

The Sheep & the Goats

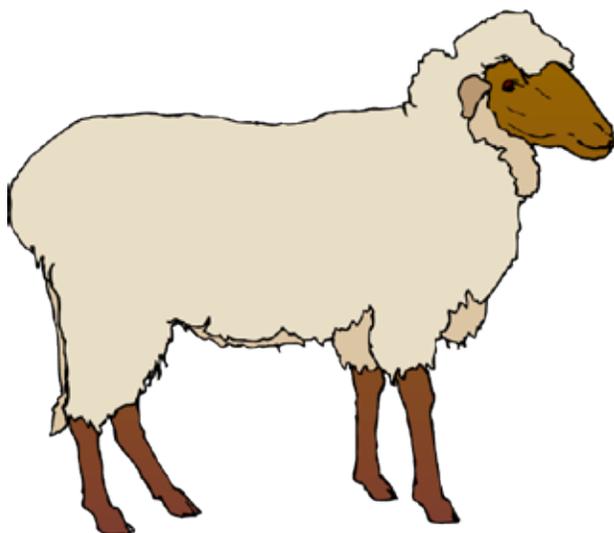
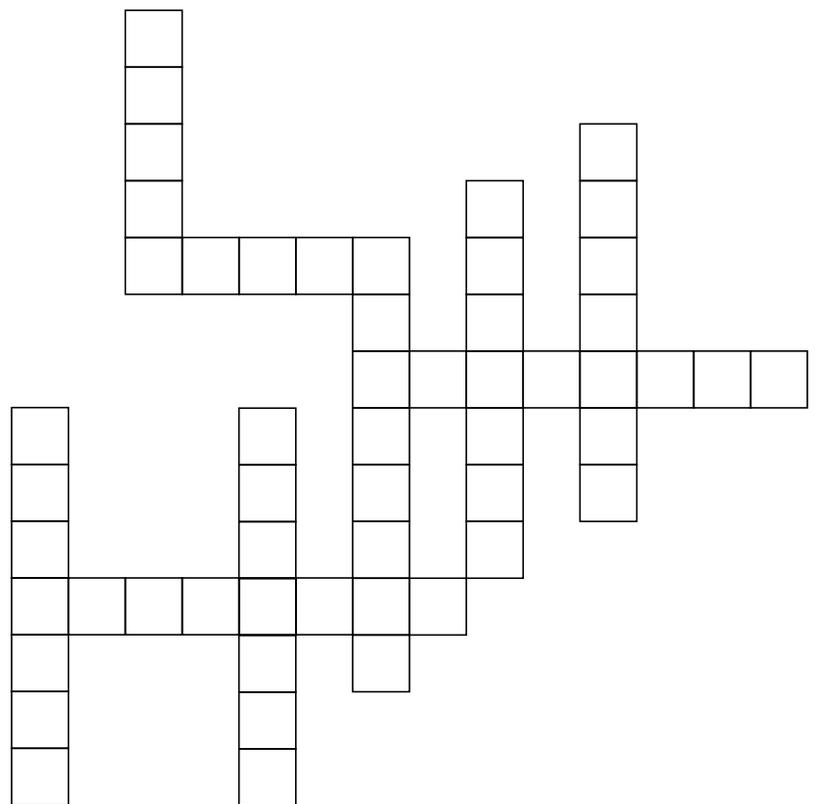
Matthew 25:31-46

Use the **green** words from the text below to complete the crossword puzzle.
Then answer the question at the bottom.

It is said that the Son of man will sit on a throne of glory with angels surrounding him. The nations will gather before him and he will separate them - like a shepherd separates his sheep and **goats**. The Son of man will put the sheep in his right hand and the goats in his left hand.

The King will tell the **sheep** to come and enjoy the kingdom, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye **visited** me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." The sheep will ask when they did those things for the King. The King will reply that anytime the sheep helped their neighbor in those ways, they were actually helping the King.

Turning to the goats, the King will be angry and say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was **thirsty**, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye **clothed** me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." The goats will be confused and insist they never saw the King needing help. The King will say that when you ignore your **neighbor** in need, you ignore the King. Therefore, the sheep will be **rewarded** with life **eternal** and the goats will be **punished** forever more.

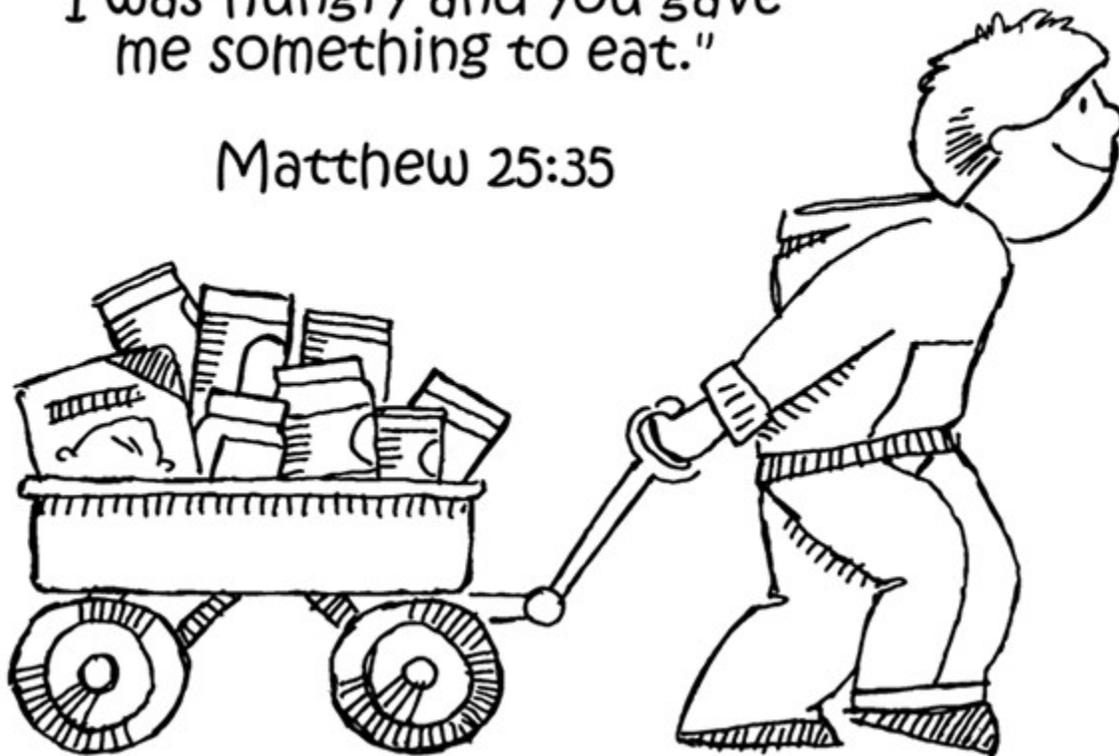


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According to the parable, why is it important to help someone in need?

Unto the least of these...

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'"

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37, 40 (NIV)

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Unto the Least of These

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)



- ___ 1. A special chair used by a king or queen
A. throne B. stool C. recliner D. high chair

- ___ 2. To feel a desire or need for food
A. thirsty B. tired C. full D. hungry

- ___ 3. To go to spend time with someone
A. vacation B. visit C. journey D. throne

- ___ 4. A place where people are kept as a punishment
A. school B. church C. prison D. home

- ___ 5. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
A. hungry B. thirsty C. sleepy D. tired

- ___ 6. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it
A. eat B. drink C. hungry D. sleep

- ___ 7. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
A. chew B. drink C. eat D. thirsty

- ___ 8. A man who rules a country
A. queen B. prince C. king D. princess

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CLOTHED	SHEPHERD	HUNGRY	KING	STRANGER
LEAST	BLESSED	THRONE	SICK	EAT
GLORY	LIFE	ANGELS	DRINK	THIRSTY
BROTHERS	FATHER	ETERNAL	PRISON	COME

The Least of These

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LESSON 12

THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HOW CAN I LOVE THE "LEAST OF THESE" IF I CAN'T EVEN FIND ONE?

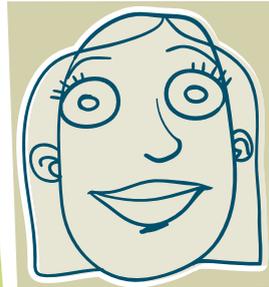


WELL, THAT DOESN'T HELP MUCH. EVERYONE I KNOW GOES TO THEIR REFRIGERATOR OR A RESTAURANT WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY. I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO STRANGERS, AND I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WITHOUT CLOTHES. I'M NOT A DOCTOR, SO I CAN'T HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK. I KNOW MY MOM WOULD NEVER LET ME GO TO A PRISON. I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN LOVE THESE PEOPLE.

LOOK, JESUS TOLD US WHO THE "LEAST OF THESE" WERE. IT SAYS HERE THE HUNGRY, THE THIRSTY, STRANGERS, THOSE WITHOUT CLOTHES, THE SICK, AND PEOPLE IN PRISON.



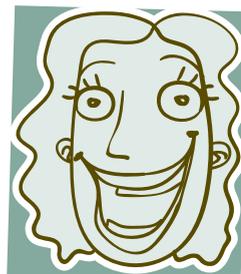
The next morning at school...



Later that day...

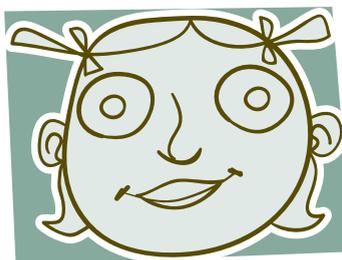
MRS. ALLEN JUST CALLED AND SAID THAT DANIEL IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

How could Andrew show love to the sick? Act out your ideas.



WE HAVE A NEW STUDENT JOINING OUR CLASS. HIS NAME IS RYAN. PLEASE MAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME.

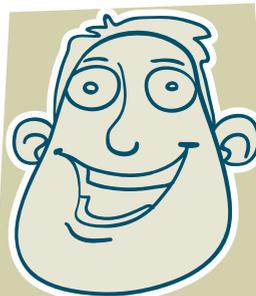
How could Andrew show love to strangers (people he doesn't know)? Act out your ideas.



At lunch...

BOY, AM I HUNGRY. I WISH I HADN'T FORGOTTEN MY LUNCH AT HOME TODAY.

How could Andrew show love to the hungry? Act out your ideas.



At Sunday school...

OUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING FOOD AND CLOTHES FOR FAMILIES OF PRISONERS. I THOUGHT OUR CLASS MIGHT LIKE TO HELP.

How could Andrew show love to prisoners and help with the food and clothing drive? Act out your ideas.

When Jesus talked about loving the least of these, He wanted us to help with needs we see around us. He wants us to love people everyone else doesn't see as important. Maybe they aren't popular, easy to love, or wear the right clothes. Maybe they don't have as much money as you do. Jesus wants us to see someone in need and instead of ignoring them, do our best to help them.

KEY VERSE

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
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