

Jesus Speaks About the Law



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Jesus said He came to **fulfill** the Law and the Prophets. He did not come to do away with them. The people heard many laws and regulations from the religious leaders. They lost sight of what God really wanted.

Jesus said the scribes and **Pharisees** made outward rules to follow. But they were breaking God's laws in their hearts. In fact, Jesus said that not even the smallest little letter or stroke of the Law would **pass** away.

Jesus said that murder was punished by the court. However, hatred in the heart was the same as murder before God. The people should make peace with one another.

Jesus explained how some of these commandments should be carried out. The people should tell the truth and do what they promised. They should not only **love** their neighbors, but they should also **pray** for their enemies. They should not hate them. God sends the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous. He loves them all.

Finally Jesus said the real goal is to be **perfect** as our heavenly Father is perfect. Jesus showed how that was possible through His life. He fulfilled the Law for us since we cannot keep the Law ourselves.



QUESTIONS: What did Jesus come to do?
What were the scribes and Pharisees doing with the Law?
What happens in the heart?

Lesson 24: Jesus Speaks About the Law

DAY 1 PASSAGE for STUDY & ACTIVITY: *Matthew 5:17-48*

1. What does the word abolish mean? (Mt. 5:17)
2. What did Jesus say he did not come to do? (Mt. 5:17)
3. What did Jesus say he came to do? (Mt. 5:17)
4. The Law and the Prophets are mentioned several times in Scripture such as in Romans 3:21. What do you think the Law and the Prophets were at the time the New Testament was written?
5. Color the spaces with the "o" to find the answer below.

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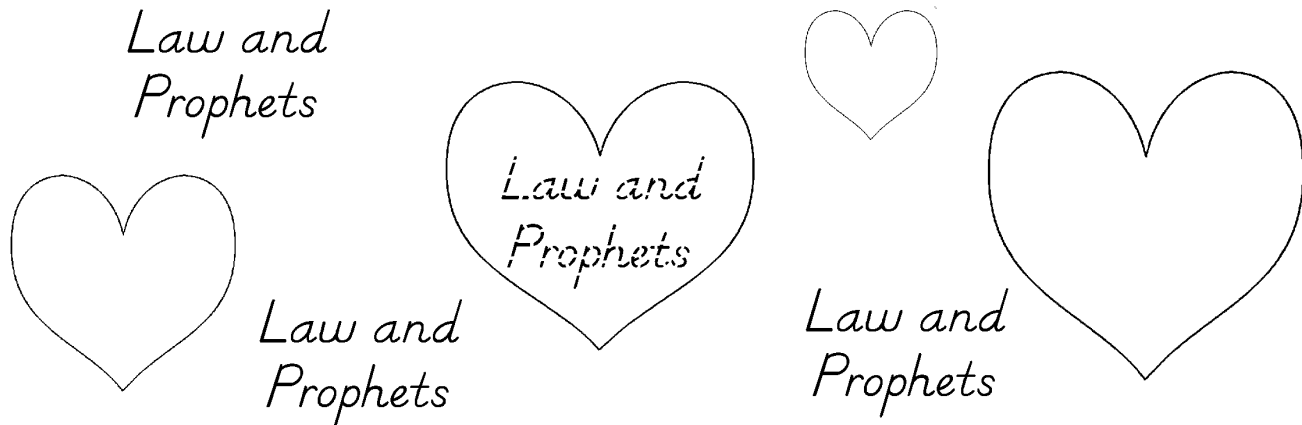
DAY 2 BIBLE VERSE: *Matthew 5:44*

*"... love your e n e m i e s, and
p r a y for those who persecute you..."*

1. Jesus gave an example of several laws and what they should mean. Who did Jesus say we should love?
2. Who did Jesus say we should pray for?
3. Who do you need to pray for?
4. What can you pray for that person?

DAY 3 ✍️ **BIBLE ACTIVITY:** *Answer and do.*

1. What did Jesus say about the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 5:20?
2. What was the law doing according to Galatians 3:24?
3. What did Jesus say about the heart of the people in Isaiah 29:13?
4. Jesus said it was important to have the Law and Prophets inside the heart not to just have them on the outside. Trace the Law and Prophets that is inside the heart below.
5. Where is God's Word in your life? Where do you want it to be?
6. What can you do to get God's Word where it should be?



DAY 4 🔍 **SEARCH and REMEMBER:** *Answer and do.*

1. What could the Law of the Old Testament do for the people? (Rm. 3:20)
2. What could the Law of the Old Testament not do for the people? (Heb. 10:1, 4)
3. What was the purpose of the sacrifices under the Old Testament Law? (Lv. 1:1-4)
4. How often did the sacrifices need to be repeated? (Heb. 10:1-3)
5. Do we still need to offer sacrifices today?
6. Who made the final necessary sacrifice, and how? (Heb. 9:25-28)

DAY 5 💡 **THINK, TALK, DO:** *What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?*

1. How did Jesus fulfill the Law? (Jn. 19:31; Mt. 27:50-51; Hb. 9:11-14)
2. Who have you been angry with recently? (Mt. 5:22)
3. What can you do to stop that anger? (1 Jn. 1:9; Jas. 1:13-15)
4. What can you pray for a person you have been angry with?
5. For what can you praise or thank a person with whom you have been angry?

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