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29. Okuzaalibwa kwa Yesu

Matayo 1:18-25

Kuti okuzaalibwa kwa Yesu bwekwabawo. Maama we Malyamu yalinga alindirira kufumbirwa Yusufu, aye baali bakaali kwegaita, kyazuulibwa nga yalimu omwana okubita mu Mwoyo Omutukuvu. Kubanga Yusufu iba yali muntu mutuukirivu, era kuba tiyayenda kumuswaliza mu bantu, yali asazewo okumuleka kisirikirize.

Aye oluvainuma olw'okufumitiriza okukikola, Malayika wa Mukama yamubonekera mu kirooto yaamukoba nti, "Yusufu omwana wa Dawudi, t'oty'a kutwaala Malyamu okuba mukazi wo, kubanga kyalinda kiva eri Omwoyo Omutukuvu. Alizaala omwana omulenzi era olimutuuma eliina Yesu, kubanga alilokola abantu be okuva mubibi byaibwe."

Bino byona byona byaliwo okutuukiriza Mukama byeyayogera nga abita mu Nabbi nti: "Omuwala emberera aliba enda, yaazaala omwana omulenzi, era alituumibwa eliina Manueri." - ekitegeeza nti, "Katonda ali niife."

Yusufu bweyazuuka, yakola nga Malayika wa Mukama bweyamulagira, yaatwaala Malyamu eka okuba mukazi we. Aye tiy'egaita naye okutuusa bweyazaala omwana. Era yaamutuuma eliina Yesu.

Study Questions: Okuzaalibwa kwa Yesu

Matayo 1:18-25

Introduction:

The birth of Jesus Christ took place in Israel after the events in the Old Testament, followed by 400 years of silence from God. During Old Testament times, God had said through his prophets that He would send the Messiah. Now the time of waiting for Him was coming to an end. This “promised one” of Israel was Jesus Christ, son of God and son of man. The name Jesus was chosen by God because it means Savior, and God had sent Him to be the Savior of the whole world.

Goals:

Knowledge – To learn that Jesus is both God and Man. To understand that God had a plan from the beginning of time that He is constantly fulfilling. To understand the power of the Holy Spirit. To realize that God is faithful.

Attitude – To trust in the Lord God. To be confident, not fearful. To be submissive to the Lord.

Actions – To do what the Lord commands. To obey the Lord, even when it does not make sense to do what He asks us to do.

Memory Verses:

Hebrews 1:1-2 “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-6; Luke 2:1-20; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:1-3

Questions about the Story:

1. How did Mary become pregnant when she was a virgin? (Matthew 1:18, 23. By the power of the Holy Spirit.)
2. Since Jesus was born of Mary through the Holy Spirit, what does that make Him? (Matthew 1:21, 23. Son of Man and Son of God.)
3. How is Joseph’s character described? (Matthew 1:19. Joseph was a righteous man.)
4. How did Joseph respond when he found out that Mary was pregnant? (Matthew 1:19-20. He considered his options on

- how to proceed, and decided that he would divorce her quietly, so that she would not be publicly disgraced.)
5. Who appeared to Joseph and how did he appear? (Matthew 1:20. An angel of the Lord appeared in a dream.)
 6. What did the angel tell Joseph? (Matthew 1:20-21. The angel said, “Do not be afraid.”; “Take Mary home as your wife”; “The child that has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit”; “The child in her is a son, and you are to name him Jesus.”)
 7. What was declared as Jesus’ purpose? (Matthew 1:21. Jesus was sent to save His people from their sins.)
 8. How do we know that the birth of Jesus fit God’s plan? (Matthew 1:22. All of it took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.)
 9. What other name was Jesus to be called and what does it mean? (Matthew 1:23. He was to be called Immanuel, which means, “God with us.”)
 10. What did Joseph do when he woke up? (Matthew 1:24. He did what the angel had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.)
 11. What was Joseph’s relationship to Mary before Jesus was born? (Matthew 1:24-25. He took her home as his wife, but had no union with her until after Jesus was born.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Are we looking for the Holy Spirit to do miraculous things in our lives, like he did in Mary’s life? (Matthew 1:18, 23)
2. What difference does it make that Jesus was both God and Man? (Matthew 1:21, 23) [He is able to relate to us, being a fellow man, and at the same time He is sovereign and serves as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.]
3. What does a righteous life look like? (Matthew 1:19)
4. How do you make decisions in life? (Matthew 1:20)
5. How does the Lord speak to you? (Matthew 1:20) [The Lord speaks to us by His Word, through times of listening in prayer, etc.]
6. Why don’t we need to be afraid of things that happen in our life? (Matthew 1:20) [We don’t need to be afraid because God is with us.]
7. What does Jesus save you from? How? (Matthew 1:21) [Jesus saves us from our sin. He is the perfect and holy sacrifice that pays our debt to God for our sin.]

8. What was known about Jesus before He was even born? What is His purpose? (Matthew 1:21) [It was prophesied that Jesus would save His people from their sins.]
9. Discuss the meaning of Jesus' three names (Jesus, Christ, Emmanuel). [The name Jesus means Savior, one who would save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21). Christ means Anointed One, Messiah. Immanuel means God is with us (Matthew 1:23).]
10. Why can we find comfort in God's faithfulness? (Matthew 1:22) [He always does what He says He will do.]
11. What important things does the name Immanuel teach us about God? (Matthew 1:23) [It tells us that God is personal and that He desires to be with us.]
12. How did Joseph respond when the Lord gave him instructions? (Matthew 1:24-25) [Joseph showed wholehearted obedience by doing exactly what the Lord had commanded him to do.]

30. Okubatizibwa kwa Yesu n'okukemebwakwe Matayo 3:1-4:11

Mu nnaku edho Yokaana omubatiza yaidha nga bwabulira mwirungu ery'e Buyudaaya nga bwakoba nti, "Mweenenie kubanga obwakabaka bwomwigulu bunaatera okutuuka." Kubanga ono, nnabbi Isaaya gwe yayogeraku nga akoba nti, "Eiroboози lyoyo ayogerera waigulu mwirungu nti, 'Mulongoose oluguudo lwa Mukama, mutereze enjira dhe.'"

Engoye Yokaana dhe yayambalanga dhaali dhikolebwa okuva mu byooya byengamiya, nga era yesiba omusipi ogwoluwo mu kiwato, era n'emmere ye gye yalyanga yali nzige n'omubisis gwendhuki edhomunsiko. Abantu okuva eYerusalemi n'e Buyudaaya wonawona n'ekitundu kya Yorudaani kyonakyoona baaja yali. Nga eno bwe b'ogera mu lwatu ebibi byaibwe Yokaana yaabatiziza mumwiga Yoludaani.

Aye bwe yabona Abafalisaayo abangi n'Abasaddukayo abangi nga balikwidha we yali alikubatizira yaabakoba nti, "Imwe abaana b'emisota ani eyabalabula okulumuka obusungu obuja okwidha. Muleete ebibala eby'etagisa mu kwenenia. Era mutalowooza nti musobola okukoba mu mitima gyaimwe nti, 'Tuli ni Ibulayimu nga dhadhawaffe.' Mbakoba nti okuva mu mabaale gano Katonda asobola okukulizaamu abaana ba Ibrahimu. Empasa emaze okwisibwa era eri ku mirandira gya buli muti era buli muti ogutakuza kibala kirungi gwidhakusalibwa gugwe wansi male gusulibwe mumuliro.

"Nze mbabatiza n'amadhi lwa kenenia. Aye oluvainuma lwange eidhakwidha oyo ansinga amaanhi gwe ntsanira n'akugema kungaitodhe. Aidha kubatiza na mwoyo mutukuvu n'omuliro. olugali lwe luli mu mikono gye aye alilongoosa inho enjira ye, alikunganiiza engaano mwigwanika aye ebiwutu alibyookya n'omuliro ogutazikira."

Awooni Yesu yaava e Galiraaya yaajaa e Yoludaani eri Yokaana amubatize. Aye Yokaana yagezaaku okumulobera nga amukoba nti, "Nze nenda iwe niwe ombatize aye ate kabiri oidye yendi?" Yesu yaamwiramu yaamukoba nti, "Kaakibe kityo mpegaano. Kiba kituufu iffe okukola kino okutukirizza obutukuvu bwonabwona." Awooni Yokaana yaikiriza.

Yesu nga yaakamala okubatizibwa amangu ago yava mu maadhi. Mu kiseera ekyo eigulu lyaigulibwawo era yaabona omwoyo gwa katonda nga aika, nga enjiibwa, nga aidha Yesu we yali. Era eiroboози okuva

mwigulu lyaakoba nti, "Oyo n'omwaana wange gwennenda einho era gwensanhukire einho."

Awooni Yesu yaatwalibwa mwirungi okukemebwa Sitani. Bwe yamala okusiiba ennaku amakumi anaa omusana n'obwire yaatandiika okuwulira endhala. Eyali ayenda okumukema yaidha yaamukoba nti, "Oba oli mwana wakatonda koba amabale gano gaffuke emmere."

Yesu yairamu yaakoba nti, "Kyawandikibwa nti omuntu taba mulamu lwa mmere kyonka aye aba mulamu lwabuli kigambo kiva mu kanwa ka Katonda."

Awooni Sitani yaamutwaala mu kibuga ekitukuvu yaamuta mu kifo kyakasolya ekisinga kuba nga n'ekiri waigulu eiho okusinga byonabyona ku yeekaalu, yaamala yaamukoba nti, "Oba oli mwana wa Katonda tuuma ogwe wansi kubanga kyawandikibwa nti, 'Alilagira bamalaikabe kwebyo ebikuffaku era balikugemerera mu mikono gyaibwe olobe kwekontola kigerekyo kwibaale.'"

Yesu yairamu yaakoba nti, "Era kyawandikibwa nti: 'Tokemanga Mukama Katondawo.'"

Ate era Sitani yaamutwaala waigulu ku lusozi oluwanvu einho yaamulaga obwa kabaka bwonabwona obuli muni n'ebitiibwa byabwo yaamukoba nti, "Bino byonabyona ndhakubikuwa singa onaavunama waansinza!"

Yesu yaairamu yaakoba nti, "Vaawano jaa, Sitani, kubanga kyawandikiibwa nti. 'Osinzanga Mukama Katonda wo yenka era waamuwerezanga.'" Awooni Sitani yaamuleka yaaja era bamalaika baidha baamuwerezanga.

Study Questions: Okubatizibwa kwa Yesu n’okukemebwakwe Matayo 3:1-4:11

Introduction:

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to a baptism of repentance. He pointed to a Greater One who was to come: Jesus Christ, who would save the people from their sins. In order to save us from our sin, Jesus had to be the perfect sacrifice, which meant a complete fulfillment of the law. Jesus began His ministry by going to John to be baptized. In His baptism, the Trinity is present (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as a way of displaying the authority of God. After His baptism, the Spirit of God led Jesus to the desert to be tempted by the devil. God had this happen so that Jesus could be tempted in every way, just as we are, yet be without sin. In this way, Jesus is able to serve as our Great High Priest who fully understands our weakness and can represent us.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand the grace of God given through baptism. To understand Jesus’ place in the Trinity. To know that God has a purpose for our trials. To know how to respond to temptation.

Attitude – To make baptism and God’s Word high priorities in our lives. To recognize the power God has to defeat Satan in our lives.

Actions – To preach repentance and salvation to everyone. To freely offer the means of grace that is available through baptism and the Word of God. To be equipped with the Scriptures to fight Satan’s attacks by using the Scriptures.

Memory Verses:

Acts 2:38-39 “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Hebrew 4:14-16 “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith few profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Isaiah 40:28-31; Mark 16:16; John 10:10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 4: 14-16; James 1:2; 1 Peter 3:21; 5:8-9; 1 John 2:1-2, 15-17

Questions about the Story:

1. What was the message that John the Baptist was preaching? (Matthew 3:2. “Repent, the kingdom of heaven is near.”)
2. Who prophesied about John the Baptist? (Matthew 3:3. The prophet Isaiah foretold John the Baptist’s ministry.)
3. Where were the people coming from? (Matthew 3:5. People were coming from Jerusalem, Judea, and the whole region of the Jordan.)
4. Why were the people seeking John the Baptist? (Matthew 3:6. People came to confess their sins and be baptized.)
5. What was John’s warning to the Pharisees and Sadducees? (Matthew 3:8. He warned them that they needed to produce fruit in keeping with repentance.)
6. What will happen to the tree that does not produce good fruit? (Matthew 3:10. It will be cut down and thrown into the fire.)
7. Who is the one to come after John? (Matthew 3:11-14. The One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire [Jesus].)
8. Why did Jesus go to the Jordan River? (Matthew 3:13. Jesus went to be baptized by John.)
9. What was John’s response to Jesus’ desire to be baptized? Why? (Matthew 3:14-15. John felt unworthy to baptize the Messiah, but he finally agreed to do it when Jesus told him it was the right thing to do.)
10. What happened after the baptism of Jesus? (Matthew 3:16-17. Heaven opened up, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice from heaven [the Father] spoke saying “This is my Son, whom I love, with Him I am well-pleased.” Here, we see all three members of the Trinity participating [Father, Son and Holy Spirit].)
11. Who led Jesus into the desert? (Matthew 4:1. The Spirit of God.)
12. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the desert? (Matthew 4:1. To be tempted by the devil.)
13. What was Jesus doing while in the desert for 40 days and nights? (Matthew 4:2. Jesus was fasting.)
14. How did Satan first tempt Jesus in the wilderness? (Matthew 4:3. Satan used the “Temptation of the Body,” since Jesus was

very hungry. He said: “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”)

15. What was the second temptation of Christ? (Matthew 4:6. Satan used the “Temptation of the Mind” when he suggested that Jesus throw Himself down from the temple. He suggested that this would prove that He was the Son of God, because angels would protect Him from hitting the ground (See also Psalm 91:11-12).
16. What is significant about Satan’s second temptation? (Matthew 4:6. The devil tried to tempt Jesus by using the Word of God.)
17. What was the third temptation Satan put before Jesus? (Matthew 4:8-9. Satan used the “Temptation of the Eyes,” as he showed Jesus all the kingdoms and their splendor. He offered them to Jesus if Jesus would bow down and worship him.)
18. How did Jesus respond to all three temptations? (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10. Jesus responded only with the Word of God: “It is written...”)
19. What was Jesus’ firm command to Satan after the final temptation? (Matthew 4:10. Jesus said, “Away from Me, Satan!”)
20. What happened after the devil left Jesus? (Matthew 4:11. Angels came and attended Him.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean for us to repent? [Repentance means for us to turn away from our sin, going in the opposite direction, and by doing this, turning to Jesus.]
2. What kind of a man was John? (Matthew 3:2-4) [John was a simple man in the wilderness, with a simple message of repentance in order to prepare the way for the Lord.]
3. How can we be like John, preparing the way for the Lord? [We can tell others about Jesus, preach the Word of God, and call on others to repent of their sins.]
4. What were the Pharisees trusting in for their salvation? (Matthew 3:9) [The Pharisees were trusting in Abraham as their ancestor. They were trusting in the relationship that God had with Abraham instead of the relationship that they needed to have with God.]
5. What kind of attitude should we have about seeking the things of God? [We should eagerly seek Him and desire to follow Him with our whole heart.]

6. What things could God be warning you about in your life?
7. What should our lives look like if we have repented of our sins? (Matthew 3:8-9) [We should be producing good spiritual fruit.]
8. What is the consequence for not producing good fruit in your life? What kind of fruit are you producing? (Matthew 3:10)
9. What are some of the effects of baptism? (Matthew 3:16-17) [The Holy Spirit is present and God lovingly looks upon us as His sons.]
10. What did Jesus do to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? [He was baptized.]
11. Where do we see the Trinity in the story? (Matthew 3:16-17) ["As soon as Jesus was baptized; he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Jesus is seen as the Son of God. The voice from heaven shows God the Father. The Spirit of God is present in the form of a dove, descending upon Jesus.]
12. Are you being led by the Spirit or by the flesh?
13. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to be tempted? (Matthew 4:1) [Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin, so that he could serve to be the perfect and spotless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15)]
14. What "wilderness" are you facing?
15. Are you feeding your spirit on the Word of God?
16. How did the Devil try to cause Jesus to sin? (1 John 2:15-17) [Satan tried to get Jesus to sin by tempting him with the lust of the flesh (hunger), the lust of the eyes (wealth of the world), and the pride of life (throw yourself down).]
17. What ways are you tempted in by the desires of your body, mind and eyes?
18. How do you respond to your temptations? How should we resist temptation? (1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
19. What/Whom do you worship or adore? (Matthew 4:10) [The Lord God and Him only.]
20. What do we learn about God's nature by the angels attending Jesus after His temptation? (Matthew 4:11) [He will never leave us nor forsake us.]

31. Omusaada eyaliku daimoni

Makko 5:1-20

Baasomoka enanda baaja mu kyalo eky'e Gerasene. Yesu bweyava mu lyato, omusaada eyaliku omuzimu omubi yaida nga ava mu kifo ekyamalalo, okwagaana Yesu. Omusaada ono yabanga mu kifo ekyamalalo, era waali tiwakaali yali asobola okumusiba waire n'endegere. Kubanga oluberera yalinga asibibwa emikono n'ebigere ku ndegere, aye yakutulanga endegere n'ebyumama ebyalinga ku bigere bye. Tiwaali yamuyinzanga. Emisana n'obwire yabanga mu kifo ekyamalalo ni mu bisozi nga aleekaana era y'esalanga amabaale.

Bweyalengera yesu nga akaali wala, yaamulumuukirira yaagwa ku mavu ge mu maiso ga Yesu. Yaaleekaanira waigulu n'amaani ge goona goona nti, "Onendezaki, Yesu, Omwana wa Katonda ali waigulu eino? Laira mu liina lya Katonda nti t'ontulugunie!" Kubanga Yesu yamukoba nti, "Va ku musaada ono, iwe omuzimu omubi!"

Olwo Yesu yaamubuuza nti, "Niw'ani?"

Yairamu nti, "Ninze namungi, kubanga tuli bangi." Era y'egayirira yesu emirundi n'emirundi aleme kubagoba mu kifo ekyo.

Waalimo ekisibo eky'embiidi nga kinene ekyali kirya ku mbali ku lusozi okumpi awo. Badaimoni b'egayirira Yesu nti, "Tusindike mu mbiidi; tuikirize tidiingiremu." Yaabawa olukusa, emizimu emibi gyamuvaku gyaja mu mbiidi. Ekisibo ekyalimu embiidi nga enkumi ibiri, daalumuka okuserengeta olusozi daagwa mu nanda yedaafiira.

Abo abaali balunda embiidi dino baalumuka baaja mu kibuga ni mu byalo nga bakitegeza abantu, era abantu baaja okwelolera ekyaliwo. Bwebaida eri Yesu, baabona omusaada eyalingaku namungi w'emizimu nga atyanye awo, nga avaire bulungi era nga ali mu kutegeera kwe; era baatya. Abo abaakibona baakobera abantu akyatuuka ku musaada eyalingaku badaimoni era bainonola n'ebyatuka niku mbiidi. Awo abantu b'egayirira Yesu okubaviira mu kitundu kyaibwe.

Yesu bweyali nga anjira mu lyato, omusaada eyalingaku badaimoni y'egayirira yesu okuja naye. Yesu tiyamuikiriza aye yamukoba nti, "Ja ewaimwe eri abamakago obakobere ebingi Mukama by'akukoleire, era nga bwakugemirwa ekisa. Kale omusaada yaaja era yaatandika okutegeza mu Dekapolisi nga Yesu bweyamukolera ebingi. Era abantu boona boona baawunikirira.

Study Questions: Omusaada eyaliku daimoni

Makko 5:1-20

Introduction:

After Jesus had finished teaching the people, He decided to cross the Sea of Galilee with His disciples. While they were on the sea, a huge storm nearly sank their boat. Jesus calmed the wind and the waves with his words, and His disciples came face to face with the reality that their rabbi was actually the Son of God. As they landed on the other side of the sea, they met a new challenge: a man who was demon-possessed.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus has power over evil spirits. To realize that Jesus has compassion for all men, even those who are ‘against Him’. To acknowledge Jesus as the Most High God and Lord of our lives.

Attitude – To have compassion for all men, desiring to see all of them saved. To not fear evil spirits or the things of this world, but instead to be confident that the power of God for us is greater than the power of those who are against us.

Actions – To confront evil in the name of Jesus. To present the life changing power of Jesus Christ to others. To submit to Jesus as Lord of our lives.

Memory Verse:

Acts 3:16 “By faith in the name of Jesus, this man who you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Luke 10:17-20; Acts 3:11-16; 19:13-17; James 2:19

Questions about the Story:

1. When Jesus got out of the boat in the region of the Gerasenes, who came to meet Him? (Mark 5:2. A man with an evil spirit.)
2. What was unusual about this man? (Mark 5:3-5. He lived in the tombs; he could not be tied up, not even with chains, he would cry out day and night and cut himself.)
3. What was this man’s reaction to Jesus? (Mark 5:6-7, 10. He ran to Jesus, knelt down, and shouted his request for mercy. This was the demons crying out.)

4. Who did he recognize Jesus as? (Mark 5:7. The demon possessed man knew that Jesus was the Son of the Most High God.)
5. What did the demons ask of Jesus? (Mark 5:7, 10, 12. They begged not to be tortured and requested that they be cast into the herd of 2,000 pigs that was grazing nearby.)
6. What was the man like after Jesus had cast out the spirits? (Mark 5:15. He was sitting quietly with Jesus, dressed and in his right mind.)
7. How did the Gerasene people react to the healing of the demon possessed man? (Mark 5:17. The people were filled with fear and begged Jesus to leave their area.)
8. What did the man who had been demon possessed ask of Jesus? (Mark 5:18. He asked Jesus if he could go with Him.)
9. What did Jesus tell the man to do? (Mark 5:19. Jesus told him to go and tell his family how much the Lord had done for him and how Jesus had mercy on him.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What people are you supposed to be bringing the gospel to? (Mark 5:2-5) [All people, even the demon possessed.]
2. What is your response when you see Jesus?
3. Who do you think Jesus is? Who do you need to come to understand Jesus to be? (Mark 5:7) [The Son of the Most High God.]
4. What was the condition of the demon possessed man? (Mark 5:4) [The demon possessed man was too strong to be chained and was all alone among the tombs.]
5. Why did people try to tie him with chains? (Mark 5:4-5) [People would try to tie the demon-possessed man up with chains because he would cry out and cut himself with stones.]
6. What does this show us about Satan? (John 10:10) [Satan is out to destroy and will do that by any means possible.]
7. Did Jesus show any sign of fear? What would you have done if such a man came running to you?
8. What is your attitude supposed to be as a Christian when confronting evil spirits? (Mark 5:8) [We can do as Jesus did and command the evil spirits to depart from the host in the name of Jesus.]
9. What authority do we have through Christ? (Matthew 28:18; Luke 10:17-20) [All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto Jesus. In turn that same authority has been commissioned to us by Jesus for our presence in this world.]

10. Mark 5:9 says “He gave them permission.” What do you learn from that statement? Relate this statement to the story of Job and Satan’s request of God (Job 1).
11. What change has there been in your life since you recognized Jesus as the Lord God? (Mark 5:2-5, 15)
12. What is the reaction of people around you to the change in your life?
13. What should your ministry look like to those around you? (Mark 5:19-20) [We should be telling people about all that the Lord God has done for us.]
14. Why did Jesus not allow the man to come with Him? (Mark 5:18-19) [The man needed to go and be like a missionary to his own family and friends, telling them what God had done for him.]
15. How should we respond when God asks us to do something that we weren’t necessarily expecting, or that is something we would rather not do? (Mark 5:19) [We should willingly obey God’s instructions to us, because He knows what is best, He has a perfect plan, and He promises to work all things together for our good (for us who love Him and are called according to His purpose – Romans 8:28)]

32. Olugero olwomulimi

Makko 4:1-20

Ate era Yesu yaatandika okubulira nga ali ku lubalama lw'enhandha. Ogubindha gw'abantu abaali bakunganire we yali baali bangi, yaasalawo okujja okutyama mulyato mu nnhandha bo abantu baaba ku lukalu okumpi n'enhandha. Ya b'egeresa ebintu bingi mu ngero era mu kwegeresa kwe yaabakoba nti, "Muwulire! Omulimi yajaa okusimba ensigo. Bwe yali nga alikusimba ensigo, edlindi dhaagwa ku mbali w'oluguudo ebinhoni byaidha byadhira Edhindhi dhaagwa ku lubaale awazira itaka lingi. Amangu ago dhaamera kubanga eitaka tiryali lingi okujja wansi. Aye akasana bwe kayaka dhawotokerera akasana kaadhookya n'olwokuba nti tidhaali na mizi, dhaakala. Ensigo edhindhi dhaagwa awaali amawa, aye amawa gaakula okudhisinga awooni gaadhikotoigera dhaalemerenva okukula obulungi okusobola okuvaamu obulungi. Edhindhi dhaagwa kwitaka eirungi dhaakula era dhaabala bulungi dhaafuna ebibala bingi byoona byaakula era by'eyongera okuba ebingi emirundi asatu, nkaaga n'okweyongerayo paka emirundi nga kikumi."

Awooni Yesu yaakoba nti, "Ali n'amatu ag'okuwuulira awulire."

Awooni bwe yali yenka abantu abangi abaali naye awo n'abayigirizwabe eikumi n'ababiri baamubuza ku ngero edho. Yaabakoba nti, "Ekyama ky'obwakabaka bwa Katonda kibawereibwa aye kubale abali kuliya buli kimu kyogerebwa mu ngero. Bwe babona babone aye nga teb'etegereiza; era bwe bawulira bawulire aye nga tibategeera baleme kukyuuka bawonezebwe."

Awooni Yesu yaababuza nti, "Timutegeera lugero luno? Me munaategeera mutya olugero lwonawona. Omulimi asimba kigambo. Abantu abandi bali nga ensigo edhaagwa ku mbali w'olugundo ekigambo we kyasimbibwa. Amangu irala nga baakawulira Sitani aidha yaatwaala kyebabasimbyemu. Abantu abandi bali nga ensigo edhasimbibwa ku lubaale bawulina ekigambo era baasanhuka inho okukifuna. Aye olw'okuba nti bazira mizi ekigambo baba nakyo ekiseera kitoono bwe wabaawo okubonabona oba okuyiganizibwa olw'ekigambo amangu ago baabivaku. Era abandi bali nga ensigo edhasimbibwa mu mawa bawulira ekigambo aye ebizibu byensi n'obulimba bweby'obugaiga, n'okwegomba ebintu ebindi bwe bingirawo bizisa ekigambo kyaaloba kubala. Abandi balinga ensigo edhasimbibwa kwitaka eirungi, baawulira ekigambo bakiikiriza babaaza ebibaala emirundi asatu nkaaga oba n'emirundi kikumi okusinga ebyasimbibwa."

Study Questions: Olugero olwomulimi

Makko 4:1-20

Introduction:

Jesus used stories (parables) to teach the people about the kingdom of God. In this parable, Jesus again used everyday examples to explain a very important point. Each of the following things has a special meaning in this parable: the seed, the path, the rocks and the thorns.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that God’s Word is like a seed that is planted in us. To realize that we must care for that seed to help it grow.

Attitude – To recognize that God has given His Word to us. To treasure the Scriptures and believe in their power.

Action – To spread the Word of God so that its power can change lives.

Memory Verse:

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Isaiah 8:19-20; John 8:31-32; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 4:11

Questions about the Story:

1. Why did Jesus tell parables? (Mark 4:11-12. So that the people would see but not perceive, hear but not understand. He explained His parables to the disciples, but not to the crowds.)
2. What was the farmer doing in the parable? (Mark 4:3. The farmer was sowing seeds.)
3. Where did the sown seeds fall? (Mark 4:4-8. The seeds fell on a path, rocky places, thorns, and good soil.)
4. What happened to the seeds on the path? (Mark 4:4. Birds came and ate up the seeds on the path.)
5. What happened to the seeds on the rocks? (Mark 4:5-6. The seeds grew, but the plants soon withered in the sun.)
6. What happened to the seeds in the thorns? (Mark 4:7. The seeds grew but were choked out.)
7. What happened to the seeds on the good soil? (Mark 4:8. The seeds in the good soil grew and multiplied.)

8. What does “the seed” in this parable represent in real life? (Mark 4:14. The seed is the Word of God.)
9. What do the birds represent that come and snatched away The Word that is sown? (Mark 4:15. The birds represent Satan, who comes and makes people who have heard the Word forget what it said.)
10. What do the rocks represent in the story? (Mark 4:17. The rocks represent trouble or persecution that makes people leave behind what they learned in the Word.)
11. What do the thorns represent in this story? (Mark 4:18-19. The thorns represent things like worries, thinking that having money will make us happy, or desires for other things.)
12. What is like the good soil? (Mark 4:20. The good soil is like people who hear “The Word” and accept it. Then it grows in their lives and brings spiritual fruit.)

Discussion Questions:

1. How are you teaching your people? Are you hearing and understanding what God’s Word is teaching?
2. How and when are you sowing the seed of God’s Word in your own life? What about in the lives of others?
3. What types of people do you know who are like the path, rocky places, thorns and the good soil?
4. What ways are people hardened to the Word of God so that it is easily taken away as like birds of this parable? (Mark 4:15)
5. What ways do people allow troubles or persecution to kill the growth of God’s Word in their lives, like what happened to the seed that fell among rocks? (Mark 4:17)
6. How do the things of this world choke out the Word of God, like the seed that fell among the thorns was choked out? (Mark 4:18-19)
7. What happens as a result of these things in our lives? (Mark 4:19) [We don’t grow spiritually or bear spiritual fruit.]
8. How can our lives be like the good soil that receives the Word of God? (Mark 4:20) [We can accept the Word of the Lord humbly, grow by studying it, and share it with others.]

33. Okuliisa abantu enkumi eitanu n'okutambulira ku maadhi Makko 6:30--56

Abatume baakunganira awali Yesu baamukoba ebintu byonabyona bye baakola n'ebyo byebayegeresa. Awooni olwokuba nti abantu bangi baali balikwidhanga era nga bwe bajaa, tibaasobola kufuna nakakisa kaakulya, era Yesu yaabakoba nti, "Mwidhe ni nze imwe mwenka mu kifo ekiziramu kerere musobole okuwumulako."

Awooni baaja bonka mu kyaama nga bajiira mu lyato. Aye abantu bangi abaabona nga balikujaa baabategeera era boona baalumuka nga bava mu buli kibuga baaja ye baali balikujaa era baabasookayo. Yesu bwe yava mu lyato yaabona ogubindha ogwabantu nga bangi inho, yaabasasira kubanga baali nga entaama edhiziraku musumba. Olwekyo yatandiika okubegeresa ebintu bingi.

Mu kiseera kino obwiire bwaali bujiire nga bulikuziba, era olwekyo abayigirizwabe baamukoba nti, "Ekifo kino kyetulimu kiri wala inho ate nga n'obwirwe bujiire. N'olwekyo siibula abantu bajee basobole okujaa mu bifo ebyetoloire wano era bajee ni mu byalo bagule ku mmere eyokulyaku."

Aye Yesu yaairamu abayigirizwabe yaabakoba nti, "Imwe mubawe emmere balye."

Bairamu baamukoba nti, "Ekya kyetagisa omusaala ogwomuntu gwa myezi munaana. Tujee tukozese esente edho dhonadhona tuguule emigaati tubawe balye?"

Yesu yaababuza nti, "Muli n'emigaati emeka? Mujee mubone."
Bwebaamala baamukoba nti, "Tuli n'emigaati etaanu n'ebyenhandha bibiri."

Yesu yaabakoba batyamyeye abantu bonabona mu bubinabiina wansi ku busubi.

Awooni abantu baatyama wansi mububiina bwabantu kikumi n'ataanu, kikumi n'ataanu. Yesu yaagama emigaati etaanu n'ebyenhandha bibiri yalingirira waigulu mwigulu yeebaza, yaamala yaamenhamenhamu emigaati. Yamala yaagiwa abayigirizwabe baagita mu maiso gaabantu. Era n'ebyenhandha ebibiri byona yabimenhamenhamu era abayigirizwabe baabigabaniamu baabita mu maiso g'abantu. Bonabona

baalya era baiguta. Abayigirizwabe bakungania ebibo ikumi na bibiri ebyobukunkumuka bwemigaati n'ebyenhandha ebyasigalawo. Abantu bonabona abalya baali nkumi itaano.

Amangu ago yawaliriza abayigirizwabe baniine eryato bajee bamusookeyo e Besusayida, nga eno yee asigaireyo okusiibula abantu. Awooni bwe yamala okusiibula abantu yaajaa waigulu ku lusozi okusaba.

Obwiire bwebwaziba, eryato lyali wagati mu nhandha nga ate yee ali yenka ku lukalu. Yabona abayigirizwabe nga bali kudaaga okugezaaku okuvuga eryato kubanga kibuyaga w'empewo eyali omungi yali nga alikubalemesa okujaa. Mu kisisimuko nga ekyokuna obwiire obwo yajaa ye baali nga atambukira ku nhandha. Yali alikumpi okubabisa aye bwe bamubona nga alikutambulira ku maadhi balowooza nti gyaali muzimu. Baamubona era kyabatisa inho.

Aye amangu ago yayogera nabo yaabakoba nti, "Mugume ni nze mutatya." Awooni yaaninha mu lyato mwe baali era amangu ago kibuyaga eyali omungi yaawaawo. Beewunia inho olwokuba nti baali bakaali kutegeera ku byemigaati nga bwe byaali, emitima gyaibwe gyaali mikakanavu.

Bwe bamala okubita ku nhandha baajaa baatuuka ku lukalu e Genesaleeti baataawo eryato. Amangu irala nga baakafuluma okuva mu lyato abantu baabona Yesu era baategera nti niyee. Abantu mwiisaza eryo lyonalyona baalumuka nga basitwiire abantu baibwe abalwaire ku mikeeka nga balibatwaala buli webawulira nti Yesu we yali. Era buli weyajaanga kawabe mu byalo oba mu bibuga oba ku mbali einho owensi abantu baatanga abalwaire baibwe mu butale. Baamwegayirira abaleke wakiri bagemeku bugeme ku lugoye era abo bonabona abamugemangu nga bawonezebwa.

Study Questions: Okuliisa abantu enkumi eitaanu n’okutambulira ku maadhi Makko 6:30-56

Introduction:

Jesus sent out His disciples two-by-two to preach, heal, and cast out demons. When they returned, large crowds gathered who wanted to be with Jesus. The crowds even followed Jesus and the disciples when they tried to get away for some rest. However, many of the people, in their hurry to follow Jesus, left what they were doing without bringing along food. Jesus had compassion on the people, so he miraculously provided food enough for all of them to eat and be satisfied. After this encounter with the large crowds, Jesus continued to teach His disciples about faith and about His identity as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus has power over all things.

To understand that it is important to meet with the Lord in a quiet place for prayer. To know that we can ask Jesus to help us with whatever concerns us, because He cares about us.

Attitude – To trust Jesus to help us with our pains, fears, and needs. To soften our hearts so that they are tender to the work that the Lord wants to do in us.

Action – To depend on the Lord Jesus to give us His perfect peace in every situation, and to provide for our needs.

Memory Verses:

Colossians 1:16-17 “For by [Jesus] all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Jonah 1:13-16; John 6:30-35; Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:15-23; 1 Peter 5:6-7

Questions about the Story:

1. Where did Jesus go with his disciples and why? (Mark 6:31. Jesus took his disciples by boat to a quiet, solitary place so they could rest.)
2. What did the people do when they saw them leave? (Mark 6:33. When the people saw Jesus and His disciples leave, they

- ran around the lake ahead of them, and got to the place where they were going before Jesus and the disciples got there.)
3. What was Jesus' response to the crowds who were gathered on the shore when they arrived? (Mark 6:34. He had compassion on them and began teaching them many things.)
 4. What did the disciples suggest that Jesus do? (Mark 6:35-36. After Jesus had been teaching the people, His disciples suggested for Him to send the people away to get food, because it was already very late.)
 5. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? (Mark 6:37. Jesus said, "You give them something to eat.")
 6. What was the disciples' doubtful response to Jesus' telling them to feed the crowd of people? (Mark 6:37. The disciples exclaimed that even 8 months of a man's wages wouldn't be enough to buy food for that many people.)
 7. What food did they have available? How many people were there? (Mark 6:38, 44. The disciples only had five loaves of bread and two fish, and there were 5,000 men present, in addition to women and children.)
 8. Where did the extra food come from? (Mark 6:41. Jesus divided and multiplied it, so there was enough for everyone - it was a miracle, a blessing from God in heaven.)
 9. What was the response of the people? (Mark 6:42. The people ate and were satisfied.)
 10. Where did Jesus and the disciples go that evening? (Mark 6:45-46. Jesus sent the disciples on ahead by boat to Bethsaida, while Jesus went up on a mountain to pray.)
 11. What were the disciples doing all night? (Mark 6:47-48. The disciples were rowing hard against the wind, which was blowing against them.)
 12. How did Jesus come to them? What was their response to him? (Mark 6:48-50. Jesus came to his disciples, walking on the water. When they saw Him, they thought they were seeing a ghost and they were terrified.)
 13. What did Jesus tell them? (Mark 6:50. "Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid.")
 14. What happened when Jesus climbed into the boat with them? (Mark 6:51. When Jesus climbed into the boat, the wind died down completely, and the disciples were amazed.)
 15. Why didn't the disciples understand about the loaves that Jesus had multiplied for the people to eat? (Mark 6:52. Their hearts were hardened.)

16. What happened when Jesus and His disciples got to the other side of the lake? (Mark 6:54-56. People recognized Jesus and ran to all the villages to bring sick people to Him to be healed.)
17. How many people were healed? (Mark 6:56. All those who touched Him.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have quiet times and solitary places to rest? (Mark 6:32)
2. When different people come to you, what is your response toward them? Is your response more like the disciples or more like Jesus? (Mark 6:34-37)
3. What do you say to God when you have problems that seem impossible? (Mark 6:37)
4. What would Jesus tell you to do about problem situations? (Mark 6:38-41) [This story illustrates that we can gather up everything that have, even when it is very little, and then give it to Him. He can use what we give Him for His glory.]
5. Do you have much more than the disciples did? Is it enough to do all that God asks us to do?
6. How do you help to provide for the needs that people have?
7. How does Jesus' going to the mountain to pray give us an example to follow? How can we do this in our own lives? (Mark 6:46) [Like Jesus, we need to spend time talking with our Father in heaven. We need to always listen to Him, so that we will know what He wants us to do.]
8. What are some of the challenges that you have been struggling with, like the disciples struggling against the wind?
9. What does Jesus have power or control over in your life? (Mark 6:51) [Jesus has control over all the circumstances in our life, even the things that are difficult, like the wind and the storm.]
10. What would Jesus tell you about the things that frighten you? (Mark 6:50) [Take courage, it is I, don't be afraid. I am with you!]
11. How can you invite Jesus to help you face the things that are fearful to you?
12. In what ways are you like the disciples, with things that your heart is hardened towards? (Mark 6:52)
13. What is your response when Jesus wants to rescue you? If your life is like a boat that you are riding in, would you run

away from Him and stay afraid, or would you let Him into the boat of your life? Would you invite Jesus to help you?

14. What do you need healing from?
15. What is Jesus willing and able to heal us from? (Mark 6:56)
[Jesus can heal us from any physical, emotional, or spiritual problem.]

34. Okuwonia abagenge n'omukazi omulema

Lukka 17:11-19; 13:10-17

Lukka 17

Awooni bwe baali mu njira nga bajaa e Yerusalemu, Yesu yabitira ku nsalo ya Samaliya ni Galiraya. Bwe yali nga alikwingira mu kyalo kirala, abantu abagenge ikumi bayaganana naye. Baayemerera walaku okuva Yesu we yali memale baayogera mwirobooji eryomwanguka baakoba nti, "Yesu, Mukama waiffe tugemererwe ekisa, tusasire."

Yesu bwe yababona yaakoba nti, "Mujee mwerage eri bakabona." Era bwe baali balikujaa baawonezebwa.

Mulala ku bo bwe yabona nti awonie yaira nga alikutendereza Katonda mwirobooji eryomwanguka era yaajaa y'esuula wansi ku bigere bya Yesu yaamwebaza, era omuntu oyo yali muSamaliya. Yesu yaabuzza nti, "Bonabona tibaali ikumi abawonezebwa? Bale abandi omwenda baliwa? Wazira wundi eyasobola kwira kutendereza Katonda okutolaaku ono omugeni?" Awooni yaamukoba nti, "Situka ojee okwikirizakwo kukuwoneiza obulwaire."

Lukka 13

Ku lunaku lwa Saabiiti Yesu yali alikubulira mu irala ku makunganiiro. Era awo waaliwo omukazi eyali omulema olwa dayimooni, omuzimu omubi, okumala emyaka ikumi na musanvu era nga tasobola n'akatono kati kwemerera y'egolola. Yesu bwe yamubona, yaamweta yaamukoba aidhe mu maiso era yaamukoba nti, "Mukazi iwe owonie, ebizibubyo byobaire nabyo bikuviireku." Awooni yaamutaako emikono era amangu ago omukazi yaayemerera buterevu awazira kwegodamu era yaatendereza Katonda.

Aye omukulu w'eikunganiro yanhiiga kubanga Yesu yawonia omuntu ku Sabiiti era yaakoba abantu nti, "Waliwo ennaku mukaaga edh'okukoleramu emirimo. N'olwekyo mwidhenga muwonezebwe mu nnaku edho omukaaga aye mutaidhanga lwa Sabiiti."

Mukama yamwiramu yaamukoba nti, "Imwe bananfunsi! Buli muntu kwimwe ku lwa Sabiiti talekula nteye oba ndogoyiye okuva kukisibo kyayo yaagitwala okujaa okugiwa amadhi okunwa?" Mpegaano ono omukazi, muwala wa Ibulayimu, Sitaani gweyasiba yaamubuza emirembe okumala emyaka ikumi na munaana emiramibirira, atalekulwa abe n'emirembe okuva mu busibe Sitaani bwe yamutaamu lwakuba lunaku lwaSabiiti?"

Bwe yayogera bino, abalabe bonabona baaswaala, aye abantu
baasanhukira ebyo ebintu ebirungi byonabyona bye yali alikukola.

Study Questions: Okuwonia abagenge n’omukazi omulema Lukka 17:11-19; 13:10-17

Introduction:

Jesus spent much of his time teaching and visiting different places throughout Judea and Samaria. As Jesus traveled, He healed people. This directed the people to God the Father and it revealed that Jesus was God’s Son, as he revealed His glory to those who followed Him. These events, where Jesus healed ten lepers and also a crippled woman are examples of this part of Jesus’ ministry on earth.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus can heal our physical bodies and restore us spiritually.

Attitude – To completely trust God and His Word. To be thankful for all that the Lord God has done for us.

Actions – To repent for our sins. To obey the commands of the Lord. To thank the Lord for all of His blessings. To have compassion for people around us.

Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Isaiah 53:4; Mark 2:17; 2:23-3:6; Romans 14:5; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 2 Corinthians 5:7

Questions about the Story:

1. Who did Jesus meet while he was on his way to Jerusalem? (Luke 17:12. Jesus met 10 men who had leprosy.)
2. How did Jesus happen to encounter these lepers? (Luke 17:12. As Jesus was entering a village, the lepers came to him, standing at a distance.)
3. Why had the ten lepers come to meet Jesus? (Luke 17:13. They had come to call out to Him for pity.)
4. What was Jesus’ response to the lepers’ cry for pity? (Luke 17:14. He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”)
5. What happened to the 10 men as they obeyed what Jesus had told them to do? (Luke 17:14. They were cleansed, healed of the leprosy.)

6. What did one of the lepers do when he realized he was healed? (Luke 17:15-16. He came back to Jesus, praising God loudly, and throwing himself at Jesus' feet, he thanked Him.)
7. What was the nationality of the man who came back to thank Jesus? (Luke 17:16, 18. He was a Samaritan—a foreigner.)
8. What did Jesus say had healed the leper? (Luke 17:19. Jesus said that the man's faith had healed him.)
9. On what day of the week did Jesus choose to heal the crippled woman on? (Luke 13:10, 14. The Sabbath, a day of rest.)
10. How long had the woman been crippled? (Luke 13:11. The woman had been crippled for eighteen years.)
11. What was the cause of her crippling? (Luke 13:11, 16. An evil spirit was the cause of her crippling.)
12. How long did it take for the woman to be healed by Jesus? (Luke 13:13. She was healed immediately and stood straight up.)
13. What was the attitude of the woman after she was healed? (Luke 13:13. She praised God.)
14. What was the attitude of the synagogue ruler when he saw that the woman had been healed? (Luke 13:14. He was indignant and offended, as he felt that the law of keeping the Sabbath for rest had been broken by Jesus.)
15. What was Jesus' response to the indignant ruler? (Luke 13:15-16. Jesus called the indignant ruler a hypocrite, meaning two-faced. He told the man that if he did things on the Sabbath like caring for his animals, he should realize that it is more important, even on the Sabbath, to care for a person, a child of God.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What should our response be when we have sickness and problems in life? (Luke 17:12-13) [We should pray to Jesus, calling out to him for help and pity. We should do so as we know that He is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).]
2. What should the Christian response be in times that God does not bring healing? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10) [The believer should realize that it is God's will that sometimes healing doesn't take place, in order to grow us, glorify Him, or bring us closer to Him.]
3. What should we do when we receive a command from the Lord? (Luke 17:14) [We should immediately go and do what He tells us to do.]

4. How should we respond to the Lord when He answers our prayers? (Luke 17:15-16) [When the Lord answers our prayers, our response should be joyful praise and thanksgiving, because God Almighty has shown His love and compassion for us.]
5. What is your attitude toward outsiders or foreigners? (Luke 17:16, 18) [We should have compassion for them and be willing to help/heal/bless them. This follows the example of Jesus.]
6. What does faith look like in your life? How can people see that you trust in God? (Luke 17:14) [When we believe and obey what Jesus tells us in His Word and trust that He has good plans for us, this shows our faith in Him.]
7. What kind of “crippling” have you seen in your own life?
8. What is Jesus able to do about the things that “cripple” us? (Luke 13:12) [He is able to set us free, whether our problem is physical or spiritual.]
9. Are there man made rules that keep people from believing in the Lord? How should we respond to such things?
10. Have you been indignant or uncaring to people who are in need of the Lord’s healing touch? (Luke 13:14)
11. When should we be alert for opportunities to serve the Lord? (Luke 13:13-16) [We should look to serve the Lord all the time.]

35. Olufumo lwentaama eyabula n'esente edhabula era ni Zaakayo Lukka 15:1-10; 19:1-10

Lukka 15

Awooni abawooza b'emisolo n'abakozi b'ebibi baali nga bakunganiire kumpi ni Yesu basobole okumuwuliriza. Aye abaFalisaayo n'abasomesa b'amateeka b'emulugunia nga bakoba nti, "Omusadha ono ayaniriza abakozi b'ebibi era yaalya nabo."

Awooni Yesu yabakobaera olufumo luno nti, "Singa mulala kwimwe aba n'entaama kikumi aye ndala ku ntaama edho yaabula, taleka dhire ekyenda n'omwenda kwitale yaajaa yaanonia entaama ere ebuuze okutuusa bwagizuula? Era bwagizuula agibedha yaagitaa kwiibega n'eisanhu eringi era yaamala yaajaa eka. Era bwatuuka eka ayeta mikwano gye ni balirwanabe yaabakoba nti, 'Tusanhukire walala kubanga nzwiire entaama yange eyali ebuze.' Mbakoba nti mu ngeri ndala eyo eribaayo okusagamba n'okusanhuka mwigulu okusinga naawo olwomukozi w'ebibi omulala ey'enenia ebibi okusinga bale ekyenda n'omwenda abatukirivu abateetaga kwenenia.

"Oba singa omukazi mulala alin'esente dha feza ebinusu ikumu aye ekinusu kirala kyamubulaku tayasa itaala yayeya wonawona mu nhumba nga eno bwanonia n'obwegendereza sente dhe edhibuze okutuusa bwadhizuula. Era bwadhizuula ayeta mikwanogyeye ni baliranwabe yaabakoba nti, 'Tusagambe era tusanhukire walala kubanga nzwiire ekinusu kyange kyange ekibaaire kibuze.' Mungeri ndala eyo mbakoba nti ebayo okusagamba era n'okusanhuka mu maiso ga bamalayika ba Katonda olwomuntu omulala omukozi w'ebibi bwalokoka."

Lukka 19

Yesu yaingira e Yeriko era yali nga alikubitirayo bubitire. Yaliyo omusadha mulala nga erinhalye bamweta Zaakayo, yali nga n'akulira abasoloza emisolo era nga yali musadha mugaiga inho. Yali ayenda okumanha Yesu n'ani, aye olwokuba nti yali musadha mumpi yali nga tasobola kumubona bulungi olwaabantu abaali abangi einho. Olwensonga eyo yalumuka yaaja mumaiso era yaanina omuti omusukomooli asobole okumubona kubanga Yesu yali alikwidha luyi eyo.

Awo Yesu bwe yatuuka mu kifo ekyo yalingirira waigulu yaamukoba nti, "Zaakayo ika wansi mangu kubanga leero ndhakuba ewuwo waka."

Olwekyo Zaakayo yaika wansi era yayaniriza Yesu n'eisanhu.

Abantu bonabona kino baakibona b'emulugunia nga bakoba nti, "Alikujaa okuba omugenhi w'omukozi w'ebibi."

Aye Zaakayo yayemerera yaakoba Mukama nti, "Bona, Mukama wange. Wano era buti njakuwa abantu abaavu ekitundu kyobugaiga bwange bwendinabwo, era bwe waba nga waliwo omuntu yenayena gwe naibaku oba gwe nalyazamania ekintu kyonakyona aidhe ankobe ndhakumuliyirira emirundi enaa.

Yesu yaamukoba nti, "Leero okulokolebwa kwidye mu nhumba eno, kubanga ono omusadha yena mwana wa Ibulayimu, kubanga omwana w'omuntu yaidha okunonia n'okulokola ekyo ekyabula."

Study Questions: Olufumo lwentaama eyabula n’esente edhabula era ni Zaakayo

Lukka 15:11-32; 19:1-10

Introduction:

Jesus told many parables that helped people understand what God is like and how to have a relationship with Him. Many of the parables taught about faith, confession of sin, and the kingdom of God, however, all of the parables were used to make a point. In the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, God gives us a picture of His love for unsaved people. This love is demonstrated in Jesus’ real-life encounter with Zacchaeus.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that God is actively seeking us. To realize that responding to God with repentance and faith is like building a bridge between us and God. To understand that no matter what our past has been, that we can always return to Jesus for forgiveness and renewal.

Attitude – To admit that we are sinful and that the Lord waits with open arms to receive us back to Himself. To humble ourselves before God.

Actions – To humbly take time to respond to God’s love with repentance and faith. To turn from the sinful lifestyle that we have lived in and begin to obey Jesus.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 86:15 “But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Acts 26; Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 1 Timothy 1:15-16

Questions about the Story:

1. Who was gathering around Jesus? (Luke 15:1. The tax collectors and sinners.)
2. What were the Pharisees and the teachers of the law saying? (Luke 15:2. “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” They were criticizing Jesus for associating with these people.)
3. According to Jesus’ teaching, what happens when a shepherd who is out in the field loses just one of his one hundred sheep?

- (Luke 15:3. Jesus explains that the shepherd would go after the sheep and look for it until he found it.)
4. What is the response of the shepherd when he finds the lost sheep? (Luke 15:5-6. The shepherd rejoices and puts the sheep up on his shoulders. He then goes home and calls all his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him because he has found his lost sheep.)
 5. What effort does the woman who lost her coin make to search for it? (Luke 15:8. The woman who lost her silver coin makes a great effort to look for it. She lights a lamp and seeps the whole house until she finds it.)
 6. What spiritual comparison did Jesus make with the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin? (Luke 15:7, 10. Jesus compared the finding of the lost sheep and coin to a lost sinner repenting.)
 7. What did Jesus say is the reaction in heaven when one lost sinner repents? (Luke 15:7, 10. Jesus said that there is rejoicing in heaven over even one lost sinner.)
 8. Who was Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:2-3. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector who was very wealthy.)
 9. What was Zacchaeus' physical appearance? (Luke 19:2-3. Zacchaeus was a very short man.)
 10. What did Zacchaeus want? (Luke 19:3. He wanted to see Jesus.)
 11. What did he do so that he could see Jesus? (Luke 19:4. Zacchaeus ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore fig tree so that he could see over the crowd of people as Jesus passed along.)
 12. What did Jesus do when he came to the place where Zacchaeus was up in the tree? (Luke 19:5. Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and called him to come down. He told Zacchaeus that he was going to his house.)
 13. How did the people respond? (Luke 19:7. They said, "He has gone to be the 'guest' of a sinner.")
 14. What was Zacchaeus' response when Jesus came to his house? (Luke 19:8. Zacchaeus repented of his cheating ways as a tax collector. He said he would give half of his possessions to the poor and he promised to repay everyone four times the amount that he had taken from them.)
 15. What did Jesus tell him? (Luke 19:9-10. Jesus told him that salvation had come to his house and that the Son of Man had come to seek and to save people who were lost.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Who was Jesus spending his time with? Why is this significant? (Luke 15:1) [Jesus was intentionally with sinners and tax collectors.]
2. Who do you spend time with? Do you have non-Christian contacts that you see on a regular basis?
3. Why is it important for us as Christians to be in contact with unbelievers? [It is important for us to spend time with unbelievers so that we have people to whom we can share the gospel of Christ.]
4. What importance does Jesus place on people who are lost, according to the parables that he told? (Luke 15:3-10) [In these parables, those that are searching for what was lost search very diligently. They represent God, and show that lost people are very important to Him. Jesus also shows their importance when He says that He came to “seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)]
5. What does the lost sheep represent in the parable? The Shepherd?
6. How important should it be to us to witness to people who are lost and in need of a Savior?
7. Does Jesus know your name? Why is Jesus searching for you? [Jesus knows every person’s name. He cares very much about every one and he wants to have a loving relationship with you.]
8. What is it that you want and what would you do to get it?
9. What would Jesus say to you if He saw you and looked at your life?
10. Who are the people around you who are rejected by society? What is to be your attitude toward them? [Go and show them Jesus / God’s love]
11. Are you obeying the calling that God has for your life?
12. Who can you introduce to Jesus today? [Anyone and everyone.]

36. Lazaalo azukizibwa okuva mubafu Yokaana 11:1-44

Waaliiwo omusadha nga bamweta Lazaalo eyali omulwaire. Omusadha ono yali ava Besaiya mu kyallo Malyamu ni muganda we Maliza mwe baabanga. Malyamu ono yali mwanhina Lazaalo eyali omulwaire, era n'omulala ono eyasiiga mukama waiffe amafuta era yaasimuula ebigerebye n'enviiridhe. Olwekyo ab'oluganda baano ababiri batumira Yesu obubaka baamukoba nti, "Mukama waiffe gw'oyenda einho alwaire."

Yesu bwe yawulira kino, yaakoba nti, "Obulwaire buno tibwakuvamu kufa. Bee, ku lw'ekitibwa kya Katonda, omwana wa Katonda aidhakuba n'ekitibwa olwekyo." Yesu yayenda inho Maliza ni mugandawe ni Lazaalo. Aye waire nga kyaali kityo bwe yawulira nti Lazaalo alwaire yasigala weyali okumala enaku ibiri nga tavireewo kujaa kubona mulwaire.

Male Yesu yaakoba abayigirizwabe nti, "Twireyo e Buyudaaya."

Abayigirizwabe baamukoba nti, "Aye Labbi, ekiseera ekitali kinene ekibisewo aBayudaaya babaire benda kukukuba mabaale, ate eyo y'oyenda oireyo?"

Yesu yaabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Esaawa edhemisana tidhiba ikumi naibiri? Omuntu atambula emisana tiyekontola naagwa kubanga aba alikubona olwakasana akensi eno. Aye bwatambula obwiire awo asobola okwekontola yaagwa. Kubanga waba wazira kitangaala."

Oluvainuma lw'okukoba bino Yesu yajaa mu maiso yaabakoba nti, "Mukwano gwaife atendwiike aye ndikujaayo okumuzukusa." Abayigirizwabe bairamu baamukoba nti, "Mukama, bw'aba nga atendwiike aidhakuba bulungi." Yesu yali nga alikwogera ku kufa kwa Lazaalo aye baaloozo nti alikwogera kukutenduka okwabulidho.

Maleeni awo Yesu yaabakoba mulwatu nti, "Lazaalo afaire era kulw'obulungi bwaimwe ndi musanhufu nti tinaliyo, musobole okwikiriza. Aye tujee yaali." Awooni Tomasi (gwebeeta Didumo) yaakoba baigirizwa baine nti, "Niffe tujee tufiire walala naye."

Yesu bwe yatuuka yayagana nti Lazaalo baamuzika era nga mu magombe yaakamalayo ennaku inaa. Bessaniya kyali mailo edhitawera ibiri okuva Yerusaleemi era aBayudaaya bangi baali baidye

okukubagiza Maliza ni Malyamu olw'okufirwaku mwaninaibwe. Maliza bwe yawulira nti Yesu yali alikwidha, yajaa kuliya okujaa okwaganana naye, aye Malyamu yasigala mu nhumba.

Maliza yaakoba Yesu nti, "Mukama, singa wali wano, mwaninaze tiyandifiire. Aye ndhidhi nti mpegaano niKatonda aidhaokuwa kyonakayona ky'onaasaba. Yesu yaakoba Maliza nti, "Mwanhoko aidhakuzukira."

Maliza yairamu yaakoba nti, "Ndidhi nti aidhakuzukira kukuzukira kw'olunaku olwenkomerero." Yesu yaamukoba nti, "Ninze okuzukira era ninze obulamu. Aikiriza nze aidhakuba mulamu waire nibwaliba nga afiire, era buli mulamu yenayena bwaba nga aikiriza nze talifa, emirembe n'emirembe. Kino okiikiriza?"

Maliza yairamu yaakoba nti, "Yii, mukama wange. Ndhikiriza nti niuwe Krisito omwana wa Katonda eyali Ow'okwidha muni.

Era oluvainuma lw'okwogera bino yairayo eka yaayeta mugandawe Malyamu aidhe kuliya yaamukoba nti, "Omwegeresa aliwano. Alikumbuza." Malyamu bwe yawulira bino yasitukiramu mangu yaaja eri Yesu. Yesu yali alikujaa, yali akaali kwingira mu kyaalo ye yali alikujaa, yali akaali mukifo yeyayaganana ni Maliza. Abayudaaya abaali ni Malyamu, bwe yali nga ali munhumba me mugandawe amwete, nga baali balikumusasira olw'okufirwa, bwe baabona engeri gye yasitukamu amangu yaajaa kuliya, baamunonereza nga balowooza nti yali alikujaa ku magombe kulirira eyo.

Malyamu bwe yatuuka mukifo Yesu we yali era naamubona, yagwa kubigerebye era yaakoba nti, "Mukama wange singa wali wano mwaninaze tiyandifiire."

Yesu bweyabona Malyamu nga alikulira n'abayudaaya be yaidha nabo nga bona balikulira yaanakuwala inho mumwoyo era kyamubisa bubi. Awooni Yesu yaabuza nti, "Mumuziise wa?" Bairamu baakoba nti, "Idha ojee obonewo Mukamawaife?" Yesu yalira amaziga. Male Abayudaaya baakoba nti "Bona, abaire nga amwenda inho." Aye abandi ku Bayudaaya baakoba nti, "Ono omuntu eyazibula amaiso g'omuntu omutulu tiyasobola kulobera musadha ono kufa?"

Awooni Yesu nga ali mu nnaku ey'ekitalo yaidha ku magombe. Amagombe yali mpuku nga bagitairiku ogubaale gugiigaire. Yesu yaakoba nti, "Mutolewo ogubaale."

Aye Maliza mwaninha mufu yaakoba Yesu nti, “Aye mukama wange mpegaano alikuwunha inho kubanga buti emaku inha bukya tumuziika.” Yesu yaakoba nti, “Tinabakoba nti bwe mwikiriza mwidhakubona ekitiibwa kya Katonda.”

Awooni baatolaawo ogubaale, Male yalingirira waigulu yaakoba nti, “Latange nkwebaza nti ompuliire. Namanha nti buli kiseera ompulira, aye kino n'kikobye ku lwaabantu abali wano ninze, basobole okwikiriza nti niwe eyantuma.”

Yesu bwe yamala okwogera atyo yaayogera waigulu mwirobooji eryawaigulu yaakoba nti, “Lazaalo fuluma.” Omuntu eyali afiire yaifuluma, nga emikonogye n'ebigerebye bizingirwa mu lubugo nga n'ekirembe kisibiibwa mu maisoge. Yesu yabakoba nti, "Mumutoleeku byemumuzinzemu mumuleke ajee."

Study Questions: Lazaalo azukizibwa okuva mubafu Yokaana 11:1-44

Introduction:

Jesus had power over the entire created world, over sickness, and even over death itself. He also loved the people around him, and expressed his love for them. One day, Jesus raised his close friend Lazarus from the dead. Jesus did not do this only for the people, or for Himself, but just like everything else, it was for His Father's glory!

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus has power over life and death and every problem that we will face in our life.

Attitude – To recognize that Jesus cares about every pain that we feel. To believe that God can be trusted in every situation.

Action – To live with faith in Jesus Christ, because He cares for us and He is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.
(Ephesians 3:20)

Memory Verse:

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 7:11-17

Questions about the Story:

1. What were the names of the two sisters and their brother? (John 11:1. Mary, Martha and Lazarus)
2. How else is Mary known? (John 11:2. This was the Mary who poured perfume over Jesus feet. See John 12:1-8.)
3. What do we know about Jesus' relationship with Lazarus? (Verse 3: Jesus loved Lazarus.)
4. What message did the sisters send to Jesus? (John 11:3. They sent word that Lazarus was sick)
5. What did Jesus say about this illness? (John 11:4. Jesus said that it would be for God's glory and would not end in death.)
6. What did Jesus do after he heard about the illness and why did he do this? (John 11:6-8. Jesus waited two days after he heard the news before leaving to go to them. Jesus waited so that he could raise Lazarus and bring glory to the Father this way. He knew that Lazarus had died before he went to him.)

7. What did Jesus find out when he arrived? (John 11:17. He found out that Lazarus had been dead four days.)
8. Where did Jesus meet Martha? (John 11:20. Martha went to meet Jesus outside of town)
9. What is the first thing Martha said to Jesus? (John 11:21. Martha said that, if Jesus had been there before her brother died, He could have healed him.)
10. What did Jesus tell her? (John 11:23-24. Jesus told her that her brother would rise again. Jesus also explained to Martha that He is the resurrection and the life.)
11. How did Jesus show His compassion for his friends? (John 11:35. Jesus wept.)
12. What did the Jews say about Jesus? (John 11:36-37. The Jews recognized how much He loved Lazarus, and they thought He should have been able to heal him.)
13. What did Jesus say and do at the tomb? (John 11:40-43. Jesus told Martha, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." Jesus then thanked the Father for hearing His prayer, and He called Lazarus out of the tomb.)
14. What happened when Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb? (John 11:44. He came out wrapped in linen cloth.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus delay for two days before going to Bethany? (John 11:15, 40) [He planned to raise Lazarus to life for the glory of God so that those who were there would believe.]
2. Why were Jesus' disciples questioning going back to Judea? Did Jesus fear going there? (John 11:8) [The disciples were questioning going back there because the Jews had tried to stone Jesus just a short while ago]
3. Describe Martha's faith. Did she believe Jesus could raise the dead? (John 11:21-27, 39-40)
4. What kind of faith are we called to have?
5. What was the meaning of Martha's words: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."? (See John 5:28-29) [Martha knew that this physical life was not the end.]
6. What is the meaning of Jesus' reply to Martha in saying "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."? (John 11:25-26)
7. What caused Jesus to weep? How did the crowd respond when they saw Jesus weep? (John 11:33-37) [Jesus wept because he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. In seeing Jesus weep,

the Jews realized how much Jesus had loved Lazarus and questioned why Jesus could not have kept Lazarus from dying.]

8. Why did Martha object to removing the stone? What was the meaning of the question Jesus asked her about believing and seeing the glory of God? (John 11:39-40) [Martha was objecting to removing the stone because of the stench that the body would have. In questioning Martha, Jesus was reminding her of the need to not look at the outward appearance but to trust in Him.]
9. Why did Jesus pray before calling Lazarus out? (John 11:41-42) [So the people would believe that God had sent Him.]
10. Jesus raised to life a man who had been dead for four days. What do we learn from this? (John 10:10)
11. We can see that Jesus deeply cared for Mary, Martha and Lazarus. What can we know about His love towards us? [We can know that He deeply cares for us and knows us by name!]
12. How does Jesus know you? Have you come to Him in repentance and humility?
13. What is Jesus' attitude toward you? What is your attitude toward him? Why? Do you love Him even when difficult things happen?
14. What are things that you have said to Jesus about? What have you talked to him about in prayer?
15. What are the possible reasons that you have problems?
16. What are the answers to your prayers that the Lord might give? [Yes, No or Wait.] What reasons are there for those different answers?
17. What does Jesus already know about your situation? What does he find out when you pray?
18. Where and when does Jesus meet you?
19. What doubts or questions do you have about Jesus?

37. Omukozi azira kisa Matayo 18:21-35

Awooni Peetero yaidha eri Yesu yaamubuuza nti, “Mukama wange, mirundi emeka gye nsoniwa muganda wange bwankola ebibi? Paka emirundi musanvu?”

Yesu yaamwiramu yaamukoba nti, “Nkukoba nti timirundi musanvu aye emirundi nsanvu na musanvu.

Olwekyo, obwakabaka obw'omwigulu buli nga Kabaka eyayenda okubala n'abakozibe bye yali ababandha. Bwe yatandiika okubibala baamuleetera omuntu gwe yali abandha etalanta omutwaalo. Okuva omuntu ono bwe yali nti tasobola kusasula, mukama we yaalagira nti atundiibwe walala ni mukaziwe n'abaaanabe, era batunde n'ebintu bye byona byona bye yali nabyo kimusobozese okusasula eibandha eryaali limubandibwa.

Omukozi ono yafukamira wansi ku makiryaiivu y'egayirira yaakoba nti, “Mukama wange nkusaba onguminkirize, era ndhaakusasula buli kintu kyemandibwa.” Mukama w'omukozi ono yaamusasira yaamusioniwa eibandha eryali limubandibwa era yaamuleka ajee.

Aye omukozi ono bwe yafuluma kuliya yayaganana n'omulala kubakozi baine gwe yali abandha dinari ekikumi. Yamugema yamugwa mu mamiro yaatandika okumutuga nga bwa mukoba nti “Sasula ebyange byenkubandha.”

Awooni mukozi mwine yafukamira wansi ku makiryaiivu y'egayirira yaakoba nti, “Nkusaba onguminkirize era ndhakukusasula byombandha.”

Aye yaloba. Era kye yakola n'okumutwaala mwikomera bamusibe paka lwalisobola okusasula eibandha. Bakozi baine bwebabona ebyaliwo, banakuwala inho era baaja baakobera mukama waibwe ebyo byona byona ebyaliwo.

Awooni mukama waibwe yaamweta yaamukoba nti, “Iwe omukozi omubi, nakusoniwa eibanda lye nali nkubandha kubanga wanegayirira. Niiwe weena tosobola kusasira mukozi mwiino nga nze bwe nakugemera ekisa ninkusasira?” Mubusungu mukamawe yaalagira abaserikale bamubonyebonye paka nga amaze okusasula eibandha lyonalyona.

Yesu yaakoba nti, "Latange ow'omwigulu atyo bwalibakola buli omu kwiimwe okutolaku nga musoniiwa baganda baimwe okuvirairala mu mitima gyaimwe."

Study Questions: Omukozi azira kisa

Matayo 18:21-35

Introduction:

Every day people do bad things to us. They might say bad things about us, show us disrespect, talk wrongly about us, steal things, etc. In the same way, we also do things that are hurtful to people around us. Although it is easy to feel anger and hatred toward someone who wrongs us, we as Christians are to forgive them. In this way, we follow Christ's example, as He has forgiven us of all of our sins against Him.

Goals:

Knowledge – To know that you have sinned more times than you can count. To know that God is gracious and forgives the sins of those who repent and ask His forgiveness.

Attitude – To honor God as your King who is to be respected as the highest authority. To rely on God's forgiveness for your every sin. To be humble and forgiving toward other people.

Action – To go to everyone you have wronged and ask their forgiveness – not only people, but God also. To forgive others for their sins against you. By forgiving, to get rid of bitterness in your heart.

Memory Verse:

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 7:36-50; 11:4; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 2:13; 3:12-13

Questions about the Story:

1. What did Peter ask Jesus? (Matthew 18:21. Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother.)
2. What did Jesus tell Peter about how many times he must forgive his brother? (Matthew 18:21-22. Jesus replied that Peter shouldn't forgive his brother only 7 times, but 77 times. This was meant to show Peter that the number of times we forgive should be beyond counting.)
3. What was Jesus describing in this story? (Matthew 18:23. The Kingdom of Heaven.)
4. Who is the king? Who is the servant? (Matthew 18:23, 35. The king is the Lord God and we are like the servants.)

5. What did the servant who owed the king 10,000 talents ask the king to do? (Matthew 18:26. The servant pleaded with the king for mercy, patience, and time to repay the debt.)
6. What was the king's response? (Matthew 18:27. The king showed forgiveness by canceling the servant's huge debt and by allowing him to go free.)
7. What did the servant do after he was released? (Matthew 18:28-30. He went out and found another servant who owed him only a small amount of money, and he demanded that he repay it. When the servant who owed the small amount begged for mercy, the angry servant would not show mercy. Instead he threw him in jail until he could repay the debt.)
8. When the king heard about the greed of this servant, what did he say to him? (Matthew 18:32-33. The king demanded to know why the greedy servant wouldn't forgive the much smaller debt of his fellow servant, since he himself had just been forgiven a very large debt.)
9. What did the king have the jailers do to the servant? (Matthew 18:34. The King had the servant tortured until he was able to pay back all of the debt that he owed.)
10. What will happen to us if we don't genuinely forgive other people? (Matthew 18:35. We will receive from God Almighty the same kind of punishment as the wicked servant got.)

Discussion Questions:

1. How many times must you forgive other people? What must you forgive them for? Why? (Matthew 18:21-22) [We must forgive others people whenever they do wrong to us, because our Heavenly Father has forgiven the un-payable debt that we owe Him because of our sin.]
2. Where is the kingdom of Heaven? [Anywhere that God is King and Lord. It begins now in the lives of us who are His children by faith, and will be completed and made perfect in Heaven.]
3. If the Lord was going to settle accounts with you, how would you come out? (Matthew 18:23) [In our own nature, we would be nothing but indebted sinners.]
4. What do you need to do about the debt that you owe to God for your sins? (Matthew 18:26: We need to come before the Lord to plead for forgiveness for our sins.)
5. What will God do for you when you ask for mercy and forgiveness? How many times will He do this? (Matthew 18:27) [In His great love and mercy, the Lord is always ready

to forgive our sins when we confess them and repent. He cleans us by the blood of the Lord Jesus, who carried our sins in his body when he died on the cross. This pays the debt that we owe Him, and so our account with God is paid.]

6. What types of sins from other people are difficult to forgive? What is your attitude toward people that have hurt you and wronged you?
7. What would the King say to you if He were to see how you treat the people around you?
8. What is the warning for us if we don't forgive others? (Matthew 18:35) [If we don't forgive other people around us, the question is posed, "How can our Heavenly Father forgive us?"]
9. Are there people in your life whom you have not forgiven? (Colossians 3:12-13)
10. How much has God forgiven us? (Romans 5:8) [While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.]

38. Abawala emberera ikumi n'entaama n'embuzi Matayo 25:1-13, 31-46

Mubiseera ebyo obwa kabaka obwomwigulu buliba nga abawala emberera ikumi abaatawala entaala dhaibwe baaja okwaganana n'ajaa okuwasa. Abataanu ku bawala bano baali bagezi. Abasiru baatawala entaala dhaibwe aye nga tibatwaire mafuta. Aye abagezi batwala amafuta mu bikyupa walala n'entaala dhaibwe. Omugole omusadha yalwaawo okutuuka era abawala bawongera, endoolo dhabagema baatenduka.

Kusaawa mukaaga ogwobwiire waabaawo oluyookaano nga lukoba nti, “Wuuno omugole omusadha aidye mufulume muidhe mwaganane naye.”

Awooni abawala emberera bonabona baasituka baatereza entaala dhaibwe. Abawala abasiru baakoba abawala abagezi nti, “Mutuwe ku mafuta gaimwe kubanga entaala dhaife dhirikuwamu amafuta era dhirikuzikira.”

Baaloba okubawa kumafuta era baabakoba nti, “Bee, tuzira gasobola kutumala iffe walala niimwe mukifo kyekyo mujee w'ebatunda amafuta mugule.”

Aye bwe baali nga bajiire okugula amafuta omugole omusadha yaatuuka. Abawala emberera abaali betesetese baingira n'omugole omusadha mu kifo awali obugole. Era olwigi lwaigalibwa.

Oluvainuma bale abawala abandi abaali bajiire okugula amafuta bwe baira, nga olwigi lwigalibwa baakoba nti, “Sebbo! Sebbo! Mwitwigulirewo olwigi.”

Aye yaabairamu yaabakoba nti, “Mbakohera amazima, nze tibaidhi.”

N'olwekyo mwekalirise kubanga timwidhi lunaku oba esaawa.

Omwana w'omuntu bwalidhira mu kitiibwa kye era nga Bamalayika bonabona bali naye alityaama ku ntebbeye ey'ekitiibwa ekyomwigulu. Amawanga gonagona galikunganizibwa mu maisoge era aliyawulamu abantu mulala mulala nga omusumba bwayawulamu entaama okudhitoola mu mbuzi. Entaama alidhita ku mukono gwe omusaadha ate embuzi yaadhita ku mukono gwe omugoodha.

Awooni Kabaka alikoba abo ku mukono gwe omusadha nti, “Mwidhe imwe Lata beyawa omukisa, musikire obwakabaka obwatekerwatekerwa okuva ensi lweyatondebwa. Olwokuba nti nali ndhala mwampa ekyokulya, nawulira enhonta mwampa ekyokunwa, nawulira enhonta mwampa ekyokunwa, nali mugeni mwansangaaza ewaimwe. Nali bwerere nga nzira kya kwambala, mwanhambaza engoye, nali mulwaire mwandabirira, nali mwikomera mwaidha okumbona.”

Awooni abatukirivu balimwiramu baakoba nti, “Mukama, twakubonali nga oli ndhala twakulisa emmere oba nga oli n’enhoonta twakunwesa ekyokunwa? Twakubonali nga oli mugeni twakusangaaza waka oba nga oli bwerere twakwambaza? Twakubonali nga oli mulwaire oba nga oli musibe mwikomera twaidha twakukyalira okukubonaku?”

Kabaka aliiramu yaakoba nti, “Mbakohera amazima nti buli kye mwakoleranga buli mulala kwabo baganda bange abanaku einho kakibe kitono kitya mwakikoleranga nze.”

Awooni alikoba abo abaliba ku mukono omugoodha nti, “Muveewo wano wendi imwe abokolimirwa, mujee mumuliro ogwemirembe n’emirembe ogwatekerwatekerwa Sitani ni bamalayikabe. Olwokuba nti nali ndhala, aye wazira kyemwampa kulya, nawulira enhonta aye wazira kyakunwa kye mwampa kunwa. Nali mugeni aye wazira yasangaaza mu makage. Nali bwerere aye wazira yanhambaza ngoye. Nali mulwaire era nasibibwa mwikomera aye wazira yaidha kunkyalira.

Bano boona baliiramu baakoba nti, “Mukama, twakubonali nga oli ndhala oba nga olukuwulira enhonta oba nga oli mugeni oba nga oli mubweetaavu bwa ngoye oba nga olimulwaire oba nga bakusibye mwikomera male twaaloba okukuyamba?”

Alibairamu yaabakoba nti, “Mbakohera amazima nti buli kye mwadhema okukolera buli mulala kwabo bagandabange abanaku einho kakibe kitono kitya mwali nga muli kudhema okukolera nze.”

Awooni balijaa mukibonerezo ekyemirembe n’emirembe ate abo abatukirivu balijaa mu bulamu obutawaawo obwemirembe n’emirembe.

Study Questions: Abawala emberera ikumi n’entaama n’embuzi Matayo 25:1-13, 31-46

Introduction:

Jesus spoke many times about the kingdom of heaven that is to come. He did this as a warning and as an encouragement. We believers need to hear both, because the warning motivates us to be sure that we are united with Christ, and the encouragement motivates us to remain in Him. These two stories point out the importance of being ready for Christ’s return, and of remembering that there is a judgment day coming.

Goals:

Knowledge – To realize that Jesus will come to the earth again, for the eternal salvation of those who believe in Him, and for the judgment of all of us who have lived on the earth. To understand that there are eternal rewards and punishments for our actions. To understand that sin will be punished

Attitude – To be alert, ready at all times for the coming of Christ and the judgment that will follow. To live our lives in preparation for the coming world. To have compassion for people, desiring them to be saved and ready for Jesus’ return.

Actions – To work for the Lord while we wait for his return. To care for people both physically and spiritually.

Memory Verse:

John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Revelation 4; 20:11-15

Questions about the Story:

1. What is Jesus describing in this story? (Matthew 25:1. Jesus is describing the Kingdom of Heaven and His second coming.)
2. How were the ten virgins described? (Matthew 25:2. Five of the virgins were wise and five of them were foolish.)
3. What happened to them while they waited and why? (Matthew 25:3-5. They all eventually fell asleep while they waited for the bridegroom to come, because he took a long time to get there.)

4. When did the bridegroom come? (Matthew 25:6. The bridegroom came late at night (at midnight). This was much later than expected.)
5. Why were some of the virgins considered foolish? What did they have to do? (Matthew 25:7-9. Five of the virgins were foolish because they didn't bring extra oil for their lamps. So, when it was announced that the bridegroom was coming, they had to go out and buy some oil quick before his return.)
6. What happened while they were gone to buy oil? (Matthew 25:10. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. He went inside for the wedding banquet and took with him the five virgins who had their oil lamps ready and were prepared to go. Then the door was shut.)
7. What did the foolish virgins ask for when they came back? (Matthew 25:11. When the five foolish virgins arrived back, they came to the wedding banquet and asked to be let in. However, the bridegroom said he didn't even know them.)
8. What is the warning that Jesus gives to this story? (Matthew 25:13. Jesus gave the warning to keep watch, because we don't know the time or the hour when He will return.)
9. Who is the Son of Man? (Matthew 25:31. The Son of Man is the King, the judge, the son of the Father, namely Jesus Christ.)
10. What will the Son of Man do when he comes? (Matthew 25:32. When the Son of Man comes, He will separate the sheep and the goats.)
11. What will the King say to those on his right? (Matthew 25:34. Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.)
12. Why does he say that? (Matthew 25:35-40. Because the righteous gave to meet the needs of people who were hungry, thirsty, strangers, without clothing, sick and in prison, they were actually showing that love to the King, even though they didn't realize it.)
13. What will the King say to those on his left? (Matthew 25:41. Depart from me, you who are cursed, and go into the eternal fire.)
14. Who was the eternal fire prepared for? (Matthew 25:41. The eternal fire was prepared for the devil and his angels.)
15. Why did the King give them such a harsh warning? (Matthew 25:42-43. He will give them this strict punishment, because when people around them were hungry, thirsty, strangers,

without clothes, sick and in prison they did nothing to help them.)

16. How will these wicked people respond? Why? (Matthew 25:44. The wicked people will respond that they never saw the Lord hungry, or without clothing.)
17. What will be the reward of each group of people? (Matthew 25:46. The wicked will go to eternal punishment and the righteous will go to a place of eternal life.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Think about the Kingdom of God being a place where God is King. Is your life a place where He is King?
2. Would you describe yourself as wise or foolish? Why?
3. Do you get tired of waiting, or grow impatient, sleepy or lazy while you wait for the Lord's return?
4. Are you ready for Jesus to return? What makes a person ready?
5. Do you know people who are not ready for His return today? Do you know people who would be in the group of wicked people (the goats) on the King's left side?
6. Are there signs that Jesus will return soon?
7. When is the day of salvation for people?
8. What do you think about people who predict that Jesus will return at a specific time? (Matthew 25:13) [Jesus said that no one knows the day or the hour of His return, so people who claim to know when it will be are wrong.]
9. Are you looking for the second coming of Jesus? Is it fearful or joyful for you to think about it?
10. What will happen when Jesus comes? (Matthew 25:10) [He will take the people who are His with Him back to Heaven.]
11. Which side of judgment will the King place you on? Why?
12. What promises has God given to you?
13. Who do you know that is hungry, thirsty, a stranger, needs clothes, is sick or in prison?
14. What other kinds of needs do people have in addition to the physical needs that are mentioned in the story?
15. Do you respond to people's needs like the righteous or the wicked people in the story?
16. What is the warning that you must take seriously yourself and also warn others about? [The warning is that we must be ready to stand before the King to be judged.]
17. What will your reward be? Why? (Matthew 25:46)

39. Okwingira mu Yerusalemi mu ngeri y'obuwanguzi Matayo 21:1-17

Bwe baali nga besembereire okumpi ni Yerusalemi baatuuka e Besufaage, ku lusozi olwa zeyituuni awo Yesu yaatuma abayigirizwabe babiri nga abakoba nti, “Mujee mu kyaalo ekyo ekibali emberu, era amangu nga mwakatukayo mwidhakubona endogoyi nga esibibwa walala n'omwana gwayo, dhombi endogoyi n'omwana gwayo mudhisumulule mudinteere wano. Singa wabaawo omuntu yenayena abakoba ekintu kyonakyoona mumukobe nti mukama waife adhetaaga era amangu irala aidhakubaleka mudhireete.”

Kino kyaabaawo ekyayogerebwa nnabbi kitukirire bwe yakoba nti, “Mukobere muwala wa Sayuni nti, 'Bona, kabakawo aidha y'oli nga muwombeefu ate nga alikuuidhira ku ndogoyi, n'akato akaana kendogoyi.”

Abayigirizwa baajaa baakola nga Yesu bwe yali abalagiire. Baaleeta endogoyi n'omwana gwayo baadhibwikaku engoye dhaibwe male Yesu yaadhityamaku. Abaatu abangi einho bayala engoye dhaibwe muluguudo ate nga n'abandhi bateema ensaga dhemiti badhalirira mu luguudo. Ogubindha gw'abantu abangi ogwamusookayo mu maiso naabo abamunonereza bawowoiganira mwiroboozu eryawaigula baakoba nti,

“Ozaana eri omwana wa Daudi!”

“Awereibwa omukisa oyo aidha mulinha lya Mukama!”

“Ozaana waigulu mwigulu einho!”

Yesu bwe yaingira eYerusalemi ekibuga kyonakyoona kyabugumirira era abantu abandi b'ebuuza nti, “N'ani ono?”

Ogubindha gwabantu abaali ni Yesu bairamu baakoba nti, “Ono ni Yesu, Nabbi okuva Nazaleesi ekye Galiraya.”

Yesu yaingira mu yekaalu yafulumya bonabona abaali balikugula n'okutundiramu. Yafuula emmeeza edh'abantu abaali balikuwanisa esente era yaafuula n'entebbe edhabantu abaali balikutunda enjiibwa. Yesu yabakoba nti, “Kyawandikibwa nti ennhumba yange eidhakwetebwanga ennhumba ey'okusabiramu aye imwe mugifwiire mpuku y'abaibi.”

Awooni bamuzibe n'abalema baidha mu yekaalu eno, yaabawonia. Aye bakabona abakulu n'abasomesa b'amateeka bwe baabona ebintu

ebirungi bye yakola era n'abaana abalekanira waigulu nga bakoba nti, "Ozana eri omwana wa Daudi," baanhiiga.

Baakoba nti, "Mulikuwulira abaana bano bye balikukoba?"

Yesu yaabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Yii. Timusomangaku nti Mumunwa gwabaana abato n'abawere ofuna okutenderezebwa?"

Yaabaleka yaavaa mu kibuga yaaja e Bassaniya era eyo yeyasula.

Study Questions: Okwingira mu Yerusalemi mu ngeri y'obuwanguzi Matayo 21:1-17

Introduction:

Jesus fulfilled every prophecy that was written about Him in the Old Testament, including this day when He entered Jerusalem as the King of the Jews, their Messiah. Jesus went to Jerusalem because this was His Father's time for providing salvation. The crowd called out "Hosanna," which means "Save us," but Jesus rode on a donkey which is a symbol of peace instead of war. Notice the responses of the disciples, the crowd, the children, and the Jewish leaders.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that God is holy and His place of worship is holy, too. To understand that people can do things that seem right, but do them for selfish reasons. To understand that it is important to examine our own hearts and to be humble.

Attitude – To desire to worship God wholeheartedly. To give God glory in everything that happens in our lives.

Action – To boldly tell people about the Lord Jesus. To help others learn to worship God with their whole hearts.

Memory Verses:

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

Scripture for Further Study:

Psalm 118:25-26; Zechariah 9:9

Questions about the Story:

1. Where was Jesus going? (Matthew 21:1. To Jerusalem.)
2. As he was getting close to Jerusalem, what did he instruct his disciples to do? (Matthew 21:2. Jesus told his disciples to go into the nearby village and get the donkey and colt that they would see there.)
3. What did Jesus tell his disciples to say if anyone asked what they were doing? (Matthew 21:3. Jesus told them to respond to anyone who asked by saying that the Lord needs them.)
4. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' command? (Matthew 21:6. The disciples obeyed. They went and did as Jesus had

instructed them. They brought the donkey and placed their cloaks on it for Jesus to sit on.)

5. What did the crowd do when they saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem? (Matthew 21:8. As the people saw Jesus coming toward the city, they cut down palm branches and laid the palm branches and their cloaks on the ground in front of him. They shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” and “Hosanna in the highest!”)
6. Why did the people praise Jesus this way? (Matthew 21:9. The people were shouting “Hosanna,” which means “Save us.” The people thought Jesus was going to save them from the harsh rule of the Romans.)
7. How did the people in the city respond? (Matthew 21:10. The whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”)
8. What was Jesus’ first stop? What did He do there? (Matthew 21:12. Jesus’ first stop was the temple where He drove out the money changers who were selling animals for sacrifices there.)
9. What did he say to the money changers, and why did he do this? (Matthew 21:13. Jesus told the money changers that God’s house was supposed to be a place for prayer, but they had made it a robbers’ hangout. He was very angry because they were using God’s house to make money for themselves instead of using it for honoring and worshiping His Father.)
10. What was the response of the chief priests and teachers of the law when they saw Jesus healing people and the children singing praise to Him? Why? (Matthew 21:15. The chief priests and teachers of the law thought that Jesus was a man and should not receive praise as the Son of God. They came to Jesus in anger because they wanted Him to stop the people from praising Him.)
11. How did Jesus respond to their question? (Matthew 21:16. Jesus responded by quoting the Scripture that says “By the mouths of infants” God would receive praise. In saying this, He was saying that He was the Son of God.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you following Jesus wherever He leads you?
2. Are you quick to respond to the Lord’s requests and to what you read in His Word?
3. How much respect do you have for what the Word of God tells you? Do you consider it to be holy? Do you obey it?

4. Why do you follow Jesus?
5. Why does Jesus ride in to Jerusalem on a donkey? (Matthew 21:5) [By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus was showing himself as gentle and humble.]
6. Was this humble entrance by Jesus one that the people were expecting? What were they thinking Jesus would do?
7. What does Hosanna mean? (Psalm 118:25-26) [Hosanna means “save us.”]
8. Why did the people shout this?
9. What was the work of the Messiah? What was God planning to save us from?
10. How often do you shout praises with your mouth, but swear quietly in your heart?
11. What are you willing to give up for Jesus?
12. Do your friends and family know who Jesus is?
13. Is your church a holy place? Is it a house of prayer?
14. Are you willing to honor the Lord in public, even if it means being looked down on by some of the public leaders?
15. What keeps people you know from worshiping the Lord God?

40. Okubitaku n'okulya mumuntu olukwe Lukka 22:7-8, 13-23, 39-53

Awo olunaku olw'emigaati egitazimbulukwiswa lwaatuuka, olunaku olwokusadakirako entaama y'okubitira. Yesu yatuma Petero ni Yokaana yaabakoba nti, "Mujee mututegekere okulya okubitira."

Baamubuza nti, "Oyenda tugitegekere wa?"

Yaabairamu yabakoba nti, "Bwemunaaba nga mulikwingira ekibuga mwidhakwaganana n'omuntu ey'etwise ensuwa y'amadhi, mumunonereze paka mu nhumba y'anaaingiramu. Male mukobe mwenhe nhumba nti, 'Omwegeresa alikubuza nti enhumba y'abagenhi eriwa mwanaalira okubitira n'abayigirizwabe?' Aidhakubalaga ennhumba eyawaigulu ennene ate nga yonayona emaze okutebwamu buli kalungi. Mutegekere omwo. Baajaa era baayagana ebintu nga biri nga Yesu bwe yali abakobye. Awooni bategeka okubitako."

Ekiseera bwe kyatuuka Yesu n'abayigirizwabe baatyama ku mmeza. Era yaabakoba nti, "Nenze inho okulya eno okubitaku walala niimwe nga nkaali kubonabonezewa. Kubanga mbakobera nti tiidhakwirayo kugirya paaka bwe kiritukirira mu bwa kabaka bwa Katonda."

Oluvainuma lw'okugema ekikopo y'ebaaza yaakoba nti, "Mutwaale kino mugye mwegabaniemu bene nabene kubanga mbakobera nti tiriirayo kunwa kubibala byomuzabibu paka obwakabaka bwa Katonda bwe bulidha."

Male yaagema omugaati, yeebaza, yaagumenhamu yamala yaagubawa era yaakoba nti, "Guno n'omubiri gwange oguwebwayo ku lwaimwe. Mukolenga mutyo okundhidhukirirangaku."

Mu ngeri ndala eyo ngabamaze okulya yagama ekikompe yaakoba nti, "Kino ekikompe n'omukago omuyaaka mumusayi gwange oguyuyika ku lwaimwe. Aye omukono gwoyo aja okundyamu olukwe guli walala n'ogwange wano kummeza. Omwana waKatonda okujaa aidhakuja nga bwekyalagirwa aye alabye oyo amulyamu olukwe." Baatandika okwebuza bene nabene nti ani kubo ayinza okukola kino.

Yesu yafuluma yaajaa ku lusozi olwa Zeyituuni nga bwe yakolanga era abayigirizwabe baamunonereza. Bwe yatukayo yaakoba abayigirizwabe nti, "Musabe mulobe kwingira mukukemebwa." Yabeyawulaku yaajaa kumpi nga eibale werikoma nga oliswiire

yaafukamira yaasaba nti, "Lata, bw'oba oyendha ntoolaaku ekikompe kino aye tinga nze bwenendha aye kyoyendha iwe kikolebwe." Malaika okuva mwigulu yamubonekera yaamugumya. Ngaali mu bulumi y'eyongerera okujja mu maiso okusaba entuuyodhe dhaaba nga amatondo g'omusaayi agalikutoonha wansi.

Bwe yasituka okuva mu kusaba naairayo eri abayigirizwabe yaabagaana nga batendwike olw'ennaku, yaababunza nti, "Lwaki mulikutenduka? Musituke musabe mulobe kwingira mukukemebwa."

Yesu yali nga akaayogera ogubibidha gwabantu bangi baidha, era omuntu mulala ayetebwa Yuda omulala kwabo eikumi n'ababiri ni yali nga abakulembeire. Yuda yasemberera Yesu nga ayendha okumunwegera aye Yesu yaamubuuza nti, "Yuda olikulya olukwe mu mwana w'omuntu nga omunwegera?"

Abagoberezi baYesu bwe baabona ebyali birikujaa mu maiso baakoba nti, "Mukama waife tubateme n'ebiso byaiffe?" Era mulala kubo yatema omukozi wakabona asinga obukulu yamusalaku ekutuye ey'omukono omusadha.

Aye Yesu yaakoba nti, "Mutairayo kukola kino." Male yaagema kukutu y'omuntu gwe batema era yaamuwonia.

Yesu yaakoba bakabona abakulu n'abakulira yeekaalu, n'abakaire b'ekanisa n'abo abaali baidye okumunona nti, "Mumbona nga alikukulembera ab'ewaguzi n'okwidha n'ebiso ebinene n'emigo? Buli lunaku nalinga niimwe mu yeekaalu nga timunkolaku kabi kona kona, aye kino n'ekiseera kyaimwe- ekizikiiza nga n'ekifuga."

Study Questions: Okubitaku n’okulya mumuntu olukwe Lukka 22:7-8, 13-23, 39-53

Introduction:

The Passover feast was a custom of the people of Israel. It began as a celebration in memory of the time when the angel of death killed all the first-born of the Egyptians, but passed over the Israelites. At the Passover celebrations a lamb was eaten, remembering how the Israelites in Egypt slaughtered a lamb, painted its blood on their doorposts, and ate it. Before His crucifixion, Jesus decided to celebrate this special dinner with his disciples, as was the custom of the people of Israel. Jesus taught them that the bread and wine taken during the supper were to be taken in realization that He was to be the one who would be the sacrifice and that through His blood, there would be the forgiveness of sin.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus is the Passover lamb that takes away our sin, and so allows the penalty of eternal death to pass over us.

Attitude – To humbly admit that Jesus’ sacrifice is the only thing that can cleanse us and forgive our sins.

Action – To celebrate the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Him and in recognition of the price that He has paid for us

Memory Verse:

John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:20-34; Hebrews 12:2-3

Questions about the Story:

1. What did Jesus ask Peter and John to do? When and where was this taking place? (Luke 22:7-8. Jesus told Peter and John to prepare the Passover meal. It was on the day of Unleavened Bread, while Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem.)
2. What were Jesus’ feelings about this meal with His disciples? What did He know was soon to come? (Luke 22:15. Jesus told his disciples that He was eager to eat this meal with them before His coming suffering.)

3. What did Jesus say they should do with the cup? (Luke 22:17. Take this and divide it among you.)
4. What did He say about the bread? What was it to represent? (Luke 22:19. Jesus told His disciples that the bread was His body given for them, and that they were to do this (break and eat it) in remembrance of Me.)
5. What was the cup to represent? (Luke 22:20. The cup was to be the new covenant of His blood, which He shed for all.)
6. What significant person was at the table, actually one of the disciples? (Luke 22:21-23. His betrayer, Judas Iscariot.)
7. After they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray? (Luke 22:40. Jesus told His disciples to pray that they would not fall into temptation.)
8. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about His being a man (human)? (Luke 22:42. Jesus wanted the cup of suffering to be taken from Him as His humanness desired to withdraw from the pain and suffering. We can be grateful that Jesus was submissive to the Father's will.)
9. What else happened during this prayer time? (Luke 22:43-44. Angels came and ministered to Jesus in his weakness. He prayed so earnestly that sweat fell from Him like drops of blood.)
10. What were the disciples doing when Jesus came back to them after His time of prayer? (Luke 22:45-46. Jesus found His disciples asleep because they were exhausted from their sorrow.)
11. Who came to betray Jesus? (Luke 22:47-48. Judas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus.)

Discussion Questions:

1. When does Passover occur on our calendar? What is your role in regard to Passover? Why?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' crucifixion during the time of Passover? (John 1:29) [Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world so that God would Passover His people.]
3. If Jesus had to face trials, can we also expect trials to come our way? What kind of trials do we find ourselves facing as Christians?
4. What are we to learn about the Lord's Supper by Jesus' telling us to divide the cup among us? (Luke 22:17) [It teaches us that the Lord's Supper is to be a time of fellowship and

communion with each other. We are to share together in the remembrance of the sacrifice that Christ made for us.]

5. What does it mean that the cup is the new covenant in His blood, poured out for us? (Luke 22:20) [The new covenant in the blood of Jesus shows us that we no longer need to make continual sacrifices for forgiveness of our sins. Rather, the sacrifice of Jesus pays for the sins of anyone in the whole world who believes in Him.]
6. What did Jesus mean when He said that the cup is His blood and the bread is His body? (Luke 22:19-20) [We are to take Him at His Word and believe that Jesus is in fact present with us in a real way as we take the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper. (We can think of Him being in, with, and under these elements.)]
7. Could there be betrayal in your own heart? What about that of denial?
8. Why is prayer necessary to help us avoid temptation? (Luke 22:40) [Prayer is an important part of avoiding temptation, because we are weak in ourselves and not able to stand alone against the attacks of the devil. However, the Lord our God is Almighty and He is perfectly able to rescue us. Prayer reminds us that we need to depend on God, as without Him, we are helpless.]
9. Are you submissive to the Father's will? Even to the point of death?
10. What temptation was Jesus facing? What does it mean when Jesus said "take this cup away from me?" (Luke 22:42) [Jesus was facing the temptation of despair and unfaithfulness. When He asked the Father if the cup could be taken away from Him, He was asking if there would be a different way besides death to atone for the sins of the world.]
11. Did Jesus know what was coming ahead of Him? Why didn't He run? (Hebrews 12:2-3) [Jesus indeed knew what was happening, and for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame.]
12. What difference does it make to you that Jesus went to the cross?
13. What are some of the temptations you battle against? What are your weaknesses? What are your needs for prayer for forgiveness?

41. Okuwozesebwa kwa Yesu, okuwanikibwa ku kalaba n'okuzukizibwa Matayo 27:11-66

Yesu bwe yali nga ayemereire mu maiso g'omufuzi w'eisaza, ono ow'eisaza yaamubuuza nti, "Niiwe kabaka w'aBayudaaya?"

Yesu yairamu yaakoba nti, "Yii, kiri nga bw'okoba."

Bakabona abakulu n'abakaire bwe bamuseewayo wazira kye yabairamu. Male Piraato yaamubuuza nti, "Towulira obudhulizi bwebalikukukoba era nga bukulumiriza?" Aye Yesu tiyairamu kigambo waire kirala kiti kwebyo byona byona byebamwogeraku - ekintu ekyewunisa einho omufuzi oweisaza.

Mpegaano gwali muze gwa mufuzi w'eisaza nti buli bwe waabangawo embaga nga alekula omusibe mulala abantu gwe basalangawo alekulibwe. Mukiseera ekyo waaliwo omusibe mulala eyaali amanhiibwa olw'ebibbye nga bamweta Balaba. Abantu nga bamaze okukungaana Piraato yababuuza nti, "Ku bano ababiri ani gwe mwenda mbalekulire; Balaba oba Yesu ayetebwa Kurisito?" Olwokuba yali akiidhi nti nsaalwa gyebaalinayo niyabawesaayo Yesu gyaali.

Piraato bwe yali nga atyame mu ntebbeye ey'obulamuzi, mukaziwe yamuwereza obubaka yaamukoba nti, "Otaba ni kyokola muntu oyo, azira musango gwonagwona gwaiziza, kubanga mbwoinebwoine inho bwe mbaire nga ndikulooto leero olwomuntu oyo."

Aye baakabona abakulu n'abakaire basendasenda abantu abaaliwo nga babakoba nti, "Musabe Balaba alekulibwe muleke Yesu ayitibwe." Omufuzi w'eisaza yaairamu yaababuuza nti, "Ku bano ababiri naani gwe mwenda mbalekulire?"

Abantu bairamu baakoba nti, "Balaba."

Piraato yaabuuza nti, "Buti Yesu ayetebwa Kurisito, mmukolereki?"

Abantu bairamu baakoba nti, "Mukomerere ku musalaba!"

Piraato yaababuuza nti, "Lwaaki mukoba mutyo, aiziza musangoki?" Aye baakayana era nga balikulekaanira mwirowoozi lyawaigulu baakoba nti, "Mukomerere kumusalaba!"

Piraato bwe yabona nti alemereirwa okubaikirizisa bye yali alikubakoba nti Yesu yali azira musango, ate nga n'okukayana baali batandiise okukayana yaafuna amaadhi yaanaaba mungalo, mu maiso g'abantu bano abaali abangi einho, bonabona yaabakoba nti, "Nze nzira musango era tivunanizibwa olwomusaayi gw'omuntu ono. Imwe niimwe abavunanizibwa."

Aye abantu baairamu baakoba nti, "Omusaayigwe gube obuvunanizibwa bwaiffe nikubaana baiffe."

Awooni yaabalekulira Balaba. Aye yaalagira Yesu bamukube kiboko era yaamuwaayo bajee bamukomerere kumusalaba.

Awooni abaserikale b'omufuzi w'eisaza baatwaala Yesu mukigangu bamwetooloa ekibindha kyabaserikale bonabona abaaliwo. Awooni bamwambula engoye dheyali ayambaire bamwambaza olugoye olumyufu. Memale bazingamingamu amawa baagafulamamu engule baamwambaza ku mutwe gwe. Waaliwo ebintu byebaata mu mukono gwe omusadha memale baafukamira mumaisoge baamudulira nga bwe bamukoba nti, "Omuzira Kabaka waAbayudaaya." Baamufudhaku era baatoola ebintu bye bamutaa mu mukonogwe omusadha baabimukuba ku mutwe era bairamu baabimukuba kumutwe emirundi egiweraku. Oluvainuma lw'okumudulira, bamwambula ebyambalo bye baali bamwambaiza, bamwambaza ebibye bye baali bamwambwiire. Male baamutwaala okujaa okumukomerera ku musalaba.

Bwe baali nga balikufuluma bayaganana n'omusadha omuKuleene erinhalye nga bamweta Simooni, baamukaka okwetwiika omusalaba gwa Yesu. Bwe baatuuka mukifo ekyetebwa Gologoosa (ekigambo Gologoosa kitegeeza ekifo kyekiwanga). Baawa Yesu omwenge omukusiifu nga bagutabikemu ebintu ebikaawa einho, aye Yesu bwe yagukombaku yaadhema okugunwa. Bwe bamala okumukomerera kumusalaba baagabana engoyedhe dheyali avaire nga bakozesa okukuba akalulu okubona ani anaatwaalaki. Baatyaaama awo baamulingirira nga balikumukuuma. Ku mutwegwe baamutaaku ebigambo bye baali bawandiise nga bikoba nti: **ONO NI YESU KABAKA WAABAYUDAAYA**. Abaibi babiri baabakomerera walala ni Yesu nga owundi ali kumukonogwe omusadha ate owundi nga ali kumukonogwe omugoodha. Abantu ababitaanga okumpi ni webakomerera Yesu nga bamuvuma n'okunenia emitwe gyaibwe era nga bwe bakoba nti, "Iwe ajaa okumenha yekaalu era ogizimbe munnaku isatu w'ewonie okuva mukizibu ky'olimu. Bwoba nga oli mwana wa Katonda ika wansi ove kumusalaba!"

Mungeri ndala eyo baakabona abakulu, n'abasomesa b'amateeka n'abakaire baamudulira nga bwe bamukoba nti, "Yawonia abantu abandi, aye ye mweene tasobola kwewonia. Ni Kabaka waIsiraeri. kaaike wansi ave kumusalaba male twidhamwikiriza. Yeesiga Katonda, Katonda kaamuwonie bwaaba nga amwenda, kubanga yakoba nti, 'Ndi mwana wa Katonda." Mu ngeri ndala eyo n'abaibi b'ebamukomerera nabo boona baamuvuma.

Okuva ku sawa ey'omukaaga okutuuka ku sawa ey'omwenda ekizikiiza kyabutikira ensi yonayona. Bwe dhaatuuka sawa nga mwenda Yesu yaalira mwirobooji eryawaigulu einho yaakoba nti, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" Ebigambo bino bitegeeza nti, "Katonda wange, Katonda wange, lwaki ondekulira?"

Abandi kwabo abaali b'emereire okumpi awo bwe bawulira Yesu nga akoba atyo baakoba nti yali alikweta Eriya.

Amangu ago mulala kubo yalumuka yaaja yaagama ekyangu, yaakiinhika era yaakidhuza omwenge omukaatuufu, male yaakita kulumuli yaakiwa Yesu anwe. Bale baine abandi baakoba nti, "Mpegaano mumuleke. katubone obanga Eriya aidhakwidha amuwonie."

Yesu bwe yairamu okulekanira waigulu n'eirobooji einene, yamala yaaleka omwoyogwe.

Mukiseera kirala ekyo eigigi lya yeekaalu lyayuzikamu wagati ebitundu bibiri okuva waigulu paka wansi. Ensi yayuguuma era olubaale lwayatika. Amagombe gayabika gaaigulawo era emirambo mingi egyaabantu abatukurivu abaali nga baafaa baazukuzibwa bairamu okuba abalamu. Baifuluma baava mumagombe era oluvainuma lwa Yesu okuzukizibwa baajaa mu kibuga ekitukurivu era abantu bangi baababona.

Omukulu w'abaserikale naabo abaali naaye okumpi awo nga balikukuuma Yesu bwe bawulira okuyuguuma kwa Musisi n'ebyo byonabyona ebyaliwo baatya inho era baakoba nti, "Mumazima ono abaire mwana wa Katonda."

Waaliiwo abakazi bangi abaali ewalaku okuva Yesu we yali aye nga balikubona ebyaali birikujaa mu maiso. Abakazi bano baali nga banonereiza Yesu okuvira irala e Galiraaya nga bamuwerezanga. Mu

bakazi bano nga mulimu Malyamu Magudaleene, ni Malyamu maama wa Yakobo ni Yose ni maama w'abaana ba Zebbeddayo.

Obwiire nga buli kuziba waidhawo omusadha omugaiga eyali ava Alimasaya nga erinha lye ni Yusufu yeena eyali afuuse omuyigirizwa wa Yesu. Yajaa ewa Piraato yaasaba omulambo gwa Yesu, era Piraato yaalagira nti omusadha ono aweebwe omulambo gwa Yesu. Yusufu yatwaala omulambo gwa Yesu yaaguzinga mu lugoye lwa bafuta endheru ate nga nnhondho inho, yaamala yaagutwala yaagutaa mu magombe geyali yaakasima mu lubaale. Yasiringisa ogubaale ogunene yaaguta ku mulyango gw'amagombe gano yamala yaagolola. Malyamu Magudaleene n'ole Malyamu owundi baali nga batyaime awo emberi waamagombe.

Olunaku olwairira, olunaku olw'okutekateka, baakabona abakulu n'abafalisayo baajaa ewa Piraato baamukoba nti, "Sebbo, twidukiire nti bwe yali nga akaali mulamu omulimba oyo yakoba nti, 'Oluvainuma lwa nnaku isatu ndhakuzukira.' N'olwekyo twenda owe ekiragiro amagombe gebaziisemu Yesu gakumiibwe bulungi paka nga olunaku olwokusatu lubiseewo. Aye awatali ekyo abayigirizwabe basobola okwidha baaiba omulambo male baakoba abantu nti azukiziibwa okuva mu bafu. Okulimba kuno kwidhakuba kubi inho n'okusinga kule okwasooka."

Piraato yaabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Mutwaale omukuumi. Mujee mukumiire irala amagombe nga bwemwiidhi." Olwekyo baajaa baakumira irala amagombe era kugubaale baataaku akagusiba obulungi era baataawo n'omukuumi.

Study Questions: Okuwozesebwa kwa Yesu, okuwanikibwa ku kalaba n’okuzukizibwa Matayo 27:11-66

Introduction:

Just days earlier a crowd had shouted, “Hosanna,” and praised Jesus. Now a crowd cried out for Him to be crucified. Who crucified Jesus? Was it the disciple, Judas, who betrayed Jesus, or the Jewish leaders who accused Him? Was it Pilate who gave the order, or the soldiers who carried out his instruction? If Jesus died to take away the sin of the world, then wasn’t it all sinful people, including you, who caused his death?

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus died for your sin and paid the full price for your salvation.

Attitude – To admit that you are sinful and need the salvation that Jesus died to provide. To be broken in your heart about your sin and the price Jesus paid for you.

Actions – To receive the salvation and forgiveness that Jesus provided through His blood. To repent from your sin (repentance means turning from your sin, not sinning any more).

Memory Verses:

Hebrews 9:27-28 “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Matthew 26:36-27:66; Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:1-23:56; John 18:1-19:42

Questions about the Story:

1. What did the governor ask Jesus? (Matthew 27:11. He asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”)
2. How did Jesus respond to the accusations the chief priests made against Him to Pilate? (Matthew 27:12-13. He was silent; He said nothing.)
3. What did Pilate’s wife tell him? (Matthew 27:19. Pilate’s wife told him, “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man. I have had a dream about him, and have suffered a lot from it.”)

4. How did Pilate try to get out of this situation? (Matthew 27:15-21, 24. To get out of this situation, Pilate attempted to force the people to choose between the release of Barabbas or Jesus. When the crowd still demanded to have Jesus punished, Pilate washed his hands in front of them, to demonstrate that he was not responsible for Jesus' death.)
5. What did the crowd shout? (Matthew 27:21-22. They shouted, "We want Barabbas, crucify Jesus!")
6. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (Matthew 27:27-31, 35. The soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters, where they mocked him. They joked about His being the King of the Jews. They made fun of Him by stripping His clothes off, then putting a scarlet robe on Him and a crown of thorns on His head. They also whipped Him and beat Him.)
7. Where did they lead Him after they had mocked Him? (Matthew 27:33. The soldiers lead Him to Golgotha [the place of the skull], to be crucified.)
8. What was the charge that was put on a sign above Jesus' head? (Matthew 27:36-37. "This is Jesus, The King of the Jews.")
9. What did people who passed by say? (Matthew 27:39-40. They told him to save Himself and come down from the cross if He was really the Son of God.)
10. What did the chief priests say? (Matthew 27:41-43. They said, "He saved others, but He can't save Himself. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God, let God save Him.")
11. What did the robbers say? (Matthew 27:44. They heaped insults on Him, too.)
12. What happened from the 6th to the 9th hour (12 noon - 3pm)? (Matthew 27:45. Darkness covered the land in the middle of the day.)
13. What did Jesus cry out? Why? (Matthew 27:46. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?") Jesus cried this out this because, as Jesus took onto Himself the sin of the world, God turned His face away from Jesus.)
14. What happened at the moment of Jesus' death? (Matthew 27:50-53. When Jesus died, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, there was a large earthquake, the tombs of many holy people broke open and those holy people were raised to life.)
15. What did the centurion finally realize after he saw all that had happened? (Matthew 27:54. He realized that Jesus truly was the Son of God.)

16. Who asked for Jesus' body, and what did he do with it?
(Matthew 27:57-60. Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for Jesus' body. He wrapped it and laid it in his own new tomb.)
17. What was done to make the tomb secure from robbers?
(Matthew 27:60-66. To secure the tomb, a large stone was rolled in front of it, a seal was placed on the stone, and Roman guards were placed outside to guard it.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Who do you say that Jesus is?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the King of the Jews?
(Matthew 27:11) [The "King" that the Jews were waiting for was the promised Messiah.]
3. What do you do when people accuse you?
4. Why did Jesus refuse to answer when He was accused?
(Matthew 27:12-14; Isaiah 53:7) [His aim was not to defend Himself or be set free.]
5. What would you have done if you were Pilate?
6. Have you ever had to choose between Jesus and others?
7. It is possible that it was the same crowd that shouted "Hosanna" just a few days earlier that was now shouting for Jesus to be crucified. What do you do with the different voices that you hear in the world? When have you said two opposite things?
8. Have you treated Jesus like the soldiers treated Him? How?
(Matthew 27:27-31, 35) [Perhaps by mocking Him and treating Him with disrespect.]
9. Why was Jesus crucified? [Jesus was crucified so that all people can be saved through faith in His perfect sacrifice.]
10. Can people tell that you're a Christian, or do they have to ask you first?
11. Are you ever like those who passed by hurling insults at Jesus?
12. What does the fact that God forsook Jesus mean for you?
(Matthew 27:46) [God forsook Jesus because He was carrying our sin on Him. This means that we can be accepted by God if we accept Jesus' punishment in our place and become His followers.]
13. What happened at the moment of Jesus' death for you?
14. When did you finally understand the meaning of who Jesus was?
15. What can you give to Jesus in exchange for what He has given you?

16. What does all of this mean to you?

42. Okuzukira kwa Yesu, n'ekiragiwo ekinene Matayo 28:1-20

Oluvainuma lw'olunaku lwa Sabiiti awo kunkyo einho ku lwa Baraza, olunaku olusooka mu wiki, Malyamu Magudaleene ni Malyamu ole owundi baajaa okubona amagombe.

Waabaaawo musisi ow'amanhi einho kubanga malaika ya Mukama yaika okuva mwigulu, yaaja ku magombe yaasiringisa ogubaale yaagutoolawo ku magombe male yaatyama ku gubaale guno. Malayika bwe yaidha yafanana nga ekimyansa kya laadu nga ate engoye dhe dheyali ayambaire nga ndheru inho nga omuzira. Abakuumi abaaliwo baatyia inho Malayika ono era yabakanga baadhugumira baamala baaba nga abafiire.

Malayika yakoba abakazi abaali awo nti, "Mutatya kubanga ndhidhi nti mulikunonia Yesu gwe baakomerera kumusalaba. Tali wano aye azukiire nga bwe yakoba. Mwidhe mubone ekifo w'ebamugalamiza. Male mujee mangu mukobere abayigirizwabe nti: 'Azuukiire okuva mu bafu era alikujaa e Galiraaya, n'anaabasookayo. Eyo y'emunaamubonera.' Buti ebyo byembakobyee."

Olweekyo abakazi baava mangu ku magombe baatambula baajaa, waire nga baali baidwiire okutya aye baali basanwike inho, baakobeera abayigirizwabe. Bwe baali balikujaa Yesu yaababonekera era yaabalamusa. Abakazi baajaa eri Yesu baagema ku bigerebye era baamusinza. Male Yesu yaabakoba nti, "Mutatya mujee mukobe baganda bange bajee e Galiraaya, eyo y'ebanaambonera."

Abakazi nga balikutambula balikujaa abandi ku bakuumi baajaa mu kibuga baakobera abakulu ebintu byonabyona bye baabona nga bibaawo. Baakabona abakulu bwe bayaganana n'abakaire baategeka okukyusa ebyaliwo, baawa abakuumi esente kamaala era baabakoba nti, "Mulin'okwogera nti, 'Abayigirizwabe baaidye obwiire baiba omulambo, iffe nga tutendwiike.' Singa bino ebibairewo bituuka eri omufuzi w'eisaza twidhakumwinhohola tumumatize mweena mube nti muzira musango." Olweekyo abakuumi baatwaala esente dhebaabawa baakola nga bwe balagira. Bino byebasalawo okukola babikobera abantu wonawona mu Bayudaaya era na buti batyo bwe babitegeera.

Awooni abayigirizwabe eikumi n'omulala baajaa e Galiraaya, kulusozi Yesu weyabakoba okujaa. Bwebamubona abandi kubo baamusinza aye abaandi baabusabusa. Male Yesu yaidha yebali yaabakoba nti,

"Mpereibwa obuyinza bwonabwona mwigulu ni kungsi. N'olwekyo mujee mufuule amawanga gonagona babe bayigirizwa, nga mubabatiza mulinha lya Lata n'omwana n'omwoyo omutukuvu era mub'egerese okugondera bulikintu kyemalagiire. Era mumazima nze ndi walala niimwe ebiseera byonabyona, paka emirembe gino lwegiriwaawo."

Study Questions: Okuzukira kwa Yesu, n’ekiragiro ekinene Matayo 28:1-20

Introduction:

After a most painful death, Jesus’ body was placed in the borrowed tomb of one of his followers: Joseph of Arimathea. The death of Jesus made the situation for his disciples seem hopeless. They didn’t know that this was just the beginning of God’s wonderful plan. As we look at Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, we see that the Lord God will always stand victorious, even over death.

Goals:

Knowledge – To understand that Jesus has power over death. To know that God desires for all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Attitude – To have a heart to worship Jesus as the Lord of everything. To be humbly obedient to whatever Jesus commands us to do.

Action – To tell the people around us about the salvation they can have by faith in Jesus’ sacrifice and resurrection. To tell our Christian brothers and non-believers what the Word of the Lord says.

Memory Verses:

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.”

Scriptures for Further Study:

Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; 1Corinthians 15:3-6; 1 Timothy 2:4

Questions about the Story:

1. Who of Jesus’ followers went to the tomb first? (Matthew 28:1. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary on the first day of the week after the Sabbath.)
2. Who rolled away the stone? Why? (Matthew 28:2. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone to show that Jesus was not there, because He had risen from the dead.)

3. What did the guards do when the angel came? (Matthew 28:4. The guards were so afraid that they shook and became like dead men. They must have fainted from fear.)
4. What did the angel say to the women? (Matthew 28:5. He said, "Do not be afraid...you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen.")
5. What had happened to Jesus and where would He meet them? (Matthew 28:6-7. Jesus had risen from the dead and had gone ahead of them to Galilee.)
6. Who were the women to tell about this good news? (Matthew 28:7. They were to go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus had risen.)
7. What were the women's feelings as they hurried away from the tomb? (Matthew 28:8. They were afraid, yet filled with joy.)
8. Who met the women on the way? What did He say? (Matthew 28:9-10. Jesus met the women on the way and said to them, "Do not be afraid, go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.")
9. When the guards saw the angel come and roll away the stone in front of the tomb, what did they do? (Matthew 28:11. The guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.)
10. What was the response of the chief priests when they heard the report of the guards? (Matthew 28:12-14. They made a plan to try to hide what had happened. They told the soldiers to say that the disciples came during the night and stole Jesus' body away. They paid the guards a large sum of money for doing this. They also promised to protect the guards from harm if this report reached the governor. [Sleeping while on guard duty could have meant the death penalty for the guards.]
11. Where did Jesus meet His disciples? (Matthew 28:16. The disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. Jesus met them there.)
12. What was the response of the disciples when they saw Jesus? (Matthew 28:17. They worshiped Him, but some doubted.)
13. What did Jesus tell his disciples? (Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus told them to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching in the authority given to them in Christ. He also promised to be with them to the end of the age.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you been ever been in search for Jesus?

2. What importance does Jesus' empty tomb have for you?
3. What is your response to the fact that Jesus is alive?
4. What does the angel's message mean for all people?
5. What does the resurrection tell us about who Jesus is?
6. What does Jesus' promise in Matthew 28:20 mean for you?
7. Do you know people who try to twist or cover up the evidence of the resurrection?
8. Why did the chief priests give the soldiers money? What was their concern?
9. Where does Jesus meet you?
10. What does Jesus' "Great Commission" mean for you? (Matthew 28:18-20) [It means that we are to tell the people around us and throughout the whole world about God's plan for their salvation. They need to hear this message. However, our responsibility doesn't stop with sharing the message. For those who believe, we are to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as well as teaching them to be obedient disciples.]
11. What promise did Jesus leave to encourage us as we obey His "Great Commission" to make disciples of all nations? (Matthew 28:20) [Jesus promised that we can witness with His authority, and that He is with us until the end of the age.]