



Jesus is Our Teacher – Sermon on the Mount

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

Classroom Teacher

(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)

As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.

EXPLORE ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(15 minutes)

The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.

DISCUSS: Jesus is Our Teacher

In today’s lesson, we are going to learn about how Jesus is our teacher!

SAY:

Does anyone remember what our new God Statement is? **Let a few kids guess.** Jesus is our example! What do we mean when we say Jesus is our example? **Let kids respond.** It means that when Jesus was on earth, He gave us an example of how to live and how to love others! We can follow this example to become more like Him.

I have a question for you – do you have a favorite teacher from school (or church)? Turn to the friend next to you and tell them about your favorite teacher. **Let kids share with**

one another for a few moments and then ask a few to share with everyone. Well, today we are going to learn about the best teacher of all. Who do you think that is? **Let kids respond – Jesus!** Jesus is our teacher! Just like Jesus sets the example, Jesus also teaches us important lessons on how to live. We're going to hear about a special lesson Jesus gave all His followers called the Sermon on the Mount. Have you heard of it? Well, in this sermon, Jesus taught many important things. Before we learn more about that, let's do our activity.

MAKE:

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

Beatitudes Spinning Wheel

Supplies: one wheel set per child, one metal brad, crayons/markers

Directions: Pass out one wheel set per child. Have them color the pictures and talk about each part of the wheel as they decorate their craft. When they are finished coloring, take the brad and poke it through the middle of the circles to attach them together.

Say: *Today we get to learn about how Jesus taught some very important lessons while on earth! Remember, Jesus is our example and He is our teacher! Before we jump into our lesson, let's create a craft and talk about ways God wants us to live. Jesus is our teacher!*



LARGE GROUP

(25 minutes)

Each week, Large Group will consist of an introduction, worship, the Bible lesson, worship response, and the blessing.

WORSHIP & LARGE GROUP RULES

Worship Leader & Host

WORSHIP

While the video is playing the opening worship songs, encourage the kids to sing and dance along. Don't forget to set the example by participating alongside them!

Feel free to modify your worship time for what works best for your age group. You can find different ways to encourage the kids to participate by giving them instruments or showing them simple hand motions. You can also limit how many songs you choose to play, if it seems like the kids are not able to stay focused the entire time.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:

- Firm Foundation
- Less Like Me
- WR: This Little Light

LARGE GROUP RULES

Once everyone has found their seat, play Large Group Rules video in the PowerPoint provided. If needed, reinforce the rules after the video plays.

**** After Worship & Large Group Rules, transition the PowerPoint to the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder slides. ****

MAIL TIME & WARDROBE OF WONDER

Host

MAIL TIME!

Find the Mail Time envelope in your curriculum supplies.

Pick one child to hide the envelope and another child to find it. Give the first child about 30 seconds to hide the envelope while the other child closes his/her eyes. After the envelope is hidden, the second child can search for the envelope while the class says "hot" or "cold" to give them clues if they're getting closer or further away.

Have the two kids stand in front of the class and hold the verse page (inside the envelope) so everyone can see it.

Use the Key Verse Motions Video on Plex (or sent in weekly email) to learn the motions prior to Large Group.

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(John 13:15, NIRV)**

WARDROBE OF WONDER

The Wardrobe of Wonder is an opportunity to get the younger kids engaged in the lesson by playing a guessing game to determine what the "What's It" is inside the wardrobe each week.

Choose one child to "spy" on the What's It by peeking inside the wardrobe. Remind the other children to look away and to not peek. Have the peeker whisper the identity of the What's It in the host's ear to ensure he/she saw it correctly.

What's It: BIBLE

Now, invite the class to raise their hand and guess the identity of the What's It by asking yes-or-no questions about it. Allow the child who peeked to help answer the questions. Once the children have guessed correctly, retrieve the What's It from the wardrobe and allow the class to look at it/pass it around. Thank the volunteer and allow them to sit back down.

ASK:

Hmm, what is this? That's right, it's a book! Not just any book though. It's the **Bible!** Interesting...we read from the Bible and talk about scripture all the time here at church and we hope you can at home as well. I wonder why the Bible is in our wardrobe for our lesson today! Well kids, what I can tell you is that Jesus is our most important teacher, and he uses the Bible to teach us how to follow his commands, live our life in the best way, and be a light for others. Let's find out more and dive into God's Word together!

**** After the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder, Younger Kids classes transition to the Bible Story video where the kids will hear about the lesson for the day.****

BIBLE STORY**Lesson Video**

Remind the group before starting the video to follow the expectations for Large Group.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: Jesus is Our Teacher – Sermon on the Mount

Encourage kids to listen and engage with the lesson as they watch the teaching video.

****After the video finishes, turn on soft worship music (with or without lyrics) to transition into Worship Response. This should be background music to help set the tone for a quiet reflection time with God.****

WORSHIP RESPONSE**Host**

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through this time.

Supplies: tea light candles (1 per kid – reused each service), worship song in PowerPoint

Who is our best teacher of all? Jesus! We just learned so many things from our teacher, Jesus! What is one thing you learned from Jesus in our lesson today? **Let a couple kids respond.**

I remember learning about how Jesus is the light of the world! Do you remember what Jesus calls us, those who follow Him, too? The light of the world! **Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine so that others can see it."** Jesus wants us to shine our light so that others can know who He is!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE ACTIVITY:

Let's take a moment to think about what that really means. **Have teachers pass out the tea light candles to each kid, but instruct them to keep them off until you tell them to. Once everyone has one, turn the lights off in the room and say:**

For those who don't know Jesus, the world can feel really dark and lonely and scary and sad. Look around, it's hard to see anything, right? They don't know anything better. **Turn on your tea light.** But when we know Jesus, we become light in the darkness! Okay, everyone can turn their lights on now.

When we have Jesus in our heart, we get to shine that love and life to everyone around us! That's one of the very important things Jesus taught us in the Sermon on the Mount. As you look at your light, let's say thank you to Jesus for being our light. **Say together: Thank you, Jesus, for being our light! Amen.**

Now, let's sing This Little Light of Mine together as we wave our lights! **Use the closing worship song in the PowerPoint to lead the kids in this worship song.**

Close in prayer.

*****After Worship Response, transition the power point to the Compassion & Offering slides.*****

COMPASSION & OFFERING

Host

Before closing large group, take a moment to highlight and discuss each campus' Compassion sponsor child. Explain a little about the Compassion child's life and the impact their offering has for this child (info should be provided on cards in classroom). Then remind kids that if anyone brought offering, now is the time to come forward to donate.

Ask a child to come up and pray for the offering and their Compassion child.

*****After Compassion & Offering, transition the power point to the "Announcement" slide. The host will discuss any current announcements.*****

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL MISSIONS FOCUS – SDC ORPHANetwork Project

Host

Take this opportunity to cover any announcements and special missions focus for the kids, such as upcoming events or reminders, like bringing food donations for Feeding Families. Use the slides provided in the Power Point to display important announcements.

This year for Summer Day Camp, we are partnering with an organization called ORPHANetwork, or O-Network for short. This organization is in Nicaragua. Do you know where Nicaragua is? **Let kids respond.** It's in Central America!

Nicaragua is the poorest and one of the least developed countries in Central America, where access to basic services is a daily challenge. O-Network works through local churches to provide life-saving meals, healthcare, education and job skills training with the mission of breaking cycles of generational poverty.

We're raising money at SDC for a multi-purpose classroom with a mini library where children can study and learn, encouraging a strong educational foundation, preparing them for future economic self-sufficiency and giving them the opportunity to reach their God-given capacities.

Let's take time today to pray over O-Network and the kids who will use the space! Let's pray that God will provide the money needed, through each of you, to reach our goal!

Invite a couple kids to come up and pray for O-Network.

******After Announcements, transition the power point to the "Blessing" slide. The host will lead the class in receiving the blessing for the day.******

BLESSING

Host

Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.

May you always shine your light so that others can see Jesus in you! You are the light of the world!

SMALL GROUP

Classroom Teachers

(10 minutes)

Younger Kids:

This time is optional for younger kids, depending on if you feel like the kids are still listening and participating well.

1. **What did you learn about God from our story today?**
2. **Read/ Recap today's story: Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount**
 - a. **Jesus is the light of the world. What does He call us to be?** (He calls us to be the light of the world too! Because we are followers of Jesus, we have that light inside of us that we can share with others.)
 - b. **What does Jesus teach in his Sermon on the Mount?** (9 Blessings, Ask the kiddos to try and say Beatitudes, but understand that they are blessings that belong to those who live by Jesus' commands.)

3. **Jesus says we are the salt of the Earth. Just like salt makes food taste better, we can help make people's days and lives better too! How could you help brighten someone's day? Or even their life?** Point kids to examples of bigger things such as missions projects, supporting the needy, befriending others, etc.

Close small group in prayer. *Take a few minutes to share prayer requests as a group. This is a great time to write requests down on the prayer tags for leaders to take home!*

RESPOND ACTIVITY

Classroom Teacher

(10 minutes)

DISCUSS:

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity.

PLAY: Follow Jesus

Supplies: None

Directions: Pick one child to be it. Have them be the leader and have children follow them. As they walk/stomp/ act things out, have the leader say some of the ways Jesus wants us to live (loving others, sharing Jesus with others, reading our bible, etc). Have children repeat the traits. Pick another child to be the leader and take turns until all children have been able to be the leader.

Say: *Today we learned that Jesus is our teacher! He shares with us the ways we can live well, and we can glorify Him! Let's play a game to remind us of the ways we can follow Jesus!*

CHECK-OUT

Classroom Teacher

(end of service)

As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in the Respond Activities or the classroom games and toys.