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Important Dates this Spring:

- **Saturday, Jan 27 – Auditions for the spring musical specialty parts grades 2 – 6**
- **Thursday, Feb 8 – Audition results posted**
- **Wednesday, Feb 14 – Teacher appreciation dinner for all volunteers**
- **Wednesday, Mar 13 – Spring Break, NO Kids' Worship this week**
- **Wednesday, Apr 3 – Worship Center to prep for Sunday morning worship**
- **Sunday, Apr 7 – Kids lead worship both services**
- **Wednesday, Apr 10 – Teacher appreciation dinner for all volunteers**
- **Thursday, Apr 18 – Mandatory rehearsals start for all cast parts**
- **Wednesday, Apr 24 – Early start at 5:00 PM in the Worship Center**
- **Thursday, Apr 25 – Dress Rehearsal for all cast parts (no general choir)**
- **Friday, Apr 26 – Spring Musical MAMALU!**
- **Wednesday, May 1 – End of the year watch party!**



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Jan 17 - Kickoff

We're in the Loft!

Notes for Teachers:

- Please talk to your class about auditions for the Spring Musical before heading into the Loft.
- All audition resources and information can be found on our website.
 - PrestonwoodPlanoWorship.org/kids
- Specialty part auditions for 2nd – 6th grade will be held on Saturday, January 27.
- 1st graders do not need to audition. They will sign up for their own special part later in the semester.
- Dance auditions will be in the morning in the Loft (3rd floor of the Children's building).
- Sing/ Speak auditions will be in the afternoon in the kids' Worship offices located on the 1st floor at the back of the church between the two entrances to the adult choir room.
- Everyone who auditions for the musical is GUARANTEED a part in the show. Callbacks for main cast parts will be Monday, February 5. Only a select number of kids will get a callback.
- Audition results will be posted on Thursday, February 8 by 5:00 PM



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Jan 24 - Rooms

Notes for Teachers:

- Auditions for grades 2 – 6 are this weekend (Jan 27)! Please go over all the audition materials with your class. All audition information can be found on our website. It will also be printed for you to reference.
- Make sure your students' parents know everything they need to know about auditions!

Song Focus: (Audition Songs)

- Small Beginnings
- The Good Samaritan
- Be Made New

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

This semester is going to be all about parables. Stories are so important for how we understand the Bible. The Bible itself is one big story that shows us God's unfailing love and amazing glory.

Sooooo what exactly is a parable? A parable is a story that uses something familiar to help us understand God better. Jesus was the ultimate storyteller. He uses what we can easily see right in front of us to help us see what only He can show us.

The parables were intended mainly for believing Christians. It's hard to understand the parables if you don't know anything about what it means to be a Christian. When we know more about who God is, we can see the meaning behind each story even more clearly.

Every parable is a revelation of both grace and judgement, as well as a window into the kingdom of heaven. They are simple and are meant to be understood as such. Sometimes we try to read *too* deeply into the message behind each story. But we have to remember that the whole point of the story is to help simplify what God has already been trying to tell us throughout the whole story of the Bible!

We also must remember *who* is telling these stories. They're being told by Jesus! The son of the most high God here on earth as a human just like you and me! When Christ talks to us about the kingdom of Heaven, he's telling us as one who has actually been there! When he talks about God, he's talking about His own father.

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Did you know there are parables in the Old Testament too?

In Psalm 78:1-4, the Bible foretold that Jesus would speak in parables.



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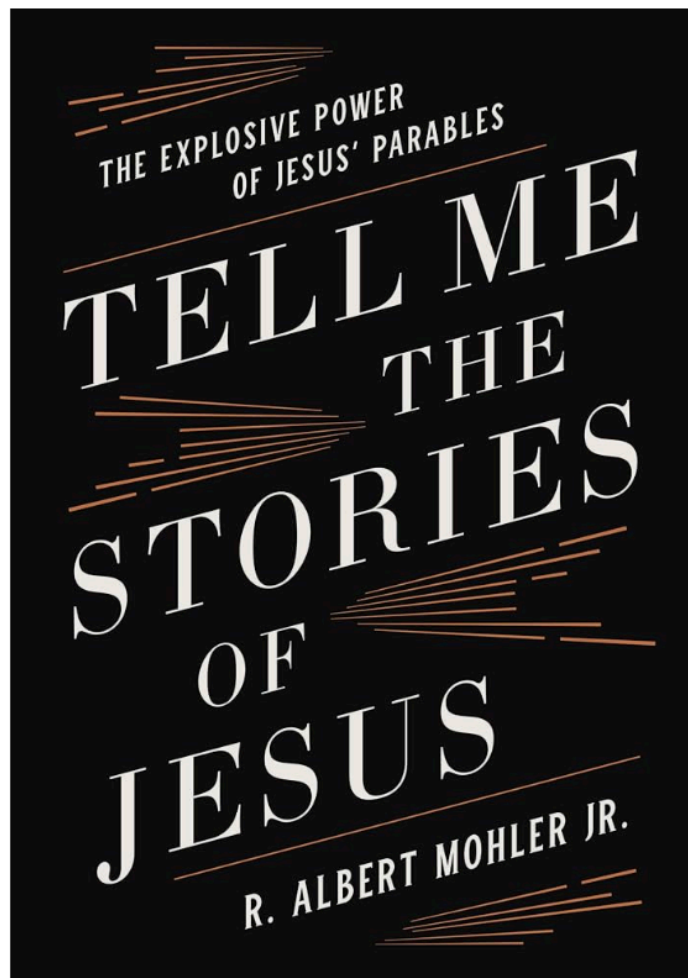
When he talks about grace, it's because he IS grace! Every parable starts in this world but ends in the world that only Jesus knows. How cool is that?!?!

Activity: Mock Auditions!

- Go over audition choreography
- Go over audition script
- Go over audition songs

Volunteers:

A lot of the information we'll be discussing this semester came from the book *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* by R. Albert Mohler Jr. I highly recommend it!





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Jan 31 - Rooms

Notes for Teachers:

- Audition results will be posted on Thursday, Feb 8 by 5:00 PM

Song Focus:

- Light of The World
- Double Oh Shepherd
- God of Revival (Sunday Morning April 7)

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

Why do you think Jesus spoke in parables? Here's what the bible says about it:

The Purpose of the Parables

"Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." Matthew 13:10-13.

Last week we talked about how if you don't know what it means to be a Christian, the parables won't have any deeper meaning. They'll just be a story and nothing more. But as Christians, we know that our God is constantly working in our lives, even when we don't see Him. The character of God is in all the parables even when he is not named.

Our reaction to the parables shows the status of our own human hearts. As followers of Christ, if we listen to a parable and hear only a story, something is off track in our Christianity. Let me say that again... **if we listen to a parable and hear only a story, something is off track.** Those who hear the message of the kingdom in the parables grow in their faith. As Christians we hear the Word, receive the Word, obey the Word and through that God brings spiritual growth.

If we are truly hearing and seeing through the parables, then we will obey Christ, repent of our sins, and return to God. We will start to see the fruits of the spirit grow in us. We will be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and have self-control.

TOP SECRET

Let's review the facts:

What is a parable?

What do the parables teach us?

Why is it a big deal when Jesus talks about God or Heaven?



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We have the responsibility to believe the gospel, trust Christ, profess our faith, hear the Word of God and obey it. But this is only possible by the grace of God and the mercy of Jesus.

Activity: Riddle Me This!

The parables can sometimes seem like riddles. It's not always easy to figure out the deeper meaning of Jesus' stories. Luckily, Jesus explains some of them to us! Test your detective skills and see if you can figure out the answers to these fun riddles below.

1. Riddle: It belongs to you, but your friends use it more often. What is it?
Answer: Your name.
2. Riddle: What weighs more? A pound of candy bars or a pound of cake?
Answer: They both weigh the same—1 pound each.
3. Riddle: Sean's mother has three children: Snap, Crackle, and _____?
Answer: Sean.
4. Riddle: What has legs, but doesn't walk?
Answer: A table.
5. Riddle: What goes away as soon as you mention it?
Answer: Silence.
6. Riddle: What can you hear, but not see or touch, even though you control it?
Answer: Your voice.
7. Riddle: What number is odd, until you take away one letter and it becomes even?
Answer: Seven.
8. Riddle: A railroad crossing has many cars, but can you spell that without any Rs?
Answer: T - H - A - T.
9. Riddle: What has many eyes, but can't see?
Answer: A potato.
10. Riddle: How many sides does a circle have?
Answer: 2, inside and outside



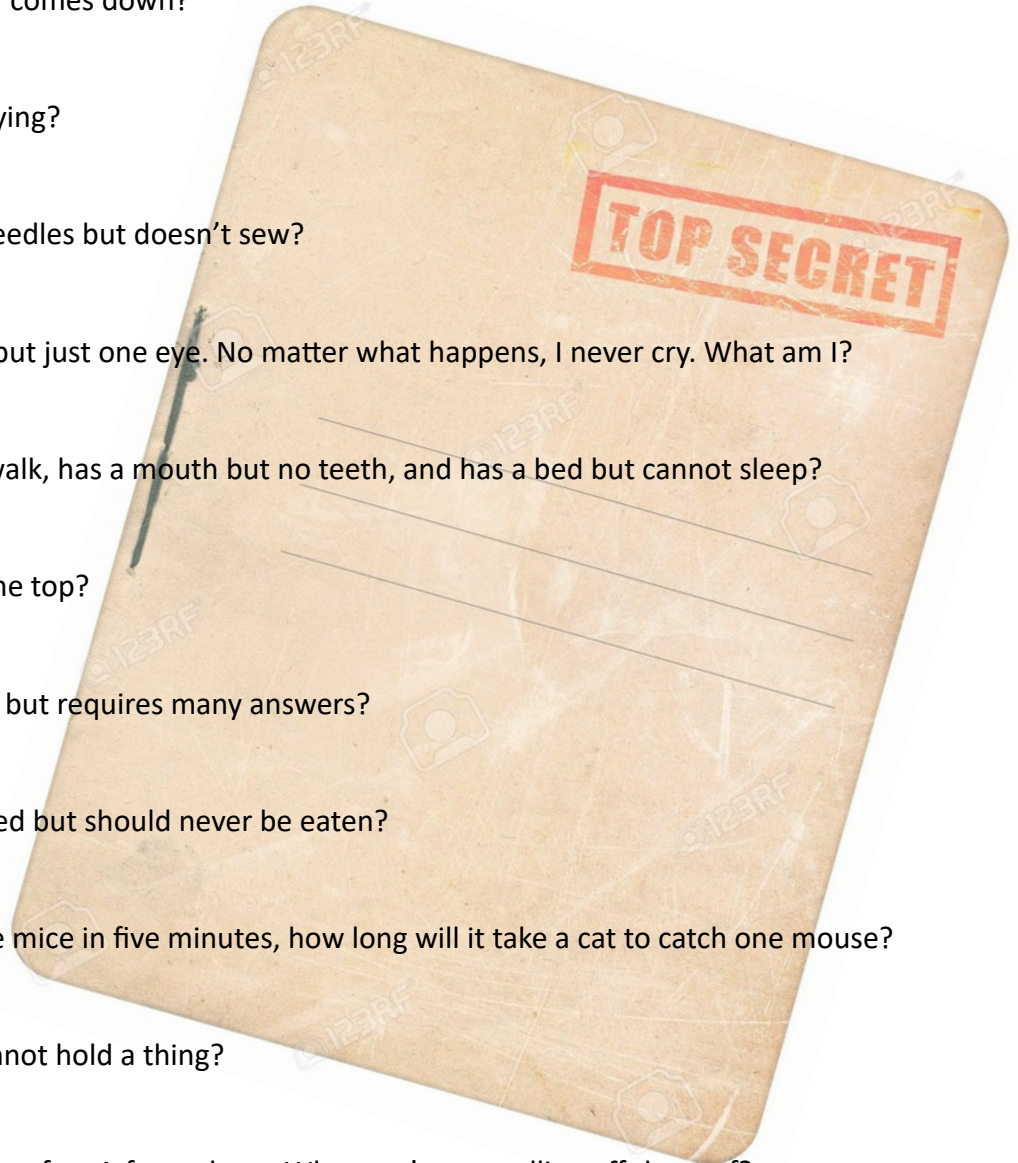


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11. Riddle: What is orange, has a green top, and sounds like a parrot?
Answer: A carrot!
12. Riddle: Imagine that you are in a room without any doors or windows. How would you get out?
Answer: Stop imagining.
13. Riddle: What goes up but never comes down?
Answer: Your age.
14. Riddle: What gets wet while drying?
Answer: A towel.
15. Riddle: What has a thousand needles but doesn't sew?
Answer: A porcupine.
16. Riddle: I've got a slender body but just one eye. No matter what happens, I never cry. What am I?
Answer: A needle.
17. Riddle: What runs but cannot walk, has a mouth but no teeth, and has a bed but cannot sleep?
Answer: A river.
18. Riddle: What has a bottom at the top?
Answer: Your legs.
19. Riddle: What asks no questions but requires many answers?
Answer: A doorbell.
20. Riddle: What is frequently served but should never be eaten?
Answer: A tennis ball.
21. Riddle: If five cats can catch five mice in five minutes, how long will it take a cat to catch one mouse?
Answer: Five minutes.
22. Riddle: What has hands but cannot hold a thing?
Answer: A clock
23. Riddle: A rooster is sitting on top of an A-frame barn. Why aren't eggs rolling off the roof?
Answer: Roosters don't lay eggs.





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24. Riddle: What can you put in your pocket that would leave it empty?

Answer: A hole

25. Riddle: A girl fell off a 20-foot ladder. She wasn't hurt. Why?

Answer: She fell off the bottom step

26. Riddle: What type of car is spelled the same backward and forward?

Answer: Racecar.

27. Riddle: What can travel around the world without leaving its corner?

Answer: A postage stamp.

28. Riddle: I sometimes run but cannot walk. You follow me around. What am I?

Answer: Your nose.

29. Riddle: What do you get when you cross an automobile with a household animal?

Answer: A carpet!

30. Riddle: What has a powerful horn, but doesn't make any noise?

Answer: A rhinoceros.

31. Riddle: I am made of water, but I'm not wet. What am I?

Answer: A cloud.

32. Riddle: I run around town all day and night, but never get tired. What am I?

Answer: A road.

33. Riddle: What is as big as a hippo but weighs nothing at all?

Answer: A hippo's shadow.

34. Riddle: You can hear me, but can't see me, and I won't answer unless spoken to. What am I?

Answer: An echo.

35. Riddle: What three numbers have the same answer when added together and multiplied together?

Answer: 1, 2, and 3.

36. Riddle: You see me once in June, twice in November, but not at all in May. What am I?

Answer: The letter e.





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37. Riddle: What has 88 keys, but cannot open a single door?

Answer: A piano.

38. Riddle: What has to be broken before it can be used?

Answer: An egg.

39. Riddle: I shave several times a day, but my beard stays exactly the same. How?

Answer: I'm a barber!

40. Riddle: What keeps going up and down but never moves?

Answer: A staircase.

41. Riddle: Where can you find cities, towns, shops, and streets but no people?

Answer: A map.

42. Riddle: What month of the year has 28 days?

Answer: All of them!

43. Riddle: What can you keep after giving it to someone?

Answer: Your word.

44. Riddle: Three doctors said that Bill was their brother, but Bill has no brothers. How?

Answer: The doctors were Bill's sisters.

45. Riddle: What can be caught, but not thrown?

Answer: A cold.

46. Riddle: What has lots of teeth, but doesn't bite?

Answer: A comb.

47. Riddle: If there are three apples and you take away two, how many apples do you have?

Answer: Two.

48. Riddle: What kind of band never plays any music?

Answer: A rubber band.

49. Riddle: What has many ears but can't hear a thing?

Answer: A cornfield.

50. Riddle: What has one head, one foot, and four legs? Answer: A bed.





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Feb 7 - Rooms

Notes for Teachers:

- Audition results will be posted tomorrow by 5:00 PM

Song Focus:

- Super Spy Summer Camp
- Bad Guy Song
- Raise a Hallelujah (Sunday Morning April 7)

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

Our first parable that needs investigating is the story of the Good Samaritan. Let's read it straight from the text.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

"And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him (Jesus) to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"



TOP SECRET

Did you know that back in biblical times the Jews did not like the Samaritans because they didn't obey Jewish laws, disobeyed God and would join enemies against the Jews. There was some real beef between the two groups!

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise.""

-Luke 10:25-37



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A lot of times we read this story and think “well of course, that’s what any good person would do!” But you have to remember that we are supposed to see who God is in these stories too. This story is about the infinite love of God and the extraordinary expectations God has for his people.

Jesus made it very clear that the greatest commandment is that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart all our soul and all our mind and that we are *also* to love our neighbor as out self. The first commandment can’t be complete without also obeying the second. If we’re not loving our neighbor, we’re not really loving God. Oof! Did that hit home for anyone like it did for me?

Let’s talk about the people who passed the hurt man in the road. First, we have a priest. Now we think “priest” and we think this guy should love God more than anyone, right? But he was probably more concerned about keeping the priestly laws of being clean than helping a stranger he did not know.

The second man was a Levite. A Levite’s job was to serve the priesthood so he should have known God’s word. And he still chose to ignore the hurting man.

Now we get to the twist of the story. The one who “does the right thing” is a Samaritan. Jesus is so clever and here’s why; He chose a group of people (the Samaritans) that the people in the audience did not like at all and made him the hero of the story! He wanted to make sure he was clear on how we should view the word “neighbor”. The message is we are to love all people regardless of how they look, how old they are, what language they speak, how much money they have, how smart they are, you name it. All means ALL! Each and every person deserves to be loved by us, Christians, because God loves each and every person.

One final thought. The message of the Good Samaritan is all the more powerful when we think about who spoke the parable. Jesus was headed for the cross, the ultimate example of refusing to pass by on the other side and choosing instead to show mercy at great personal cost. Because Jesus chose to come to earth and sacrifice his life for us, we are saved.





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Activity: 4 Corners!

Okay super spies! Can you avoid getting caught and make it to the end of the game safely?

How to Play

- Designate each of the 4 corners in your room as one of the characters from the story of *The Good Samaritan*. (Injured Man, Priest, Levite, Samaritan)
- Pick one person to stand in the center of the room. The player in the middle will close their eyes and count slowly and loudly from 10 to 0.
- While they are counting, all others may stay where they are or quietly move to a different corner. When the counter gets to 0, everyone must be at a corner (if not they must sit down).
- After counting, the player in the middle keeps their eyes closed and calls out one of the characters.
- Anyone standing in that corner must sit down.
- If no one is standing at the chosen corner, all players sitting may stand up and get back into the game.
- When only one player is left standing, s/he becomes the person in the middle for the next round.





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Feb 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

We are in the loft!

Notes for Teachers:

- You have a variety of valentine themed games for you to play before your class makes its way into the Loft.
- Audition results have been posted! Please have your class look at the cast list and rehearsal calendar so they don't miss any of their rehearsals.
- All information can be found on our website
 - PrestonwoodPlanoWorship.org/kids



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Feb 21 - Rooms

Song Focus:

- Small Beginnings
- The Good Samaritan
- Be Made New
- God of Revival (Sunday Morning April 7)

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

We're going to talk about 2 parables in one today and they're both about lost things. Let's go through the evidence.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep



"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." -Luke 15:1-7

The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."-Luke 15:8-10

I think it's important for us to start with one very important question: What does it mean to be lost? Simply put, to be lost is to be separated from God. There are people who have no idea who Jesus is. There are people who learned who Jesus was when they were younger but have since forgotten or chosen not to believe or aren't making choices from a Christian mindset. That is what we mean by lost people. And lost people are usually looking for something to believe in.





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Did you know that sheep are emotionally complex animals with distinct personalities?

Though both stories show how something precious is lost, they are actually about how we as humans are separated from God. Like the shepherd with the sheep, God will not rest until he finds those who are lost. It is a sign of God's spectacular grace that we are invited to think of ourselves as sheep and to think of God as our own shepherd.

When the woman finds her coin, she is overjoyed! The coin was already important and worth a lot to the woman. But when she found the coin, it meant even more to her. She was so happy she told all her friends. Can you imagine what it would be like to tell someone you love about the good news of Jesus? Think of how exciting it will be to know that your best friend here on earth will get to spend eternity with you in heaven. I imagine that you would just be bursting with joy. And that's exactly how God feels when one of us repents of our sin and gives our life over to Christ.

Activity: Find the Lost Sheep!

Hey there detectives! Can you figure out who has the lost sheep and who has the lost coin?

- Have your class sit in a circle with their eyes closed.
- A volunteer secretly picks one person to hide the lamp in their lap and one person to hide the coin.
- Have the class open their eyes.
- The kids can then ask the volunteer "yes" or "no" questions to figure out who has the hidden items.
- Examples:
 - Is the person with the lamb a girl?
 - Does the person have brown hair?
 - Are they wearing a pink shirt?
 - Does their name start with the letter M?



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Feb 28 - Rooms

Song Focus:

- Super Spy Summer Camp
- Bad Guy Song
- Light of The World
- Double Oh Shepherd
- Raise a Hallelujah (Sunday Morning April 7)

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

Last week we talked about lost things. Do you remember what they were? We are going to talk about one more lost thing, a lost son.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

“And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.



“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him



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back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’” -Luke 15:11-32

We think of this parable as “The Prodigal Son” but there are really two lessons to be learned here. We have the one son who decided to leave, made some bad life choices, and then came back home. Then we have another son who never left but was bitter and jealous when his brother came home. What we have to remember above all else, is that this story is really about the father. Both sons made mistakes, neither was perfect. But the father loved them both. Let me make it clear, the father did not love the sin, he loved the sons. God does not like or accept sin of any kind, but he loves us and forgives us when we repent. That is the story that we learn from this parable.

The coin and the sheep didn’t know what they were doing. A coin does not have a brain. The sheep wandered off simply because that’s what sheep do. But the lost son is different. He came to understand what he was doing was wrong and turned back to the father. You know what we Christians like to call that? The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit works in the sinner’s heart to bring about repentance (or being sorry for what we’ve done). That brings confession (or telling God about the mistakes we’ve made). Then we can go to God the father and ask for forgiveness of our sin.

And now to the second son. Remember in the parable of the Good Samaritan how we are supposed to love people the way God loves people? And remember how last week we were talking about rejoicing when someone comes to faith in Christ? Well, that’s where the second son fell short. It doesn’t matter what someone’s past is. We should be celebrating when someone chooses to believe in Jesus Christ and becomes a Christian. We welcome them with open arms the way the father did and join them on their new faith journey.

Activity: Word Search

Put your powers of observation to the test and see how many word you can find in the word search!

TOP SECRET

The story of the Prodigal son is only found in the book of Luke.

Being a pig feeder was the worst job a person of the Jewish faith could have.



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WORD LIST:

ACTING

AGENT

AMP

AWESOME

CAMP

CODE

COIN

DANCE

GOD

GRACE

GROOVY

HEAVEN

IDENTITY

JESUS

JUDGEMENT

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Mar 6

We're in the Loft!

Mar 13

Spring Break! No Kids' Worship this week!



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Mar 20 - Rooms

Song Focus:

- Small Beginnings
- The Good Samaritan
- Be Made New
- Raise a Hallelujah (Sunday Morning April 7)
- God of Revival (Sunday Morning April 7)

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

Everyone, get your magnifying glasses. We've got a very tiny mustard seed to find!

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

"He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

-Matthew 13:31-32

I want you to take a minute and discuss as a class what you think this parable means. What did you all come up with? The meaning if this parable is actually pretty simple. Basically, never underestimate what God can do! As Christians, sometimes we use the phrase, "we're just planting the seeds and letting it grow." What we mean by that is it's our job to tell the world about the good news of Jesus Christ. What happens from then on is the Holy Spirit's job. When we do things like our spring musical or our Christmas show or Adventure Week, we are planting seeds. We're exposing people to the truth about who Christ is.

God can do big things with what the world considers to be small or insignificant. A small act of kindness or a sweet smile can change someone's entire day. And when people ask you why you were so kind, that's your chance to tell them about Jesus. We love because he first loved us.

Little acts of faith can have a HUGE impact! God can take one conversation and use it to make an eternal difference in someone's life. God sees every tiny act of faithfulness.



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A mustard seed starts as a teeny tiny little seed and grows into a GIANT tree!



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The kingdom of God is just like the mustard seed. In earthly terms, it appears quite small, but in eternal terms it is already present and will soon arrive in fullness!

Activity: Watch It Grow!

Detectives, it's time to do a long-term stake out. Observe how your plant (and you) grow over time.

You have some seeds, a cup, soil, and water. Let your kiddos decorate their cup and then plant a seed inside. If they take care of their plant, they'll see it grow. Just like how we grow because God takes care of us.





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Mar 27 - Rooms

Notes for Teachers:

- Next week we meet in the Worship Center at 5:30 PM to prep for Sunday morning Kids' lead worship!
- Next week we will drop off and pick up from the Worship Center so you don't need to come to the 3rd floor. However, you and all your kiddos still need to print badges.

Song Focus (Sunday Morning Worship) Please go over the songs for the musical if time permits.

- Praise
- Raise a Hallelujah
- God of Revival
- Be Made New

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

Alright detectives! Keep your eyes peeled because we're turning out the lights!

The Parable of a Lamp Under a Jar

TOP SECRET

The parable of the lampstand appears in Matthew, Mark AND Luke!

"No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

-Luke 8:16-18

This parable is so simple and so powerful at the same time. If you were in a dark room and turned on a flashlight, would you then hide the light that you just turned on? No! That totally defeats the purpose of turning on the light. If you're turning on a light, it's because you want to get rid of the darkness and see what's around you clearly.

Have you ever left your room a mess and been so tired that you just went to bed without cleaning it up? I know you have. I have too! And then in the middle of the night you have to get up to use the bathroom or get a drink of water. All that junk you left on the floor is just waiting to trip you up. Make you stumble. It makes me anxious just thinking about all the



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things I could trip over as I'm stumbling around in the darkness. When you turn on the lights, you can see all that junk that was hiding in the shadows and it's easy to see a clear path.

When we know the truth about who Jesus is, the lights come on in our life. The more we know about who Jesus is and how he wants us to live, the clearer our paths become. Luke says "for to the one who has, more will be given". When we start to understand the teachings of Jesus, so many things become clear. How we should live and how we should treat others starts to click into place.

But Luke also says, "from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." If we are living by the world's standards, living for ourselves and not making an effort to know Jesus, we are going to trip and fall over all the junk that's just sitting there in the darkness.

Remember, when you shine your light, you're helping others find their way too. Don't keep your light hidden. It will not only help guide you, but it will help guide others. If the whole world shone brightly for Jesus, there would be no dark corners where we could trip and lose our way. Wouldn't that be amazing?

Activity: Flashlight Freeze!

Super Spies, when the pressure (or light) is on, how well do you know your stuff?

Turn out the lights and choose one volunteer (or several) to have flashlights. You can use the one in your room or one on your phone. Have the kids practice this week's songs. Whoever has the light shining on them sings the song until the light moves to the next kid.



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Apr 3

We're in the Worship Center!

Notes for Teachers:

- Kids grades 1 – 6 lead worship **THIS SUNDAY, April 7!!**
- This week we meet in the Worship Center at 5:30 PM to prep for Sunday morning Kids' lead worship!
- We will drop off and pick up from the Worship Center so you'd don't need to come to the 3rd floor. However, you and all your kiddos still need to print badges.
- All details for Sunday morning will be emailed to parents and volunteers. Encourage your families to thoroughly read through their MailChimp email this week so they don't miss anything!



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Apr 10 - Rooms

Notes for Teachers:

- This is the last night in rooms!
- Make sure your kids know what they need to wear for the show!
- Go over the entire show and ask if they have any questions about what they need to be doing at each given moment.
- Review all the songs and motions. Encourage them to SING while they dance!

Song Focus:

- ALL OF 'EM!!!

Today's Not-So-Secret Message:

You have all done great investigative work so far! Now we need to see if you can separate the good guys from the bad guys. Insider tip: the good guys may not always be who you think!



The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

“He (Jesus) also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, (cheaters), or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

-Luke 18:9-14



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Back in the days of Jesus, nobody liked the tax collectors. To be honest, no one likes tax collectors today! People work hard for every penny they earn and they don't like it when someone comes in and takes away their money.

On the other hand, pharisees were seen as spiritual leaders in the community. These were the guys running the church and telling people how to live their best lives. They were supposed to be holding up the laws of God and making sure everyone was being their best in God's eyes. That sounds like a good guy to me, doesn't it?

But here comes the plot twist... The pharisees were so "good" that they started believing that they didn't have anything wrong with them at all. And the tax collectors were so hated that they started to feel like they should change their ways. The good becomes bad and the bad becomes good!

Here's the deal, the pharisee may have been doing everything "right" but he had a problem with his heart. It doesn't matter how good we try to be, none of us are perfect. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. If we start to forget that, then God usually finds a way to remind us. No matter how pretty, smart, athletic, nice, friendly, talented we may be, one thing remains true, we are human, and all humans need the redeeming love of Jesus.

Here's the flip side, as awesome as you may think you are, it's a sin to think less of someone else. That pharisee was no better and no worse than the tax collector. God is after the hearts of ALL people. It doesn't matter how perfect or how unperfect someone is, they are a child of God. They were made in God's image. They are loved unconditionally. And, if they accept Jesus, they're going to heaven.

If you think you're better than anyone you meet, you need to do some serious soul searching. If you think you're less than anyone you meet, there's a savior who's searching for your soul. We are all equal in God's eyes. We should see each other in the same way.

Activity: Show Challenge!

Have your kids go through all the general choir choreography. Pause the song and see if they know the next dance move. If they don't, they're out! But they can save themselves if they know the next lyric to the song.

Quiz them on the order of the show, what groups are in each song, what's happening when they're on stage...

Make sure they are responsible for the part they play in the musical, regardless of what that part may be!

TOP SECRET

It would have been shocking to see a tax collector make his way up to the temple to pray.

How would it make you feel to be denied access to church for not being good enough?



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Wednesday, Apr 17
We're in the Loft

Thursday, Apr 18
Mandatory rehearsals start for all cast parts.

Wednesday, Apr 24
Early start in the Worship Center at 5:00 PM

Thursday, Apr 25
Dress Rehearsal for cast parts (No general choir)

Friday, Apr 26
Spring Musical!

Wednesday, May 1
End of the year watch party!