Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
- Proverbs 31:10

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THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - LESSON 1

FAITH

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

As Jesus traveled around throughout the country teaching and working miracles He was approached by a ruler of the synagogue named Jairus. Jarius needed Jesus' help. He knelt before Jesus and begged Him to come and heal his daughter who was near death.

A big crowd followed Jesus as He walked. In the crowd was a woman. This woman was very sick. She had a blood disease and had been bleeding for twelve years. The bleeding had made her very weak and tired. Her disease made her unclean and she could not be out in public. She had gone to many doctors, spent all of her money and did not get any better. None of the doctors could heal her. But she had faith in Jesus.

So even though she was not supposed to be out in public, she knew in her heart that if she could just touch the hem of his coat that she would be healed. She gathered up all the strength that she had left and just as Jesus passed by her she reached out and touched this long coat. Immediately her bleeding stopped and she knew that she had been healed.

As soon as she touched Him, Jesus stopped and asked his disciples who had touched Him. The crowd was huge and they had no idea who had touched Jesus. He knew that power had gone out of Him. The woman knew she could not hide. She came and fell at Jesus' feet. She told Jesus and everyone around what had happened to her. She praised God for healing her.

Jesus said to her "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Hebrews 11:1 says, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Always put your trust and faith in Jesus to help you through any situation.

LESSON SONGS - AMAZING GRACE, JESUS LOVES ME

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - LESSON 2

WISDOM

Abigail

The death of the prophet Samuel had a big impact on the life of David. David had been anointed by Samuel as king of Israel, elected to replace King Saul, who was a disobedient and rebellious king. Saul knew his kingdom would be given to David, and he was very jealous of him. Samuel had always been the peacemaker between David and King Saul. Now that Samuel was dead, David feared for his life. So he took his men into the wilderness.

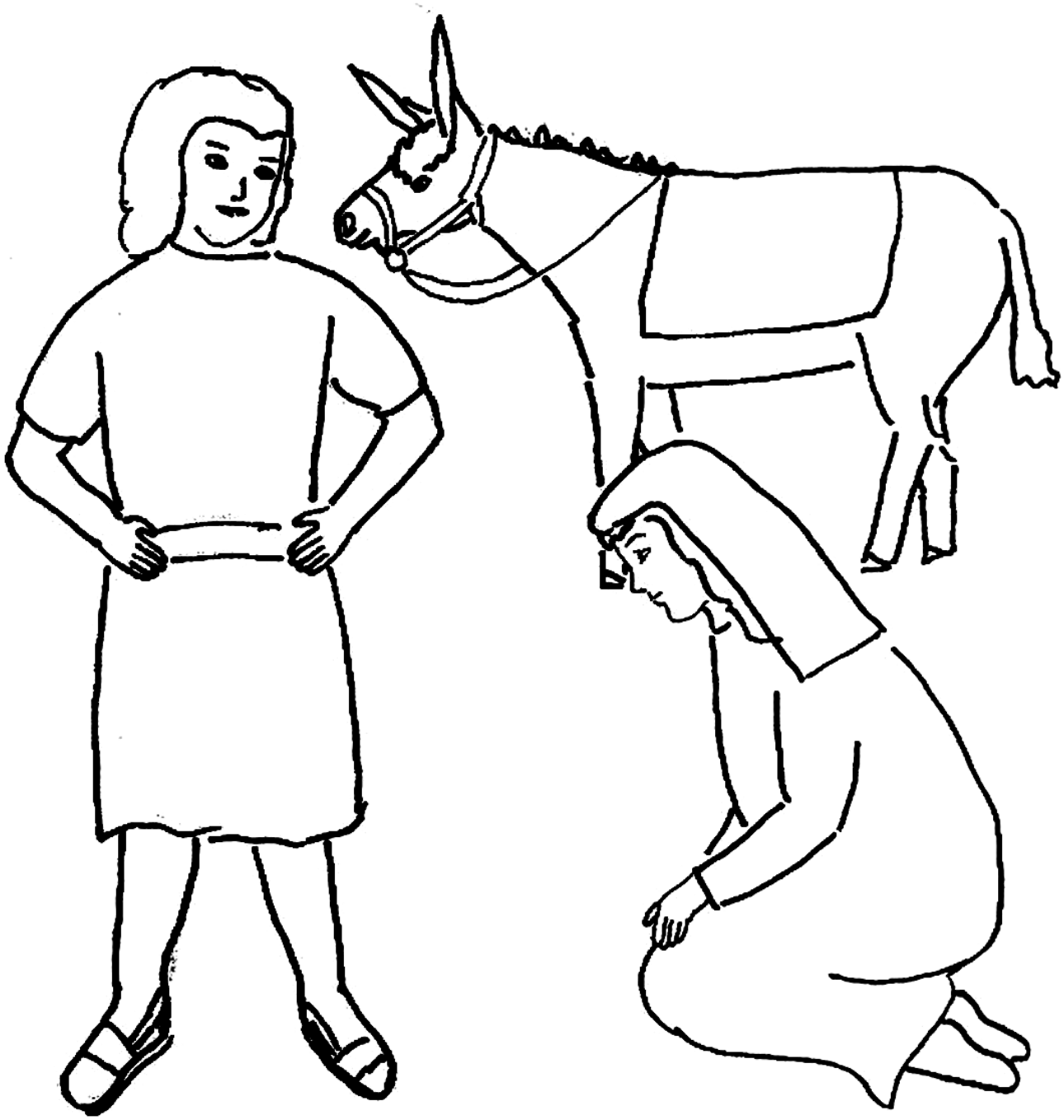
During this time, David became aware that Nabal, a wealthy and important man from Maon, was in a nearby town. At one time, David and his men had helped Nabal's shepherds, so David sought food for his men in exchange for the protection they had provided. Nabal refused to help David. David became very angry and summoned his men to prepare for a battle.

David and 400 of his men were on their way to seek vengeance for Nabal's selfish response. But one of Nabal's servants informed Abigail, Nabal's wife, of her husband's bad behavior and what David was preparing to do. She knew who David was and that he served the Lord. Without telling her husband, she and her servants prepared a large amount of food and drink and traveled to where David and his men were camped.

When Abigail saw David, she fell on her face before him. Abigail prevented certain disaster for herself and her family by humbling herself before David. She delivered the most humble, heartfelt plea for David to spare her husband's household. David's heart was softened and he accepted her offering and granted her request.

Abigail was a wise young woman. She used the wisdom that God gave her to protect her family. We should pray for wisdom from God.

LESSON SONGS - THE WISE MAN AND FOOLISH MAN



THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - LESSON 3

COMPASSION

Ruth

There was a famine in the land and Elimelech took his wife Naomi and their two sons to the country of Moab because there was food in that land.

Elimelech died, and Naomi was left as a widow with two sons. Both sons got married. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other married Ruth. Both sons died a few years later. Naomi decided to go back to her home country, the town of Bethlehem.

Both of her daughters-in-law wanted to go with her, but she told them that they should stay in the land of Moab. Ruth insisted on going with her. So Ruth and Naomi returned to Bethlehem together.

After they got settled, Ruth decided that she should do some kind of work. It was harvest time, so she worked in the fields following behind the harvesters and picked up any barley that they had dropped. The owner of the field came by to greet the harvesters and saw Ruth in the field. He asked who she was. He was told that she had come from Moab with Naomi. Lucky for Ruth the owner of the field was Boaz, he was a kind man and believed in God. He was also related to Naomi's husband.

Boaz went to talk to Ruth. He told her not to work in any other fields and that he would keep her safe. Ruth was very humbled by his kindness. He knew that she had left her home and family to help Naomi.
Ruth continued with her work. Boaz ordered this workers to drop extra barley so Ruth and Naomi would have plenty.

Ruth was extremely kind and compassionate to her mother-in-law. We should always look for ways to show kindness and compassion to others. God will reward you for being unselfish.

Lesson Songs: God Is So Good, Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves The Little Children

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - LESSON 4

COURAGE

Esther

The king of Persia, Xerxes was looking for a new queen. Many young women were considered, but the king chose a beautiful young girl named Esther.

Esther was a Jewish girl. Her parents died when she was a little girl and she lived with her uncle, Mordecai. He told Esther not to tell the king that she was Jewish.

Esther loved living in the palace. Mordecai worked in the palace and he saw Esther every day. He would tell her about all of the things going on in the busy palace. One day Mordecai was very worried. He told Esther that heard two men planning to kill the king. He wanted Esther to warn the king but she was afraid to go before the king without being called for. But she was brave and went to see the king. When the king found out the story was true, the two men were punished. The king had Mordecai's name written in his diary so that he would not forget who had saved his life.

A few years later, the king appointed a new Prime Minister. His name was Haman and he was very mean. He made everyone to bow down to him when he walked in palace and through the city square. Mordecai refused to bow down to him. He told Haman that he would only bow down to God. This made Haman very angry and he hated Mordecai.

Haman was also a very clever man. He convinced the king to kill all the Jewish people in the land. When Mordecai heard about the king's order, he sent an urgent message to Esther. He wanted her to go to the king and ask him to spare the Jews.

Esther was very afraid! She had not seen the king for many days but she prayed for three days and asked God to help her before she went to see the king. She invited King Xerxes and Haman to join her for dinner. During the dinner, Esther shared her secret and proclaimed herself as a Jew. She begged the king to spare her people. The king was furious with Haman and he was punished. Mordecai was appointed as the new Prime Minister.

Esther was very brave. She knew that God would help her save her people.

Lesson Songs: I'm In the Lord's Army, My God Is So Big, He's Got the Whole World

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - LESSON 5

PURITY

Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Mary was a Jewish girl who lived in the city of Nazareth. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Mary did not know it yet, but God had chosen her from among all the Jewish maidens to fulfill a very special purpose for Him.

God sent the angel Gabriel to her with a message. Mary was afraid, but the angel told her that she was going to have a son, and his name was to be Jesus. Mary's baby was not to be born like other babies on earth. He would have an earthly mother but his father would be the Holy Spirit of God. He would be the Son of God.

There was a young man in Nazareth, named Joseph. He loved Mary and they were going to get married. God sent an angel to Joseph in a dream. The angel told him that Mary was going to have a baby and that he would be the Son of God.

As the time neared for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph had to go to the town of Bethlehem to pay their taxes. When they arrived in the town all the inns were filled because so many other people had also come into town. The only place for them to stay was in a stable and it was there that Jesus, the Son of God, was born. Mary wrapped her baby in warmly and made a place for him to sleep in the manger, where the animals' hay was kept.

Joseph and Mary thanked God for the baby Jesus. They knew that God had kept his promise to send his Son to save the whole world.

Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of His Son because her heart and body were pure.

Lesson Songs: I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N, He's Still Working On Me, Though I'm Just a Tiny Tot