



RETURN TO ME —

Malachi: Return to Me - God's Money (Malachi 3:8-12) - May 29-30, 2021
STUDY NOTES || LIVE PREACHING

Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept *them*. **Return to Me, and I will return to you,**” Says the Lord of hosts... **Malachi 3:7 NKJV**

“But you said, ‘In what way shall we return?’ **Malachi 3:7 NKJV**

Are we robbing God?

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. **Malachi 3:8 NKJV**

Are we robbing ourselves of God?

You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. **Malachi 3:9 NKJV**

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. **Malachi 3:10 NKJV**

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the Lord of hosts; **Malachi 3:11 NKJV**

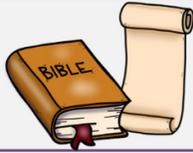
Are we robbing others of God?

"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the Lord of hosts. **Malachi 3:12 NKJV**

NURSERY

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S BOOK

KING JOSIAH FINDS THE LAW IN THE TEMPLE



Scribbles, dribbles, and mud pies. Toddlers are masters at creative messes. But toddlers are also eager to help clean if someone special asks them to. Have fun with your little helper as he/she helps you clean just like King Josiah cleaned the Temple in our new Bible story! Take some time to gently polish and pat the Bible and thank God for giving us this special book!

Memory Verse: The Bible is God's Book. 2 Timothy 3:16 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: The Bible Tells Us About God

Parent Engagement: Grab a Bible and say: We have been learning that the Bible is God's book. We know that the Bible tells us that Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to die on the cross for us. When we believe in Jesus, he will be our *forever friend*. Let's pass this Bible around, take turns giving it a hug and tell God "thank you" for the Bible and for Jesus."

GKJR

THE EARLY CHURCH

PETER AND PAUL



This month in GKJr we get to follow the exciting adventures of Peter and Paul as Jesus used them to help the early church get started. We will learn how Jesus wants us to be brave and tell others about Him and He will help us.

Memory Verse: "They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.' Acts 16:31

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Helps Us - Paul's Shipwreck - Acts 27-28

Parent Engagement: Can you think of 5 ways that Jesus helps you as a family? 10? Look up one of our global partners on visitgracechurch.com/outreach and pray for Jesus to help them.

ELEMENTARY

Jesus vs. The World



The world tells us a lot of things and if we aren't careful, it is easy to start listening to the world and acting like the world. The Bible tells us that God's kingdom is the opposite of the world and therefore the way we live should be different from the ways of this world. In this series, we are going to break down what Jesus tells us vs. what the World tells us. The victory is already won but you have to decide who you are going to let win in your life!

Memory Verse: Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect Romans 12:2

Heart of the Lesson: In God's Kingdom, It's About Loving over Judging - Luke 15:11-32

Parent Engagement: Talk as a family, what are some thoughts you hear in your head? Are they judging or loving? Do you think they are from God or the world? Try and think of verses in the Bible to help you decide.

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YOU ASKED FOR IT



During the month of May we will be answering tough questions that the 5th and 6th graders have asked. The students will engage in small groups to discover what the Bible says about their question, and then discuss with the whole group what they found out!

Memory Verse: Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

Heart of the Lesson: Open Leader Panel Discussion

Parent Engagement: What other questions do you have about the Bible or your relationship with Jesus? Go to the Word together to discover what the Bible says.