



JESUS LOVES OUTSIDERS

Jesus, Gentiles, & Widows (Luke 7:1-17) - Jesus Loves Outsiders #1

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Jesus loves outsiders

Are you so filled with the Spirit that you love outsiders too?

A Gentile is a person who's not Jewish

Gentiles = Peoples = Nations

In Jesus' day, Jews viewed Gentiles as the enemy

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. Luke 7:1 NKJV

And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. Luke 7:2 NKJV

So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. Luke 7:3 NKJV

And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, Luke 7:4 NKJV

"for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." Luke 7:5 NKJV

Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Luke 7:6 NKJV

Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. Luke 7:7 NKJV

For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." Luke 7:8 NKJV

When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" Luke 7:9 NKJV

And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick. Luke 7:10 NKJV

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God is pursuing a restored relationship with all peoples

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, Revelation 5:9 NKJV

A widow is a woman whose husband has died

In Jesus' day, widows were among the most vulnerable in society

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. Luke 7:11 NKJV

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. Luke 7:12 NKJV

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Luke 7:13 NKJV

Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Luke 7:14 NKJV

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Luke 7:15 NKJV

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." Luke 7:16 NKJV

And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region. Luke 7:17 NKJV

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who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation." Luke 20:47 NKJV

God is the Provider & Defender of the powerless & vulnerable

You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, *and* they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; and My wrath will become hot... Exodus 22:22-24 NKJV

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27 NKJV

This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:

August 9 – Luke 8 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 10 – Luke 9 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 11 – Luke 10 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 12 – Luke 11 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 13 – Luke 12 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 14 – Prayer and Reflection

August 15 – Luke 13 + Luke 7:36-8:3

August 9

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In this series, we learn about how Samuel heard from God when he was just a boy, and how Samuel answered God.

Memory Verse: "Pray about everything." Philippians 4:6A (Adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Can Talk To God In Our Prayers

Parent Connect: Using today's activity sheet, help your toddler retell the story of Samiel hearing God's voice. Have your toddler put the Samuel cut out in and out of bed each of the three times that he hears God's voice.



In this series, Kids will learn each day of creation, the beginning when Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden, and some of the bad choices and bad consequences. The most important thing kids will learn is that God still loves us and God keeps all of his promises!

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." -Proverbs 3:5

Heart of the Lesson: Obey and Follow | Genesis 12

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God keeps His promises! God promised Noah that He would never destroy all living things with flood again. God sent a beautiful rainbow as a sign of His promise to Noah! Make a fun rainbow snack with your kid at home and talk about how God keeps His promises!



Jesus is the living water, but not everyone saw him that way. We will explore how people of Jesus's day received His glory as we compare it to the popular movie Moana.

Memory Verse: "So he is the God of the living, not the dead, for they are all alive to him." Luke 20:38

Heart of the Lesson: **Jesus is the Living Water | Luke 5:21**

Parent Connect:

Read: Luke 7:1–17 Luke 7:1–17

Talk: Jesus cared for people who were hurting and often overlooked. Who do you know that might feel lonely or left out? Jesus cared for people who were hurting and often overlooked. Who do you know that might feel lonely or left out?

Do: Pray together for those people. Pray together for those



This month our series is called No One Left Out. Chances are we've all felt left out or alone at one point. In this series we are going to look at seven groups of people that were either outcast, powerless or felt left out in Bible times. As we look through the book of Luke, we will see how Jesus viewed Gentiles, Widows, Women, the Poor, Samaritans, the Lost and Tax Collectors and let that lead how we view those so that no one is left out from His kingdom.

Memory Verse: **“Luke 15:7 In the same way there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”**

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Invites Everyone Into God’s Family: Luke 7: 1-17

Parent Connect: This week we learned about how Jesus made a way for the Gentiles to be a part of God’s family when the Jews viewed them as less. Consider doing a prayer walk around your neighborhood and see if God prompts you to consider inviting a neighbor to church that you normally wouldn’t invite. God invites everyone into His family.