

Examples of the 'Box of Love' in the Bible (p1)



The Box of Love contained a clock, which was a promise to spend more time together.

Mary and Martha (Luke 10, verses 38-42 ICB)

³⁸ While Jesus and his followers were traveling, Jesus went into a town. A woman named Martha let Jesus stay at her house. ³⁹ Martha had a sister named Mary. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him teach. ⁴⁰ Martha became angry because she had so much work to do. She went in and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to do all the work? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are getting worried and upset about too many things. ⁴² Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will never be taken away from her."



The Box of Love contained a dustpan and brush, which was a promise to help when needed.

Jesus feeds the 5000 (Matthew 14, verses 13-21 ICB)

¹⁴ When Jesus arrived, he saw a large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed those who were sick.

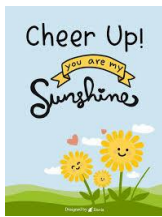
¹⁵ Late that afternoon, his followers came to Jesus and said, "No one lives in this place. And it is already late. Send the people away so they can go to the towns and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ Jesus answered, "They don't need to go away. You give them some food to eat."

¹⁷ The followers answered, "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish."

¹⁸ Jesus said, "Bring the bread and the fish to me." ¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he looked to heaven and thanked God for the food. Jesus divided the loaves of bread. He gave them to his followers, and they gave the bread to the people. ²⁰ All the people ate and were satisfied.

Examples of the 'Box of Love' in the Bible (p2)



The Box of Love contained a card, which was a promise to cheer someone up if they were sad or lonely.

Zacchaeus (Luke 19, verses 1-8 ICB)

Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. ² In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a wealthy, very important tax collector. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was too short to see above the crowd. ⁴ He ran ahead to a place where he knew Jesus would come. He climbed a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus. ⁵ When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus in the tree. He said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today."

⁶ Zacchaeus came down quickly. He was pleased to have Jesus in his house. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to complain, "Look at the kind of man Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"

⁸ But Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I will give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I will pay that person back four times more!"



The Box of Love contained a badge, which was a promise to use kind words to encourage.

Jesus and the children (Mark 10, verses 13-16 ERV)

¹³ People brought their small children to Jesus so that he could lay his hands on them to bless them. But the followers told the people to stop bringing their children to him. ¹⁴ Jesus saw what happened. He did not like his followers telling the children not to come. So he said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children. ¹⁵ The truth is, you must accept God's kingdom like a little child accepts things, or you will never enter it." ¹⁶ Then Jesus held the children in his arms. He laid his hands on them and blessed them.