

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5–7; Luke 6

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all scripture is about Him.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Story Point:

Jesus taught how people in God's kingdom live.



PREPARE HEARTS

- ☐ Starter Activity - Yarn Web
- ☐ 11:00 - Kids Worship



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- ☐ Lesson Review - Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
- ☐ Discussion Questions
- ☐ Group Demonstration: Change and Grow



ENGAGE HEARTS

- ☐ Group Game: Crazy Cups
- ☐ Share and Care Prayer Time
- ☐ Group Activity: Shaky or Firm Foundation
- ☐ Group Activity: Give It Away

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Our world often tells us to look out for ourselves, chase success, and give only when it benefits us. Acts of humility, mercy, or love for enemies are seen as weakness. But in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described a radically different way to live—one marked by humility, compassion, forgiveness, and trust in God. This kind of life can't be faked or earned; it flows from a heart transformed by the gospel. Jesus doesn't just tell us how to live—He changes us so we can. Consider the following main points as you prepare to teach.

Jesus taught that God's kingdom is different from the world. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described a way of living that runs opposite to what the world values. Instead of power, wealth, or revenge, God's kingdom values humility, mercy, purity, love for enemies, prayer, trust in God, and obedience from the heart.

Jesus calls His followers to reflect God's heart. God cares about our motives, not just our actions. Loving those who love us is easy; the real test is showing grace to those who oppose us. Forgiving, giving generously, and trusting God instead of worrying are ways we shine for His glory.

We can only live this way when our hearts are changed. Jesus' teaching isn't a harder set of rules—it's an invitation to transformation. Because of sin, we can't live this out on our own. But when we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and gives us new hearts so we can love God and others with joy.

This week as you lead kids, help them understand that Jesus' teaching shows how life in God's kingdom is different from the world, and that only through trusting Him can our hearts be changed to live this way.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1.
Your supply bin will be in your classroom.



GRADES 3-4

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW + SHARE

Sept. 13, 2026
2nd Service

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that God's kingdom is different than the worlds.
- *LET the Holy Spirit work in changing their hearts.
- *BUILD their lives on the foundation of His Word.



As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others. Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Option - Pen Pal Kit!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

Welcome to the new school year!

Starter Activity

Welcome and
Question of the
Day

Review LEFC Kids Expectations poster (they did this first service and can remind you what they talked about)

Yarn Web

- Lead the group to sit in a circle.
- Start with the end of the yarn in your hand.
- Keep holding that end while you gently roll the yarn ball across the circle to another child.
- Invite the child with the yarn to say her name and say one thing about herself.
- While holding onto the yarn, she'll roll the ball to someone else in the circle.
- He'll say his name and something about himself, hold onto the yarn and roll the ball again. Continue around the circle until everyone has shared and has a piece of yarn.

SAY: It's so fun learning about you as we start our year together. And look at the cool web we've made with the yarn. You each said something unique about you. All of us are very different, but we're all connected. Everyone is made by God in His image, and His purpose for each of us is to know and love Him. God designed us to be in relationship with Him and one another. Even though we're all different and have lots of things that make us individuals, we are all part of God's family and we are all part of this class. I'm so glad you are here!



**KIDS
WORSHIP**

11:00

Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.



ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Bibles,
Review Video –
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Matthew 5-7. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

Jesus taught that God's kingdom is different from the world. (Matt. 5:2-11; Luke 6:20-22): Living for God's kingdom runs counter to what the world often encourages and celebrates. Humility, mercy, faithfulness, and righteousness are all a part of God's kingdom.

Jesus calls His followers to live in a way that reflects God's heart. (Matt. 5-6; Luke 6:20-29): God cares about our motives, not just our actions. Jesus calls His people to love others, forgive, and shine for God's glory.

We can only live this way when our hearts are changed. (Luke 6:46-49): Because of sin, we can't live this out on our own. But when we trust in Jesus, He transforms our hearts so we can follow Him.

One day, as large crowds followed Jesus, He went up on a mountain and sat down. He began to teach, saying:

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Then Jesus spoke about how people in His kingdom can point others to God. He told the people to shine like light, so others would see their good works and give glory to God.

Jesus said: “I didn't come to get rid of the law. I came to fulfill it. Unless your righteousness is greater than the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.”

Then Jesus taught the people to do for others what they would want done to them. He said that we shouldn't just show love to those who love us. Instead, Jesus told the people to love their enemies and do good, expecting nothing in return. He said to be like God, who is gracious to sinners.

Jesus also taught the people how to pray, reminding them to pray for God's will to be done. Jesus said to pray for their daily needs and for forgiveness.

Then Jesus said, “Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or what you will wear. Look at the birds—they don't worry about who is going to feed them. And look at the flowers—they don't worry about their clothes. But your heavenly Father takes care of them. And you're worth much more than flowers and birds!”

Jesus told the people to be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. Even when the rain fell and the wind blew, the house remained standing. Those who hear Jesus' words and obey them will be like the wise man.

Jesus taught the people many more truths. When He finished teaching, the crowds were amazed, because He taught with authority.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus taught how people in His kingdom have hearts that love God and love others. But because of sin, no one always does what is right and good. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes our hearts so we can live in ways that glorify Him.

God created everything in the universe, and the world He made was good. God made humans, and they were good too! But they didn't stay good. Humans decided to do things their way instead of God's way. They sinned, and their sin separated them from God and caused brokenness to come into God's beautiful world. Because of sin, no one always does what is right and good. People are mean to each other, we are greedy and selfish, and we want to get our way even if it means someone else doesn't get what they need. This isn't how God made the world to be. God's kingdom is all about God restoring the world He made and setting things right. God is undoing the sin and evil in the world, and He begins in our hearts.

How do we enter God's kingdom? [Allow responses.] Being part of God's kingdom means saying 'yes' to Jesus. It means believing that Jesus is the Son of God who lived and died for our sin, and was raised to life again. Jesus has defeated death and promises that everyone who follows Him will know God and have life forever! When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes our hearts so we can live in ways that glorify Him. Even though we still sin, we can remember that God loves us so much, and He will keep helping us follow Him.



Discussion

Discussion
questions listed
here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

How do you know God cares for you? How can we know He will provide? God cares about everything that is going on in our lives, even the small things that might not seem important. We can bring our cares to Him and trust that He will provide. He has provided for our greatest need, the way for us to be forgiven of our sin, so we can trust that He will take care of the smaller things, too. (

What do you pray for or about? How can we know God hears our prayers? God hears all prayers, all the time! Just because our prayers may not be answered right away or in the way we asked for things to happen, doesn't mean God didn't hear us. Sometimes God answers differently than we expect, and sometimes He answers at a different time than we expect. But God's timing is perfect, and He loves to provide for our needs.

What are ways believers can build their life on a firm foundation? The first step to building one's life on a firm foundation is to put your trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Believers can continue to build their life on Jesus as their firm foundation by going to wise people for advice, spending time reading and thinking about Scripture, and talking to and listening to God through prayer.

What are some signs that show how Jesus is transforming someone to be more like Him? A person transformed by Jesus might forgive instead of staying angry, speak kindly to everyone, share and help without expecting anything back, pray for those who are difficult, tell the truth even when it's hard, show patience without complaining, serve others gladly, and trust God instead of worrying.

Jesus said we should shine like a light so others see God's goodness. What's one "dark" habit or attitude that Jesus could change into "light"? Someone might get angry quickly when things don't go their way, but Jesus can help them be patient and gentle. Or they might be selfish with their time or possessions, but Jesus can help them be generous and willing to share. They may tell lies to stay out of trouble, but Jesus can help them be honest and trustworthy.



Change and Grow Demonstration

- Slideshow on TV of baby/adult animals

Write the following names for various baby animals on the whiteboard. Show pictures of various baby animals (on the slideshow) and ask the kids to guess what animal that is. (The next slide is the adult picture of that animal).

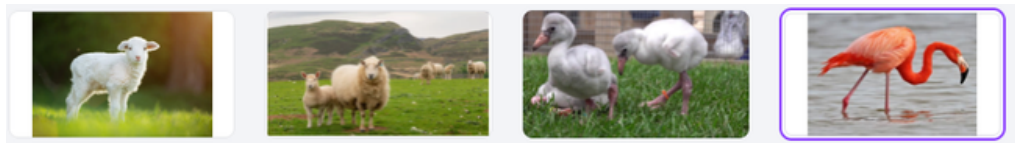
- Ewe (lamb), chick (flamingo), joey (kangaroo), cygnet (swan), fingerling (fish), kid (goat)

SAY: Do the full-grown animals look like they did as babies? Of course not. Just as baby animals grow and change over time, people also grow and change throughout their lives. Let's think about the story we heard about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. JESUS TAUGHT HOW PEOPLE IN GOD'S KINGDOM LIVE.

When someone begins following Jesus, does everything about them transform overnight? [Allow responses.] When God saves someone, their sin is immediately forgiven and they are given Jesus' righteousness. The process of becoming more like Jesus, however, is a long journey that lasts a lifetime. Being a Christian does not mean we are perfect. It means we are growing to be more like Him.

Jesus taught that we should treat people the way we want to be treated. Is that ever hard to do? Absolutely! But when we follow Jesus, we have God's presence with us—the Holy Spirit—helping us to want to do things God's way rather than our way. Jesus taught that we can rely on God and trust that He will give us everything we need. Sometimes trusting God can be hard too, especially when we pray but it feels like He isn't answering the way we want. But with the help of the Holy Spirit we can learn to trust over time.

Jesus is transforming Christians to know and love God. He teaches believers what it means to follow Him and give their lives to Him. It's not always easy, but living God's way leads to a life of peace and joy.



Crazy Cups Game

- Solo Cups

Before the session, scatter plastic cups in different places around the room; place half of the cups upside down and the other half right side up.

Separate the kids into two teams. Explain that one team will flip the cups upside down while the other team works to flip the cups right side up.

Place the teams on opposite sides of the room. When you say Go, the kids must run around and try to flip the cups. Share that the kids cannot move the cups, only flip them. When you say Stop, the kids must return to their team's side.

Whichever team has the most cups flipped to their orientation wins.

SAY: Similar to how you flipped the cups the opposite way, Jesus commands His followers to act in the opposite way of how the world does. Together we are going to learn that JESUS TAUGHT HOW PEOPLE IN GOD'S KINGDOM LIVE.



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Saragih Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Saragih Family



Shaky or Firm Foundation

- Plastic container filled with sand
- Plastic container with a large rock
- Popsicle sticks
- Watering can

Set out two plastic containers - one with sand and one with a large rock.

Divide the class into two groups and give each group a stack of popsicle sticks. Have them stack their sticks together in a way to build the foundation for a house.



After a few minutes, bring the groups back together and set the containers beside one another. Fill the watering can and have a volunteer from each team pour water onto their house, representing the “storms” of life. Observe what happens to each one. (The house on the sand should fall over while the house on the rock should stand!)

SAY: In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, He said that those who hear His words and obey them are like a wise man building his house on a rock. The storms of life will come, but if we are built on Him, we won’t fall apart. This activity reminds us that we need a strong foundation to stand firm. Jesus is that foundation. The more we trust Him, obey His teaching, and let Him transform our hearts, the stronger our ‘spiritual house’ will be.

Using a sharpie - write “Jesus” on the rock. Talk about ways we can build our house on the rock of Jesus.

- Love God - talk to Him throughout your day - pray for help
- Love others - your siblings, your friends, your parents, your classmates. Put their needs above your own. Think of how you can bless them/ help them, etc.
- Give God your worries and fears
- Shine your light for others - shine with forgiveness, compassion, patience, kindness, etc.



Give It Away

- Sticky Notes
- Pencils
- Trash Can

Give each kid a couple of sticky notes and something to write with. Encourage them to think of things they worry about and write them on the sticky notes. Lead them to pray over their worries, giving them to God. After the prayer, have them crumble up the sticky notes. Place a trash can in the middle of the room and lead kids to stand a few feet back and toss their worries into the trash can.

SAY: It can feel like there are a lot of things for us to worry about. But Jesus taught that we can trust Him with those worries. He reminded us that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and He loves us so much more than those! We can trust God with our worries.



ENGAGE HEARTS

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Matthew 5:16

Key Passage Activity:

Balloon Memory

- Key Passage Poster
- 8 balloons with words from verse

SAY: Our key passage is found in the Scriptures that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. This was one of the many lessons He taught to the crowds on how to live in God's kingdom. If we live with a dim light or even hide our light, no one will see it. God calls believers to shine light into the world and show people who He is through their words and actions.

Write each word of the key passage on inflated balloons (this will be done for you!)

Choose one kid to volunteer as the batter. Have the rest of the kids spread out around the room.

The batter must bat the balloons one at a time to his or her classmates. As the kids catch the balloons, instruct them to hold the balloons out in front of themselves where the words can be seen.

Once all the balloons have been batted, have the class work together to put the balloons in order. Have them say the verse aloud together.

Repeat with a different batter as time allows.