



Lesson  
**44**

1st-4th

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT - DO NOT JUDGE

June 20 & 21

**GOD IS JUDGE**



## LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** Jesus gave a very special message called the Sermon on the Mount full of important teachings about what it means to follow God. In one of these teachings, Jesus explains that as followers of God, we should first look at our own heart and ask God to help us grow before judging others for their actions. God is the one true judge which means He is the final and fair authority who knows all things, sets rules to protect us, and makes right what is wrong.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to understand that God wants us to focus on growing from our own mistakes instead of judging others and trying to point out their mistakes. We can use our words and actions to build each other up instead!

**Matthew 7:1-5**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Home Discipleship Parenting Class**  
Hosted @ Downtown campus  
July 13, 20, 27 - [woodmenvalley.org/kids](http://woodmenvalley.org/kids)

**THEME FOR THIS SERIES:**  
Camping



## KEY VERSE:

*"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."*

**Mark 10:45, NIRV**

## MISSION FOCUS:

### CURE INTERNATIONAL

This year at Kids Camp, we had the opportunity to raise funds for CURE International in Malawi. At CURE, kids receive life changing orthopedic surgeries while also learning about the love of Jesus.

### LET'S PRAY FOR THE KIDS THAT WILL BE RECEIVING THESE SURGERIES:

Pray for their physical healing

Pray for their hearts to be open to hearing about Jesus

Pray for their families



5:45-6:10pm  
8:45-9:10am  
10:45-11:10am

## 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)*!

Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm  
9:10-9:25am  
11:10-11:25am

## 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: God is Judge!**

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 **God is Judge**. This story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 7:1-5**. 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, His followers, and us

**2. What is the problem?**

We can be quick to judge others before looking at the areas in our own hearts and lives we need to grow in

**3. What will God do?**

Jesus taught us that it's more important to trust that God is the ultimate judge, and we should focus on growing from our own mistakes instead of judging others.



## MAKE: Building Others Up Cube

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

**Supplies:** cube template - 1 per kid, markers/crayons, glue



### DO:

Pass out a cube template to each kid and invite them to color each side. Then, help kids fold their template and glue the sides together to form the cube. As you do this, talk to the class about what the actions are on each side.

**OPTIONAL (time allowing):** have kids stack cubes together and talk about how our words and actions can build one another up. Then, knock down the tower and talk about how unkind words and actions can do the opposite.



### SAY:

Today we are learning that God is our judge! God wants us to focus more on using our words and actions to build others up rather than to tear them down. Let's make an activity to help us remember ways we can do just that!

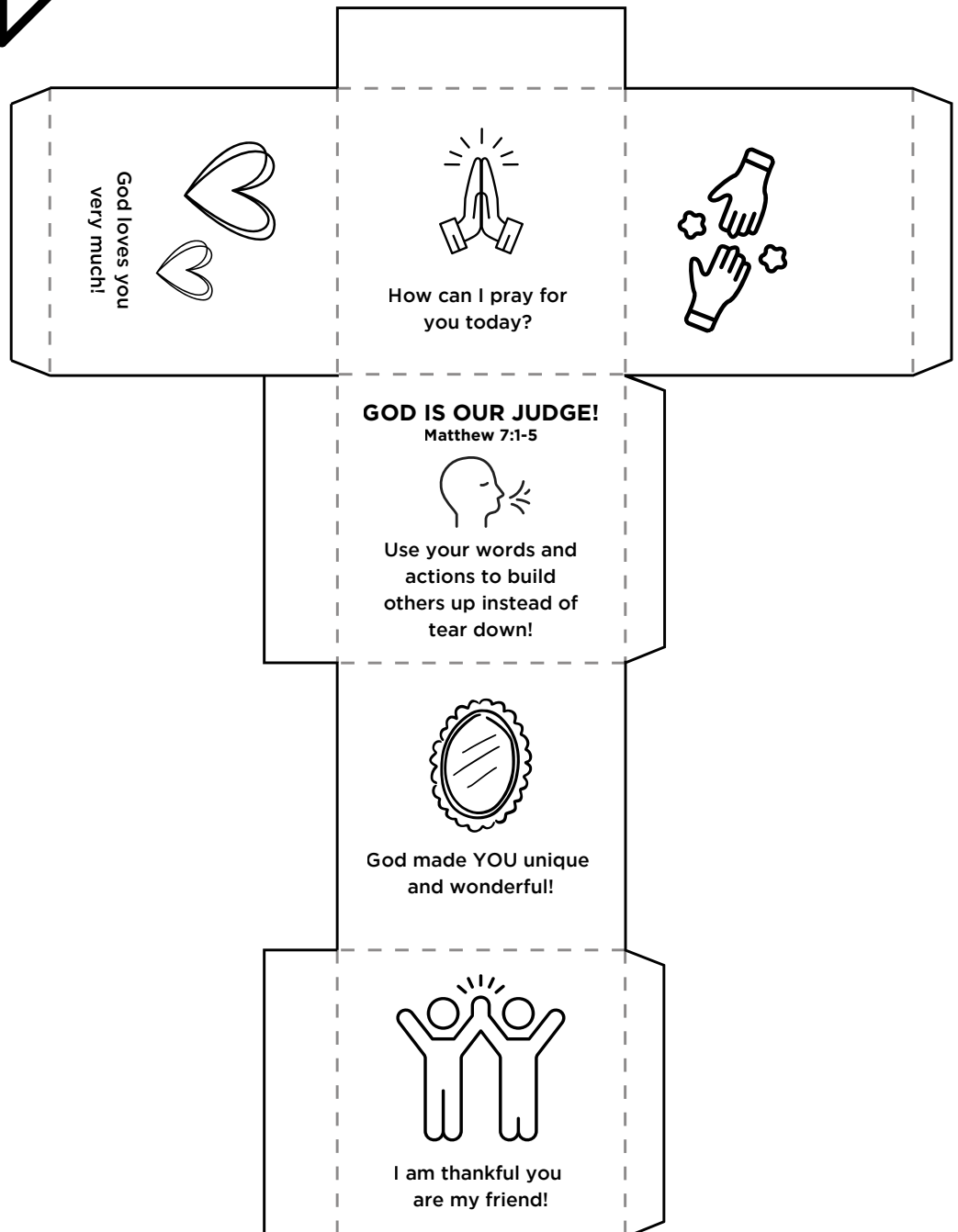
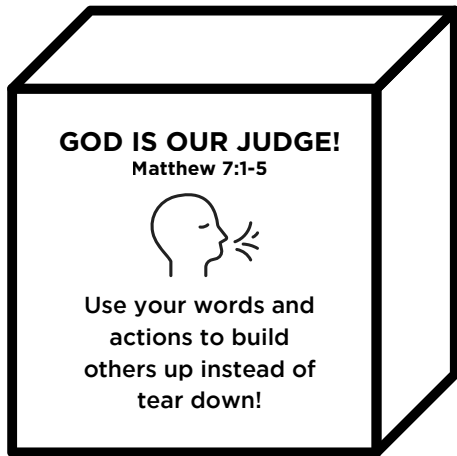


## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

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



6:25-6:50pm  
9:25-9:50am  
11:25-11:50am

# 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:** Open the Eyes of my Heart

**SONG 2:** Your Love



## 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.



## PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



## OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



## BLESSING

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

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: God is Judge!

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:** heart stickers (1 per kid), Cross station

#### **SAY:**

Today Jesus taught us that as followers of God, we should first look at our own heart and ask God to help us grow before judging others for their actions. God is the one true judge which means He is the final and fair authority who knows all things, sets rules to protect us, and makes right what is wrong. We can use our words and actions to build each other up instead of pointing out mistakes!

#### **DO:**

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - ***Have you ever been quick to point out someone else's mistakes? It can be really easy for us to see the ways others mess up quicker than our own mistakes!***
    - ***God is the judge! He wants us to focus more on how we can grow from our own mistakes instead of focusing on other people's mistakes.***
  - ***The good news is when we do point out others' mistakes, we can ask God to forgive us and help us be more kind and loving. Let's do that right now.***
    - Pass out a heart sticker to each kid and invite them to take a moment of quiet reflection: ***As you look at this heart sticker, is there something you need to ask Jesus' forgiveness for? Have you been unkind or mean to someone recently?***
    - Then invite kids when they are ready to put their heart sticker on the cross as they ask Jesus to forgive them.
  - Once everyone is done, close time in prayer



## PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



## OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.

#### **SAY:**

*God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.*



## BLESSING

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

 **SAY:** *May you listen to how God wants to grow you and focus on loving others!*

6:50-7:10pm  
9:50-10:10am  
11:50am-12:10pm

# 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, His followers, and us

**2. What was the problem?**

We can be quick to judge others before looking at the areas in our own hearts and lives we need to grow in

**3. What did God do?**

Jesus taught us that it's more important to trust that God is the ultimate judge, and we should focus on growing from our own mistakes instead of judging others.

**4. Why does this matter to me?**

As a follower of Jesus, I can focus on growing from my mistakes and building others up with my words and actions.

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

Example: I can choose to say something kind and encouraging to someone; I can ask for forgiveness when I judge someone else.



## PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



### 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.

As parents  
arrive after  
service

# 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 their parent the announcement card.