

Sunday School Live

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December 14, 2025

Title: Our Heavenly Father

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 1:3–10

Background: Psalm 103:10–14; Isaiah 40:27–31

Lesson Text: Matthew 6:24–34

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. Jesus addresses the pervasive human tension between spiritual devotion and material concerns.**
- 2. Instructions for followers to prioritize God's kingdom.**
- 3. Today's message: Divine provision supersedes worldly pursuits & excessive worry is misplaced faith**

BACKGROUND

Matthew (6:19-24)

Jesus taught about storing treasures in heaven, and the impossibility of serving both God and (Mammon).

Prioritizing earthly wealth over God, which Jesus says is a focus of "gentiles" (non-believers).

Lesson Aims

- 1. Summarize the totality of God's provision for the needs of all creation.**
- 2. Explain how to trust God in order to be free from worries.**
- 3. Plan for serving to meet the basic needs of people in the community.**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. How does this example of God's providence help us when we do not understand the assignment?**
- 2. In what ways can we grow in faith to trust in God's provision?**
- 3. How do you balance faith in God and personal responsibility in this regard?**

LESSON OUTLINES

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- 1. Serve or Despise the Father? (Matthew 6:24)**
- 2. Worry or Trust the Father?(Matthew 6:25–32)**
- 3. Kingdom Living (Matthew 6:33–34)**

KEY TEXT TO REMEMBER

Matthew 6:34

**34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry about itself.**

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

MATTHEW 6:24 NIV 

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24 No one can serve two masters.

**Either you will hate the one and love the other,
or you will be devoted to the one and despise
the other.**

You cannot serve both God and money

MATTHEW 6:25 NIV

25 “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

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26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

MATTHEW 6:28-29 NIV 

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28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. The words love / hate are not tied to emotions**
- 2. Mammon is the Aramaic word for property.**
- 3. Worry is useless and shows a lack of faith. .**
- 4. If God cares for these lesser things, He will surely care for His children.**

MATTHEW 6:32-33 NIV

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:24-34 NIV

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³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Lesson Review

- 1. "Seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness.**
- 2. God gives us wisdom to plan prepare and produce.**
- 3. We should not "worry" as if God has not kept us.**
- 4. God's children are called to a higher degree of trust.**
- 5. Our faith should be a visible example in word & deed**

LIBERATING LESSON

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Life is not predictable, our inability to control the unexpected is a sign to trust God.

Examine the roots of why our fears, and control problems are cycles that have never been broken.

Ask the Lord teach you to trust him for your daily needs. LORD JESUS, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.



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NEXT WEEK

Sunday December 21

Instructor: Ralph Gordon

Lesson 3 Christ The Savior

Lesson Text:

Luke 15:3–7 | Romans 5:6–10