

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 17

Two Kinds of People

Luke 6:43-49

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Younger Verse

Obey God's message!

James 1:22

Older Verse

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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.*

Last week, we talked about being kind to others even when they are not nice to us. Jesus said to treat others the way we want to be treated.

Jesus went on to say that you will know what is in a person's heart by the fruit they produce. What does that mean?

The things a person says and does will show what is in their heart. Just like an apple tree produces apples and a pear tree produces pears, a true follower of Jesus will show it by loving others and following God's commands.

Jesus then asked His listeners why they called Him "Lord" but did not follow His commands. When we call Jesus our Lord, we have given Him control of our life. We are living to please Him. We do our best to follow Him.

He then told a story to illustrate what it means to listen to His words and follow them. Jesus said that a person who listens and obeys Him is like a person who builds their house's foundation on a rock. When storms and floods come, the house will stand strong because of the solid foundation. This is a wise person.

Jesus then said that a person who hears His words but doesn't obey them is like one who builds their house without a foundation. When the floods and storms come, the house will crumble and fall because it has nothing to hold it up. That is a foolish person.

Jesus told this story to help us see that we should be like the wise person.

Lesson Goals

Learn that our lives produce fruit

Learn that we must listen and obey Jesus

Learn that we need to build our lives on Christ

When we are making decisions, we should ask God for help and listen for His answers. He will show us what to do and make sure we are safe. The important thing to remember is that we must *do* what God says.

Jesus said that when we do things OUR way, we are like the foolish person. We do not listen to God and when bad things happen, we CRASH!

When we hear what God says in the Bible and do it, we are being wise. The Bible tells us that we have a very important decision to make. We must decide if we believe and trust Jesus. If we believe in Jesus, we must ask Him to come into our lives. This means that we want to do things His way instead of our way. When we trust Him, we can know that we will go to Heaven. We can't get to Heaven by doing good things. The only way to Heaven is by believing in Jesus. Would you like to do this? This is the best decision you can ever make.

Review Questions

1. Jesus said that you will know what is in a person's heart by what? (The fruit they produce)
2. What is the fruit of a person's life? (The things they say and do)
3. What does it mean to call Jesus "Lord?" (We are obeying Him and have given Him control of our life.)
4. Jesus said that a person who listens and obeys Him is like one who builds a house on what? (A solid foundation on rock)
5. What happens to a person who listens to Jesus but doesn't obey Him? (Their life will crash.)

Life Application

Jesus *is* the solid rock! We need to build our lives on Him. We can depend on Him at all times. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When we need answers, we can go to Him in prayer and by reading His Word. He will give us the wisdom we need for every choice in life. Let's listen to Him *and* obey!

Wise people build their lives on Jesus.

Let's look at other Scriptures that talk about God as our Rock.

Psalms 18:2, 31, 46

Psalms 19:14

Psalms 28:1

Psalms 40:2

Psalms 42:9

Psalms 62:2, 6-7

Isaiah 26:4

Isaiah 44:8

Luke 6:48

1 Corinthians 10:4

1 Peter 2:6

Planning for Lesson 18
The Soldier's Helper
Luke 7:1-10

Preschool Lesson for Two Kinds of People

(Teachers: If desired, bring an apple and a rock to illustrate the story.)

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The things a person says and does will show what is in their heart. *(Teachers: Hold up the apple. Ask: What kind of tree does this come from?)* Just like an apple tree makes apples and a pear tree makes pears, a true follower of Jesus will show it by loving others and following God's commands.

Jesus said we need to listen to His words and obey them. *(Teachers: Hold up the rock. Talk about how it is very strong. Nothing can break it.)* He said that a person who listens and obeys Him is like a person who builds their house's foundation on a rock. When storms and floods come, *(Make storm noises.)* the house will stand strong because of the solid foundation. This is a wise person.

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Jesus said that when we do things **OUR** way, we are like the foolish person. We do not listen to God and when bad things happen, we **CRASH!** *(Clap hands together and say, "Splat!")*

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**Hands-on Activities
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Bring popsicle sticks, glue, and construction paper. Have kids try to build a house with the popsicle sticks without using glue. Blow on the sticks and watch them fall. Then have them build a house with glue on the construction paper. Once it dries, blow on it. It doesn't move!

Sing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock," "The Solid Rock," "Jesus is the Rock and He Rolls My Blues Away," or "He is Lord."

Try a listening activity to help them remember to listen and follow God. Bring a straight pin and a piece of paper. Ask the kids to be quiet and listen. Share that you are going to drop a pin behind a piece of paper. They are to raise their hands when they hear the pin drop and hit the ground or table. Take turns dropping the pin. Talk about how we must listen to God and do what He says. If they ask how we hear God, take the opportunity to talk about prayer and reading the Bible. Share experiences from your life.

Have the kids write "Jesus" on a rock. If possible, have enough for each child to take one home as a reminder to build our life on the rock—Jesus!

Bring different kinds of fruit for the kids to enjoy. Discuss whether each fruit grows on a tree, a vine (grapes), etc.

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James 1:22



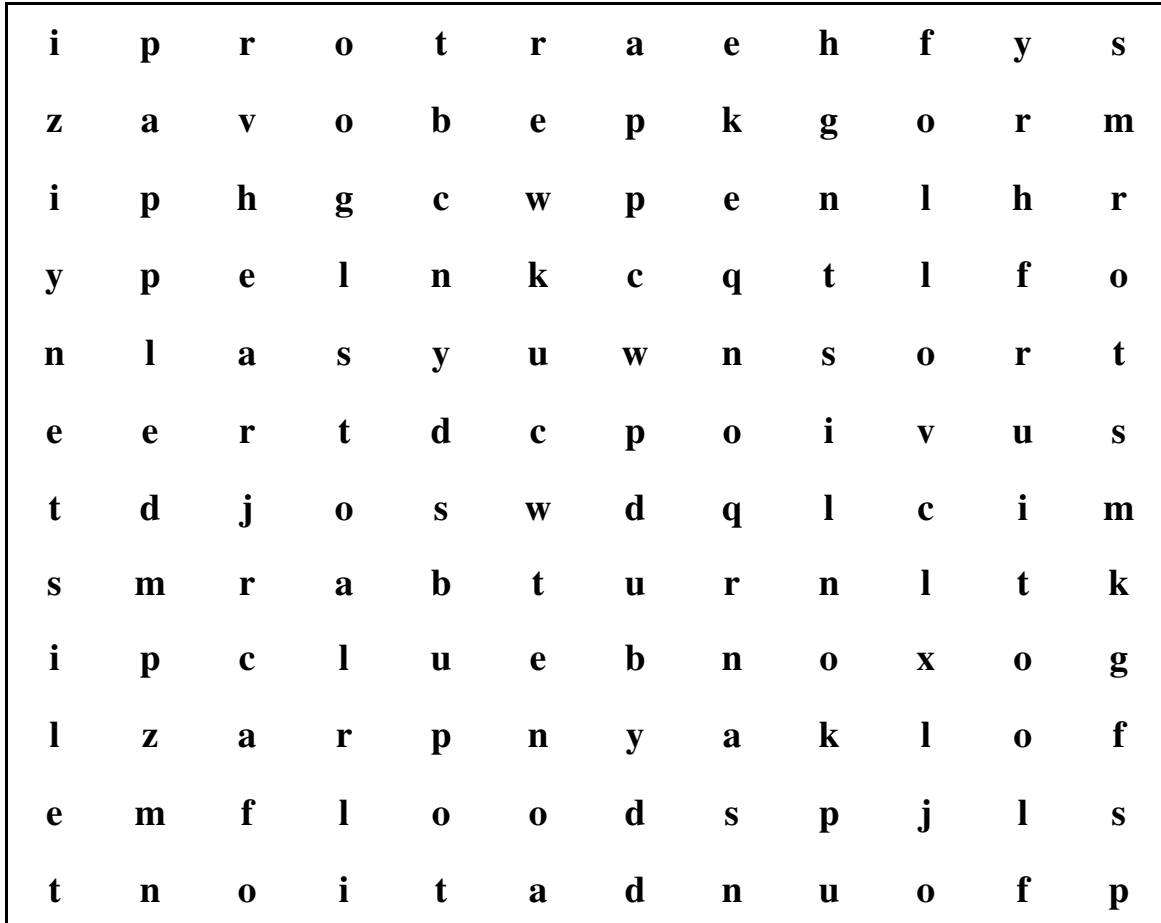
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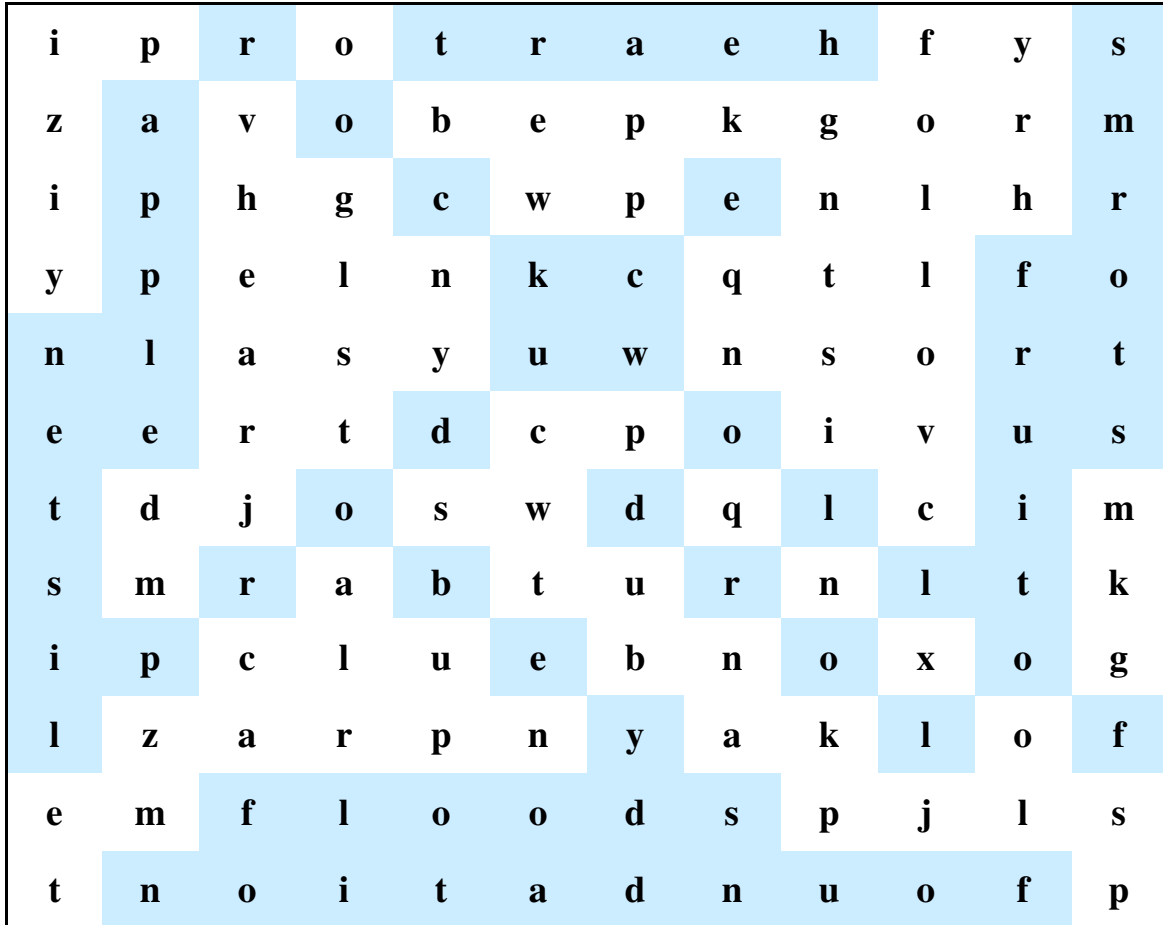
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