

SCRIPTURE SLEUTH

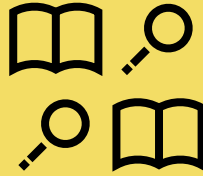


Jesus taught many truths in parables. A parable is a short story that uses everyday things to teach a spiritual truth. Jesus taught in parables to separate those who wanted to know spiritual truth from those who didn't. Only those with "ears to hear," like the disciples, would understand the deeper meaning hidden in Jesus' parables (Matthew 13:10-17).

Look up the Scripture references to find the key words on the right. Then see if you can find those words in the word search below.

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God tells us to search for wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 2:3–6). The best place to look is in the Bible! So grab your detective gear and let's investigate Scripture, inspect clues, and discover all that God's Word has to teach us.



Matthew 7:24–27

The wise man built his house on the _____, just like we should build our lives on the solid foundation of God's Word.

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus told the parable of the _____ to show who our neighbors are and how we should treat them.

Luke 15:3–7

Just like the _____ who rejoices when he finds his lost sheep, there is great joy in heaven when a sinner repents.

Luke 15:8–10

The woman searched diligently for her lost _____, just like Jesus seeks the lost.

Luke 15:11–24

The prodigal son returned to his _____ and was forgiven, just as the repentant sinner is forgiven by God.

Luke 18:1–8

Jesus used the parable of the persistent _____ to show us that we should keep bringing our requests to God in prayer.

Luke 18:9–14

The parable of the _____ and the tax collector teaches us that we should be humble.

Mark 4:30–32

The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seed, which starts out small but grows very large.



BIG QUESTIONS

Why do people have different skin shades?

Verses to Read

Genesis 11:9; John 3:16; Acts 17:26

ALL HUMANS have the same basic skin color—brown. This color comes from a pigment in our skin called *melanin* (MEL-uh-nuhn). Skin comes in different shades from light to dark brown.

Most people in the world are a middle brown shade. If Adam and Eve's skin was middle brown, they would have passed on genetic variations for their children to have a range of skin shades.

In just one generation, their children could have had dark brown, middle brown, and very light brown skin.

When people left the tower of Babel to spread across the world, different groups ended up with different skin shades—dark, middle brown, and all shades in between.

