

Family Experience

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“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain side and sat down...and He began to teach them.”

Scripture Passage: Matthew 5



Memory Verse:

You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

Thank you so much for joining our livestream today! Our prayer is that this unprecedented time in our history can create rich and meaningful times of worship from your home and with your whole family. The following guide can be used to help engage your children in discussion and activities based on today's sermon.

1. Today's Bible Lesson Summary:

- During Jesus ministry, he traveled around teaching people about God and the Kingdom of Heaven. He also did amazing miracles as he went like healing the sick and feeding thousands of people from just a little bit of bread and fish! As more and more people heard about Jesus, more and more people came to hear him teach. One day, seeing the huge crowd, Jesus decided to go up to a mountainside. Once he got there, He sat down and began to teach. These teachings became His most famous sermon and is known as the Sermon on the Mount. When Jesus taught, He focused on what was on the inside, our hearts, rather than just our actions. He taught that when our hearts are right, and we believe that Jesus is the King then our actions will look more like His.

2. Experience the Story:

- **Family Activity:**
 - a. **Family Dinner by Candlelight:** Plan and prepare a fun dinner to eat by candlelight together as a family. Turn out the lights and try to make the room as dark as possible. Over dinner talk about the famous sermon we learned about on Sunday and how just light the candles provide the light for us to see our food, God wants us to shine our lights so that people can see Him. Brainstorm ways as a family to shine Jesus light to our friends and family...even when you aren't able to leave your houses.
 - b. **Shine the Light:** Take some of those brainstormed ideas and put them into action! Some of these ideas may include: writing and sending cards to loved ones, Going through cupboards and picking out canned goods to donate at a food bank, Baking something delicious and deliver it to a neighbor.

3. Family Discussion Questions:

- **Read Matthew 5 (For younger kids, Matthew read 5:1-2, 5:14-16)**

1. Where did Jesus go to preach? (a mountainside)
2. Who came to listen? (lots of people! His disciples here refer to His followers not just the 12 disciples.)
3. What are some things Jesus talked about? (answers vary)
4. What did Jesus say we shouldn't do with our Light? (not to hide it!)
5. What is something Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that we can put into practice this week? (answers vary)
6. What should we do when we fail to put all these things into practice? (God forgives us and gives us strength! It's about our hearts.)

4. Practice the Memory Verse:

Matthew 5: 14 "You are the light of the world a city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (ESV)

5. Ideas to reinforce learning throughout the week:

1. Learn the Verse Together-Here are some fun ideas for helping children learn verses. <https://paththroughthenarrowgate.com/12-bible-memory-verse-bible-games/>
2. Read "The Singer," in the Jesus Story Book Bible
3. Let Your Light Shine craft activity-<https://www.littlefamilyfun.com/2014/02/fhe-be-good-example.html>