

## Jesus – His Life and what it means for children (and adults 😊)

In the Old Testament stories we have obvious examples of situations in which people needed salvation, they needed to be **saved**.

- 1) In a big flood, the whole world drowned. Only 8 people in the Ark were **saved**: kept alive.
- 2) Israel was a people of slaves. They were **saved**: they were led out of Egypt, and were set free.

In Jesus' lifetime, the Jews (Israel) also thought they needed salvation, now from the Romans. When Jesus' birth is announced, it is said that his name will be Jesus (Yeshua) because he will **save** his people **from their sins**. Sin is what people do, think, say, want, do not do that goes against God's will. This can be from people's will or out of weakness, or lack of understanding,.... Sin keeps us from leading the life we are supposed to live and sin enslaves us.

Today we will read several passages where God, Jesus and people do and say things that help us to understand the kind of life we are encouraged to live.

Here are two (incomplete) lists of terms:

### Characteristics of God:

He **blesse**s – **for**gives – **heals** – **is good** – **loves** – **provides** –  
**raises to life** – **rules** – **saves** – **searches** – **teaches**

### Characteristics of people:

We should (be) **believe** – **ble**ss – **for**give – **give** – **love** – **obey** – **repent** – **teach** – **share** – **sincere**

Read (some of) the following passages and discuss which of God's characteristics and which of people's reactions are referred to. Fill it in in the table below.

Share your ideas about two things:

- 1) what do you think about this characteristic of God (does it encourage you in any way), and
- 2) to what extent does the people characteristic apply to you?

Reference	Central person	God's characteristic	People characteristic
Luke 5:25-32	Levi		
Luke 6:27 – 35	Jesus' law		
Luke 8:16-18	Lamp		
Luke 8: 22-25	Storm		
Luke 18: 35-43	Born blind		
Luke 19: 1-10	Zacheus		
Luke 20:45-47	Teachers of the law		
Luke 21:1-4	Poor widow		

To close: Pray for each other that you may overcome sin.

Ask (pray) God to give the Holy Spirit which we need in that struggle.