

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 33

Don't Worry

Luke 12:22-34

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Younger Verse

My God will meet all your needs.

Philippians 4:19

Older Verse

My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with His wonderful riches that come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus.

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus had been teaching a crowd about many things. Last week, we learned what Jesus taught about being selfish. He told a story about a rich man who was very greedy. He did not get to live to enjoy all of his riches. Jesus said we need to be rich in our relationship with God, not in material possessions.

After Jesus taught the crowd this lesson, He had more to say about it to His disciples. He looked at them and told them, “Don’t worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or clothes to wear.” Jesus said that there is more to life than food and clothing.

Then Jesus told His followers to look at the birds called ravens. He said that the birds do not have to plant crops or put them in barns to store them, because God feeds them. Jesus said that we are much more important to God than birds! So He will take care of our needs also.

Jesus said that we should not worry about the things of earth because God will take care of us. Then Jesus used another example. He said to look at the lilies. Lilies are beautiful flowers. Jesus said that the lilies grow on their own. They don’t work or make clothing, and yet nothing is more beautiful! Jesus said that even King Solomon, who was very rich, never dressed as beautifully as the lilies!

Jesus said, “And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won’t He more surely care for you?”

Jesus said that we also should not worry about the food we will eat. We shouldn’t worry about whether God will provide for us. He said that many people’s thoughts are filled with worry about where their food will come from. He said we should not be like that, but instead we should trust God to give us what we need.

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Lesson Goals

Learn what Jesus said about worrying

Learn that we can trust God to take care of our needs

Learn that we need to put God first in our lives

needs. It may not be the exact thing we want, but God will always give us what we need.

But Jesus didn't stop there. He commanded His disciples to share what they had with others. He said when we give up what we have, we are storing up treasures in Heaven. And He said that we cannot lose that treasure. No one can steal it from us.

Jesus was concerned about what we think most about. The things we think most about are the most important to us. If we are constantly thinking about the next game or toy we want, that is most important to us. If we are worried about how much our next allowance will be, money is most important to us. But if we think about studying God's Word, praying, and pleasing God, then God's Kingdom is most important to us.

Jesus died to show us how important we are to Him. He wants to have a relationship with us. We need to turn from our sin and turn to God. Then we can receive forgiveness. We can live a new life in Christ. Then God can help us to have the right attitude about money and possessions.

Review Questions

1. Jesus taught His disciples not to worry. What two things did He say not to worry about? (clothes and food)
2. Jesus used two things that God made as examples of how God takes care of us. What were those two examples? (ravens and lilies)
3. What should we put first in our lives? (God's Kingdom)
4. What will we think about most when God is first in our life? (reading the Bible, praying, and pleasing God)

Life Application

Do you have to have a certain brand of clothes to be happy? Or do you think you "need" a certain type of video game to be happy?

Jesus wants us to be happy with what we have. He wants us to stop thinking so much about having more things, and instead think about how to have more of HIM in our lives! When we put Him first, everything else becomes a little less important. We don't get mad when we don't get the brand of clothes we want or the type of game we just had to have.

Maybe God doesn't want us to have so many things so we can focus more on Him. When is the last time you were excited about reading the Bible? Maybe it's time to get back to basics with God and seek Him first. He will bless us when we do that.

Planning for Lesson 34
Always Be Ready
Luke 12:35-48; 21:25-36

Preschool Lesson for Don't Worry

(Teachers: If desired, bring a picture of a blackbird and a lily, or bring a real flower.)

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Let's be good followers of Jesus by sharing what we have with others!



**Hands-on Activities
for
Don't Worry**

Make paper lily flowers. Talk about how much more important we are to God and how God will help us with our problems.

Create a treasure box. Decorate little boxes with paint, glitter, sparkles, etc. Share how God should be the thing that we treasure instead of “stuff.”

Many people worry about stuff. When you think about it, just as Jesus said, worrying does not add more time to your day or even help the situation. Talk about different things that you worry about (first day of school jitters, tests, things at home, friends, etc.) Share several verses from the Bible about how we can give our worries to God. (1 Peter 5:7, Phil. 4:6-7, etc.)

Play “Hide and Seek.” Share how the Bible says that we should “seek” God first. Ask the kids what it means to “seek.” Ask them to think of ways that they can “seek” after God first.

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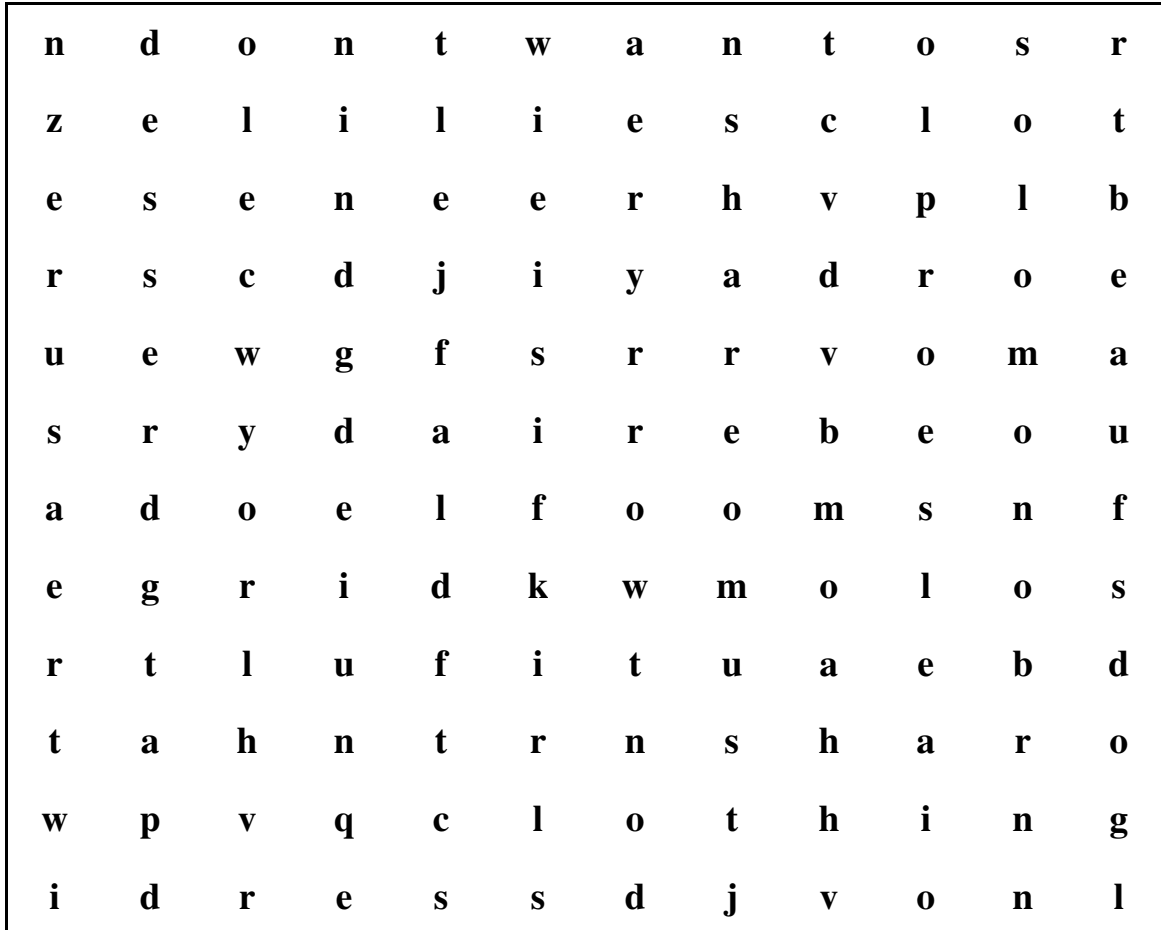
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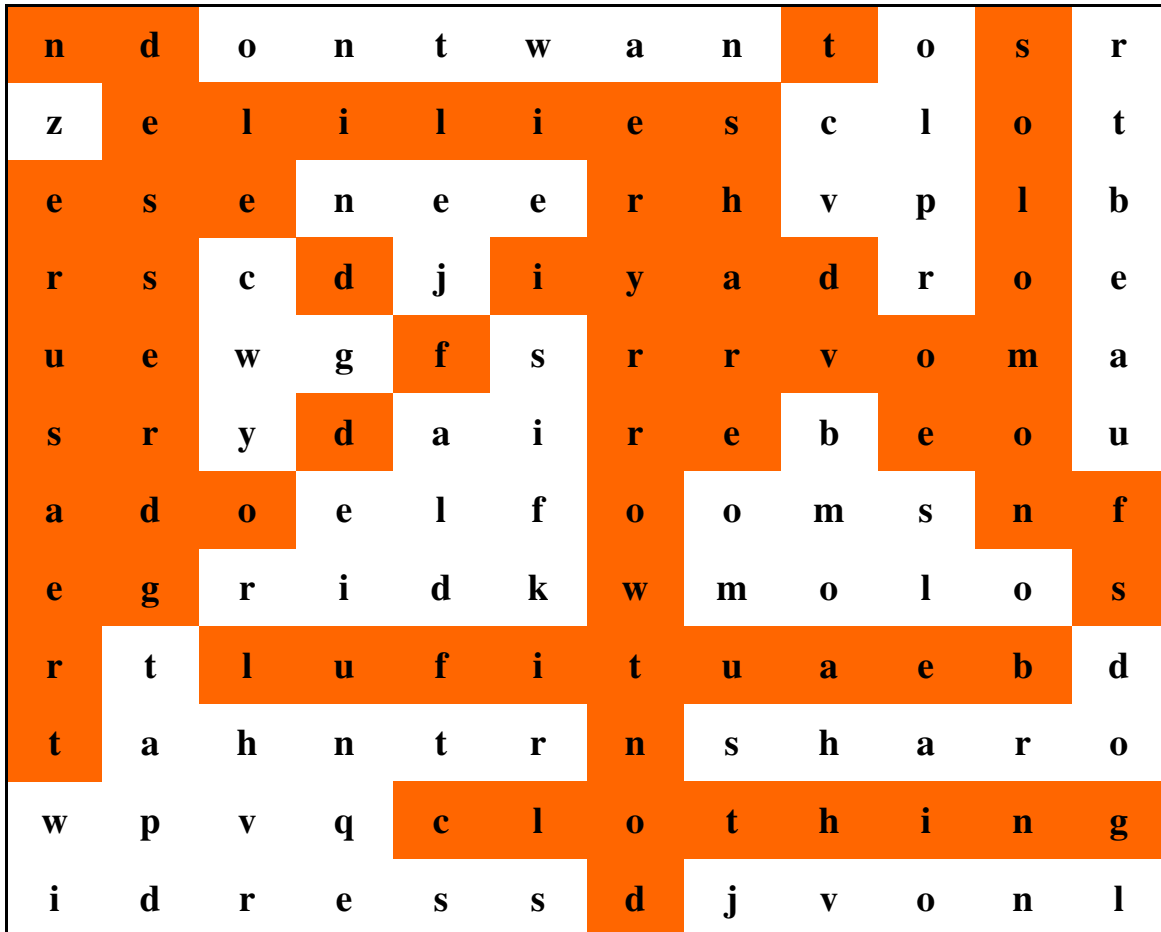
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