

## ENCOUNTERS AND PARABLES

 **DIRECTIONS:** FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO COMPLETE EACH ACTIVITY.

### PART 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences below using the word bank:

1. Some religious leaders began to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ added extra rules to God's laws.
3. Jesus could \_\_\_\_\_ sins because He is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus taught using \_\_\_\_\_, which are special stories.
5. In the Parable of the Sower, the \_\_\_\_\_ stands for God's Word.
6. In the Parable of the Lamp, we are supposed to shine our \_\_\_\_\_ for others.
7. When God's Word grows in us, it produces spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.



Parables

Seed

Light

Oppose

God's Son

Fruit

Pharisees

Forgive

### PART 2: TRUE OR FALSE

Circle the T or F next to each statement.

If the statement is false, correct it.

- T   F   1. Jesus followed every extra rule the Pharisees made.**
- T   F   2. Jesus' true family is made up of people who follow God.**
- T   F   3. Parables were easy for everyone to understand.**
- T   F   4. Some people hear God's Word but get too busy to grow in faith.**
- T   F   5. We can make spiritual fruit all by ourselves.**

### PART 3: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below (written or discussed as a group):

1. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did Jesus use parables when He taught?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

3. What can keep people from growing in their faith?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 4: CREATIVE CHALLENGE

#### Spiritual Tree

1. Draw a tree with the Fruit of the Spirit:  
love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control.
2. Write one word on each fruit you draw.
3. Can you think of 9 different kinds of fruit?

