



**Mustard Seed Children's Summary for January 27, 2008
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"Trusting God"

MEMORY VERSE:

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on" (Luke 12:22).

LESSON TEXT Luke 12:22-34

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that Jesus said there is no need for worry. Those who make fitting into God's plans their priority will have all their needs supplied.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus wants His people to trust God instead of worrying.
2. Jesus promises God will give what we need if we obey Him.
3. We can live without worrying when we believe Jesus' promise.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, prepare two large signs reading "Trust" and "Worry." You will use these signs in Telling the Lesson and Telling How to Live.

For Telling the Lesson, take four pictures to class: Jesus and a crowd, birds, a modern family, and flowers.

For Helping to Remember, provide for each student a half sheet of blue art paper, crayons, glue, and a 2-by-4-inch strip of red paper on which you have printed "Worry" with a black pen.

TEACHER'S NOTES / TELLING THE LESSON:

Human beings tend to be worriers, often about the daily necessities of life. What will I do if such and such is not available when I need it? This Bible lesson teaches what Jesus said about the problem. He told His hearers to look at the birds and the flowers for an example of a loving Father's provision. God gives food to the birds and beautifully clothes the flowers so that both may fulfill His purpose.

Jesus' words encourage those of us who teach, as well as our students, to trust Him: "Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:31).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Have you ever heard someone say, "Trust in God," or even, "Trust me"? (Display "Trust.") What is trust? If I trust you, I believe you are telling me the truth—that you will do just what you have said you will do.

If I trust you, there is also something I will *not* do. I will not worry that you will forget. (Display "Worry.") Worry is thinking and thinking and thinking that something bad could happen. What do you suppose Jesus said to some worriers one day? We shall find out.

TELLING THE LESSON

Many, many people had come to hear Jesus teach. (Show Jesus and crowd.) For a while, though, He talked just to the ones who were His friends, those people who wanted to learn and then do what He said.

Some of Jesus' friends were worriers. (Point to "Worry.") Nobody needed to tell Jesus that. He knows all things, so He knew that somebody in the crowd was thinking, *Oh, my, someday I may not have enough food to eat. I will be hungry.* He knew others were thinking, *Someday I may not have all the clothes I need. And then what will I do?*

Jesus said, "Do not worry about having enough to eat. Do not worry about having enough clothes." Then He told them why. "Look at the birds," He said. (Show birds.) Birds do not plant seeds. Birds do not take care of gardens. Birds do not save their extra food in barns. Yet God has made a way for them to get the food they need. He puts berries on the bushes for them. He puts worms in the ground. Jesus said, "You are God's people. Are you not more important than birds?" If God takes care of birds, will He not take care of His people too? (Show Jesus with crowd and modern family.)

"Look at the flowers," Jesus told them next. (Show flowers.) Do flowers work hard to make themselves grow? No. Do flowers make thread to sew clothes for

themselves? No. Yet flowers are beautifully dressed. God does it. He makes a way for them to grow. If God gives the flowers all they need to live in the field for just a short time, will He not give His people what *they* need? (Show modern family.) He will! That was what Jesus wanted those worriers to understand.

He finished by telling His friends that God knew they needed food and clothes. If they would just think about what God wanted and do what pleased Him, He would make a way for them to have what they needed. And He will do that for us today.

"So do not be afraid, little flock of sheep," Jesus said. What a nice name to call His friends—"little flock." Who takes care of a flock of sheep? A shepherd does. So if we are like a flock of sheep, somebody must be our shepherd. Who is it? Jesus said on another day, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11).

When a shepherd and his sheep start out each morning, the sheep do not say, "Oh, my, we may not get enough to eat today. We may not find any water. We may get thirsty. Maybe a wolf will come after us." Whose job is it to find grass and water for a flock of sheep? Whose job is it to protect them? It is the shepherd's job. The sheep do not need to worry. They just need to stay with their shepherd.

Jesus wants us to know that if we keep interested in doing and being what God wants us to do and be, He will make a way for us to have all we need.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Let us not be worriers. Let us be trusters. (Point to "Worry" and then to "Trust.") Let us believe God will do what He has said and give us all we need.

HELPING TO REMEMBER (ACTIVITIES):

Have the children fold their art paper to form an open book and draw birds, flowers, and grass on the left side. On the right, let them glue "Worry," then draw a black line through the word, and underneath it print "Trust" in large letters.

A word search for this week's lesson is included at the end of this summary with key words from the lesson.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on" (Luke 12:22).

Some of Jesus' friends were worried that they might not always have enough food and clothes. Jesus told them they did not need to worry. God knew they needed food to eat. He knew they needed something to wear. If they kept doing what pleased Him, He would give them all they needed. So Jesus said, "Do not worry."

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "**Working for God**" from **Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**, and focuses on God using His people's prayers to take the gospel the world.

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"Trusting God" Word Search

T Y D R O T G W E V J E U L E
R E H T A F H O O V M S C Q R
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BODY
FATHER
GOD
KINGDOM
MIND
SEEK
TODAY

DISCIPLES
FEED
GROW
LIFE
NEED
SOLOMON
TOMORROW

DRINK
FITH
HEART
LILLIES
RAVENS
THOUGHT
TREASURE

21 of 21 words were placed into the puzzle.

"Trusting God" Word Search Solution

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(Over, Down, Direction)

BODY (2, 10, SE)
DISCIPLES (9, 8, W)
DRINK (9, 8, NW)
FATHER (6, 2, W)
FEED (4, 4, SW)
FITH (14, 6, NW)
GOD (12, 9, E)
GROW (6, 10, W)
HEART (5, 7, NE)
KINGDOM (11, 8, S)
LIFE (12, 11, E)
LILLIES (7, 13, NE)
MIND (10, 9, N)
NEED (15, 10, S)
RAVENS (8, 9, SW)
SEEK (2, 7, NE)
SOLOMON (1, 9, E)
THOUGHT (6, 1, SE)
TODAY (9, 10, N)
TOMORROW (15, 8, NW)
TREASURE (15, 8, N)