



Lesson 31

1st-4th

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

March 29 & 30
**JESUS IS OUR
EXAMPLE**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: The Sermon on the Mount includes some of the most famous passages in the Bible, where Jesus tells people how to live in a way that pleases God. Jesus teaches us that above all else, we are called to love God, love others, and help others see God through us.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand the way God has given us guidance and instruction on how to live in His Word, the Bible. When we read God's Word, we grow in our understanding of who God is and we become more and more like Jesus!

Matthew 5-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Serve (Saturday, May 3)
woodmenvalley.org/acts

Kids Camp Leaders Needed (June 9-12)
woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Youtube

KEY VERSE:



In the same way, **let your light shine so others can see it.** Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

shortened version for younger kids is in bold

MISSION FOCUS:

CURE INTERNATIONAL

CURE is a group that loves Jesus and helps kids feel better. They have hospitals in Africa and the Philippines where doctors fix things like little feet that need straightening and legs that need help to walk right. Kids from many countries come to CURE to get better!

During the month of May, you can help by bringing a gift of money to help a child get the care they need or praying for those who are part of CURE.

Let's be part of God's work in making kids healthy and happy!



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CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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min

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is Our Example!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.



SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is Our Example**. This story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 5:43-48**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus and us

2. What is the problem?

Jesus had some very important lessons to teach God's people about how God wants us to live

3. What will God do?

God used many illustrations and examples to show everyone the importance of loving God and others in all we do

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Heart Cross Magnet Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: paper cross magnets, heart stickers, God statement sticker



DO:

Pass out one paper cross magnet per child. Have them use heart stickers to decorate the cross. Then place the God statement sticker on top.



SAY:

Today we get to learn about how Jesus is our example. Jesus teaches us that we should love others. Let's make a special craft to prepare us for our lesson today.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Yes I Will

SONG 2: Help Me Live In Step



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you follow Jesus' example and show love and kindness to others this week!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is Our Example!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: action cards to take home



SAY:

Jesus is our example! In His sermon on the mount, Jesus taught us some very important lessons on how we should live like Him. Jesus loved and served others. He set the example for us to know how we should love God and love others, too. We can respond to God's love by sharing love with everyone through our words and actions!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Jesus is our example! We can follow Jesus' example by being kind and loving to others.***
 - ***Let's think - what are some ways we can be kind and loving to others this week?*** Let kids share ideas. Use action slide in PowerPoint to give ideas.
 - ***Those are all great ways we can be kind and loving this week!***
 - ***We can practice right now by turning to our neighbor and saying "Jesus loves you!" as you give them a high five.***
 - Pass out the action card and invite kids to take a few moments to respond individually. ***Ask God to show you one action you can do this week to be more like Jesus. Then draw yourself doing that action on your card.***
 - ***Take this card home and put it somewhere you can see it to remind yourself to follow Jesus' example this week!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you follow Jesus' example and show love and kindness to others this week!

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min

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus and us

2. What was the problem?

Jesus had some very important lessons to teach God's people about how God wants us to live

3. What did God do?

God used many illustrations and examples to show everyone the importance of loving God and others in all we do

4. Why does this matter to me?

I can follow Jesus' example to love God and love others

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can think of random acts of kindness to do each day this week; I can spend time in prayer every day this week, etc.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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min

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.