

Truth Talk



What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

Week 2: September 13, 2020

Bible Point: Jesus taught people how to live in God's kingdom.

Key Passage: "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:24-25)

Preschool Version:

The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:25-26 paraphrased)

Sunday Bible Study: (Preschool & Children)

Parent Bible Study Introduction:

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

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.

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 show what His kingdom is like.

Christ Connection: Our sin makes us unable to see the truth about God. Jesus came as a light in a Dark World. He came to give us sight, true understanding of God and His Kingdom. Those who trust in Jesus see who he is and worship him.

- What is the Sermon on the Mount? Several scriptures in Matthew, Jesus teaching about God and how we can live out our faith as a believer in faith.
- What are the "Beatitudes"? A list of eight blessings from God to believers.

- What are we supposed to let shine? Our light, we let the light of Jesus shine in us.
- What are we to do for our enemies? Love them and pray for them.
- Where should our treasure be? In heaven, live out our days as heaven is our goal.
- What do these scriptures teach us about living a Christian Life?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Focus:

Conduct, Jesus teaches in the sermon on the mount that we are to live out our life with a specific conduct in mind. Emphasize to your children that this moral teaching or conduct 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. Take a few minutes to contrast the different point of views based on what the world says is OK and what God says in the Bible. Remember the age of your child as you discuss this point.

Pray: Thank God for providing His perfect word to us, so we can know how to live. Praise God for His holiness and forgiveness. Ask God to show you how you fail Him and to lift you up to exemplify Him.

Tuesday:

All Star Verse: John 3:16 - 17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

What is God's goal and how does God's goal affect us?

God's goal is to save all mankind from sin. He created us in His image to have a perfect relationship with Him. We break that relationship by disobeying His rules taught to us in the Bible. We are condemned to death. Thankfully, God's plan is to save us through the life, death burial and resurrection of Jesus. We can receive the gift of eternal life with God in heaven. We are set free from sin. We are no longer condemned when we believe and turn our life over to Jesus.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief Sunday and Tuesday: The Sermon on the Mount

Preview for Sunday, September 13th:

The Cost of Following Jesus; Matthew 8:18-22; 16: 24-28; John 14

- Foxes live in holes, birds have nest – where does Jesus rest?
- What must we take up to follow Jesus? Means we must die to self and live for Jesus
- Jesus said, If you believe in God then _____ in me?
- Jesus said, I Am the way....?
- What will we receive when we believe?

Key Passage / Sunday Morning Scripture:

Key Passage for weeks September 13 – October 11

Key Passage: "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:24-25)

Preschool Version:

The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:25-26 paraphrased)