

Unit 23 • Session 1

The Sermon on the Mount

BIBLE

PASSAGE:

Matthew 5–7

STORY POINT:

Jesus taught people how to live in God's kingdom

KEY PASSAGE:

"The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:25-26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

The BIBLE Story

Quick Tip: If you read only the bold words it makes a shorter story

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Great crowds of people followed Jesus wherever He went. **One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and 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. Jesus said that believers are the light of the world. “Let your light shine before others so that they may see the good things you do and choose to praise God.”

Then Jesus taught about God’s law. Jesus did not come to get rid of the law, but to obey it perfectly. **He said that to enter heaven, a person can’t just look righteous on the outside—like the religious leaders. A person must be righteous on the inside too,** obeying God for the right reasons.

Jesus said, “Love your enemies, and pray for them.” He said, “When you give to people who are poor, give in secret. And when you pray, don’t pray just so that people will hear you.” Jesus taught the people how to pray.

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.”

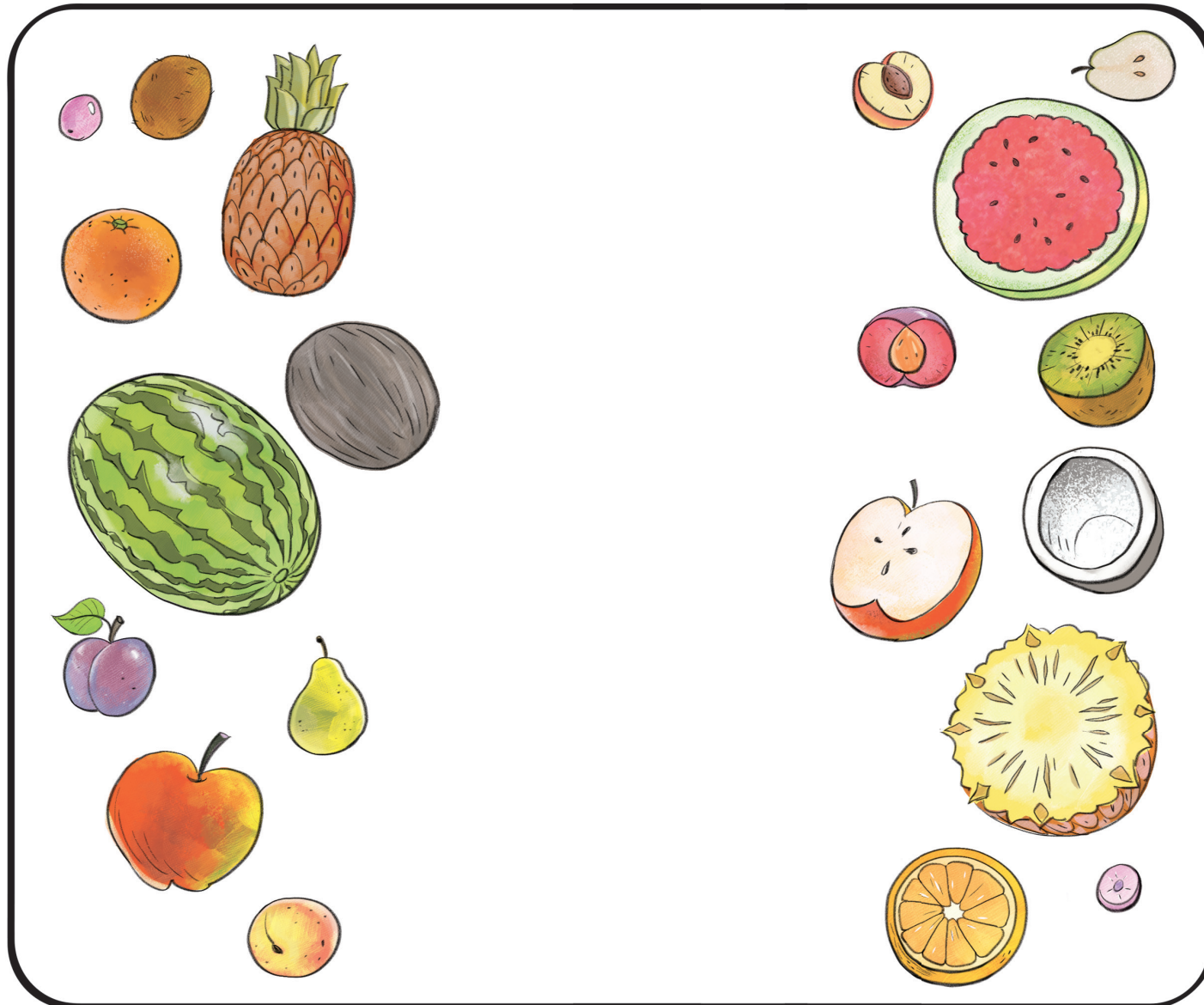
Jesus said, “Do not collect treasures on earth, which can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. For where your treasure is, that is where your heart will be also.” He taught that God provides for His people.

Jesus taught the people many things. When He finished teaching, **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.

What's Inside

INSTRUCTIONS: Match each fruit on the left to what it would look like cut in half on the right.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus sat on a mountain and taught many things.
- Jesus said that people who are sad, hurt, and humble are really blessed.
- Jesus said we should love our enemies and forgive others.
- Jesus taught people how to live in God's kingdom.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:25-26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What makes God's kingdom so different from earthly kingdoms?
- Where does sin start in our lives?
- Why is it good to love those who do not love us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take a day trip to a nearby foothill or mountain where your family can hike to the top. As you hike, discuss the importance of obeying God and how the Holy Spirit helps us to love Him through obedience.



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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)



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?

Beatitude Match

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

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- 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.
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