ORDINARY TIME

Proper 9 (14)

Heavy Burdens

5 July 2026

Bible

Links are provided as a convenience and are not intended as an endorsement or recommendation. Many alternatives are available online!

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Watch the Story

Lectionary Readings

All the readings set for Proper 9 (14).

First reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm: Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Second reading: Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Blocks

Minecraft Seed: `563`

Make two minecart tracks that go over a cliff. Both should look like they lead somewhere. One should have signs saying the sorts of things the people were saying: “stick to what we know” “beware of false prophets” “don’t listen to Jesus” “we’ve always done it this way”. This track should lead to disaster, maybe landing in slime.

The other track should have signs saying the sorts of things Jesus was saying: “God’s love is for everyone” “God loves you” “Follow me”. This track should lead over the cliff to safety on the other side. The track could be quite bendy with lots of ups and downs. However, once on that track, the carts should all reach safety.

Bricks

Make two tracks. A marble run would be ideal for this! One direction should lead to a prize, the other to something not so nice, like a cold used teabag!

Alternatively, create a maze on paper, and decorate it to make the false paths look really tempting to follow. Maybe write signs encouraging people to take the wrong paths, such as “we’ve always gone this way before!”

♡ Prayer

It is very easy to stick to what we know. Following Jesus isn't always easy. Life still has its ups and downs! But if we trust in Jesus, he promises he will take on our burdens and bring us safely home to God.

Pray for help to recognise Jesus and to choose to follow him. If you have anything troubling you, tell God about it and ask for help.

Community Suggestions

Community suggestions coming soon!

View this session online: https://www.blocks-and-bricks.org/sessions/year-a-proper-9-14.html