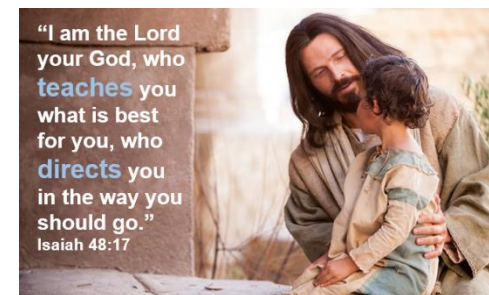
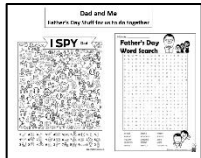
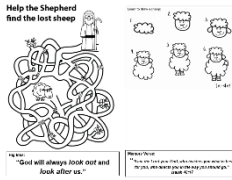




Jesus' Parables

KEY VERSE FOR THE MONTH: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17



Bible Story	Key Concepts	PRIMARY PREP-2	PRIMARY 3-5
3-4 September Parable of the Prodigal Son Key Passage: Luke 15:1-2; 11-32	LESSON: Jesus uses this story to teach his listeners about God's love and forgiveness. What better story to do on Father's day then the story about His love. God's loving father-heart is at the core of everything He does. He watches over us and waits for us to come to Him. If only we would understand His loving heart and good purpose for our lives, we would live a life of full potential. BIG IDEA: God is a perfect father who forgives us.	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 2: - Craft: Father's Day Card Father's Day Card and prayer time at the beginning of LifeGroup - Discussion – Activity Sheets optional 	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: Father's Day Card and prayer time at the beginning of LifeGroup - Discussion – Activity Sheets optional 
10-11 September Parable of the Lost Sheep Communion (Where's the sheep game) Key Passage: Luke 15:1-7	LESSON: The characters in Jesus' parables were easy to connect with. When the shepherd finds his lost sheep, he is immensely happy. He immediately tells his friends and neighbours, and they rejoiced with him. Talk to the children today about the joy in Heaven when someone chooses to follow God. Emphasise the message woven so tenderly into this parable that God has a personal love and concern for each and every one of His children. He seeks those who are lost and rejoices when they are found. BIG IDEA: God will always look out and look after us.	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 1-2: - Craft: The lost sheep - Discussion - Post-it Note prayer time after LifeGroup discussions 	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: - Activity Sheet - Discussion - Post-it Note prayer time after LifeGroup discussions 
17-18 September Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Quiet Time with Jesus just after Message to ask Holy Spirit for forgiveness Key Passage: Matthew 18:21-35	LESSON: In the parable about the unforgiving servant Jesus explains forgiveness is a two-way street. Yes, we receive it from God through Jesus. But we're also expected to be just as forgiving to others. While forgiving someone isn't always easy, the Holy Spirit can help us. As the kids learn more about this, they can put into practise how to live out this expectation. BIG IDEA: Just as God forgives us, we need to forgive others.	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 1-2: - Craft: Forgiving Hug - Discussion questions - Prayer time 	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: - Activity Sheet - Discussion questions - Prayer time 
24-25 September Parable of the Sower Key Passage: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, Luke 8:11-15	LESSON: The parable of the sower invites us to hear God's Word and respond to the Gospel. We can reject the good news, or get stuck in our distractions, or we can allow Scripture to impact us. The important thing to understand is that God does the work. We want to let our hearts be like the "good soil" which can produce abundant "crops" of faith and "fruit" for others. BIG IDEA: My heart needs to be soft so that God's word can grow.	LifeGroups: Prep-Primary 1: - Craft: - Discussion 	LifeGroups: Primary 3-5: Discussion using Activity Sheet 