

# 4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## Bible Lesson

### 6-28-20

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## The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

**Story Point:** Jesus taught people about God's kingdom.

**Memory Verse:** "The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." **John 14:26**

**Gospel Gems:** Jesus taught how people who believe in Him should live.  
Jesus said the reason why a person does the right thing is just as important as doing the right thing.

### **PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide**

One of Jesus' most well-known teachings is the Sermon on the Mount. On that day, crowds of people had come to hear Jesus. Jesus went up on a mountain in Galilee, sat down, and began to teach.

Jesus' sermon is recorded across three chapters in the Gospel of Matthew, 5–7, and it tells how believers should live. While Matthew 5:1-2 specifies that Jesus taught His disciples, Matthew 7:28 reveals that the crowds listened to His sermon as well.

First, Jesus began with the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes describe God's great blessings for believers. God's kingdom belongs to the spiritually needy, God will comfort those who are sad, and God will give mercy to those who show mercy to others. Jesus gives believers reason to be glad when life on earth is hard because great rewards await in heaven.

Jesus also taught how believers should live in a world that does not honor Him. Jesus called believers "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-14). He said the good works of His followers should cause others to give glory to God.

God's people had the law of Moses, but some of them—the Pharisees, in particular—were concerned mostly with the appearance of being righteous. They tried hard to look righteous on the outside, but it was all an act. Jesus warned against hypocrites, people who pretend to be something they're not. When a person knows and loves Jesus, he or she has a changed heart that wants to honor Jesus.

As you teach preschoolers Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, emphasize that this moral teaching was not a list of requirements for being accepted by God. Rather, Jesus described what a person's life looks like when that person follows God and lives to honor Him. God's standards remind us that we rely on His grace through the gift of salvation in His Son.

### **Bible Introduction: (Activity)**

- Give your child a fun command to obey. Examples are:
  - do five jumping jacks
  - play air guitar
  - waddle like a penguin
  - stand on one foot
  - hug yourself
  - act like a monkey
  - jump ten times

- Encourage your child to respond with “Yes, ma’am” or “Yes, sir” and obey quickly.
- Reward quick and happy obedience with a sticker.

Say:

“When Jesus lived on earth, the religious leaders at that time thought a person could go to heaven if they did all the right things. In our Bible story today, Jesus said that **why** a person does the right thing is just as important as **doing** the right thing. Doing the right thing is hard, but doing the right thing for the right reason is even harder! Let’s listen to the story to hear how Jesus came to earth to do **all** the right things for us!”

## **Bible Story: The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7**

### **PARENTS:**

This lesson is paraphrased and in story form. The scripture references are listed above if you choose to read directly from the Bible. We encourage you to open the Bible either way you choose to share this lesson.

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. Jesus said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

“Blessed are the humble, for the earth will be theirs.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they will be filled.”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called God’s children.”

“Blessed are those who are mistreated for doing what is right, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

Then Jesus taught how people who believe in Him should live. Jesus said that believers are a light in a dark world. “Let your light shine so that others may see the good things you do. Those who see what you do will praise God,” Jesus said.

Then Jesus talked about God’s law. Jesus did not come to take away the law, but to obey it. He said that a person can’t go to heaven just because he does the right things, like the religious leaders. Why a person does those things is just as important.

Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for them. When you give to people who are poor, give in secret so others do not see you.” Jesus also taught the people how to pray.

Jesus said, “Forgive others. then God will forgive you too. If you do not forgive others, God will not forgive you.”

Jesus said, “Do not collect treasures on earth. They can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. Wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too.” Jesus taught that God provides for His people. He taught the people many things. When Jesus finished teaching, the crowds were amazed. Jesus did not teach like the other religious leaders; He taught like He was in charge, like He really knew what He was talking about.

### **Review Questions:**

- Who taught people about God's kingdom? (*Jesus*)
- Where did Jesus teach His sermon? (*on a mountain*)
- True or False: if you trust in Jesus, how you live doesn't matter. (*false*)

**Christ Connection** – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“Jesus taught people what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live, how they should treat one another, and how to love God. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God and lead others to know Him.”

### **Bible Activities pages:**

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity pages 6-28-20** online.

### **Missions Moment:**

Say:

Jesus taught people about God's kingdom. Missionaries do that too. They want people all over the world to know about Jesus. Let's learn about Kesavan (KAY-seh-van) who is a missionary in Canada. Kesavan's family is from a country in Asia. He moved to Canada when he was a young boy.

- Access: **4 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mission Video “Meet Kesavan”** online.

### **Prayer:**

“Father, thank You that Your kingdom is not like earthly kingdoms. Help us understand Your Word and obey your commands. Give us wisdom and courage. Help us love You more each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.”