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**For Children**

**Lesson 33**

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## A Blazing Mountain, a Blasting Trumpet, and Tablets of Stone

God wanted to show the people that He was real and was right there with them. God let a special display of light and power come on to a mountain for the people to see. It was amazing!

The mountain was fiery, and the sound of thunder and trumpets could be heard. They knew God was right there. Moses was called to go up on the mountain to talk with God.

There he received instructions and rules to help the people know more clearly what to do, so they could follow God's way. Moses told the people everything God had said.

Later, while Moses was again with God on the mountain, God wrote on tablets of stone some of the rules, for people to easily remember and follow. There were many things God said, and lots of instructions were also written down on scrolls to be read and remembered.







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God wanted to show those that He had chosen to follow Him just how real and powerful He was. God loved them and wanted each one to love Him, and obey Him too! One day He decided to show the Israelites, who were travelling with Moses, something special. It would be like God coming for a visit, in an amazing way.

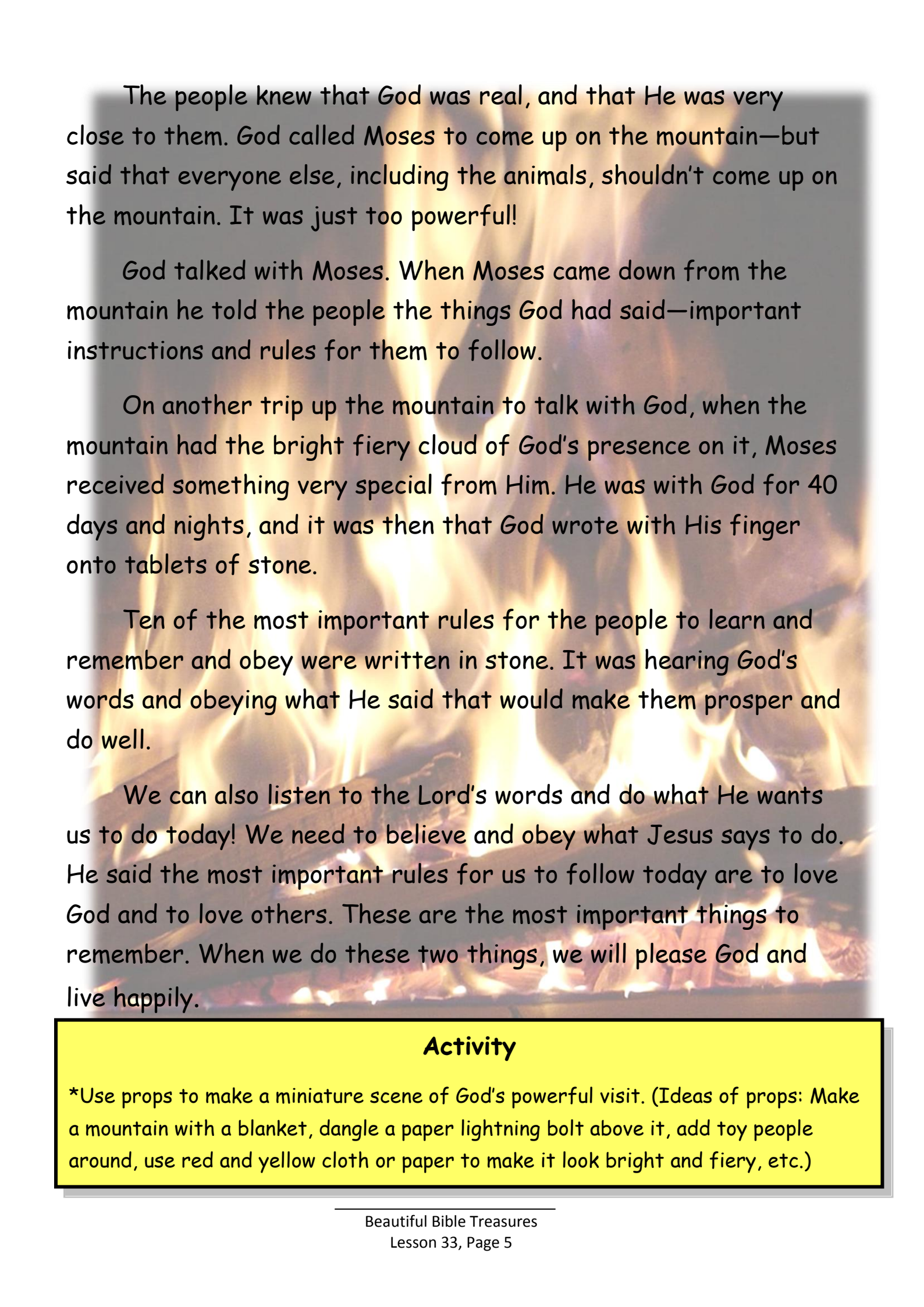
All the people were to prepare for the event by washing up and putting on clean clothes. It was going to be a very special day.

When the time was right God filled the mountain near them with all sorts of sounds and sights! There were flashes of lightning and booming sounds of thunder.

A thick cloud was also on the mountain. Then there was a very loud sound of a trumpet announcing God's visit. It was so loud that everyone in the area could hear it blasting!

The mountain looked like it was on fire and smoke was billowing up. The ground also shook like it would in an earthquake. It was a very powerful show God put on for them.





The people knew that God was real, and that He was very close to them. God called Moses to come up on the mountain—but said that everyone else, including the animals, shouldn't come up on the mountain. It was just too powerful!

God talked with Moses. When Moses came down from the mountain he told the people the things God had said—important instructions and rules for them to follow.

On another trip up the mountain to talk with God, when the mountain had the bright fiery cloud of God's presence on it, Moses received something very special from Him. He was with God for 40 days and nights, and it was then that God wrote with His finger onto tablets of stone.

Ten of the most important rules for the people to learn and remember and obey were written in stone. It was hearing God's words and obeying what He said that would make them prosper and do well.

We can also listen to the Lord's words and do what He wants us to do today! We need to believe and obey what Jesus says to do. He said the most important rules for us to follow today are to love God and to love others. These are the most important things to remember. When we do these two things, we will please God and live happily.

### **Activity**

\*Use props to make a miniature scene of God's powerful visit. (Ideas of props: Make a mountain with a blanket, dangle a paper lightning bolt above it, add toy people around, use red and yellow cloth or paper to make it look bright and fiery, etc.)



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One day God made a very special announcement to Moses and all the people. He was going to come for a visit! Well, God isn't seen in the way we see people, at least not now. God is quite a bit bigger and contains lots of power and light.

He was going to visit them in a visible way, but in a different form—not as a man. The cloud of His presence and the wonder of His power were going to come very close to them on a certain mountain.

God wanted them to honour Him and demonstrate how they respected Him by getting ready. The people all prepared, as God told them to, for this special event. They washed their clothes, took a bath and got all clean. Then the awaited-for time arrived.

The people were curious and wanted to see what God was like and to be able to get as close as possible, so God gave Moses some instructions. Have you ever seen a worksite where construction is going on, and there are fences around it, and signs for pedestrians to keep away, as it is dangerous?

Well, God's Heavenly power, His Spirit's energy was so strong, that He knew humans, those He created and made out of the clay of the Earth, couldn't handle being so physically close to the way He chose to visit them. Everyone was forbidden—people and animals too—from even touching the mountain, but they could all stand near and watch what was to happen. It was an amazing show!

All of a sudden there were bright flashes of lightning and powerful thunder, and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then there was a very loud sound of a trumpet announcing God's visit. The trumpet sound was so loud that everyone in the area could hear it booming, like they'd never heard a trumpet blasting before!

Moses called the people to come to meet God at the foot of the mountain. God was to be their guide, their king, their ruler. They needed to know how real He was, and how He was to be respected, followed, and listened to.

When God began to show His presence in a visible way, the mountain looked like one large-sized "burning bush"—like Moses had seen years before. There was a big fire on the mountain, and tons of billowing smoke. The whole mountain shook like a big earthquake was happening—that's just how the mountain reacted when just a little of the power of God was on it. It was a good thing the people stayed off of it! It was very dramatic!

The loud trumpet blast continued to blow, and grew yet louder and louder! Moses talked with God, and God answered him. Moses knew God. He loved and followed Him, and would do whatever God asked. Moses wasn't afraid to be near to Him, but knew he must always obey.

God wasn't there to cause harm, just to show a powerful display! Like when fireworks are set off on New Year's Eve or other special events. They are powerful and filled with light and wonder, but you better not get close when the fireworks are making a display of light with a blast! So God was doing a show, and it just wasn't safe for people to get too close.



God then called to Moses, telling him to come up to the top of the mountain! He had permission to go, and he did. God spoke with him for awhile, then told him to go down quickly again, to talk with the people, as some of them might try to copy him and climb up the mountain too, just to get a closer look.

Moses obeyed and came and told the people what God had said to him. These were instructions that Moses would write down for them later on, rules that have been known as "the 10 Commandments", as well as other words of counsel and rules for them. God said that since the people had seen Him visit them, they knew how real He was, and they were to worship Him only.

While Moses told them these and other words from God, the mountain continued to be ablaze. Smoke rose from it, the loud trumpet blasted, and the ground shook. The people were glad that it was just Moses talking with them face to face then. God's display of power on the mountain made them realise how strong God was, and they felt humble and weak in His presence.

God called Moses close again and gave more instructions, which he came and told everyone. Later he wrote down all the instructions from God—His guidelines, rules and guidance for the people to follow. God made the rules easy to understand.

These rules gave specific examples for them to know how to be kind, what was a loving reaction to problems that came up, how to treat others well, what to do when problems occurred, and what was God's way of doing things—for that time in history, for the Israelites.

A special ceremony was held to commemorate their obedience to God's words. Moses read aloud to everyone the many rules that God told him to write down. Everyone promised to obey.

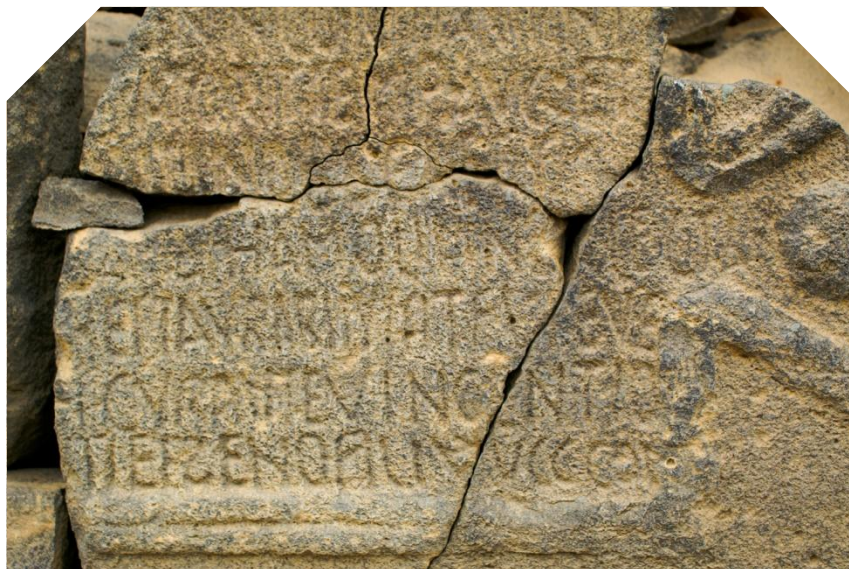


Then one day they all saw the glory and light of God in a bright, fiery cloud that came on to that special mountain for a whole week! On the seventh day Moses was once again called up to talk with God. Some others were permitted to come a bit closer and they got an amazing and beautiful glimpse of a part of God! Wow! They were amazed and in awe. And Moses was called to go right into the cloud and up the mountain.

Since the people had some of God's words and instructions written down by then, which they promised to obey, God left other people in charge of them for a while, because Moses was to take a special "vacation". It wasn't really a holiday, but it was a rest and a break from his usual very big and tiring job each day of counselling and leading the people.

God let Moses be with Him there on the mountain, just hearing His words and speaking with him for 40 days and nights. As amazing as it sounds, just being there with God was enough for him at that time. He needed no food or water—just the nourishment of God's words. It was a wonderful time.

The main purpose for that time was that God said He had a special gift to give to Moses, for the people. With God's own finger He wrote on tablets of stone 10 of the most important and main rules that they were to all obey.



It would be easy to understand just what they were to do. Nowadays you might hear that expression "written in stone" meaning something that is a sure and solid rule that is meant to be obeyed. It probably comes from this event, with Moses and the people of Israel.

## Let's Talk About It

\*If you could meet Jesus today, and talk to him face to face as you would a friend, where would you like to meet him, and what would you like to talk about?

\*Can you remember the two most important rules that we are to obey in these modern times? How do you think it would change things if everyone on Earth followed them faithfully, and chose to love and obey God, and to love others and treat people like they want others to treat them?



## Activity

\*Draw a colourful picture of an event this story describes, when God came for a visit, in powerful, visible ways. It could be of the mountain, or Moses getting the tablets of stone, or Moses on the mountain while it's covered in God's bright cloud, etc.



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### Connect and Communicate

\*Quote aloud together a Psalm you have committed to memory, or take turns quoting one verse from it at a time, standing up and saying it emphatically or dramatically.

### Study Fun

Draw: A circle around the words and phrases that tell of the amazing and unusual things God made happen on the mountain.

✓ Checkmark: The places that tell of Moses doing what God told him to do.

Write: The word, "wow" next to the part of the story written in the verses below that most amazes you, or that you think would be the most outstanding for you to experience, if you were there.

### Exodus

**19:9** And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord.

**19:10** And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

**19:11** And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

**19:12** And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it:

**19:16** And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

**19:17** And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

**19:18** And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

**19:19** And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

**19:20** And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

**19:21** And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze.

**19:24** And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee.

**19:25** So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

**24:9** Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

**24:10** And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

**24:11** And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.





**24:12** And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

**24:13** And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

**24:14** And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

**24:15** And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

**24:16** And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

**24:17** And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

**24:18** And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

**31:18** And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.



### Activity

\* Make two "tablets of stone" out of clay, or cardboard, or paper, or playdough, and write on one: "Love the Lord your God," and on the other, "Love your neighbour as yourself." —Jesus' two most important rules for us, His modern day followers.



## Fountain of Faith

**Isaiah 40:31** But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Psalms 31:23a**  
O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful.





## Parables of Jesus—Rich Fool

### Praise

**Psalms 9:1,2** I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

\*Act out something that you are thankful didn't happen to you in the past week.

### Rich Fool

#### Luke

**12:16** And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

**12:17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

**12:18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.



**12:19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

**12:20** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

**12:21** So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

### **Discussion questions:**

\*Was the rich man the one who made the crops grow well? Who was the real one in charge of it? Is it any different in our lives when we are blessed with much? Who helped to give it to us, and what would be a wise way to react?

\*Why didn't the rich man want to give his food away to others, and instead wanted to keep it all? (See verse 19)

\*If no riches or treasures on Earth will be yours in the life to come, how can you become rich in Heaven? He was poor when it was his time to go. What can we do differently to bring the Lord's blessings on our lives, both now and in the life to come?

### **Activity**

\*Make your own "Parables of Jesus" picture book, and draw pictures for each parable read about here. Colour them if you like. You can retell the story lesson to your younger brothers and sisters, showing your art, if you like!



## Topic Treasures

### —Talking to Our Heavenly Friend

#### Study Fun

Draw: A circle around the words or phrases that are to do with talking and listening to the Lord. (For example the first verse here would have "heard" and "voice" circled.)

✓ Checkmark: Each reference below after you've read the verse and paused to think about how you can do what it's talking about, in some way, or have talked about how it can be put into action in your life. For example, after reading the verse Psalm 5:3, you might think about talking to Jesus before you talk to anyone else in the morning, before you even get out of bed! Or perhaps your family will want to make it a custom to gather at breakfast to pray for the day and to read a Bible passage together.

Write: In your diary some of the things these verses tell us that the Lord will do for us, as we talk with Him and take time with Him as a friend. Notice the points as you read, so you can make note of them in your book.

**Genesis 3:8** And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

**Psalm 5:3** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

**Exodus 33:11** And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.



**James 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

**Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

**Psalms 116:1-2** I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

**John 15:14-15** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

**Luke 10:39** And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

**Psalms 42:2** My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

**Psalms 143:8** Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

**Psalms 91:14-15** Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

**Proverbs 3:6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



**Daily Diary**

\* (same as above, in "Study Fun".)

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