

The Pumpkin Parables

Welcome: Hello, and welcome to The Pumpkin Parables. Did you know there are lots of amazing stories in the Bible? We call some of those stories parables. Parables have very special meanings. As you see these stories unfold, you will also get some great prizes. Here's a pumpkin bag for you to keep them in. There's a treats and stickers inside too. There's also a card where you can guess the number of pumpkins we have in and around our parking lot. Get the number right, and we will put your name in a drawing for a \$100 gift card package. Move along and enjoy your adventure!

Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7): Hi there. Can you help me? I've been looking for a lost lamb. I even left behind my 99 other sheep to go find it. I love my sheep so much. I have something for you that looks just like my lost lamb. Will you help me find it. Now, go on and keep an eye out.

Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15): Howdy ya'll. I just got through planting some seeds. Some of 'em are growin' real fast. Some of 'em ain't growin' at all. It all has something to do with where I plant 'em. Maybe you can help me by reading more about what happened to these plants on this here pack of seeds. You better head out, so I can get back to work.

Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-31): Hello. I apologize for the smell. I left a happy life with a loving father who took care of me. He even gave me lots of money. I wasted it all and I have to take care of these pigs. I'm even eating with them. I wonder if my dad would forgive me. You want to stay for dinner. Don't worry, I've packed you something yummy to go.

Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44-46): Shhhh...keep it down. I don't want anyone to know that I just found some treasure. I'm going to hide the treasure again. Then, I will buy this land, and the treasure will be all mine. Since you are helping me keep this secret, you can have a little treasure too. Now, move on before someone sees you.

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27): I'm glad you're here. I can finally take a break from building this house. That guy over there is building his house on a rock, but this sand will do just fine for my house. Hmmm....looks like there's a storm coming. You better head on. I've got to finish my house. I'll give you some rocks and sand to take with you.

Last Stop: Thanks for coming today. The stories you've seen today are all about God's love for each of us and his desire for us to know and love Him. I have one final treat for you. Inside this pumpkin you won't just find some yummy treats. You will also find out just how much God loves you. If you don't have a church, join us tomorrow at 9 or 11. Have a great evening!