

THE STORY

Jesus was on the Mount of Olives when His disciples asked Him privately "When will the end of the world come and what will happen?"

Jesus answered: "Watch and be ready, because you do not know the day or the hour. On that day the Son of Man will come in His glory and all the angels with Him, and He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate the people from each other as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

"The King will say to the people on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

"The people on the right will answer: 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty, or a stranger or needing clothes, or sick or in prison?'

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did for Me.'

"Then He will say to the people on His left: 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the fire prepared for devil and all his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after Me.'

"They will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty, or a stranger or needing clothes, or sick or in prison, and did not help You?'

"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did not do for Me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but those on the right will go to eternal life."

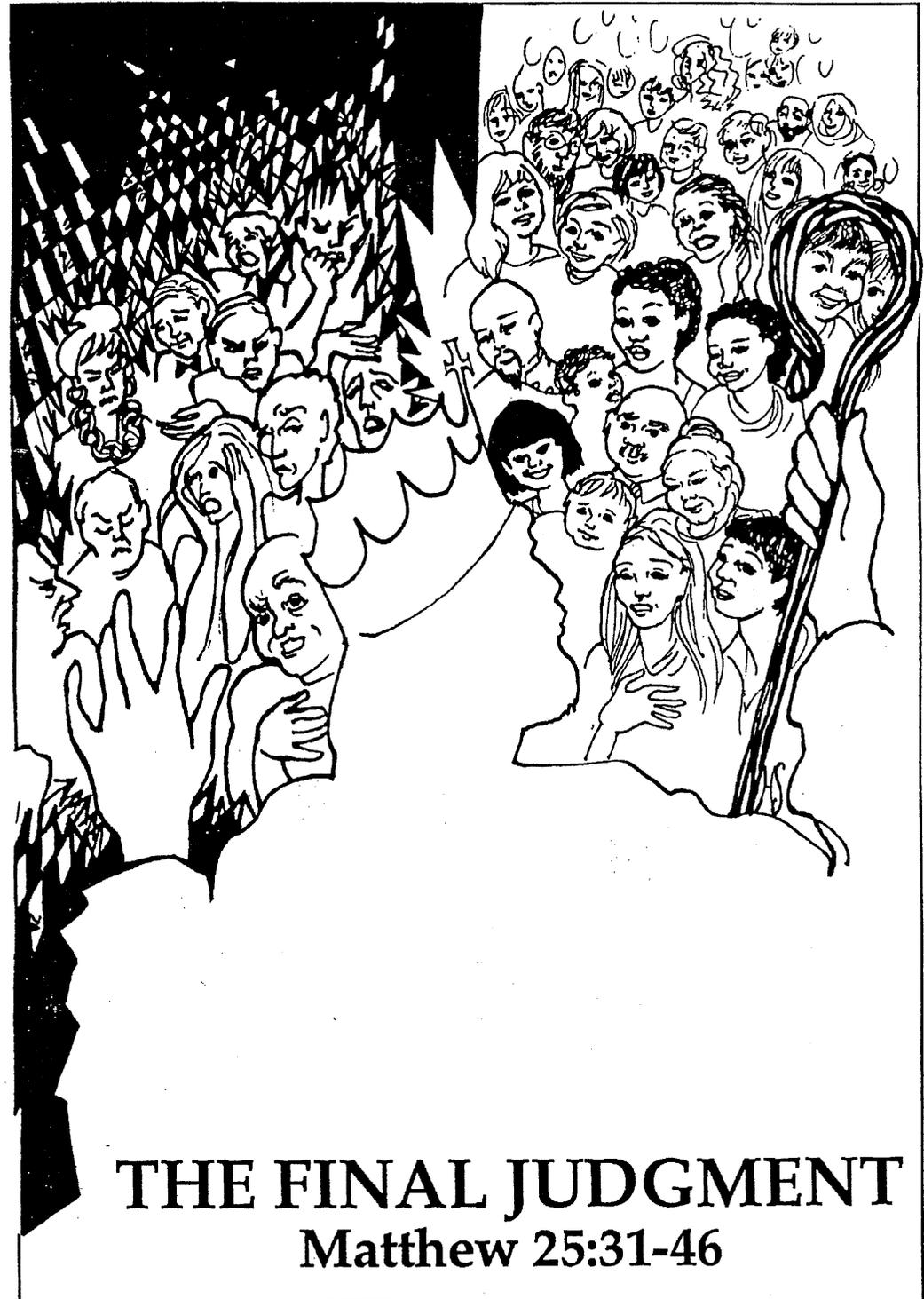
FAITH AND FAMILY TIME

- Talk about the story picture, and the children's activities. Read more about the day when Jesus will come in glory in Matthew 25:31-46, or in a Bible story book.
- Talk about what makes a child of God. How are we saved? Can we be sure we are going to heaven?
- Because we are in God's family, we want to live as God's children. How do we do this? What happens when we forget/fail to live as God's children?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Who saved us? What has God saved us to do?



PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, You came to earth to serve us by dying in our place for our sins. Help our faith to grow so that we serve others as You served us. Amen.



THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Matthew 25:31-46



In heaven with God

This is the last Sunday of the Church Year. On this Sunday we remind each other in church that one day the world will end and we will be with God. Often during the year in our special church prayer we ask God that when we leave this world He will take us to heaven where we can love and serve Him with all the rest of God's people and His holy angels.



*Jesus will come again.
He will take all
believers to be with
Him in heaven.*

**We show God's love
for us by what we
do for others.**

Bible Verse

**Whatever you did for one of
My brothers or sisters, you
did it for Me.**

Matthew 25:40 (paraphrase)

Draw something kind you can do for someone else.

Jesus said, "You did it for Me."





Find these words from the story in the wordsearch

About the story picture

- Colour Jesus' crown gold to show that He is God and king. Why do you think the artist put a cross on it?
- Put a cross on the happy people because they believe that Jesus died for them.
- Put tears on the sad faces because they are not going to live with Jesus in heaven.
- Why do you think Jesus' hands were drawn like that?
- Colour brown what shows that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.
- As Jesus is our Good Shepherd, why is He looking at the people going to heaven? *(He knows and loves them.)*

Bible Verse
Whatever you did for one of
... these brothers (or sisters)
of Mine, you did for Me.
Matthew 25:40 (adapted)

On the Last Day Jesus will say:
 "You did it for Me"

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- EVIL
- GOATS
- GOOD
- HEAVEN
- JESUS
- JUDGE
- KING
- SHEEP

Who said it in the story?

- Disciples** **Jesus** **people**
- _____ When will the end of the world come and what will happen?
- _____ Watch and be ready.
- _____ The Son of Man will come in His glory and all the angels with Him.
- _____ He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.
- _____ Come, you who are blessed by My Father.
- _____ Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty?
- _____ Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did for Me.



Draw a line to the right ending.

Keep watch and

come in his glory.

The Son of Man will

eternal punishment.

He will sit on his

be ready.

All the nations will be

into heaven.

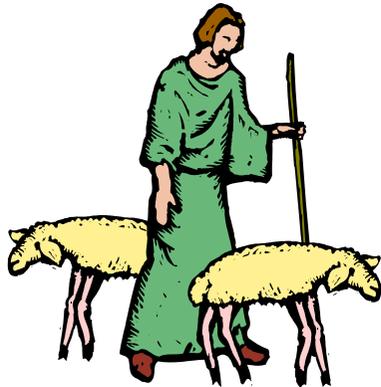
All believers will go

throne in glory.

All others go into

gathered before him.

Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.



In the Apostles' Creed we say that we believe that Jesus will return on the world's last day to judge everybody who has ever lived on earth. On that day all who have been dead will become alive again. Jesus will judge them together with those who are still alive on earth when He returns. Those who believe in Jesus as their Saviour and therefore have served Him with kind deeds (good works) like the people in the story, will be saved and live with God forever. Those who have not believed in Jesus and thus not served Him with what they have done, will be separated from God forever. We look forward to that last day when Jesus returns, because then we will be with God in heaven.

We show our love of Jesus by what we do for others.

Finish the sentences. Look up **Matthew 25:35,36**

I was hungry and you _____.

I was thirsty and you _____.

I was a stranger and you _____.

I needed clothes and you _____.

I was sick and you _____.

I was in prison and you _____.

I was lonely and you _____.

I was sad and you _____.

I was _____.

Something to think about and discuss

Who are Jesus' brothers (and sisters)?

Do we need to do good things to get to heaven?

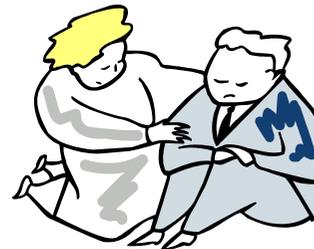
(See Mark 16:16 if you are unsure.)

Why do Christians serve others?

Why can only Christians do good works for Jesus?

Why do you think that this story is sometimes called "the sheep and the goats"?

What can we say that we understand from the story of the sheep and the goats?



Bible Verse

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers (or sisters) of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40 (adapted)

