

JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Bible Reference: Matthew 5-7, Luke 6

Date: 9/13/26

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"Shine your light before others so they see your good works and give glory to God." Matthew 5:16

Big Picture Question:

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

Christ Connection

- Jesus taught how people live in God's kingdom. Jesus came to save His people from sin and change how they live. When people follow Jesus, He changes their hearts so they can live in a way that honors Him.

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
 - Kindergarten in LG3 Lesson @ 9:20.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Friends from Afar.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Group Game.....10 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

Happy First Sunday of the new Shepherding Year! As we establish the routines of this new year and the children adjust to their new class, both at church and school, would you pray that the people they meet and the places they go this year would help them to know God better? We are so thankful for your willingness to serve these children!



SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

The Sermon on the **Mount** is one of the most well-known sermons in all of history. The truth it contains, however, is quite polarizing, calling people into a new way of life that runs counterintuitive to our sin nature.

When Jesus taught His followers the ways of His Father's kingdom, He shared truths meant to guide them in repentance, obedience, and love for God and one another. Much of what Jesus shared in the Sermon on the **Mount** reinforced the reality that God's ways are not like those of the world (Isaiah 55:8-9). Life in God's kingdom runs opposed to the world's wisdom, but the God who created us knows how we can flourish in the world He made—by seeking the Lord as our greatest treasure and submitting to His authority.

Jesus declared that those who seek God's kingdom first will experience His loving provision, both in this lifetime and for all eternity. The way of the kingdom is not by means of earthly power but by Christlikeness; it's not by ruling over others but by submitting to God's rule over our lives. Jesus declared that our faith is meant to impact every detail of our lives—from surrendering our will to His (**Matthew 6:10**), taking our worries to Him (**Matthew 6:25**), and building our lives on the foundations of His Word (**Matthew 7:24-27**).

In His Sermon on the **Mount**, Jesus spoke to people who knew what it was like to be hungry, dismissed, and oppressed. While the scribes and Pharisees hoped to achieve righteousness by rigorously obeying the law, Jesus explained that He came to earth to fulfill the law—to make the way for His followers to be counted as righteous by faith in Him alone. Through faith, we receive new hearts that help us obey our Father.

This week, lead the boys and girls in your class to see that the ways of the kingdom become our ways when we surrender our plans to God's will. Pray that they will desire to live as He lived through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

The Sermon on the Mount is one of Jesus's most famous teachings. But it wasn't easy to hear – it called people to live in a whole new way, totally different from our natural, selfish instincts.

Jesus taught His followers about God's kingdom: turn away from sin, obey God, and love Him and others. A big theme is that God's ways are not like the world's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). The world says grab all the power you can. But God — who made us — knows the real way to a good life: making Him our number one treasure and trusting Him to lead.

Jesus said people who put God's kingdom first will be cared for by Him, now and forever. Here's the twist: in God's kingdom, you don't get ahead by having power over others — you get ahead by becoming like Christ and letting God be in charge. This kind of faith should show up in everything — wanting what God wants (Matthew 6:10), bringing Him your worries instead of stressing (Matthew 6:25), and building your life on His words like a solid foundation (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus was talking to people who knew hunger, rejection, and unfair treatment. The religious leaders thought they could become "good enough" for God by perfectly following rules. Jesus said something different: He came to complete the law Himself, so His followers could be made right with God by trusting in Him — not by being perfect. Trusting Jesus gives us new hearts that actually want to obey God.

Welcome to the start of a new school year and Shepherding year! As you help the children in your room get used to their new setting, focus on getting to know who they are. Be intentional about remembering their names.

Sometimes it can be helpful to learn something about them and pair that with their name to remember them better. (For Example: "Today I met Suzie whose favorite movie is **Moana**.") Then, the next time you see the child, you will have a better chance of remembering their name, and it will give you something to talk about ("Hi Suzie! I know last time I saw you, you told me your favorite movie is **Moana**! Which song from **Moana** is your favorite?")

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome each child and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Before children arrive, use paper strips to mark Bibles at Exodus 20, Leviticus 19:18, and Deuteronomy 6:5. Hide the Bibles around the room. Challenge the kids to find the Bibles. Once the Bibles are found, sit together while each child holds a Bible. Guide the children to open the Bibles to the marked pages. Explain that these are God's laws or commands to His people.
- **SAY** We discovered some of God's laws in the Bibles you found. Jesus taught about God's law. Jesus said, 'Whoever obeys God's law and teaches others to obey will be great in the kingdom of heaven.' Jesus came to save people from sin and change how they live. When people follow Jesus, He changes their hearts so they can live in a way that honors Him.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Encourage each child to share one thing he knows a lot about. Examples include soccer, coloring, numbers, letters, or cleaning up. Explain that today we will learn about Jesus and His sermon on the mountain.
- **SAY** Wow! You know about some cool things. Did you know Jesus knows all about everything? That's because Jesus is God. Isn't that amazing! Today we will learn about the time Jesus taught people about God's kingdom while He was on a mountain.

Bible Story

- Big crowds of people followed Jesus wherever He went. One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and began to teach about God's kingdom. First, Jesus said that people who believe in Him will be blessed. Jesus said, "The gentle are blessed because the earth will be theirs. Those who hunger and thirst for what is right will be blessed because they will be filled. Those who are hurt for doing what is right are blessed because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." Then Jesus taught about how His followers should live. Jesus' followers should not live in the same way as people who do not follow Him. Instead, they should be a light in a dark world. Then Jesus talked about God's law. Jesus said, "Whoever obeys God's law and teaches others to obey will be great in the kingdom of heaven." "Love your enemies and pray for them," Jesus said. Then Jesus taught the people how to pray. Jesus also taught about forgiveness. He said, "Forgive others. If you forgive those who do the wrong thing to you, God will forgive you too." Jesus said, "Don't collect treasures on earth. These things can be destroyed or stolen."





- Jesus taught that God provides for His people. Jesus told the people that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and people are worth more to God than plants and animals. Jesus taught the people many things. When He finished teaching, the crowds of people were amazed.

Christ Connection

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Review Activity

- Place a bandage, flashlight, a small Bible, coins, and fake flowers inside a brown paper bag. Guide children to take turns picking something out of the bag as you review that part of the Bible story.
 - Bandage: Those who are hurt for doing what is right are blessed because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
 - Flashlight: Be a light in the dark world.
 - Bible: It is important to obey the Bible, God's word.
 - Coins: Don't collect treasures that can be lost or stolen.
 - Flowers: If God takes care of the flowers, God will take care of us.
- SAY In today's Bible story, we learned about the time Jesus taught about God's Kingdom. Jesus came to save people from sin and change how they live. When people follow Jesus, He changes their hearts so they can honor Him.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Ahead of time, make a hopscotch grid on the floor using either masking or painter's tape. Then, use tape to write the letters J-E-S-U-S inside five of the hopscotch squares, one letter per square. When you have finished taping the grid and letters, demonstrate for the children how to hop on the hopscotch grid while spelling JESUS. Encourage each child to take a turn hopping and spelling. Play as time allows.

SAY J-E-S-U-S spells Jesus. In today's Bible story, many people came to hear Jesus. Jesus taught about God's kingdom. Jesus said that people who believe in Him will be blessed. Then, Jesus taught about how His followers should live. Jesus said His followers should not act like people who do not follow Him. Instead, Jesus' followers should show others how to love and follow God.





Craft

5-7 minutes

Cover a table with a plastic tablecloth. Distribute one coffee filter and washable markers to each child. Instruct kids to cover the entire filter with circles, patterns, or scribbles. Place the decorated filter on a paper towel and mist it lightly with water. Observe as the colors blend and swirl. Allow the filter to dry completely. Once dry, fold it into fourths, twist the pointed end, and wrap a chenille stem around the base to form a flower stem. (Note: Warn children they will be spraying water on their designs and the colors will blend together.)

SAY Wow, these flowers are beautiful! I love how each one is completely unique. Jesus taught that God takes care of the flowers and the birds and that people are worth more to God than plants and animals. This means God created you and will give you what you need! God provided for our greatest need by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and come back to life to save us from sin.



Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, You are full of truth and love. Thank You for all that Jesus taught us about Your kingdom. Help each child begin to understand what it means to follow You. Amen

Bible Verse

- Read the memory verse aloud. Tell children that the memory verse comes from today's Bible story, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Ask the children to tell you what Jesus teaches His followers to do to show they love God. Shine the flashlight as you lead children to say the phrase again with you.
- SAY Our key passage phrase is from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It reminds us we need to show others through our words and our actions that we follow Jesus.

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

- What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- Where did Jesus go to teach the people? (up on a mountain)
- What did Jesus say we should do for our enemies, or people who are unkind to us? (love them and pray from them)
- How can we be light in a dark world? (obey God's commands, follow Jesus' teaching, be kind to one another, be patient, show love to others, let others go first)
- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

SAY Jesus went up on a mountain to teach a big crowd of people. Jesus taught about God's Kingdom. He told His followers to be a light in the world, to love their enemies, and to forgive others. Jesus taught not to store up treasures on earth, but to trust God to take care of your needs, just as He cares for the birds and flowers. When Jesus finished teaching, the people were amazed at His words.





Group Game

10 minutes

- Hide glow sticks around the room prior to the activity. Gather the kids in the center of the room. Explain that you have hidden glow sticks in the room. Dim the lights to make the glow sticks stand out. Challenge the kids to search for glow sticks and bring them back to you. Repeat the game as time allows, instructing kids to cover their eyes while the glow sticks are being hidden.
- **SAY** Jesus taught about God's kingdom and what it means to follow Him. Jesus said His followers should not live the same way as people who do not follow Him. Instead, they should be a light in a dark world. The good things you do can shine so that others will praise God. What are some things you can do this week to be like Jesus?

Additional Activities

As Needed

Search and Find Treasure

- Hide toy treasures like large plastic gems or plastic gold coins inside balls of play dough. Place the play dough balls on a table and encourage the children to search the play dough to find the treasure. Lead the kids to re-hide the items in the play dough and swap with a friend. Sanitize children's hands after the activity.
- **SAY** What did you find in the play dough? [Allow responses.] You found many treasures. Do you remember what Jesus taught about treasure? [Allow responses.] Jesus said, 'Don't collect treasures on earth. These things can be destroyed or stolen.' We should lay up treasure in heaven. This means we should care about the things God cares about like wisdom and truth.

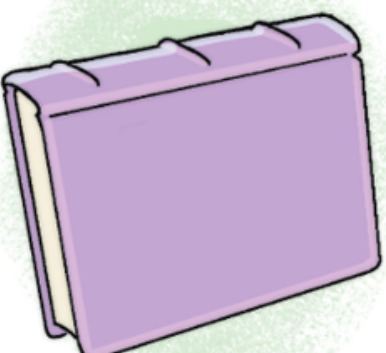
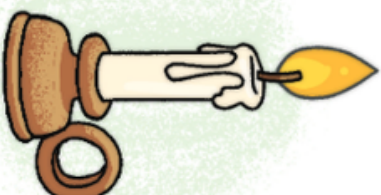
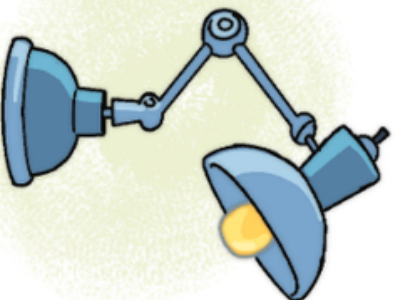
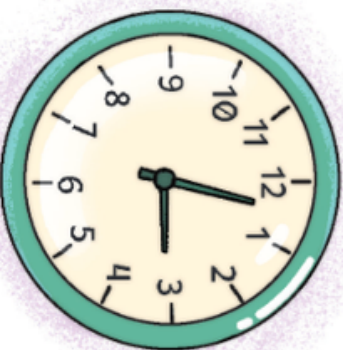
Build a Mountain

- Provide a variety of blocks for kids to build with, along with people figures. Demonstrate how to build a mountain or pyramid with the blocks. Small blocks can be used to build a small mountain, while larger blocks can be used to build a larger-scale mountain. Encourage kids to designate one of the people figures as Jesus and move Him up on the mountain. Arrange the other people figures at the base of the mountain like they are listening to Jesus teach.
- **SAY** You built a mountain like the one where Jesus taught about God's Kingdom.. Jesus taught that people who believe in Him will be blessed. Jesus came to save people from sin and change how they live. When people follow Jesus, He changes their hearts so they can live in a way that honors Him.



What Objects Make Light?

INSTRUCTIONS: Jesus taught that His followers should be a light in a dark world. Circle the objects that make light.



NAME: _____



the **GOSPEL** PROJECT



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7; Luke 6

STORY POINT:

Jesus taught about God's kingdom.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

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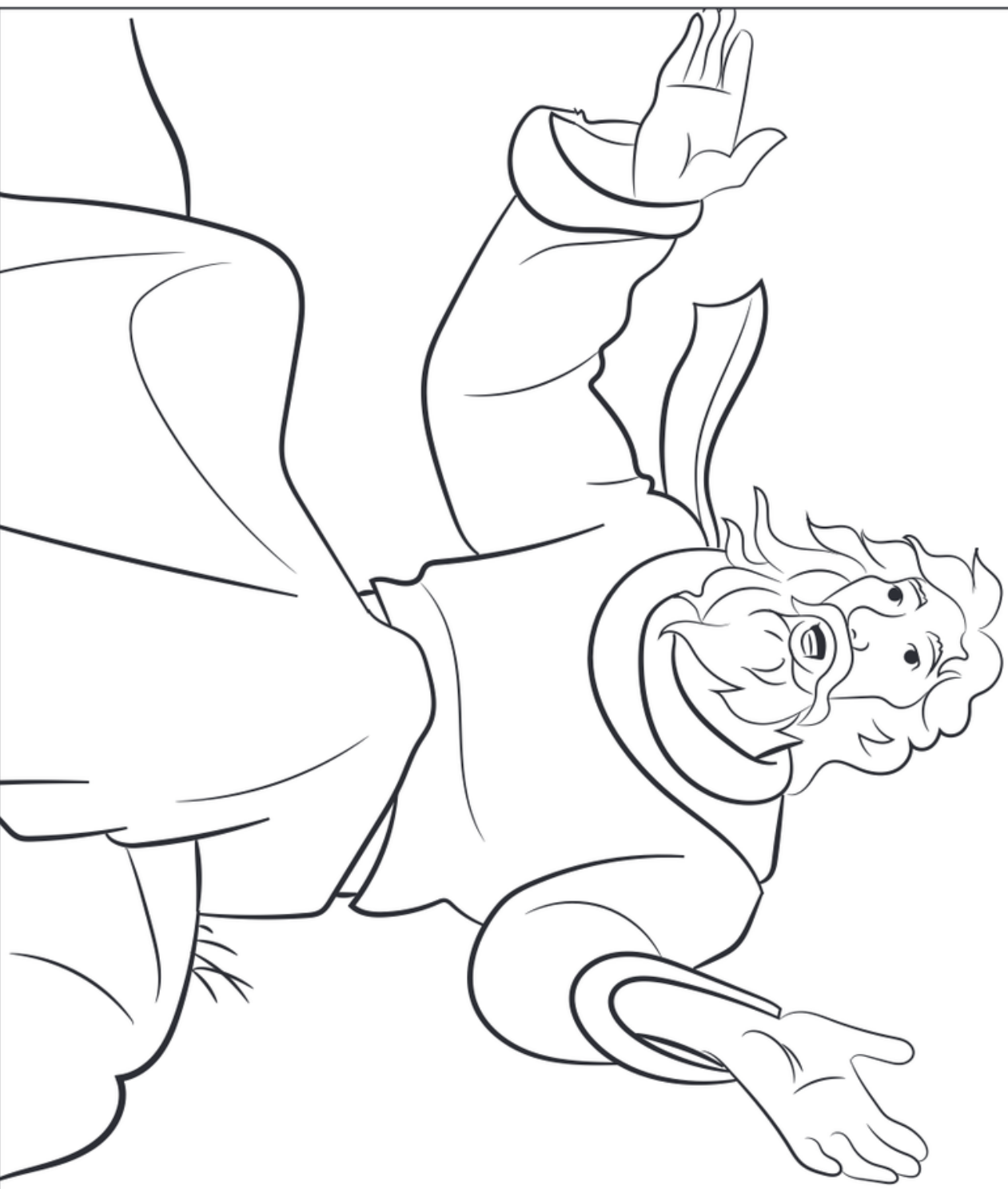
KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 5:16

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

Scan the QR code for resources to use at home!





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so they see your good works
and give glory to God.**

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