



## 6th grade Summer Reading Assignment

This summer we will be reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This novel explores themes of friendship, conflict, forgiveness, justice, and redemption.

You will be completing a series of Before Reading, During Reading, and Post Reading short answer questions. The responses must answer every part of the question and reveal thoughtful answers and reflection.

### **BEFORE READING - Revealing God's Truth**

Read Genesis 3

Why do you think Adam and Eve sinned?

What were some of the consequences of their choices?

Read Matthew 18:15 "If your brother or sister sins..."

Why is it important to talk to a friend directly instead of complaining to others?

How can we respond with grace when we are hurt?





Read Colossians 3:13 & Romans 12:18 & 1 Peter 4:8

Why is forgiveness important in friendships?

How does Jesus' forgiveness help us forgive others?

Read Luke 18:18-30 & Matthew 19:16-30

What do you think this parable is talking about? What do you think Jesus' intended message was for those listening?

What can we learn from this parable and teaching of Jesus? How can you apply it to your life?





## **DURING READING - Understanding story**

Identify an important character in the book. Describe this character—at least three characteristics—using your own sentences (you may supplement your own sentences with quotes from the novel—cite page numbers).

Describe the setting (time and place) of the novel (use at least three sentences).

Describe an important event from the novel. Explain how this scene/event is important in the story and how your character is involved.





## POST READING - Application

*How does Holes show that our choices and actions have consequences, and how does this compare to what the Bible teaches about justice, forgiveness, and redemption?*

### Part 1: Match the Biblical Themes with Events from Holes

Draw a line to match each Bible theme to an example from Holes that reflects that theme.

Biblical Theme	Holes Example
1. Consequences of sin (Genesis 3)	A. Zero and Stanley offer forgiveness despite betrayal.
2. Restoring relationships (Matt 18)	B. Stanley takes responsibility for a curse passed down.
3. Forgiveness in friendship	C. The boys learn to be honest and confront conflict.
4. Jesus' forgiveness empowers ours	D. Stanley stands by Zero when no one else does.
5. Redemption and sacrifice (Luke 18 & Matthew 19)	E. Stanley risks everything to rescue Zero and break the curse.





Part 2: Reflection Questions

6. How did characters in Holes show forgiveness? How does this reflect what Jesus taught about forgiving others?

7. In the end, how were justice and redemption shown in Holes?

