

Week 33

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are wonderful! You are the King over the whole earth and the whole of Heaven. (Psalm 47:2)

See It:

'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the footpath, and the birds came and ate all of the seeds. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It grew up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were burnt, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it made a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' (Matthew 13:3-8)

On It:

Jesus was very clever at telling stories in a way that would make really hard things like Heaven make sense to people. This story tells us about people receiving the Word of God. Jesus gives four possible outcomes to your evangelism. First, there are people who hear, but they don't really believe or accept. The truth they heard is like a seed sitting on top of the soil... a yummy lunch for a passing bird. In other words, it's gone from them soon after they heard it. The second soil is rocky ground. That's when people hear God's truth, want to believe it, but never really pray or read their Bible and so they can't grow. Their faith will die at the first sign of trouble. Third, is the thorny ground and this is when people hear, and accept God's truth, but as soon as satan chucks in one test they give up and the plant dies. The final soil is the best. This is when people hear God's truth, repent, believe, become obedient to God and are well watered and looked after. The lesson, when you plant a seed by talking about God, make sure you pray hard for your friends and teach them what they have to do to be a disciple. Don't just preach and run!

Live It:

A Salvation Army uniform is a sign of covenant community. When people look at us, they know that we have promised to live a certain way. If they don't know it means that, you should tell them!



Do It:

This week we are going to make a YouTube video. Make sure you ask mom if you're are allowed. Even if you are not allowed to post it, you can still design a clip.

In It:

Please help me to have a bigger memory for all of the memory verses.

Eat It:

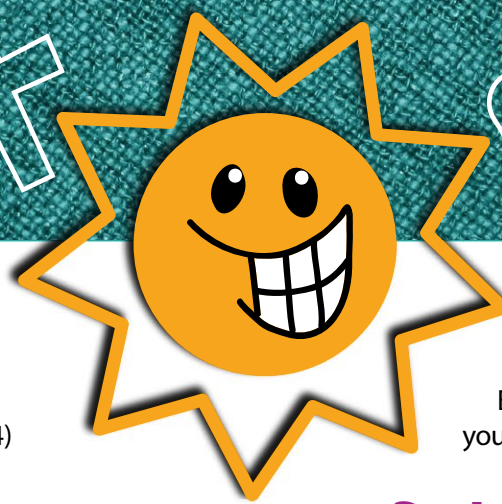
'We believe that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.' (Doctrine 7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 13-15 & John 15

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Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are great, no one is better than You, Yahweh. And because of Your power, I know You will win! (Psalm 45:4)

See It:

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came out and sowed weeds among the wheat. When the wheat started to grow and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling out the weeds, you might also pull up the wheat. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-43)

On It:

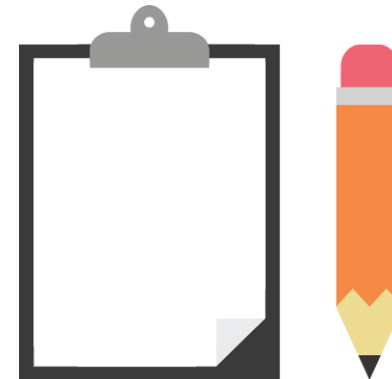
This time, it's not natural forces like birds or thorns that are causing trouble in the harvest. This time the enemy actually comes in and plants weeds in amongst the good plants! But here's where it gets interesting. Instead of pulling the weeds out straight away, the farmer lets the weeds and the wheat grow together so that none of the wheat is damaged. Christians are wheat in this story, and we are living side by side with some bad stuff and with sinners. God could get rid of it now, but God lets us live side by side for a while. When the final harvest time comes when Jesus returns, all unbelievers and evil will head off to hell and the believers will be left as a beautiful harvest of worshipers! The second thing is that while there is evil in the world, we can still fight it, and we should be trying to get as many sinners to follow Jesus as possible. We want a giant party at the harvest time!

Live It:

Every Salvation Army hall in the world has a Mercy Seat. If yours doesn't, you might need to ask the Corps Officer where it is.

Do It:

Think of a message it would be good for people to hear about Jesus. Write down a plan of what you think you need to say and research it well.



In It:

Please help me to hear from you today, God.

Eat It: Doctrine 7

'Repentance toward God.' Repentance means turning around and going in the opposite direction. It means a change of mind and heart, from hating God or disregarding Him, to loving Him and submitting to Him. "Think different".

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 16-17, Psalm 96, & John 16



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You, Yahweh, because You love me and all of Your children. You watch over me and guide me and I know I will be safe with You, forever. (Psalm 37:18)

See It:

'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich fellow also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in pain, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in so much pain in this fire." But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you were given your good things, while Lazarus had only bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" (Luke 16:19-31)

On It:

In Australia (where Genevieve lives), there are a few important signs that we put out, mostly for tourists. One of them is 'No swimming: crocodiles. But, despite this there is always one silly tourist who gets eaten each year. Why? Because they ignore the warnings. It's not the crocodile's fault that his lunch went swimming! This parable reminds me of this. The rich fellow has all the chances to do the right thing in his life. He is an Israelite and knows his responsibilities that come from a faith in God. Yet, he ignores them and finds himself in hell. Lazarus on the other hand has very few distractions that come from being very poor, and because he followed God his reward was an eternity with God.



Some people read this story and think that it is saying that rich people go to hell and poor people go to Heaven. THAT IS NOT WHAT JESUS IS SAYING! You gain entry into Heaven based on whether you repent and believe in your life here on earth. But, from this story I recommend two things. One, live simply and you won't take our eyes off Jesus quite so easily. Two, Jesus cares about what we do in our life, so let's stop being so selfish and start looking after those who don't have as much as we do.

Live It:

The Mercy Seat is a meeting place set up by God. You can use it any time you like!

Do It:

Try to think of a creative way to present it. Will you need others to help you (if it is a drama)? Will you need sound effects?

In It:

Please help me to understand the Bible.

Eat It: Doctrine 7

'Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.' When it comes to Jesus, faith is spelled 'O - B - E - Y!' If you love Jesus, you obey His commandments. Memorize the doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 18-2-, Psalm 93, & John 17

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Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to tell You I love You and shout it as loud as I can! I am going to tell everyone how amazing You are!
(Psalm 26:7)

See It:

'People don't light a candle and then hide it in a jar or put it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand. Then those who come in can see its light. What is hidden will be seen. And what is out of sight will be brought into the open and made known. So be careful to listen. If you have something, you will be given more. If you have nothing, even what you think you have will be taken away from you.' (Luke 8:16-18)

On It:

When I am driving in my car and I approach a traffic light, I am frustrated when it turns to red and I must stop. I much prefer to sail through on the green and keep heading to my destination. I don't like red lights. But imagine if the lights were covered over and we didn't know when it was red and when it was green! Well that would be even worse. The traffic would be everywhere, and we would all be lost and confused. Lights help us out and give us direction. Jesus is reminding us, that when we believe in God, we have a light in us that people can see and that guide people toward Jesus. Awesome... that makes leading others to Christ a lot easier. But if we hide our light, people will be lost! They will have no idea where Jesus is. Why would you do that!? How do we hide our light? Usually it's when we live a life that looks nothing like Jesus' life. So, don't hide your light. Instead, let Jesus shine through your life. Oh, and the other thing that's good to remember is that Jesus' light is like an X-ray over our life. So, don't try to hide any sin from others, because the light will always reveal it in the end. Repent early and save yourself and others some hard times.

Live It:

Millions of people in Salvation Army Halls all around the world have come to use the mercy seat. They come to confess, to acknowledge their need, and to grab hold of God's promise of new life in Christ!

Do It:

Write out exactly what you are going to say and then practise it.

In It:

Please help me to have the courage to talk about You today with my friends.

Eat It: Doctrine 7

'Regeneration by the Holy Spirit.' Holy Spirit regenerates the person being saved. That means rebirth. That's why Jesus said, 'you must be born again.' And Holy Spirit regenerates once you repent and believe.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 24, Jeremiah 22, Psalm 112, & John 18

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Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You. Help me to stay close to You. I know that You will keep me safe and protected. I love You!
(Psalm 73:28)

See It:

'Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one that was worth a lot, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.' (Matthew 13:45-46)

On It:

There are times when children who come to my Corps say to me that they want to come home and live with me. I laugh and say they would miss their moms and want to go home after the first hour! They say 'no', but deep down inside, I know they know I am right. You see, we get used to having our moms around. We love them, of course, but we are so familiar with them, we think we can do without them. It is the same, sometimes, with our relationship with God. But here we have a great story of how valuable heaven is to us. We often don't realize how amazing it is to be forgiven by God and invited to spend eternity with Him because we are just so used to it. We think we can do without it or forget to be thankful. But here is a guy who sells everything he has in life, just so he can own something that he knows is precious to him. Will you do the same? Will you give up your whole life so that you can have God in your life and be in heaven with Him? I hope so, because heaven is that precious; it is worth it. So, what does it mean to give up your life? It means to live the life Jesus lived: pray for others, invite them to follow Jesus, give up your money and things you love so that you can make the lives of others better. Can you do it?

Live It:

'God will save us if He can; He will judge us if He must.'
(General Albert Orsborn)

Do It:

Collect the props and costumes you will need and make any posters you might use.



In It:

Please give me the things that I will need today to do Your mission.

Eat It:

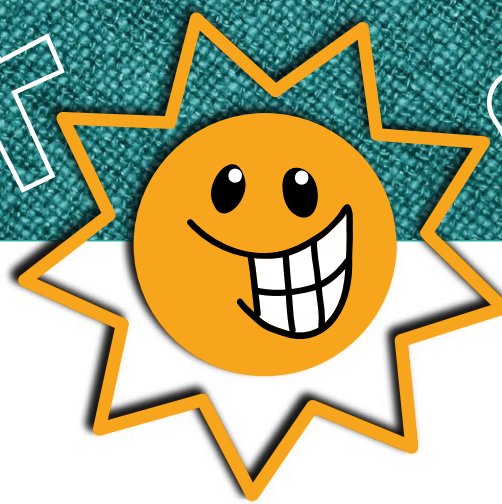
'God the Father... Jesus Christ... Holy Spirit.' Did you notice that the three persons in the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – are all involved in your salvation? Hallelujah!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 23-25, & John 19

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Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank You, Yahweh, for helping me to follow You.
I know that when I am obedient to You I will be blessed
by You and the gifts You give me. (Psalm 37:29)*

See It:

'A fellow was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They took all of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But as a Samaritan went walking by, he saw the fellow and he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

On It:

Here Jesus tells a story about an injured Israelite. Two people, religious people walk past without even stopping to help him! But the third person, a Samaritan... a gentile... stops to help him. So, what's the lesson? People on earth have been created by God and are therefore included in our family. Jesus was giving the Israelites permission to start hanging out with gentiles and to start introducing them to God! The Jews have a whole bunch of rules to keep them holy. One of them was that they couldn't touch blood, so when the Israelites pass their brother in the street, they weren't being mean, they were being holy. Jesus was introducing a new way of doing things. Holiness is obeying the commands of Jesus, and the command is to help your neighbours who may be in trouble regardless of who they are or how they look.



Live It:

This is a cool quote! 'If you go to hell, it will be over the mangled body of Jesus.' (Florence Booth)

Do It:

Ask somebody to help you record the clip. You may need to practise it a few times before it is exactly how you want it.

In It:

Please help me to see what You're doing today.

Eat It:

'Necessary to salvation.' This is important because there is no other way to be saved. It doesn't matter if you help old ladies across the street or volunteer at The Salvation Army. The only way you can be saved is described in this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 26, 35-36, & John 20

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Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

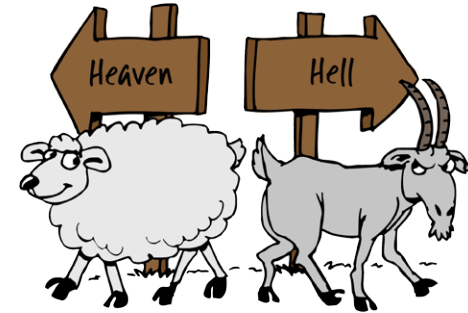
I love that You love justice and I want to praise You because You are a God who cares about all of your children. You will always protect those who need Your help the most. (Psalm 37:28)

See It:

'Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for someone overlooked or ignored, you did for Me.'" (Matthew 25:37-40)

On It:

This is an awesome and scary story, and yet another parable that confuses people a lot! Jesus pretends that we are all sheep or goats. The sheep are people who served people in real need, like hungry people or people who need shelter. The goats are people who did not. The sheep get to go with Jesus into Heaven and the goats do not. So, what is the lesson for us? Does it mean that people who do good things for others will go to Heaven, but people who ignore poor people will go to hell? No, what He is saying is that when you have a real relationship with Jesus, and when the Holy Spirit is flowing through you, the fruit of the Spirit will come out of you and you won't be able to stop yourself from doing things for Jesus. When you are a Christian, you just want to help all of God's children. We give our selfish wants up and take on all that Jesus wants for His sheep. If someone loves to sacrifice and help others, chances are they are doing it because of their love for Jesus. So, the right order is love Jesus and then, out of that love, help others.



Live It:

Commissioner Wesley Harris reminded us, 'The Salvation Army exists for the benefit of those who don't belong.'

Do It:

Post your YouTube video onto the internet. Make sure you call it "God and Toast – Junior Soldier Videos" so we can see the whole collection from kids reading this book. If you would like one example, check out [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (and search 'Salvation Army doctrines by a six year old').

In It:

Please help me to worship You in the way You deserve.

Eat It:

'We believe that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.' (Doctrine 7) Memorize it. Tell five friends. And then give them an opportunity to repent, believe and get saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 45-47, Psalm 105, & John 21