

THIS WEEK'S STORY:

The Sermon on the Mount

UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:25-26 "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you."

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus teach while He was on Earth?

BIBLE PASSAGES:

Matthew 5-7

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What are some ways God's kingdom is different from worldly kingdoms? *Guide kids to give examples about how God's kingdom is the opposite of what our hearts naturally desire. In God's kingdom, we love our enemies and consider ourselves blessed even in difficult or sad times. We give generously even to those who cannot repay. We trust in God instead of ourselves, and we do good to glorify God, not to look good in front of others.*
2. Where did Jesus' authority to teach come from? *Guide kids to think about Jesus' identity as God the Son. His words are God's own words. His teaching is perfect.*
3. How can believers be lights in a dark world? *Remind kids that Jesus is the light of the world. We are to reflect Him in how we live our lives. Being a light in a dark world means bringing the truth of Jesus to places where there is darkness and lies. Believers can share the gospel with boldness and choose to live in ways that honor God.*
4. What blessings come to those who follow Jesus? *Lead kids to recognize that God's blessings do not necessarily mean gaining prosperity on earth. Earthly blessings are good gifts, but they do not last forever and are not guaranteed. God does promise to bless us in the greatest way by giving us Jesus. He promises to transform those who trust in Jesus to make us like His Son.*

APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

FOR FUN

Treasure Hunt

Do a Treasure Hunt! Put together clues and hide them around your house with a treasure at the end. Another idea would be to create a list of things to find inside or outside and see how many you can find one day. You can time it and see who is the fastest or work together as "family" teams. A final idea would be to create a list of Bible verses or words and go on a treasure hunt through God's Word. Be creative and have fun!

TO SERVE

Leave a surprise treasure for a neighbor or friend. Make a card, put together a basket of homemade cookies, or be creative to make what your neighbor or friend would like. Leave it so they discover a surprise "treasure" of their own that will encourage and bless them.