

MATTHEW 12.1-13.52

1. In chapter 12, we see Jesus' enemies **opposing** him in many ways. As you read through the chapter, write down all the problems or issues that they had with Jesus.
2. Over the years, the Jews had made many man-made laws about what people could and couldn't do on the **Sabbath**. But what was God's law about the Sabbath (see Exodus 20:9)?
3. When the disciples plucked heads of grain to eat, the Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of breaking the Sabbath. Jesus responded to this accusation with scriptures. What is the basic argument that he makes in verses 3-4?

What argument does he make in verse 5?

What argument does he make in verse 7?

4. After Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath, how did the Pharisees respond (v. 14)? What did Jesus do in response to the Pharisees' action (v. 15)?
5. Look at the prophecy made by Isaiah in verses 18-21. In verse 18, what terms does he use to describe Jesus' relationship to God the Father?

What is a word or phrase you would use to describe the picture of Jesus in verse 19?

What is a word or phrase you would use to describe the picture of Jesus in verse 20?

6. When the Pharisees claimed that Jesus cast out demons by the **Satan's** power, what argument did Jesus make in verses 25-26 to show that this claim was ridiculous?

What argument did he make in verse 27?

In verse 29, he told a parable in which Satan is pictured as a strong man and Jesus is pictured as a robber who binds and plunders him. In what way(s) would you say that Jesus was binding and plundering Satan?

7. What serious warning did Jesus give in verses 31 and 32?

Look at verses 33-37. How do these verses pertain to Jesus' warning about speaking against the Holy Spirit?

8. Read verses 38-45. How many times do you see Jesus to this '**generation**'? Write down several things that he says about that generation in these verses.

9. In chapter 13, Jesus speaks in **parables** to the crowds. In your own words, why did Jesus speak in parables? What was their purpose?

10. Jesus presented 7 different parables in chapter 13, each revealing truths about the **kingdom** of God. The kingdom can be simply defined as the rule or reign of God. Look carefully at each parable and write down one thing that each parable teaches about the kingdom.

The parable of the sower	<i>vv. 1-9, 18-23</i>	
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The parable of the weeds	<i>vv. 24-30, 36-43</i>	
The parable of the mustard seed	<i>vv. 31-32</i>	
The parable of the leaven	<i>v. 33</i>	
The parable of the hidden treasure	<i>v. 44</i>	
The parable of the pearl	<i>vv. 45-46</i>	
The parable of the net	<i>vv. 47-50</i>	

