

Unit 4: GOD'S LOVE TRANSFORMS US

Lesson 4.4 The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Scripture Reference: Luke 16:1-31

*Use children's Bible story book if applicable. Feel free to ask one of the older students to read it or tell it as a story. Another option will be the video lesson.

For the lesson: The Truthfulness prayer cards

*Print the prayers on a cardstock and cut out to distribute to students for future use.

Activity 1: Who Wants to Eat a Cookie

Items Needed: printouts of the pages with the coloring pictures of cookies (found on the second page).

Activity 2: "Be the BEE" craft

Items Needed: printouts of the bumble bee (found on the fourth page), scissors, color pencils, markers, glue, popsicle sticks or strong string such as fishing string.

Song: [This little Light of Mine](#) (duration 4:22)

Words of the week:

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Homework Activity: Grow your own Easter Grass

Moral Character Focus:

Honesty.

Memory Verse:

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can also be trusted with much, and whoever
is dishonest with very little will also be
dishonest with much.

Luke 16:10

Lesson

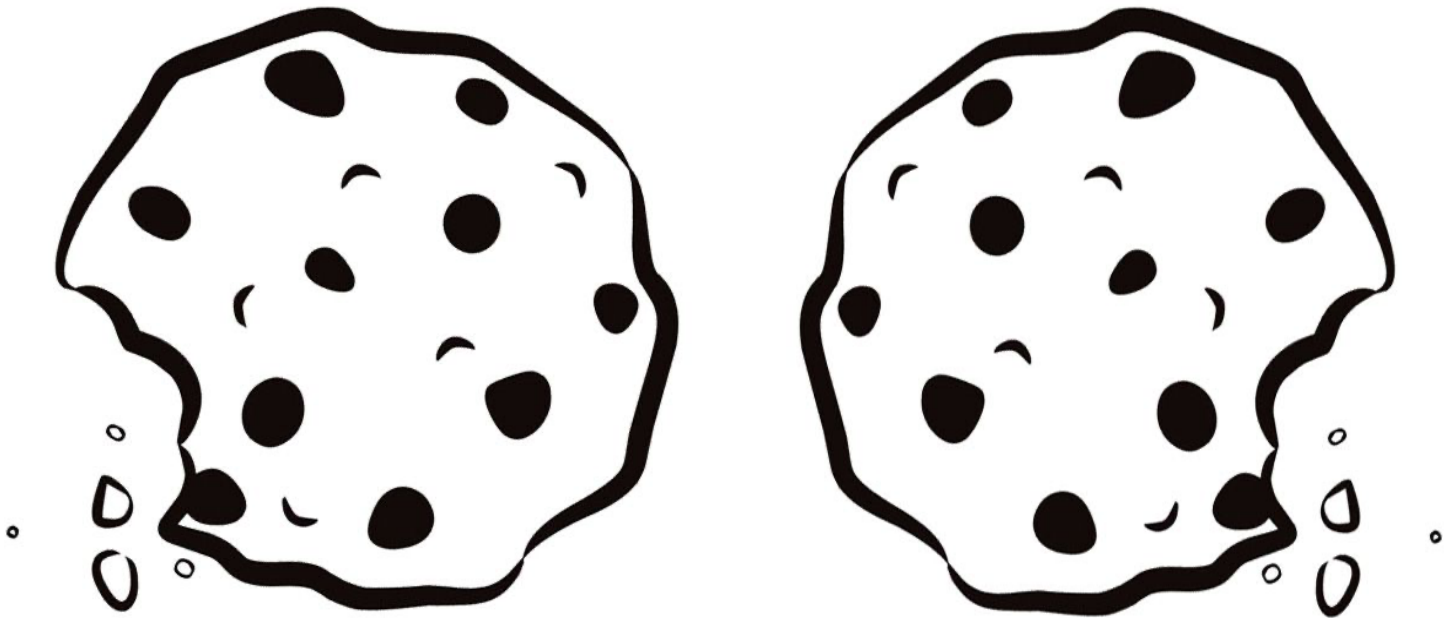
Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

Open with prayer:

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Lesson Start Activity:

How about we start with an activity? Pretend that your mother gave you a plate of freshly baked cookies to take to your grandmother who is reading by the fireplace. There are two cookies on the plate and they smell very good. You already had your share but think, if you eat one cookie on the way to your grandmother - she would never know. There would still be one more cookie on the plate. If this is your choice, color the cookie on the left. If you choose to bring both cookies to your grandmother, then go to the kitchen and ask some more for yourself, color the cookie on the right.



You probably guessed that today we are going to learn about honesty.

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Jesus told a story about a rich man who had a worker that was taking care of his treasures. This man was dishonest and was stealing money from his master. The rich man found out about this and fired his manager. Before he was fired, he made a plan to help himself to secure his future. He went to all the people who owed his boss money. He found out how much they each owed, and said they could pay a less amount. These people were happy to pay a fraction of what they owed, and the dishonest man became their friend since he gave them a discount.

After Jesus told this parable, he said to his disciples, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be

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trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” Let’s try to memorize this verse and always remember if people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know that they can trust us in the big things too.

This is a good lesson to keep in mind. So, let us pray to God for wisdom, for us to be honest in every situation - big or small.

Truthfulness Prayer

My dear God I pray to you.

Help me (us) be honest and be true.

Honest with words, so truth I (we) speak,

Honest with actions, so I’m (we’re) not weak.

Help me admit my (our) wrongs and faults,

To have pure and honest thoughts.

Your truth with me (us) must always stay.

In the name of Jesus, this I (we) pray.

Amen.



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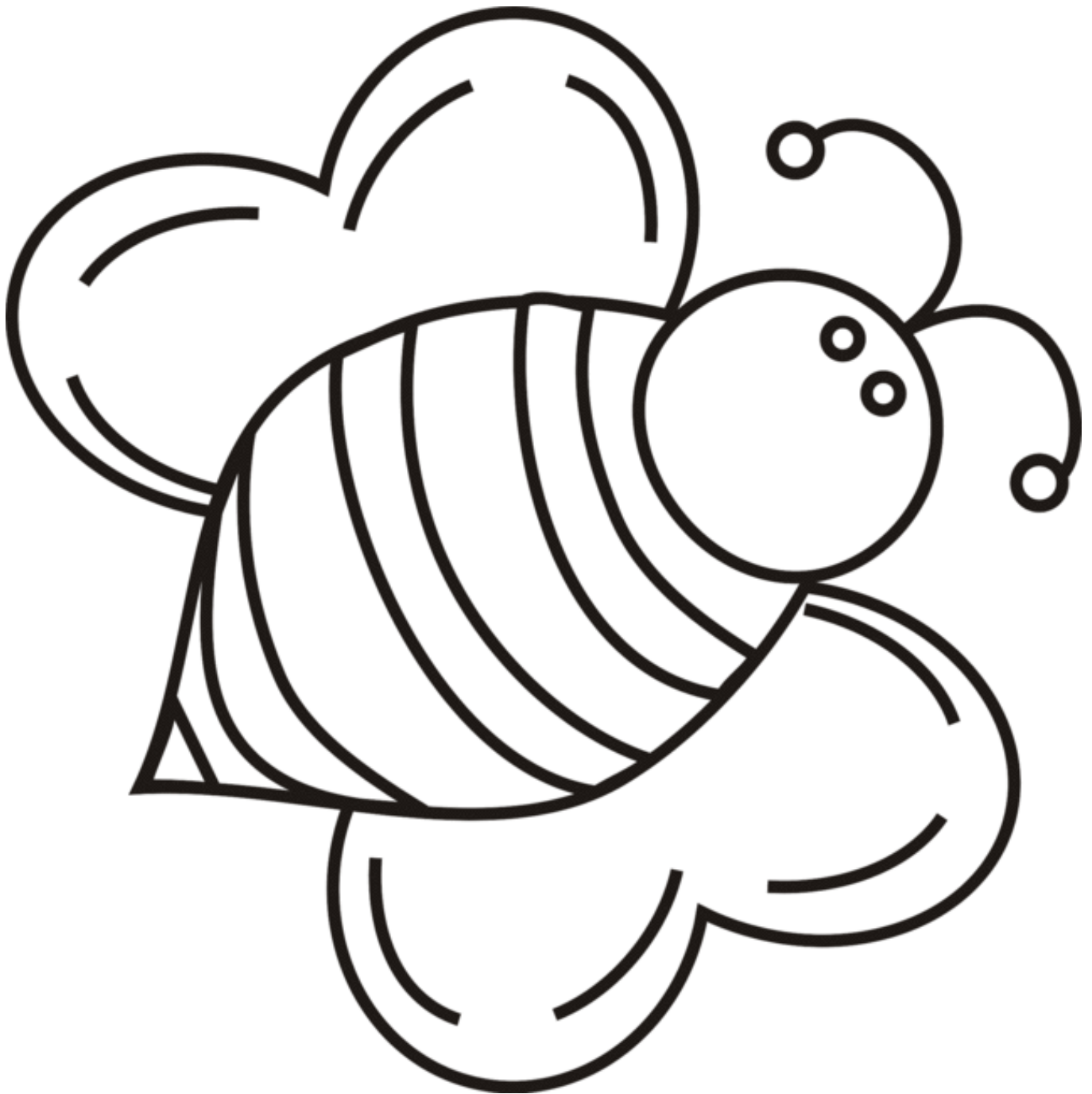
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" Be the BEE" CRAFT

Have each child color the bumblebee, cut it out and on the wider yellow lines of the bee's belly, have them write with a marker a phrase such as BEE truthful; BEE honest; BEE faithful; BEE like Jesus; BEE trustworthy, BEE grateful, etc. Each student can choose two phrases. Glue the bee on a popsicle stick to make a fan or thread a string through the bee's head to hang it from a ceiling in your classroom. Have the older students assist the younger ones if needed.



Review

Memory Verse Review:

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. (Luke 16:10)

Lesson Review:

The children will display an understanding of the meaning of the parable of the Unjust Steward by answering and discussing the following:

1. What happened to the steward at the beginning of the parable? (He was fired because he was wasting his master's goods)
2. What did the steward do? (He went and gave discounts to those who owed the master money)
3. Why did he give discounts to those owing money to the master? (He was making friends with these people so when he had no job, they would help him)
4. How did the master react to this? (He was impressed that even the steward was able to think about his future and prepare for it)

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Life Application:

What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

We must learn to prepare for the future, especially prepare for heaven. We prepare for heaven by living a good, faithful life in Christ, praying often, helping others in need, and being active members in the life of the Church.

Close with prayer:

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

At Home

Please memorize by next week:

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**Note: Consider encouraging the use of the 2024 Lenten calendar*

This is a fun activity for any age, a great practice to commit to a small responsibility, and improve stewardship skills.

YOU WILL NEED

1. Containers like pots, bowls and jars
2. Potting Soil
3. Wheat Berry Seeds
4. Spray Bottle Filled With Water
5. Plastic Wrap



DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: You can choose a container that you like. You can chose a few. It can be a plant pot, different sizes of bowls and cups.

STEP 2: Fill each container with potting soil. Leave about an inch of room at the top for the seeds.

STEP 3: Sprinkle an even layer of wheat berry seeds over the soil. Enough to cover the surface but not to overlap too much.

STEP 4: Using a spray bottle, spray the seeds with water. Just enough to get the seeds wet. Be careful not to overwater.

STEP 5: Cover each container loosely with plastic wrap.

STER 6: Spray the seed every day with water and cover them back up.

In about 4-5 days you will start seeing little sprouts. Continue this process for a week. Once blades of grass are growing, you don't need to cover your container anymore. Spray the soil once a day every day. If the grass gets too tall and starts to fall over, trim it back about 4 inches from the bottom. You can use this as beautiful decoration for your Easter table.