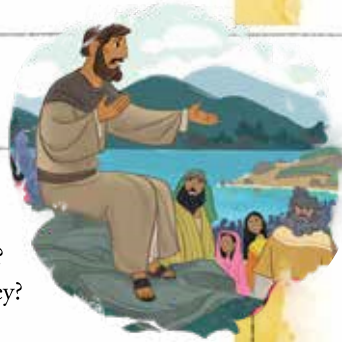


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Is it hard or easy to follow rules? Why?
- Who needs Jesus—rule-followers or rule-breakers? Why?
- What surprises you about Jesus' teachings?

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5–7

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

One day, Jesus began to teach about the kingdom of God. First, Jesus taught about the blessings that come to those who follow Him. He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."

Then Jesus taught how believers should live. He taught about God's law. Jesus said that to enter heaven, a person can't just look righteous on the outside. A person must be righteous on the inside too. Jesus said, "Love your enemies, and pray for them." He also said, "Forgive others. If you forgive those who sin against you, God will forgive you too. But if you don't forgive them, God will not forgive you."

Jesus said, "Do not collect treasures on earth, which can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. For where your treasure is, that is where your heart will be also." The crowds were amazed because He taught them like one who had authority.

Christ Connection: Jesus taught people what it means to follow Him. He taught how people should live, how they should treat one another, and how to love God. People who trust in Jesus live to honor God and show what His kingdom is like.



Mountain Teachings

Use the picture clues to fill in the blanks.

“Let your _____ shine.” (Matthew 5:16)



“_____ your enemies and _____ for them.”
(Matthew 5:44)

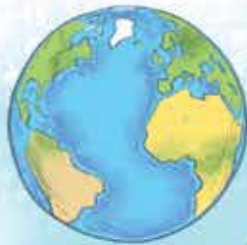


“_____ others.” (Matthew 6:14)

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“Do not collect treasures on _____.”
(Matthew 6:19)



Beatitude Match

Match each sentence with its correct ending. Find and read Matthew 5:3-10 to check your work.

Blessed are ...

- the poor in spirit,
- those who mourn,
- the humble,
- those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- the merciful,
- the pure in heart,
- the peacemakers,
- those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for ...

- they will be shown mercy.
- the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- they will be filled.
- they will be comforted.
- they will be called sons of God.
- they will inherit the earth.
- they will see God.