



Jesus is Our Teacher

Matthew 5-7

God Statement: Jesus is Our Example

KEY VERSE:

"I have given you an example, you should do as I have done for you."

(John 13:15, NIRV)

CHECK-IN

Purpose: To build relationships with families and help parents feel comfortable leaving their child.

As parents check-in their child at your classroom, try to welcome them by name to help them feel secure in leaving their child in your care. Once you've completed each of the check-in procedures, welcome the child into your classroom and encourage him/her to play with the classroom toys and activities. If you have LITs in your classroom, this is a great time for them to help engage with the kids while you continue checking in the kids.

If a child is upset or reluctant to enter the room, encourage him or her by offering toys, books or other fun items. If a child is still upset, let the parents know that we will text them if their child continues to be upset. Then, offer to carry the child into the classroom and try to calm the child with toys or other activities.

Use the "Connect" reminder (listed below) to help kids feel comfortable and safe in your class!

CONNECT WITH KIDS

Purpose: To build relationships & prioritize safety for our youngest children.

Our goal, first and foremost, when serving babies and young toddlers is to prioritize building trusting relationships and the feeling of safety. We build trust with our littlest kids by meeting needs and helping them learn that church is a secure place where they are loved, known and safe.

The 4 S's are a simple way to keep our hearts and minds focused on this:

When a child feels...(most of the time)

SAFE: physically and emotionally

SEEN: known and understood

SOOTHED: calmed and supported

They can become **SECURE.**

WORSHIP TIME

Purpose: Engage our youngest children through the power of music!

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to Plex > Videos > EC > Babies folder.

This month, focus on singing these songs:

- Only God can Do
- My God is so Big
- Happy Day
- King of Me

READ THE BIBLE STORY

Purpose: Engage our youngest children in a meaningful way by teaching God's word!

Read the Bible story provided. Try to engage the child(ren) as you share the story by showing pictures and repeating key words and phrases. It's ok if you don't read every word of the story! Kids have very short attention spans (1 minute for each year of age) so try to keep your interactions short and don't get discouraged if a child loses focus!

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

(Summarized from Matthew 5-7)

BIBLE STORY:

Bring Hamilton (the hedgehog puppet) out and allow the kids to interact with him before you begin the story (they can feel his soft fur, give him high fives, give him a hug, etc.). Use Hamilton to help keep the kids engaged while you share the story (he can read parts of the story, do the hand motions, ask the kids questions, etc.).

Share the story of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount:

- Remember how we learned about Jesus last week?
- This week we are going to learn about how Jesus taught us to act as His child.
- Jesus was talking to the people. He told them they would be blessed when they do what God wanted them to.
- Jesus said, Blessed are those who are spiritually needy.
 - What are some things we need?
- Blessed are those who are sad.
 - Can you show me your sad face?
 - Jesus said that they will be comforted. Can you show me how you give yourself a hug?
- Blessed are those who are humble. They will be given the earth.
- Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for what is right.
 - Can you rub your tummy? Are you hungry?

- Jesus said that they will be filled. Let's see your happy face.
- Blessed are those who show mercy. They are kind to others.
 - Can you shake your neighbor's hand? That is being kind.
- Blessed are those whose hearts are pure.
 - Put your hand on your heart. They will see God.
- Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God.
 - Can you point to yourself?
- Blessed are those who suffer for doing what is right. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
- Blessed are you when people make fun of you and hurt you because of me. You are also blessed. Be joyful and glad. Your reward in heaven is great.
 - Can you show a really big smile?
- Jesus taught the people all these things. We can read what He said in the Bible.
- Jesus is Our Example!

LEAD AN ACTIVITY

Purpose: Engage our youngest children by doing a variety of learning activities!!

TODAY'S ACTIVITY: BEATTITUDE COLORING PAGE

Work one on one with each child as they work on their fine motor skills and imagination as they partake in today's activity. Help each child participate in this activity to help them remember the truth we learned about today.



ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Before starting, find a clear space to work where other kids cannot get into the supplies. Make sure you have supplies ready before starting!
- Bring each child over to work on the project one at a time.
- Give them 1 or 2 options of crayons and assist them with coloring, as needed.
- Write the name of the child along with the date and the location (Woodmen Kids) on the child's craft so the parent(s) can keep it as a keepsake.

BLESSING

Purpose: To read a blessing or verse over the kids.

Encourage/show the kids how to hold their hands open to receive the blessing. This is a truth that they can take with them and hide in their hearts.

TODAY'S BLESSING:

“(Child’s name) may you always remember that Jesus is Our Example. May you grow up to love Jesus with your whole heart and follow Him. May you know that He loves you and has a plan for you.

PLAY!

Purpose: Engage our youngest children by playing games and having fun!

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity. This is a great opportunity to introduce kids to classroom games and encourage interaction and participation with others.

Suggestions of activities for Babies & Younger 1 Year Old's:

- Play Peek-A-Boo
- Read a board book
- Build a tower and let kids knock it down
- Play with a ball
- Roll a large car back and forth
- Take turns putting toys in a bin or bucket

Suggestions of activities for Older 1 Year Old's:

- Hide an object and let kids find it
- Name and count parts of the body
- Discuss colors & numbers
- Turn on music and play freeze dance
- Have kids follow simple instructions (hop, sit down, clap, etc.)

CHECK-OUT

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in free play. Follow the check-out procedures for your classroom, making sure to send all of the child's belongings (diaper bag, bottle/sippy cup, pacifier, blanket, etc.) with the parent. Give the parent encouragement about how the child did in your class and say "Bye (child's name)! "