a friend, family member, teacher, country, give thanks, I'm sorry/confession, praise, personal want/need, etc) Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toss the pre-marked ball to a family member. ● Family member who catches the ball prays a prayer in the category where the Right thumb lands. ● Then, toss the ball to another family member. ● Continue to pray in this fashion.
Mission Spotlight	Mission Quarterly (Download) Laptop/Device for Mission Video	Read this week's mission lesson from: https://am.adventistmission.org/mq-children In addition, you may choose to do one of the activities listed on the mission site. OR Watch this week's mission video from: https://m360.tv/stories AND Put aside your offering in a special container. You may want to decorate a special jar/cup/container for your mission offering.
Key Text	Bible	<i>Read/Repeat Key Text:</i> "And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." Luke 8:15 (NLT)
Reading God's Word	Bible Luke 8:4-15 (Parable of the Farmer) Laptop/Device	Read the story of the Parable of the Farmer in your favorite Bible Version. After reading do the one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Younger Children: Watch the following video:

		<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Older Children: Dramatize the story
Interacting with God's Word	Family Discussion	<p>Discuss any or all of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who does the farmer represent? ● What is the seed? ● How can you apply this story to your life now?
Make it stick activity	<p>Plant Pots: https://www.amazon.com/KINGLAKE-Plastic-Seedlings-Container-Starting/dp/B01N7QROQQ/ref=sxin_1_ac_d_rm?ac_md=0-0-cGxhbnQgcG90cw%3D%3D-ac_d_rm&cv_ct_cx=plant+pots&dchild=1&keywords=plant+pots&pd_rd_i=B01N7QROQQ&pd_rd_r=95401b2f-e56d-4196-bf91-2629ddd3268f&pd_rd_w=SZMCG&pd_rd_wg=TgAOQ&pf_rd_p=de19e82a-2d83-4ae8-9f5c-212586b8b9a0&pf_rd_r=XMN1CS7GQWYNBKVZZ36W&psc=1&qid=1584913452&sr=1-1-12d4272d-8adb-4121-8624-135149aa9081</p> <p>Potting soil (hardware store or supermarket)</p> <p>Seeds for planting (hardware store or supermarket)</p> <p>Plain Copier Paper to make label Glue</p>	<p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cut paper into appropriate size for plant pot label. ● Write out memory verse on label. ● Glue label onto pot. ● Fill pot $\frac{2}{3}$ way with potting soil. ● Plant seed. ● Water appropriately. <p>Talk about how important the condition of the soil is for the plant to grow. How can we help our hearts to be in "good soil" condition for God's Word to grow?</p>

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Recap and Prayer		<p>Jesus wants me to have a heart that responds to His Word.</p> <p>Pray asking God to help us have hearts ready to respond to His Word.</p>
Bonus challenge for older children/teens/youth	Laptop/Device	<p>Create a jeopardy game on all the parables we have studied in this series (Good Samaritan, Two Builders, Lost Coin, and The Farmer). You can use an online tool such as https://jeopardylabs.com/</p> <p>Invite family members or church friends to play your game.</p>