

# Jesus Teaches

## KEY THEME

- Jesus teaches His disciples.

## KEY PASSAGES

- Matthew 5:21–22, 5:38–39, 5:43–44, 5:48
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 2:8–9



## What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

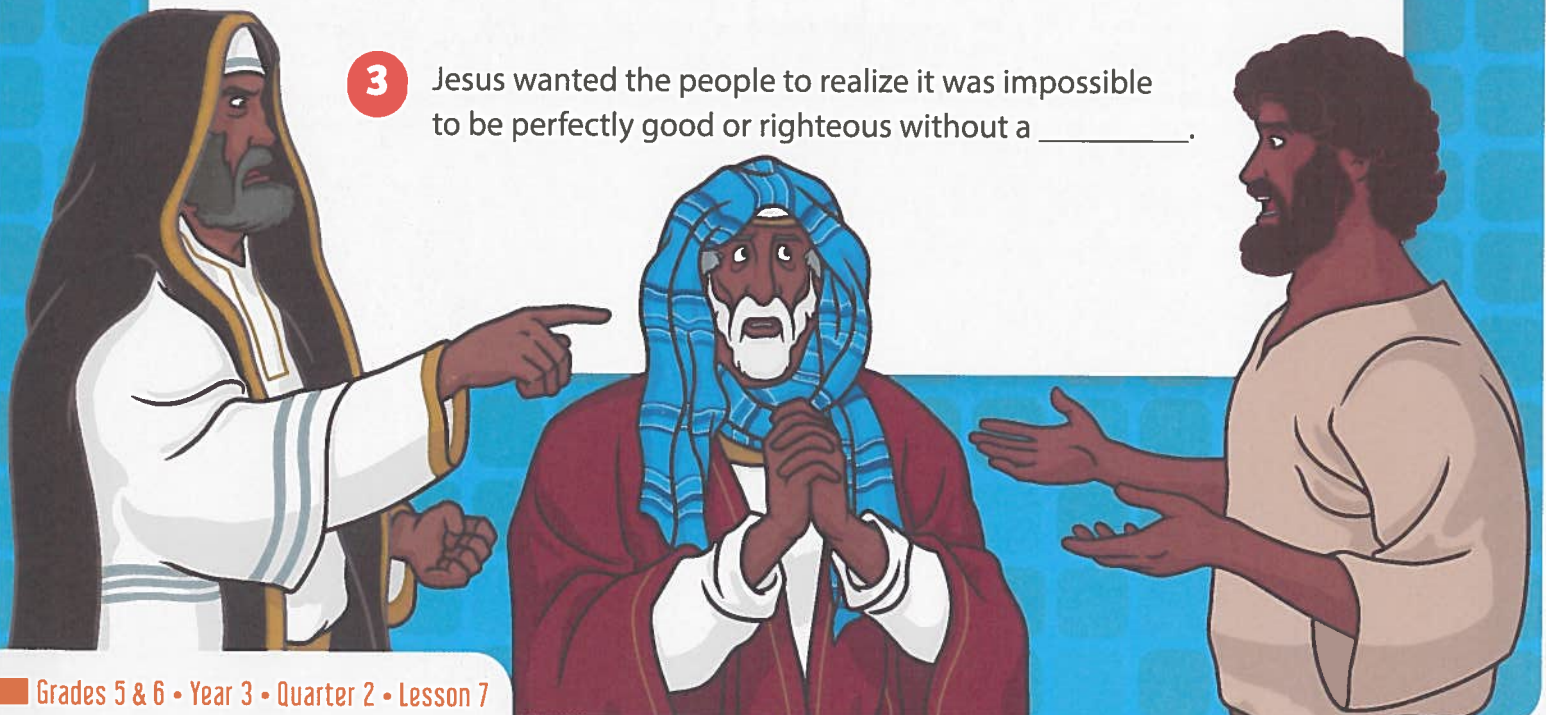
- What Jesus taught the people was different from what the scribes and Pharisees taught. Jesus taught that obedience comes from the heart, not just outward appearances.
- Jesus taught that it is impossible to keep the Law perfectly. That is why He came. We are all sinners and need a Savior.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

**1** If we want to honor God, where should our obedience come from?

**2** Jesus said that hating someone was the same as \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** Jesus wanted the people to realize it was impossible to be perfectly good or righteous without a \_\_\_\_\_.



## Read the Word

**Monday** {Matthew 5:44}

How should we treat our enemies?

**Tuesday** {Jeremiah 17:9}

What does this verse tell us about the heart?

**Wednesday** {2 Corinthians 5:17}

What does someone who is in Christ become?

**Thursday** {Matthew 5:21–22}

The Law said you shall not murder.  
What did Jesus say?

**Friday** {1 Peter 3:18}

Why did Christ suffer death for sins?

**Saturday** {John 14:6}

Who is the way, the truth, and the life?

## Learn the Word

Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks.

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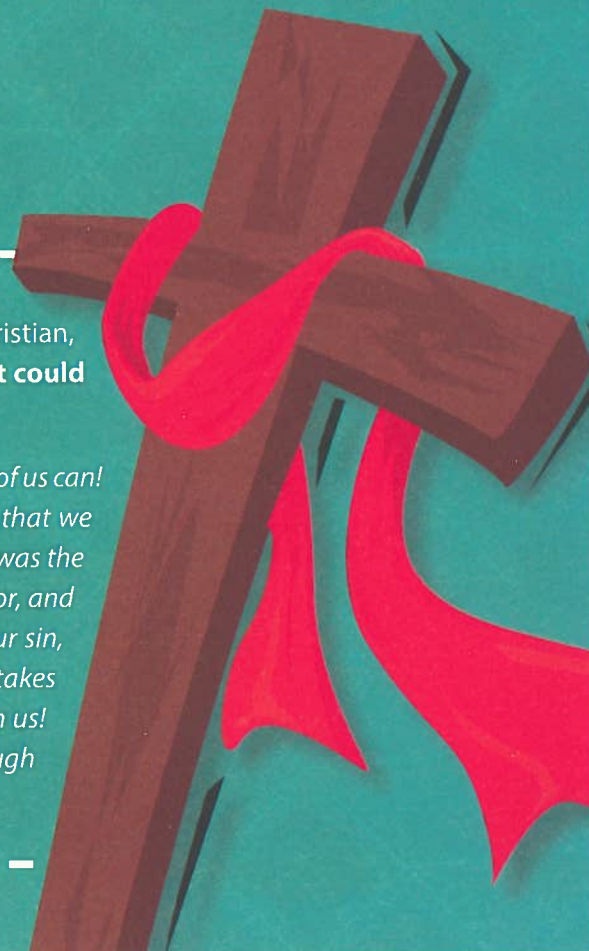
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## LIVE the Word

Suppose a friend tells you that he really wants to be a Christian, but he doesn't think he can obey all of God's laws. **What could you say?**

*Well, you're right. You can't obey all of God's laws. None of us can! In fact, all of the laws of God were meant to show us that we can't do it on our own. We need a perfect Savior. Jesus was the only one who could live a perfect life, be a perfect Savior, and die so sinners could be forgiven. When we repent of our sin, believe in Jesus, and receive the gift of salvation, Jesus takes our sins away, and God places Jesus's righteousness on us! The only way we can be made right with God is through His free gift of grace through faith in Jesus.*



# What Was the Lesson About?

The words in the sentences below are mixed up! They are either combined with part of another word, or they are divided in the wrong place. Separate the letters and re-write the words to complete the sentences.

1. Jesu ssa idth atbeingan gry wa sju stasba da smur der. Matthew 5:21–22

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2. Je suss aid tolo vey ouren emies! Matthew 5:44

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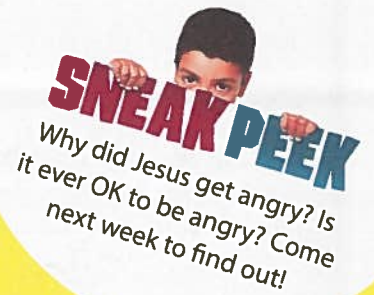
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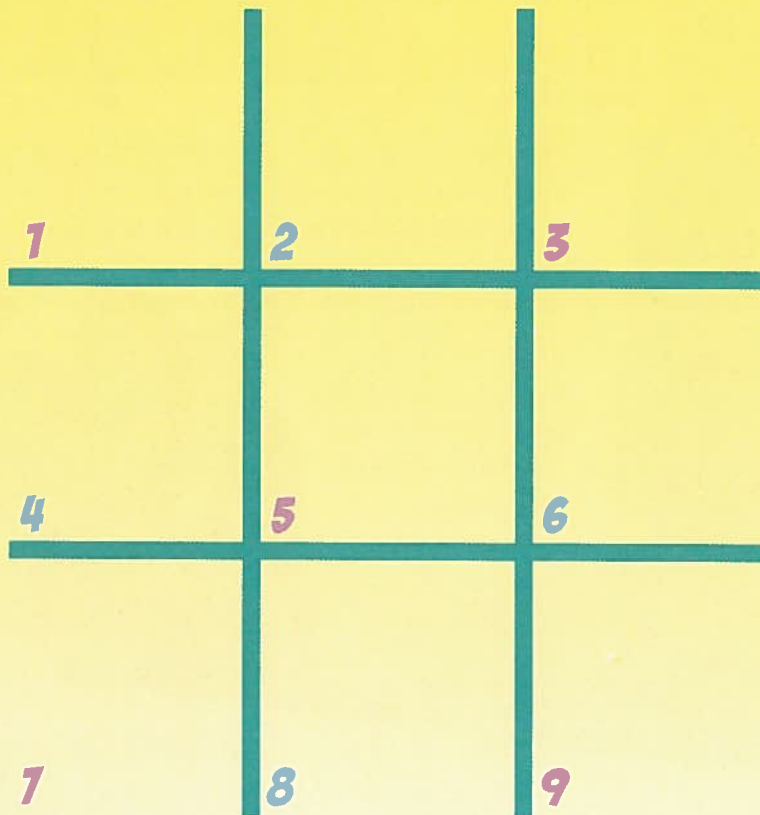
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ANSWERS: 1) Jesus said that being angry was just as bad as murder. 2) Jesus said to love your enemies! 3) Because we cannot be perfect, we need a Savior.

# Sermon Three In a Row

Read each clue in the list below and decide if it's true or false. In the tic-tac-toe box put a T by the number of each true statement and an F by the number of each false statement. (Hint: When you finish, you'll find two rows of T's, three in a row.)



1. Jesus's sermon taught the people that God's ways were the same as what the Pharisees and the Scribes had been teaching them. Matthew 5.
2. Do not murder is the sixth commandment. Exodus 20:1–17.
3. Jesus said it is OK to be angry as long as you don't murder. Matthew 5:22.
4. Jesus said it is OK to call someone a name. Matthew 5:22.
5. Calling someone a name because you are angry is just as bad as murder in God's eyes. Matthew 5:22.
6. Jesus said it's OK to get even when your enemies hurt you. Matthew 5:39.
7. Jesus said to bless those who curse you. Matthew 5:44.
8. It is impossible to follow God's Law perfectly because we are born sinners.
9. We get the righteousness of God from Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:21.

ANSWERS: 1) False. What Jesus taught was different from what the Scribes and Pharisees taught. 2) True. 3) False. You shall be in danger of the judgment. 4) False. Name calling can lead to God's judgment. 5) True. 6) False. Jesus said to love your enemies. 7) True. 8) True. 9) True.

## HomeWord

For Parents

**T**he religious leaders of Israel thought they knew what the Law of God meant. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus set things straight and taught that the teachers had redefined the Law as a means to achieve righteousness based on works. As Jesus spoke, He pointed out the false teaching—“You have heard it was said.” And then He clarified it with the full, heart-centered, and God-centered meaning of the Law—“But I say to you.” It was soon clear that to the Jews God’s Law was a call to outward appearance and holiness only. But to Jesus, God’s Laws had always demanded both inward *and* outward holiness.

Throughout this sermon, Jesus pointed out that adherence to the letter of the law is not what God demands. To merely acknowledge that an outward sinful act is wrong without addressing the issue of the

heart cannot bring true righteousness. For example, it is not enough to say, “You should not murder.” Jesus challenged His listeners by demanding they not get angry or hate their enemies.

Jesus was showing that in spite of man’s best efforts the Law was humanly impossible to keep. Jesus moved the focus of obedience from the letter of the law to the indwelling condition of the heart. By revealing the heart of man, He showed that God’s standard of righteousness cannot be attained by human efforts alone. He was making it clear that it is not of any works we can do, but salvation is the gift of God through grace. And it is only when we come to Christ in repentance and faith that we are given a new heart and made new creations in Him (2 Corinthians 5:17).

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

## OutWord

For Family Discussion

What if you heard someone say that the Bible isn’t for today? **What could you say?**

*The Bible is truth for today and every day. If I wanted to know one thing for sure, it would be who is God and what is He like! The Bible tells us everything God wants us to know about Him. It tells us what God promises believers and what He promises those who turn their backs on Him. It tells us the only way to have real peace and joy on earth, and the only way to have everlasting life with God in heaven after we die. These are very important messages for all people in all time. The Bible has endured for thousands of years. The message in it is timeless because the plan it presents—salvation in Jesus Christ for all who believe—is timeless.*

## inWord

For Family Study

“Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way” (Psalm 119:104). How will your children know the false way? Only by studying the true way! Equip them in all truth. Teach them God’s Word.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*

