# **Learn to Read the Bible 1a – The Parables of Jesus**

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|  | 5 | The other man was not wise. He built his house without a foundation. His house was not strong. | Luke 6:49 |
|  | 6 | The river flooded. The river could not destroy the wise man’s house. The river destroyed the unwise man’s house. | Luke 6:49 |
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|  | 19 | The king felt sorry for the man. So, the king cancelled the debt. He let the man go. | Matt 18:27 |
|  | 20 | Outside, this man met his friend. The friend owed him a little money. The man grabbed his friend by the throat. The man said, “Give me my money!” | Matt 18:28 |
|  | 21 | His friend was very afraid. He pleaded, “Please be patient with me!” The man did not feel sorry for his friend. He sent him to jail. | Matt 18:29-30 |
|  | 22 | Some people became upset with the man. They told the king. | Matt 18:31 |
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|  | 29 | The other man was a tax collector. He cheated money from people. People despised him. | Luke 18:10 (+implicit information) |
|  | 30 | The religious leader prayed, “I thank you God. I am not like everybody else. I am a good person. I do many good things for you. | Luke 18:11-12 |
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|  | 39 | Later, a priest walked down that road. He saw the man. He kept away from him. He went away without helping. | Luke 10:31 |
|  | 40 | Then a temple servant came along. He saw the man. He passed without helping. | Luke 10:32 |
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|  | 42 | He treated the injured man’s wounds. He took him on his donkey to an inn. | Luke 10:34 |
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