

**Story 24**  
**The centurion's servant**  
**God is healer**

One day Jesus went to a place called Capernaum. As he arrived a Roman soldier, called a centurion, came up to him.

“Sir,” he said, my servant is ill at home. He is paralyzed. He cannot move and he is in so much pain.”

“Oh,” said Jesus, “I will come and heal him.”

“Lord,” said the centurion, “I don’t deserve to have you in my home. You just say the word and my servant will be healed. Like you, Jesus, I have people who work for me. I say to one of them, ‘Go’ and he goes. I say to another one

‘Come’ and he comes. I say to my slave, ‘Do this’ and he does it.”

Jesus was surprised to hear the centurion talk like that. He spoke to the crowd of people following Him, “Truly,” He said, “I have not met anyone in Israel who has as much faith as this man.”

He said to the centurion, “Go home. You have believed that I could heal your servant and he is well now.”

When the centurion arrived home he found his servant quite well. Jesus’ word had healed him.



**Story 24 The centurion's servant  
Activities**

1. When Jesus reached Capernaum,  
someone came up to him. Who was it?

2. What is a centurion?

A centurion is \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was wrong with the centurion's  
servant?

The servant \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did Jesus want to do?

Jesus wanted \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did the centurion say Jesus must  
do?

The centurion \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why was the servant healed?

The servant \_\_\_\_\_

## Story 25

### Jesus heals a blind man

Jesus was walking along the road with His disciples. They saw a man sitting by the road.

“Look Jesus,” said one of His men, “that man is blind.

He can’t see. Will you help him?”

“Yes,” said Jesus, “God sent me to heal people. He sent me to be the light of the world.”

Jesus bent down next to the man. He spat on the ground to make it wet. He rubbed the ground to make it into clay.

“Now, sit very still,” Jesus said. “I will put the clay on your eyes.”

Jesus rubbed the clay on the man’s eyes. “Now,” he said, “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash the mud off your eyes.”

The man went to the pool. He washed his eyes. As he opened his eyes he looked around.

“I can see!” he cried. “I’m not blind any more!”

He was so happy. He told crowds of people that a man had healed him. He did not know His name. Jesus came to find the man who was healed. He bowed down before Jesus.

“Now I know you are the special Man sent from God,” he said.

The man told many people about Jesus.

## Story 25 Jesus heals a blind man Activities

1. Jesus put **clay** on the blind man's eyes.  
Circle the words where 'ay' makes the long 'a' sound.

today fade straight play away train  
lady pain bay stay shade May made  
tray pain clay

2. Jesus wants to **heal** people. Circle the words where 'ea' makes the long 'e' sound.

sea feel meal feed treat these  
steam cream

3. Jesus is the **light** of the world. Write some other words that end in "ight".

4. Write the words that have the same 'or' **sound** as in 'world'.

worm worn storm word torn work  
stork

5. The man washed his eyes in the **pool**. Write the words where 'oo' makes the same sound as in **pool**.

cook stool school book tool cool  
good shook



**Story 26**  
**The two sons**  
**God is a forgiving father**

Once a man had two sons. They helped their father work with their sheep and cattle. One day the second son said to his father, "Father, may I please have my share of your money? I want to go and work in the town."

His father was sad to see his son go away, but he gave him the money and let him go.

When the son got to the town he made many friends. He spent his money on parties. The friends came to all the parties. They had a merry time.

Soon all the money was gone. Now

no-one was his friend. The young man had no bed, no food, nowhere to sleep. He had to look for work.

A farmer said, "Yes, I have work for you. You can feed the pigs." The young man did not want to feed the pigs, but he had to do it. He was even glad to eat some of the pig's food.

At last he was so unhappy he thought, "This is an unhappy life here. I wish I was back at home with my father. I'm sorry I left home."

He left the pigs and walked all the long way home. When he was near his home his father saw him coming. He ran with open arms to welcome his son

back home. He was glad to see his son come back.

He hugged and kissed his son. He told the servants to kill a calf for meat. They would have a big party because the lost son was found.

“I’m sorry for spending your money. I’m sorry I went away from you. I’ll work for you as a servant if you will let me come home,” cried the son.

“My son, I forgive you. You will come home with us and help me like you did before. You were lost but now we have found you again.”

They all had a happy time together at the party.



## Story 26 The two sons Activities

1. How many sons were there?

There were \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where did the second son go?

He \_\_\_\_\_

3. What kind of work did he do?

He had \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did his father feel when he came home?

His father \_\_\_\_\_

5. Finish the rhyme:

The son went away,

His father was sad.

When he came back

His father was \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The son spent all the money his father gave him. The word **money** ends in 'ey' and makes the long 'e' sound.

Here are some other words that end in 'ey'.

monkey
honey
donkey
valley

Write each word in a sentence.

**Story 27**  
**The Good Shepherd**  
**God is Love**

Once there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. Every day he led them over the hills to find grass to eat. At the end of the day he led them back to the fold. Into the fold they went....one, two, three, four, five.

He got to ninety-nine. One sheep was missing.

He set off to look for the missing sheep. He looked under bushes. He looked behind rocks. He called out the sheep's name.

He could hear a sheep crying out. He looked in a bush and there was his sheep. Its leg was stuck in the prickly

bush.

Gently the shepherd lifted the sheep out of the bush. He carried it all the way back to the fold. He put it down in the fold with the other ninety-nine sheep.

The shepherd was happy. He had found his lost sheep. He lay down at the door of the fold. He would keep his sheep safe from wild animals.

“Thank you Lord that you helped me find my sheep,” he prayed as he fell asleep.





## Story 27 The Good Shepherd Activities

1. What is a shepherd?

A shepherd is \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many sheep did the shepherd have at the start of the story?

3. Where did the shepherd go to look for his missing sheep?

He went \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did the shepherd treat the missing sheep when he found it?

The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_

5. In the word 'sheep', the long 'e' sound is 'ee'. Unjumble the following 'ee' words:

leef	f
hetes	s
teme	m
deef	f
dnee	n
trsete	s

**Story 28**  
**The Lost Coin**  
**God is love**

A woman had coins in her hand. She counted them.

“One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine...”

“I know I had ten coins,” she said. “I must have lost one. Where can it be?”

“Dear Lord,” she prayed, “will you please help me find my coin?”

She got up. She lit the lamp. She picked up the broom. She swept the floor. She looked every-where.

At last, in a dark corner, she found her lost coin. She was so glad. She ran to tell her friends.

“Come and be happy with me,” she called. “I lost my coin but God helped me to find it.”

They all sang together, “Thank you, Lord that you helped our friend find the coin.”



## Story 28 The lost coin Activities

1. How many coins did the woman have before she lost one? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name two things she used to help her find the missing coin.

3. What did she do when she found the coin?

She \_\_\_\_\_

4. In the word **coin**, we can hear the 'oi' sound. Here are some other words that have the same sound in the middle:

**join boil coil hoist oil point soil**

Use the words above to fill the gaps:

a) On a sailing ship we can  
\_\_\_\_\_ the sails.

b) My pencil has a sharp \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Dad put \_\_\_\_\_ on the wheel of my bike.

d) Mum is going to \_\_\_\_\_ some water to make tea.

e) A rope can be made into a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Story 29

### The Unforgiving Slave

#### God is forgiving

The king was counting his money. There was a slave who owed him a lot of money.

“Send that man to me,” he said to a servant.

The man came to the king.

“You owe me a lot of money,” the king said, “If you can’t pay me, you and your wife and children must be sold.”

“O King,” said the slave, “please forgive me. Let me go and work. I can get money to pay you all I owe.”

“Very well,” said the king, “I will forgive you.”

The slave went out into the street. He was glad the king had forgiven him all the money he owed.

As the slave walked along the street he saw another man. This man owed him a little money. The slave held him by his throat. “You owe me money,” he shouted. “Give it to me now. I want it at once!”

“Please wait,” begged the poor man, “I will pay it back.”

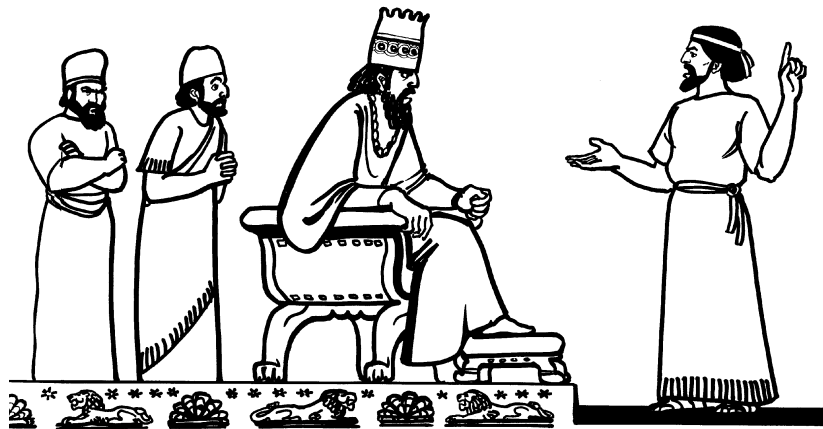
“No, I can’t wait. You must go to jail.”

So the man was put in jail. Some men went to the king. They told him what the slave had done.

The king sent for him.

“You mean man!” he cried, “I forgave you a big lot of money, yet you will not forgive this poor man the little bit he owes you. You must be punished.”

Jesus told his disciples that they must forgive anyone who hurts them.



## Story 29 The unforgiving slave Activities

1. Why did the king send for the slave?  
The king sent for the slave because

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What did the slave ask the king to do?  
The slave asked the king to \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who did the slave see in the street?  
The slave saw \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where did the slave put the man?  
The slave put the man \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why was the slave punished?  
He was punished because \_\_\_\_\_