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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

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)**! 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 and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: Building Blocks

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is Judge**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 7:1-5!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: Today, we're going to learn about how we can use our words and actions to build each other up rather than tear one another down. It's like this stack of blocks - they can either be built up tall or knocked down.



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!

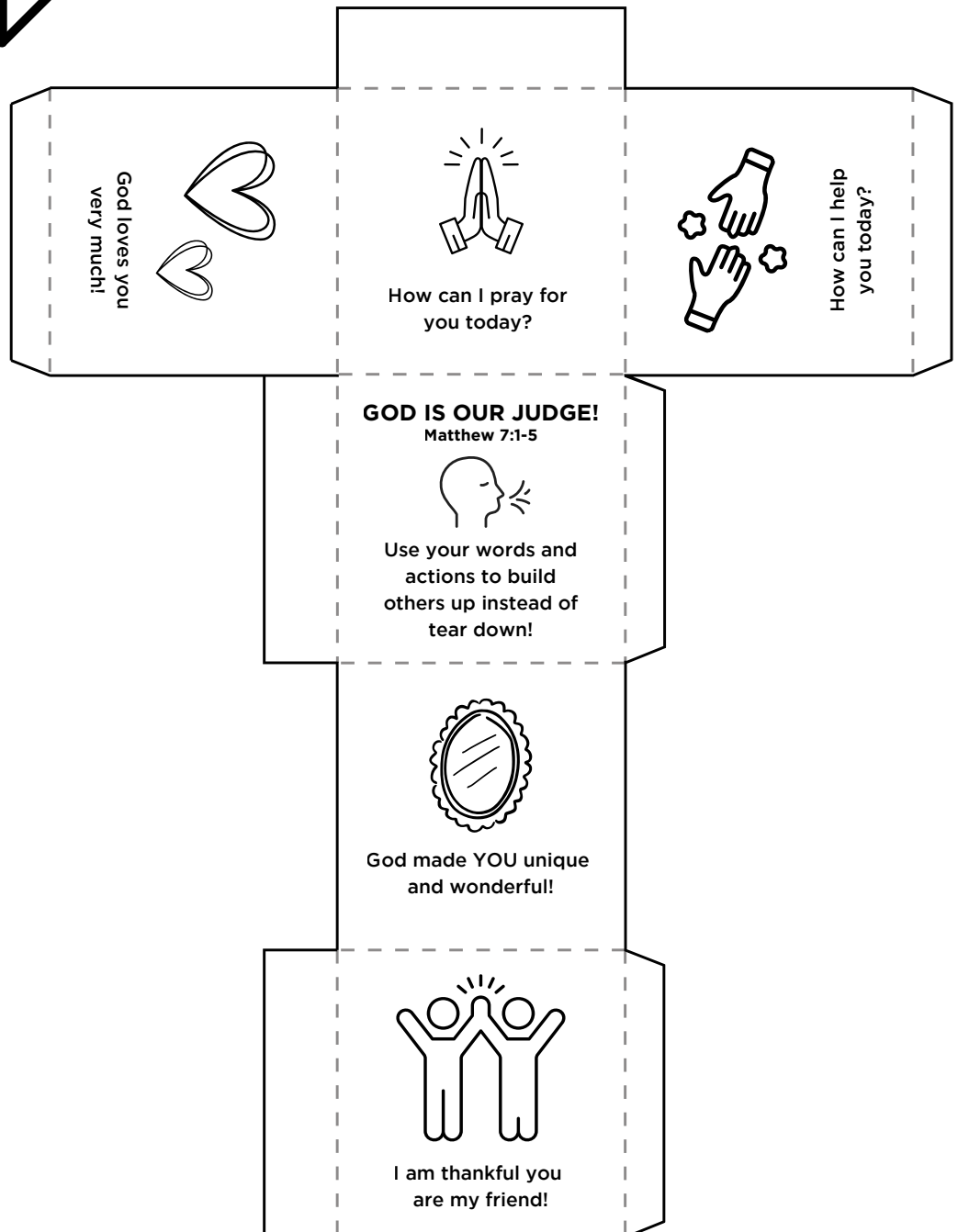
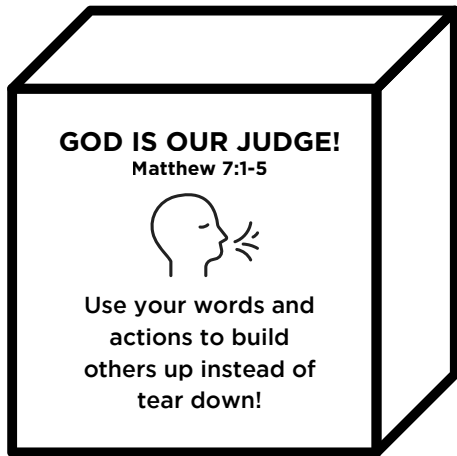


CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

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: The B-I-B-L-E

SONG 2: Jesus Loves Me (Remix)



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.