

SAMPLE

Head · Heart · Hands

QUESTIONS

Reflect (Head) Questions:

- What was Jesus/God teaching them in this event?
- In your own words, what was Jesus teaching his followers in this scene?
- Where in previous stories have we seen God do this?
- Which of our other stories talks about _____?
- What kinds of emotions do you think...?
- How did people respond...?
- As a result of their decision/choice, how did it change their relationship with God?
- What did you notice about _____ from the story?
- What feelings do you think motivated...?
- What do you think it was like...?
- What do you think was going on in _____ heart and mind in this story?
- What was _____ risking to follow God?
- What was the relationship between _____ and God like? How is your relationship like this?
- What do you think God is showing us through...?
- What surprised you about today's story? God? Jesus? How the character responded?
- Who are the main characters in the story?
- What were the main events in the story?
- What important things do people say/do to each other in the story?
- What words are repeated in the story? I wonder why.
- What do you think are the most important words in the story?
- How are the characters alike or different in the story?
- What does God / the writer mean by _____?
- What did you like about the story? What was new for you in today's story?
- What is something new that you learned or have not seen in this story before?
- What did you see in your mind as the story was being told/listening to the story?
- What did you notice in the story for the first time?
- What did you wonder about when the story was being told?
- How does this story challenge or reinforce something you already know?
- We may have already heard this story before. What jumps out at you as new or different?
- What questions do you have about what you have heard?
- What did you hear/see/smell in this story?
- How did this story make you feel?
- What stood out to you in the story?

- Something new I learned today about...
 - God
 - Jesus
 - What it means to follow Jesus
 - Myself
- What is the best/worst/single thing...?
- I like it that...
- I don't like it that...
- What do you like about _____? What do you not like?
- Why do you suppose...?
- What might you conclude from...?
- On a scale of 1-10...
- Does anyone in the story have a problem? How big is the problem?
- How do the people with the problem try to handle it?
- What does the story teach us about God?
- How did the story describe God's relationship with people?
- How did God...?
- For what purpose did God _____?
- What do you think is really important to God? To the character?
- How did God respond when the person/people came to Him?
- What did we learn about _____'s relationship with God from this story?
- Does anyone in the story change beliefs, behaviors or attitudes?
- How does God respond to people's beliefs, feelings, words or actions? What does this show us?

Relate (Heart) Questions:

- What did the story tell you about God?
- Why do you think God put this story in the Bible?
- What did the story tell you about yourself?
- Where in your life has...?
- How does _____'s life inspire you?
- Has God ever used you...?
- How are we just like _____?
- How can we become _____?
- Where does your story fit into God's story?
- After hearing the story, how might it change how you view yourself?
- How have you experienced...?
- Which character in today's story do you most relate to?
- In what ways, if any do you...?
- Why do you think God uses people to...?
- Why do you think God...?
- What have we learned about what God is like? Where have we seen that?
- What did we learn about Jesus from this story?

- What amazes you the most about Jesus/God?
- What do you notice about God from this story?
- What point does this story make about God?
- Do I see any of the characteristics of God demonstrated?
- What did the story tell you about people?
- In what ways are we also like...?
- How are the characters/stories alike? How are they different?
- What kind of guy/gal is _____?
- In what ways is our situation like...
- What can we learn about/from...?
- Is there anything in the story that surprised me, actions of God or people or results of people's behavior?
- What are the characters in the story thinking and feeling? In what ways are they acting in a God-like way?
- What do you feel after reading/hearing that...?
- Something new that I learned about God/myself today is...
- Something I never realized before today is...
- The most interesting thing you heard today is ...
- How would you have felt...?

Respond (Hands) Questions:

- What does God want you to do because of what you learned today? What should I do differently because of today's story?
- What did we learn about being a follower of Jesus from this story?
- How should we respond to Jesus today?
- How does this story affect your life?
- What is God inviting you to through this story? (Is there an invitation for you in this story?)
- After hearing the story, how will you live differently?
- Based on this story, what do you think God desires of us? What in this story makes you think so?
- What I think Jesus is saying to me is...
- When I hear Him saying that, I feel...
- How do you feel about God now?
- So I feel the main thing Jesus is after in this passage is...
- What do you think Jesus wanted his audience to do with/in response to this parable?
- How can you put this insight into practice this week?
- What did you hear today that makes you think you ought to make a change in your life?

Miscellaneous Questions:

- Did you hear anything that reminded you of previous stories? What connections did you make?
- If someone asked you what was the most important part of today's story, what would you tell them?
- From all the stories we have heard so far, what are you noticing about...?