

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 6/28/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5 - 7

LESSON: The Sermon on the Mount



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - We have been learning about many of the miracles that Jesus did, proving that Jesus was God and pointing people to God. Today, we're going to look at some of what Jesus taught and how it still applies to us today!

Upside Down - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Help each child do a handstand. Ask them what looks different about the room!

Parents say - Today, we're going to learn about how Jesus taught upside down values and upside down ways of seeing the world!



LESSON - THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Sermon on the Mount](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught how we should live differently. (Kids repeat!)

People came from all over to hear Jesus teach. One day, He climbed up to the top of a hill so that everyone could hear Him. He taught that people who follow Him should live differently than the people around them. Usually, you wouldn't think that people who are humble, needy, sad and hungry are blessed, but Jesus actually said that they were! Usually, you would think--and people around you would say--that those who look out for themselves, those who are strong and rich and have a lot of friends are blessed, but Jesus had a different "upside-down" view. He even went so far as to say that if people are mean to you because you follow Him, then you're actually blessed because you have reward in heaven! This all sounds good, but it is really hard to live out. Liking those no one else likes?? Being nice to those who are mean to you?!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught how we should treat others. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus said that people who follow Him and want to be a part of His kingdom should love their enemies and pray for them! That's pretty different, isn't it?! You could say it's totally upside down! Normally, people want to get revenge on their enemies. Jesus also taught that we should forgive people who sin against us just like God forgives us! And He took it a step further, teaching it's not just about what we do on the outside. It's about what's in our hearts! For example, He said that we all know that killing someone is wrong, but if we're angry at someone in our hearts and stay that way, then it's like we want them to be dead! Jesus' upside down values are really hard to live by! To not only obey God with our actions, but with our hearts as well?! If keeping these commands was a test, none of us would pass!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught how we should love God. (Kids repeat!)

To review, Jesus taught how to live differently than the world does, how to love others, and finally how to love God. Jesus said we love God by following His commands and



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by trusting Him to provide for us. He said to not store up treasure here on earth, like you are a dragon sitting on a big pile of gold, keeping it all for yourself. Instead, we should store up heavenly treasure by doing things like obeying God and loving others. Even though lots of us love God and do trust Him. It's hard to do that ALL the time perfectly. There are lots of times we forget that God is with us and He provides. We get scared and selfish and think the world is all about us sometimes.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is the only one who ever perfectly obeyed what He taught. (kids repeat)

As Jesus was teaching this, He knew no one would ever be able to obey His teachings perfectly, especially since it's not just about our actions--what we do--but about our hearts as well--what we think, our attitudes, our feelings. In living differently, loving others and loving God, Jesus called us to live like Him but He knows we can't do it on our own! Thankfully, because Jesus lived perfectly, died on the cross for us, and rose from the dead, we can be saved if we believe in Him. Then, once we're saved, we can boldly approach Him to ask for help to live the way He taught. We can go to Him for forgiveness when we don't get it right. We know He'll help us because of the cross!

RESPONSE



Sing: [By His Wounds](#) (Current Key Passage Song)

[If Any of You](#) (a.k.a. "James 1:5" led by Sharon Von Fange!)

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank You for teaching us how to live, and thank you for being our perfect example.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What were the three story points from our lesson today, summarizing what Jesus taught in the sermon on the mount? *(Jesus taught how we should live differently, how we should treat others and how we should love God.)*
- Jesus taught that it doesn't just matter how we behave on the outside, but also what goes on in our _____? *(Our hearts)*
- Is there anyone in your life that you feel is not very nice to you that you could pray for or do something nice for?
- Is there anyone in your life that you have not forgiven yet, that you have maybe been grumpy towards for some reason?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*

BONUS ACTIVITIES



Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - When you were your kids' age, what was an area you struggled to obey God in?

Home Bowling Alley - *Supplies: ten empty cans or bottles, a ball*

Use empty cans or bottles to create your own bowling pins. Take some time to decorate them to look like bowling pins or just to look cool. And then line them up in a triangle, stand ten feet away, and enjoy some fun times bowling together in the living room or the yard!