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LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Story – Chapter 24
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged in Spirit-filled Service.



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WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers and we will happily accommodate you.

In Preparation of Holy Communion

<u>The Lord's Supper</u> is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Cor. 11:17-34

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all Christians who are baptized, who have communed in a Christian church, and who share our understanding that, along with the bread and wine, we receive the very body and blood of our living Lord Jesus—for the strengthening of our faith and witness.

The glasses in the very center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for the use of those receiving communion who are unable to drink alcohol. Communicants may choose to receive the wine in an individual cup, from the Chalice (the Common Cup) or by immersing the wafer in the Chalice (also called intinction). It is very helpful to keep your empty glass visible so Pastor can see if you desire the Common Cup.

Children who do not commune are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Elder of the Month: Alan Oberdeck Ushers: Terry & Margaret Pedersen

Greeters: Connie Piepenbrink & Evelyn Crockett

Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins

Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Tom Mathson

Cindy Helms & Barbara Hardesty wish to invite you for refreshments

after the worship service

Pre-Service Music: This is time to turn our hearts & minds toward God in preparation of worship.

Instrumental Prelude Welcome

Lev Ryabinin

Please Stand

(You are invited to wish those around you God's peace. Please remain standing for the invocation.)

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

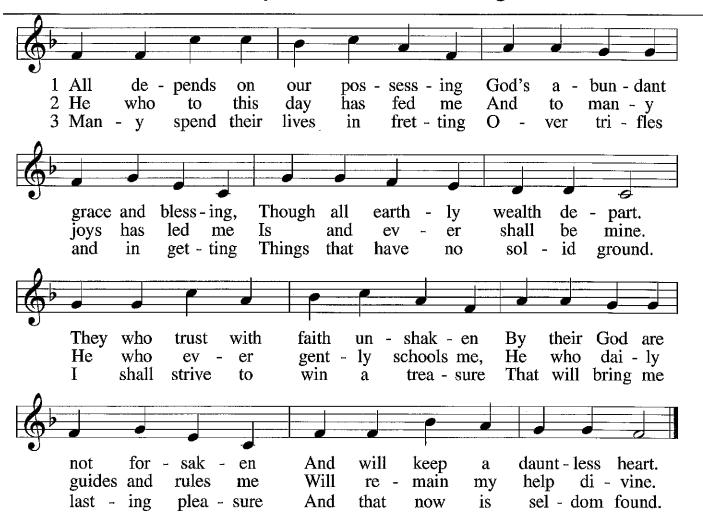
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

All Depends on Our Possessing



6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent

hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 100:1-5 Reader: Davis Mortensen

R: ¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ²Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵For the Lord is good his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

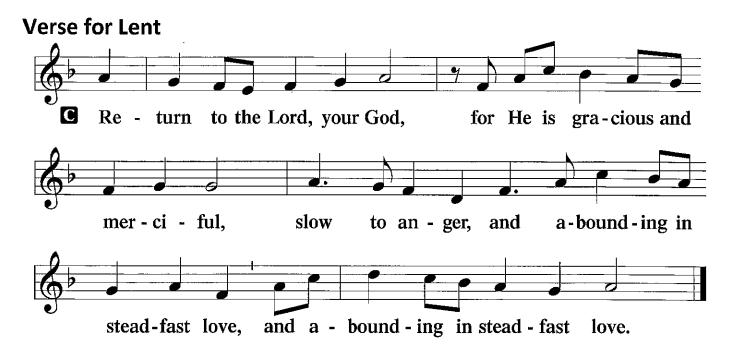
C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Reader: Davis Mortensen

R: Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. 13 In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God



Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

R: The Holy Gospel according to St, Mark, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Reader: Davis Mortensen

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated



The Message

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Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance

with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Offering

To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you.

Instrumental Anthem:

Lev Ryabinin

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

Our Offertory Response

C: We pause in our worship, to rededicate ourselves, our time, talents, and treasure, to the service of Christ our Savior. We remember also our responsibility of friendliness to and concern for our fellow-worshippers, for those who are absent, and for our unchurched friends and neighbors. May the Holy Spirit help us to witness for Christ, in whatever way He directs us during the coming days.

Prayer of the Church

* Prayer Of The Church

(After the pastor ends each petition with, "Lord in Your Mercy, the congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer.")

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

LSB 177

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

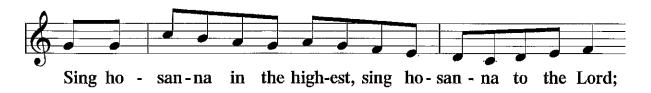
Sanctus

LSB 178





Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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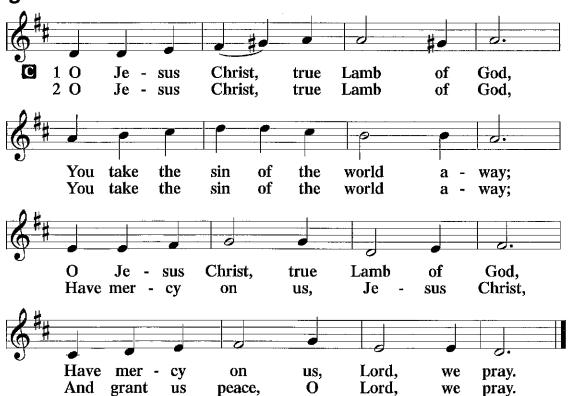
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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

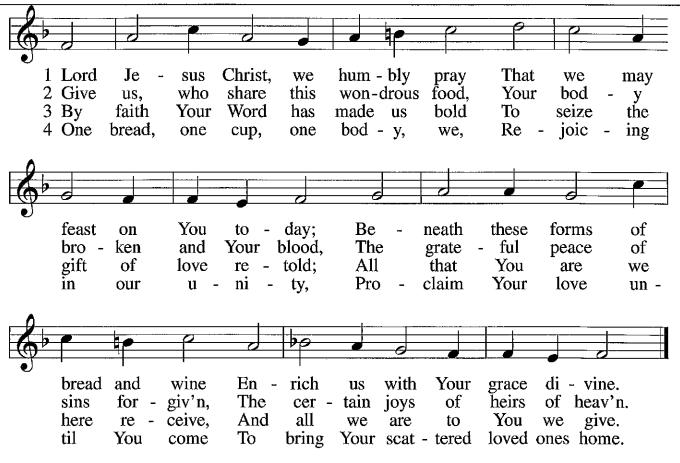


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Distribution

Communion Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 623 in the Lutheran Service Book)

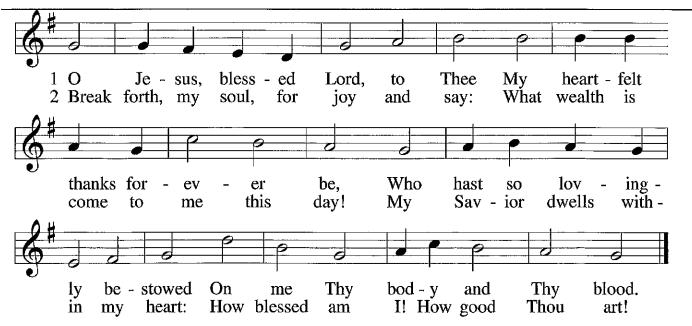
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



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Communion Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 632 in the Lutheran Service Book)

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



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Please Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

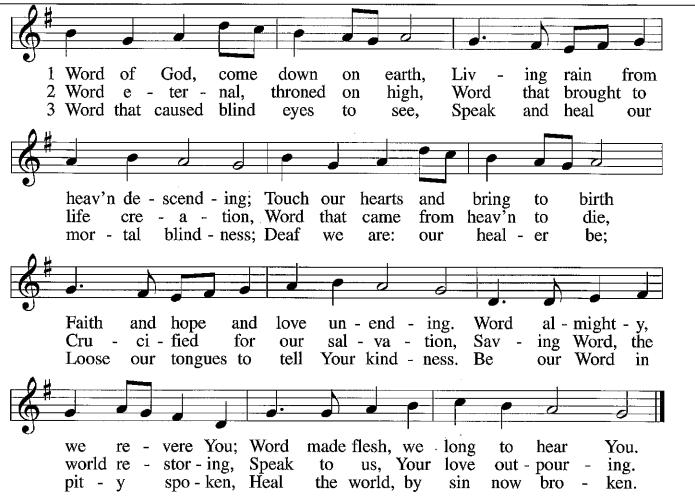
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



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Announcements Birthdays/Anniversaries

The Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Post-service Music

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GOD'S BLESSINGS to all those celebrating birthdays this week:

- Today, March 15th Rev. David Raetz
- Tuesday, March 17th Sandy Mathson
- Saturday, March 21st Linda Andersen & Pastor Steve Hayden

and anniversaries - No anniversaries to report this week Best wishes!



EASTER LILIES: Dedicate or memorialize a loved one through an Easter Lily plant. Sign up on the sanctuary back wall for the number of plants you wish to purchase, and the dedication. Cost of each 6 inch plant is \$7.00. Last day to order is SUNDAY

March 29th. Make checks payable to Lake Oconee Lutheran, with a notation that it is for lilies, and place in offering plate.



OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: ROMANS

St. Paul's letter to the Romans is the first epistle in the New Testament because it is the longest, but it could also occupy that position because of its importance. It has always played an important role in the church because it summarizes so well the

essential emphases of the apostle's theology. Throughout the letter Paul emphasizes that God's mercy comes to undeserving people who stand under the Law. In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God freely gives righteousness through faith alone, not on the basis of their own accomplishments. This unconditional promise is the sole basis of people's relationship with God. Martin Luther wrote, "This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and it is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day...we can never read it or ponder over it too much." Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. as we read the Letter to the Romans.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesda	ay ROMANS Bible class	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Ice Cream Social celebrating Jack Carson's 80 th ECR Bible Study	12:30p.m. 3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Adult Bible Class

9:00 a.m.

Choir Practice

9:00 a.m.

PRE K/K Sunday school

10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL INVITATION: "We invite you to an Ice Cream Social to celebrate Jack Carson's 80th birthday on Saturday, March 21 at the church from 12:30pm to 3:30 pm. Please RSVP to Rosalyn directly at ronjackboat@earthlink.net by Thursday March 19th."

-- Jamie & Jon Carson
-- Tony & Joy Carson



PRE K/K SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sign up on the sanctuary back wall for the Sundays you wish to teach. We need two (2) people per week.

The third LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, March 18th. The Soup Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to sign up on the sanctuary back wall. We need your involvement!





WE NEED YOUR HELP: Lake Oconee Lutheran is in the process of closing on the purchase of the Harmony Association building along Hwy 44. In the past this property has been available as a rental hall to the community, and still has bookings which we will honor following the transfer. In addition the church plans to continue offering it

for rent in the near future, providing income to meet its expenses.

The Church Council has voted to form a committee of volunteers who will oversee the rental of the Harmony Building; serving as contacts for prospective renters, overseeing reservations, etc, but not responsible for cleaning or maintenance. Will you help us by serving on this Harmony rental committee? Please speak with President Tom Mathson, Treasurer Kathie Kueven or Pastor Hayden if you can help. We would ideally like 3-5 members on the committee.

5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, PUTNAM CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:

This tournament will be March 28 at Uncle Remus Golf in Eatonton. LOLC is sponsoring a hole and will have a team to compete in the 4-person scramble. The cost of golf is \$50 per player. If you would like to be part of the LOLC team, please contact Ed Fritch or Susan Larson.



Join us next Sunday during Bible class (9:00 am) and Worship (10:30 am) as we focus on **THE STORY**.

Next week it is Chapter 25 – Jesus, the Son of God.

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH We are Built for a Purpose

Built Through Word and Sacrament –

...believing in and making faithful and frequent use of the Bible, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as the means by which God gives and sustains faith and empowers and strengthens us for Christian living.

Built Through Ongoing Learning -

...providing quality, Bible based instruction to foster greater understanding of God's Word and to better equip members for their discipleship.

Built For Service -

...reaching out to others by word and deed to join in the sharing of God's blessings and grace, which is free to all believers.

Built For Discipleship –

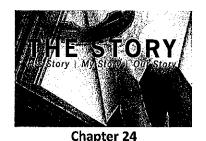
...utilizing fully our time, talents, and resources to serve and love the Lord, furthering our commission of discipleship.

Built For Fellowship –

...caring for and sharing with our church family; fostering greater love, understanding, and concern for the physical and spiritual well-being of all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

The window behind the altar is our EASTER SUNRISE WINDOW.

The cross hanging in front of the window is an empty cross, reminding us that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive now to be with us here and always. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. The symbol on the front of the ALTAR is a combination of two Greek letters: the "chi," which looks like our English "x," and the "rho," which looks like our "p." In the Greek, these letters are the first two of "Christ." Combined as they are, they suggest the cross. Superimposed on the cross is a heart, the reminder that God's love for us is the reason Jesus died on the cross. God's love for us empowers us to share his love with others.



The Story: No Ordinary Man "The Story" Chapter 24; Luke 10:25-37; Mark 4:35-41

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Mark 4:39, 41

Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

- 1. What's the hardest class you had to take in school? What made it so hard for you?
- 2. You might think that Jesus spoke in parables so everyone could understand, but the disciples, as well as the crowds had a hard time understanding his meaning. Why did Jesus say he spoke in parables? (p. 336) Why was this so?
- 3. In one of Jesus' most famous parables, He used agricultural language and imagery to teach powerful spiritual truths (Mark 4:1-20; "The Story," pp. 335- 336). What are the four different kinds of soil in this parable and what do they represent?
- 4. Jesus told three parables about lost things that were found (Luke 15; "The Story," pp. 337-339). What similar threads run through these stories and what do you learn about the love and heart of God from them?
- 5. Review pages 335-336. Based on the parables, what is the Kingdom of God? Look up Mark 1:15. What should be our response to the Kingdom of God?
- 6. The Sermon on the Mount opens with nine statements called "the Beatitudes," from the Latin word for "blessings." How does someone gain these blessed qualities? (Hint: See Rom. 3:21-23)
- 7. Christians believe that Jesus was fully God and fully man. How do you see this in the episode of calming the storm (p. 343)? What encouragement can believers today draw from this story?
- 8. Identify two or three ways the crowds misunderstood Jesus' description of their need for eternal life (pp. 349-351). How is Jesus' message (Jn. 6:29, 35, 47) different from most people's idea of salvation?
- 9. John the Baptist languished in prison until he was finally executed. Faithful believers are persecuted around the world in greater numbers today than ever before. Discuss practical ways that your group could support the persecuted church around the world. (Check out www.persecution.org. This Web site provides accurate details about the persecution of Christians throughout the world.)

Close in prayer.

Family's with kids discussion points

Memory verse: We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. John 6:69

- 1. God doesn't like show-offs. In Jesus' time, some people made a big show about how spiritual they were. They'd go outside and make a huge fuss that they were praying. Jesus told His followers to act differently. He taught them to pray in a quiet place. Where do you like to pray? Do you pray at a certain time of day?
- 2. The Bible says God "knows what you need before you ask Him." How can He know that? Since He already knows, why do you need to pray?
- 3. When Jesus teaches us to pray, He says to forgive others the bad things they do to us, just like God forgives us. Is it hard to forgive others? Who are some people you've forgiven recently? Is there anyone you need to forgive right now?
- 4. One of the coolest things Jesus did was walk on the water. What do you think that would be like?

5. Peter tried to walk on the water, but took his eyes off Jesus and went for a swim instead. What's your favorite part about swimming?

Pray together: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Thank you for His gift of teaching in parables, which we still use and try to understand today. We are grateful for His teaching that still applies to our lives today. Help us to take His teachings out to those in our neighborhoods who may not know of His wondrous love. We pray this all in His strong name.

Amen.

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: John 12:46

Day 1 – Chapter 25 of "The Story"

Day 2 - Matthew 17, Mark 8

Day 3 - Luke 9

Day 4 – John 11

Day 5 - Mark 11-12

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?
Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to rely on?
Is there a command to obey?
Is there a challenge in which to respond?



God Writes His Word on our Lives, Building Us into a Family Engaged in Spirit-filled Service

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