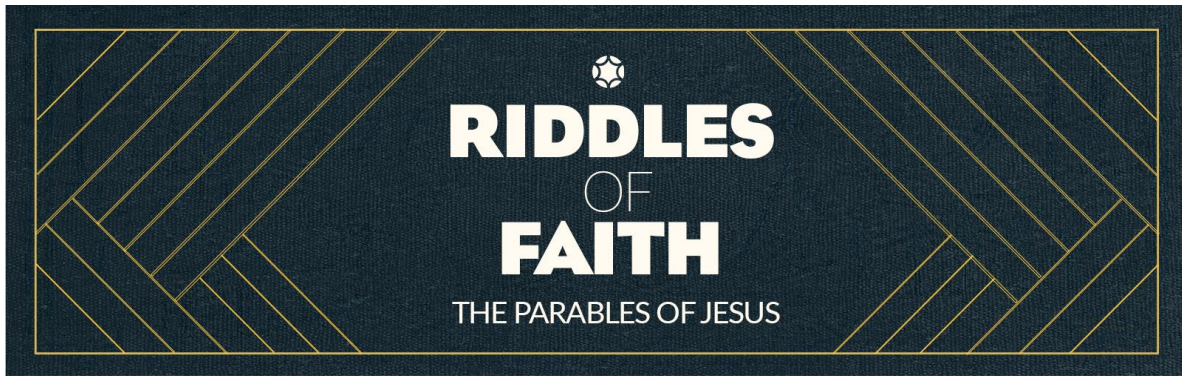




Riddles at Home

Family Companion Guide

Week Seven // Overtaken by the Unexpected

Start with a Riddle

What is something everyone has, but no one can lose?

[Answer: A shadow.]

Big Idea

Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors by showing mercy and kindness to the people God places in our path, even when helping them is unexpected or inconvenient.

Read Together

Read Luke 10:25–37. Jesus tells a story about a man who is attacked by robbers and left hurt beside the road. Two people see him but pass by without helping, and then a Samaritan comes along. The Samaritan might have seemed like an unlikely person to help, but he stops, cares for the injured man, and makes sure he has what he needs.

Talk About It

- What did the first two people do when they saw the injured man?
- What did the Samaritan do differently?
- Who are some people God places in our path that we can show kindness and mercy to?

Try It Together

Have everyone complete this sentence:

Someone I can be a good neighbor to this week is _____.

Remember This

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

Pray Together

God, thank you for loving us and showing us mercy. Give us eyes to notice the people around us. Show us how to be good neighbors and give us the courage to "go and do likewise." Amen.

Keep It Going

Choose an activity to enjoy together:

- Be a secret neighbor: Choose a neighbor, friend, teacher, or family member and secretly do something kind for them. Leave a note, deliver a treat, or find another simple way to brighten their day.
- Make a care kit: Fill a small bag with practical items such as bottled water, snacks, socks, or toiletries. Keep it in the car so your family is ready when you encounter someone who could use it.
- Play "I Spy a Neighbor": While you're out together, look for people helping others. When someone spots an act of kindness, call out, "I spy a good neighbor!" Talk later about what you noticed.