

INTRODUCTION:

- 1) TODAY WE WILL BEGIN LOOKING AT PRINCIPLES ABOUT LANGUAGE

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) REVIEW
- 2) LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
- 3) INTERPRETING FIGURES OF SPEECH: SIMPLE COMPARISONS
- 4) PRACTICE INTERPRETING FIGURES OF SPEECH

PART 1 – REVIEW:

1. UNDERLINE THE FIFTEEN VERBS IN JOHN 4:1–6 (FROM THE NIV).

The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour (John 4:1–6).

2. UNDERLINE THE ADJECTIVES BY THE NOUNS IN THE ADJACENT THREE SENTENCES.

- When a gentle south wind began to blow . . . (Acts 27:13)
- To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker (Philemon 1)
- Your love has given me great joy. (Philemon 7)

3. ANSWER THE QUESTION ABOUT THE VERSE.

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTING WORD IN MATTHEW 4:4?
TO SHOW CONTRAST

4. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VERSES.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11–13)

WHO ARE THE FIVE TYPES OF PEOPLE (GIFTS) JESUS GAVE?

APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, PASTORS, TEACHERS

WHY DID JESUS GIVE FIVE TYPES OF GIFTS TO THE CHURCH?

TO PREPARE GOD'S PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY

PART 2 – LEARNING ABOUT LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE:

Q 1) WHAT TWO TYPES OF RULES DOES THE BIBLE HAVE?

A)

Q 2) WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE?

A)

Q 3) WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR WHEN INTERPRETING A TEXT?

A)

Q 4) DEFINE LITERAL LANGUAGE.

A)

Q 5) WHAT DOES FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE HAVE?

A)

Q 6) WHO (MORE THAN OTHER WRITERS) GAVE THE WORDS OF JESUS THAT HAVE A HIDDEN MEANING?

A)

Q 7) WHAT IS THE FIRST RULE OF DISCERNING BETWEEN LITERAL AND FIGURATE LANGUAGE?

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Q 8) WHAT IS THE SECOND RULE OF DISCERNING BETWEEN LITERAL AND FIGURATE LANGUAGE?

A)

Q 9) WHAT IS THE THIRD RULE OF DISCERNING BETWEEN LITERAL AND FIGURATE LANGUAGE?

A)

PART 3 – INTERPRETING FIGURES OF SPEECH: SIMPLE COMPARISONS:

Q 10) WHAT IS A SIMILE?

A)

Q 11) WHAT ARE METAPHORS?

A)

Q 12) WHAT DOES ANTHROPOMORPHISM DO?

Q 13) WHAT DOES PERSONIFICATION DO?

PART 4 – WRAPPING UP – PRACTICE INTERPRETING FIGURES OF SPEECH:

1. COMPLETE THIS CHART, STATING WHETHER A VERSE IS LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE.

Reference	Verse	Literal or Figurative?
Psalm 91:4	"He will cover you with his feathers."	
Matthew 5:13	"You are the salt of the earth."	Figurative
Matthew 7:15	"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."	
Matthew 15:26	"It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."	
Matthew 16:24	"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."	
Matthew 17:24	"Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"	
Matthew 17:27	"Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin."	
John 9:4	"Night is coming, when no one can work."	
John 13:27	"What you are about to do, do quickly."	
Romans 13:7	"Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; . . . if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."	
Ephesians 6:17	"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit."	
1 Timothy 6:12	"Fight the good fight of the faith."	

2. STATE WHETHER EACH VERSE USES A SIMILE, METAPHOR, ANTHROPOMORPHISM, OR PERSONIFICATION.

References	Verse	Type of Comparison
Proverbs 8:1	"Does not <i>wisdom</i> call out? Does not <i>understanding</i> raise her voice?"	
John 8:12	"I am the <i>light</i> of the world."	
Genesis 15:1	"After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your <i>shield</i> , your very great <i>reward</i> .'	
John 3:16	"For God so loved the <i>world</i> . . ."	
Psalms 114:3	"The <i>sea</i> looked and fled, the <i>Jordan</i> turned back."	
Matthew 23:37	"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings."	
2 Chronicles 16:9	"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth."	
Matthew 13:44	"The kingdom of heaven is <i>like</i> treasure hidden in a field."	
John 15:1-2	"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit."	
Psalms 18:2	"The Lord is my <i>rock</i> ."	
2 Timothy 2:3	"Endure hardship with us <i>like</i> a good soldier of Christ Jesus."	

