

The Parables of Jesus Mini-Unit

The Gospel of Mark is high on action and low on parables. We use this unit in the middle of our study of the Gospel of Mark, after chapter 13 and before the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

The resource for this is “Spark Story Bible Parables of Jesus: A Play and Learn Book,” and this YouTube playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0V-IJaYUW4LKL3or_2GQRINya_KJaDN-

When we taught it last time, we set it up as a March Madness bracket. Each week, we learned 4 parables and chose our favorite of two in each category. The results became prayer stations for Lent, and a Large Group Sunday event. You can access this here: <https://familygodtime.wordpress.com/2020/01/30/parable-prayer-stations-large-group-sunday-school-march-2019/>

When teaching, we read the first two pages of the Spark version of the parable, watched the video, and then read it from the Bible. Then, we voted on our favorites.

Parables of Jesus

Parables of Love for the Lost

Lost Sheep and Coin: Luke 15:1-10

--Spark Parables page 22-23

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/tyWZeOlaRo4>

Prodigal Son: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

-- Spark Parables page 26-27

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/V96rkM5Gpn0>

Parables of Life Before God

Sower: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

-- Spark Parables page 44-45

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/V9IOhGPrRvY>

Mustard Seed: Mark 4:30-32

-- Spark Parables page 18-19

--YouTube Video: https://youtu.be/ifKH0-y7O_I

Parables of Life Before God pt. 2

Talents: Matthew 25:14-30

-- Spark Parables page 12-13

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/bbPKhYBaWRg>

Vineyard Workers: Matthew 20:1-16

-- Spark Parables page 54-55

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/pPD7QjpK2DA>

Parables of Exemplary Behavior

Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37

-- Spark Parables page 38-39

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/Dr0Vn5QBMtM>

Pharisee & Tax Collector: Luke 18:9-14

--page 74-75

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/Ufe6zouTq8g>

Parables of Final Judgment

Sheep & Goats: Matthew 25:31-46

-- Spark Parables page 66-67

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/iWSkdx-XwWY>

House on the Rock: Matthew 7:24-28

-- Spark Parables page 6-7

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/is9Rt29v01M>

Allegorical Parables

Wedding Banquet: Matthew 22:1-14

-- Spark Parables page 62-63

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/42PuQjgxOj4>

Wicked Tenants: Matthew 21:33-46

-- Spark Parables page 58-59

--YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/eZGjLXMWfu0>