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New Testament

Deity of Jesus



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Jesus is fully equal to God the Father.
- To show how the Old Testament points to Jesus.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Genesis 12:1-3; 18:17-18; Isaiah 45:5; Ezekiel 34:11-13; Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 11:4-6



MEMORY VERSE

John 1:18: "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known."



INTRODUCTION

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human eyes. So the only way we can understand God is by knowing more about Jesus.

Over the following weeks, we'll do a brief study of the different aspects of Jesus' life and teaching.

The Jews Try to stone Jesus

(Based on John 8)



Why do we accept Jesus to be equal with God?

We accept that Jesus is equal to God the Father because the Bible says so. We'll look at a few verses that clearly state Jesus is Himself God:

Romans 9:5: "Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, **who is God over all**, forever praised! Amen."

- In this verse, Jesus is described as "God over all."

Hebrews 1:8: "But about the Son he says, '**Your throne, O God**, will last for ever and ever; and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.'"

- In this verse, The Father Himself addresses Jesus as God. God the Father has no doubts about whether or not Jesus is equal to Him!

Titus 2:13: "... while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of **our great God** and Savior, Jesus Christ."

- In this verse, Jesus is described as "our great God."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 8:54, 56: "Jesus replied, ... Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

Abraham lived at least two thousand years before Jesus. How do you think he knew that Jesus would come one day?

- **Genesis 18:17-18:** "Then the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.'"

- **1 Peter 1:10-11:** “Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.”

Genesis 12:1-3: “The LORD had said to Abram ... ‘I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’ (How do you think God used Abraham to bless ALL peoples on earth? Did Abram visit India and bless Indians?)



- **Luke 1:68, 72-73:** “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed his people ... to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham.”

The Bible refers to Jesus as ‘Messiah’ on many occasions. What do you think the word means?

In the Old Testament God referred to the coming Savior as a 'Shepherd' on many occasions. Why do you think He used this description? Why didn't He describe the Savior as 'carpenter,' 'farmer' or 'fisherman?'



- **Ezekiel 34:11-13:** "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'I myself will search for my sheep and look after them ... I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land ...'"



APPLICATION

After Jesus resurrected from the dead, He appeared to all His disciples. At that time Thomas saw the nail—wounds in Jesus' hands and believed that Jesus is indeed God!

Jesus said to Thomas: "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

We have not seen Jesus physically the way Thomas did. But in spite of this, if we still choose to believe that Jesus is God, and make a commitment to follow Him, then we are more blessed than Thomas!

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:1-3).

Jesus says that He has a home awaiting us in heaven. If we choose to believe in Him and follow Him, He will take us to His heavenly home after our physical deaths.

My Commitment

- I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and committed to follow Him in the Year _____ (Mention the Year)

Areas of life where I have strayed from Jesus:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Return to Jesus because He is a Gentle Shepherd who wants only the Best for You!



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Who is EQUAL to God?

(Taken from picturedots.com)

Connect the dots to identify Who is Equal to God!



New Testament

Humanity of Jesus



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Jesus chose to become fully human for our sake.
- To explain the concept of the Incarnated Christ.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Isaiah 53:3, 9:6; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:1, 3:17, 13:55; Luke 3:23,38, 19:10; John 1:1, 8:40



MEMORY VERSE

John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us ..."



INTRODUCTION

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more about Jesus. Over the following weeks, we'll do a brief study of the different aspects of Jesus' life and teaching.

Jesus—Fully God and Fully Human

1 Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ..."

John 8:40: "As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things."

Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

1 Corinthians 2:8: "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Isaiah 53:3: "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The Promised Messiah

Psalms 110:1: "The LORD says to my Lord, 'Sit at my right side, until I make your enemies into a footstool for your feet.'"

Matthew 22:41-46: "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 'What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?' 'The son of David,' they replied. He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'?' For he says, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.' If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son? No one would say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions."

Romans 1:3-4: "... regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the

Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”

The God-Man	
As God He is David's Lord and Master ↓ THE SON OF GOD (Romans 1:4)	As Man He is David's Son (He descended from the line of David) ↓ THE SON OF DAVID (Romans 1:3)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 1:1-2: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

How is Jesus described in these verses?

John 1:14: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

What does this verse say about “Jesus the Word?”

According to John 1:1-2, Jesus existed along with God the Father, in the beginning. At that time, do you think Jesus was God or was He a man?

When Jesus became a man on earth, did He stop being God?

- **John 8:58:** "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

When Jesus returned to heaven, did He stop being a man?



- **1 Timothy 2:5:** "There is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and He gave Himself to rescue all of us."
- **Matthew 24:30:** "Then a sign will appear in the sky. And there will be the Son of Man. All nations on earth will weep when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."



APPLICATION

God chose to become fully human by becoming an ordinary man. He did this so that He could share in our troubles and provide help.

- As a human being, Jesus took the punishment for our sins upon Himself.
- As a human being, Jesus also experienced all the suffering that we endure on a daily basis, such as hunger, tiredness, emotional pain and hurt, etc.

Because Jesus suffered all the things that we humans suffer, He knows how we feel. So when we go to Him for help, He is able to help us perfectly. He knows exactly what kind of help to provide for each situation that we face.



I need God's help in the following areas:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

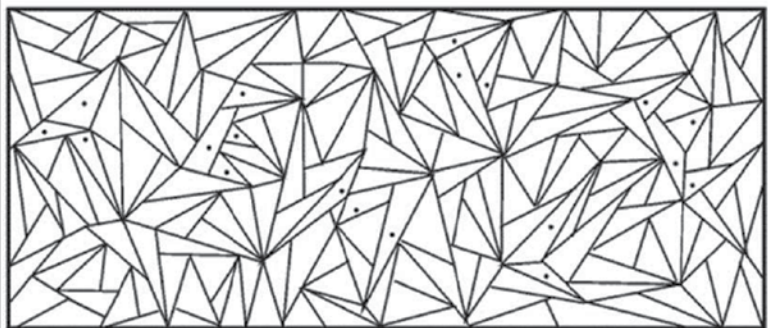
Hebrews 4:15-16: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY****Jesus became Fully Human**

(Taken from Bible Activity Worksheets)

Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem every year for a Jewish celebration called the Feast of Tabernacles. When Jesus was twelve years they went once again. After they started to go back home Joseph and Mary discovered that Jesus was not with them, so they turned around and went back to Jerusalem to find Him.

Color all the spaces below that have a dot in them to see where they found Him.



Read Luke 2:46 and fill in the blanks to see what He was doing when they found Him.

"sitting among the teachers and _____
to them and asking them _____.
Everyone who heard him was _____ at
his understanding and his _____."



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____



New Testament

Jesus Said 'I Am'



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain how Jesus is the Bread of Life for us.
- To teach that Jesus is the only Gate through whom we can reach Heaven.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

John 6:1-48, 10:9; Acts 4:12 (Jesus—Bread of Life and the Gate)



MEMORY VERSE

John 6:35: "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and who believes in me will never be thirsty.'"



INTRODUCTION

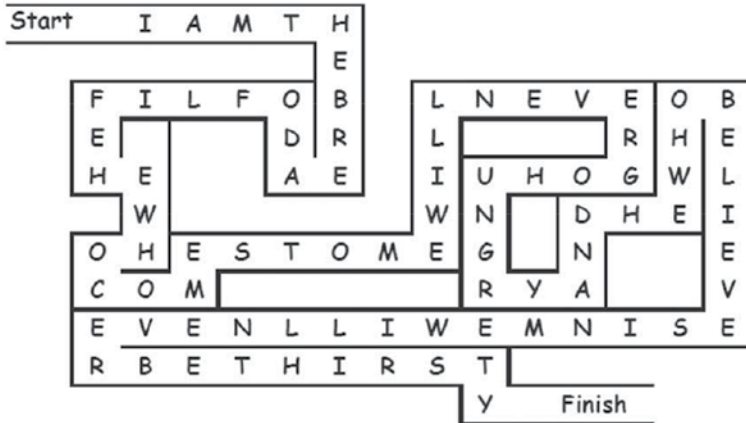
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Jesus Said 'I Am'

human eyes. So the only way we can understand God is by studying Jesus. Today, we will take a look at what Jesus said about Himself.

Bread of Life

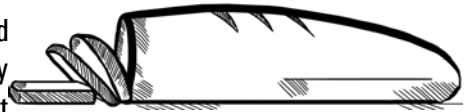
Find your way through the maze, writing down each letter in turn, to find out what Jesus said to the people.



Jesus said, “ _____

Jesus—Bread of Life

When Jesus said that He is the Bread of Life, the people were shocked. They said, “How can He be bread? We can’t eat Him!”



But Jesus was speaking symbolically. He meant that they had to receive Him into their life if they were to have their sins forgiven and receive His gift of everlasting

life. If they did this, then He would fill their hearts with His love, joy and peace, and give them a new life.

But many of the people were not interested in Jesus; they just wanted free bread. So they refused His offer of salvation and went away.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 6:47-48: "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life."

What do you think is 'eternal life?' What was Jesus promising to those who believed in Him?

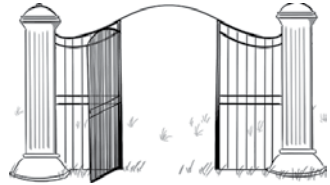
Why do you think many people rejected Jesus' offer of eternal life? Did they have a deep desire to go to hell instead?

Is it possible to live eternally in Heaven, without accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior?

- **Acts 4:12:** "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

John 10:9: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture."

What is Jesus saying in these verses?



Jesus used two different objects – the "Bread of Life" and the 'Gate' to describe Himself. What main lessons did He convey to us through these two objects?



APPLICATION

We only have to ask Jesus into our heart one time to receive eternal life. But to stay close to God, we need to spend time with Him every day.

- We have to eat food every day to stay strong.
- Similarly we need to read the Bible and pray each day to stay strong spiritually.

Think about how you spend your time and energy. Do you make time to be with God each day and receive your spiritual food?

- This week I will spend _____ minutes on Bible Study, every day.



- This week I will spend _____ minutes on Prayer, every day.

Jesus wants to be a part of our life. He wants to help us make good choices and live for Him.

The more time we spend with Him, the more He can help us.



FOLLOW UP

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How I practised the Scripture Lesson during the week:

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2. _____

3. _____



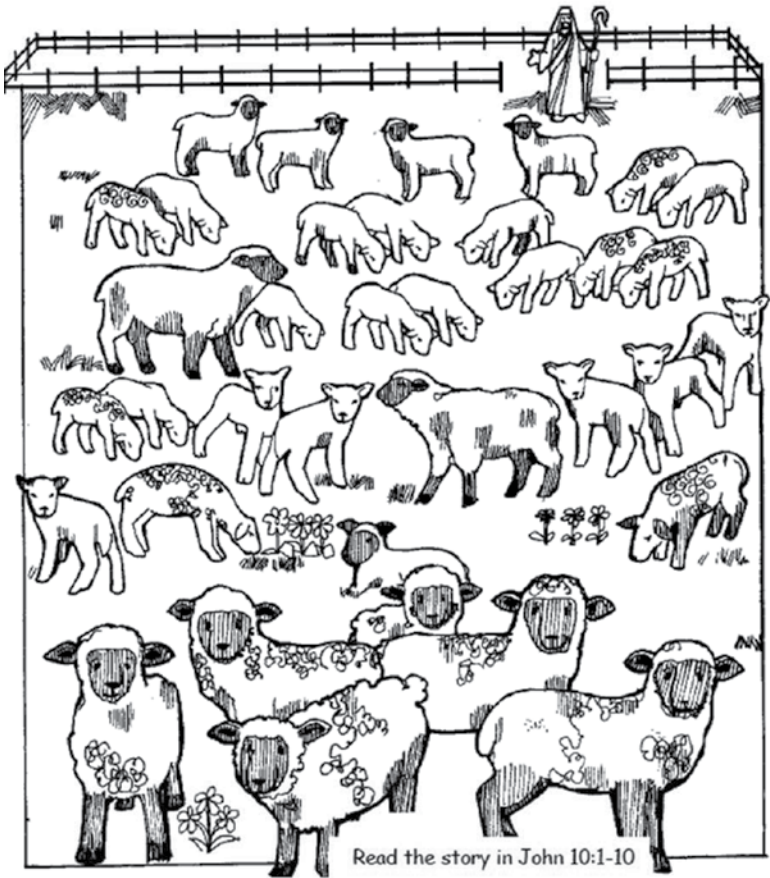
TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

I AM the Gate

(Taken from bibletoday4kids.com)

Help the shepherd count his sheep as he leads them into the sheep-fold.

There are _____ sheep.



New Testament

Character of Jesus



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To expound on the obedience, humility and forgiveness of Christ.
- To encourage the children to be more Christ like in their personal lives.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Philippians 2:8; Luke 23:34; Isaiah 53:7; Acts 2: 23, 40-41



MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 2:8: "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"



INTRODUCTION

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human eyes. So the only way we can understand God is by studying Jesus. Today we will take a brief look at some key aspects of Christ's character and see how we can emulate Him in our own lives.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Obedience of Christ

Why do you think Jesus was so reluctant to die on the cross? Was He afraid of the pain that crucifixion involves?

The soldiers offered Jesus wine mixed with myrrh, to reduce the pain; but Jesus refused it. Why do you think He did this? Did He enjoy suffering more pain?



Humility of Christ

Isaiah 53:7: "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."



Isaiah made this prophesy about Jesus 700 years before Jesus' birth. In what way does this prophesy match the Bible story we listened to just now? In the story, when did Jesus act like a silent sheep?

Forgiveness of Christ

Why do you think Jesus forgave the people who were crucifying Him?





APPLICATION

Am I Obedient like Jesus?

Jesus did not obey the Father only when pleasant things were asked of Him. Jesus obeyed with the same level of commitment even when God asked Him to do something as unpleasant as die on the cross for our sins.

- Do I obey the Lord cheerfully and sincerely when He asks me to do something I dislike?

Am I Humble like Jesus?

Jesus did not curse or retaliate when He was mocked and beaten. He continued to express love towards those who were persecuting Him.



- How do I respond when people offend me or are rude to me?

Am I Forgiving like Jesus?

Jesus forgave those who crucified Him. Later, when some of the people who had crucified Him repented, He fully forgave them and made them part of God's family (Acts 2: 23, 40-41).

- When people hurt me do I forgive them only partially, or am I willing to forgive and forget completely?

Make a commitment to be more Christ like, with the Lord's help, in these three areas of your life.

Obedience feels painful and difficult when:

(eg. when I'm asked to study, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus was willing to obey even when it meant dying on the Cross.
Seek God's strength to obey sacrificially.

Some people who irritate / hurt me every week:

(Name them)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus did not curse His persecutors.
Seek God's strength to love those who hurt you.

Some people whom I have not forgiven:

(Name them)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- **Colossians 3:13:** "Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you."



FOLLOW UP

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2. _____

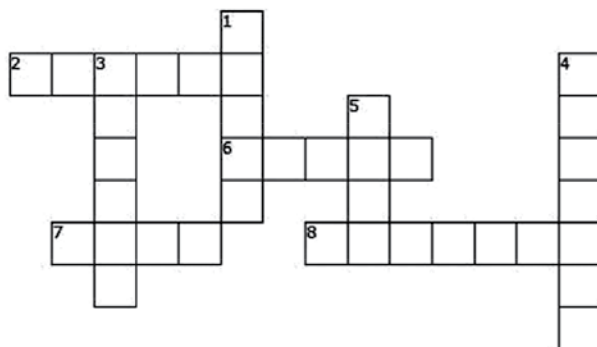
3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Take Up Your Cross

(Taken from Sermons 4 Kids)



ACROSS

- 2. To experience injury, pain, or death
- 6. The evil enemy of God; the leader of the fallen angels
- 7. The spiritual part of a person which exists after death
- 8. The expected savior of the world

DOWN

- 1. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
- 3. To take someone as our leader or model
- 4. A person who speaks for God
- 5. To keep something from harm or loss

SUFFER	SATAN	SOUL	CROSS
MESSIAH	PROPHET	FOLLOW	SAVE



New Testament

Fruit of The Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain how to bear good fruit in our lives.
- To teach practical ways in which we can stay attached to Jesus.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Matthew 12:33, 7:16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 15:4; Galatians 5:22-23



MEMORY VERSE

John 15:4: "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."








INTRODUCTION

Over the last four weeks, we studied different aspects of who Jesus is. We saw His deity and His humanity.

We studied the different symbols He used to describe Himself (His I Am Sayings). And we looked at His character.

Over the remaining weeks, we will look at some important teachings of Jesus on key themes. This week we will cover the New Testament teaching on Fruit Bearing.

Name the Tree

Banana Tree, Apple Tree, Jackfruit Tree, Orange Tree, Pear Tree

How to Bear Good Fruit

Jesus said, “You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thorn bushes. A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit” (Matthew 7:16-18).



According to Jesus a bad tree can never produce good fruit—just as a thorn bush can never produce grapes. Therefore Jesus promised to make us “good trees” so that we would bear good fruit in our lives.

- **Matthew 12:33:** “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognised by its fruit.”

When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, He makes us into a “new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We become brand new persons with the ability to bear good fruit; in other words we become ‘good trees’.

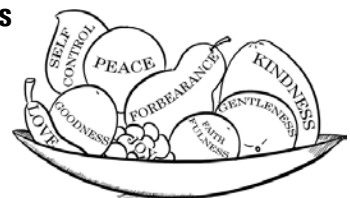
However, many Christians don’t bear good fruit even after becoming new creations. This happens because they don’t stay attached to Jesus on a daily basis. Jesus used the example of a Grape Vine to explain the importance of staying attached to Him.



- **John 15:4:** “Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me.”

Let us look at some practical ways to “remain in Jesus” each day:

1. Stop being



:

God wants you to 'choose' to crush your selfish feelings and be nice to others. By doing this, show God that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Love** inside you.

2. Stop _____ :

God wants you to 'choose' not to grumble. By doing this, show God that you trust Him, and want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Joy** inside you.

3. Stop _____ :

God wants you to 'choose' not to worry. By doing this, show God that you trust Him and want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Peace** inside you.

4. Don't _____ immediately when someone Hurts/Upsets you:

God wants you to 'choose' not to hit out or snap back. By doing this, show God that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Forbearance** inside you (Forbearance means "to endure patiently").

5. Stop being _____ :

God wants you to 'choose' to show care and concern towards people even when you are busy with other things. By doing this, show Him that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Kindness** inside you.

6. Stop being Lazy to _____ :

God wants you to 'choose' to take the time and effort to help people even when you don't feel like it. By doing this, show Him that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Goodness** inside you.

7. Don't _____ doing Good:

God wants you to 'choose' not to give up obeying God, even when you feel tired of obeying. By doing this, show Him that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Faithfulness** inside you.

8. Stop _____ People:

God wants you to 'choose' to avoid hurting people with word or deed. By doing this, show Him that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Gentleness** inside you.

9. Stop _____ the Holy Spirit's whisper:

God wants you to 'choose' to submit whenever He corrects you about something. By doing this, show Him that you want to stay joined to Him. When you do this, God Himself will produce the **Fruit of Self-Control** inside you.

Please Note: God DOES NOT forcefully produce His fruit in any person. He waits patiently for them to 'remain' in Him. When, through their actions, they show Him clearly that they want to remain in Him, then He begins to produce His fruit in us.

- **Galatians 5:22-23:** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control ..."

Do you want the Fruit of the Spirit in your life? Then show God that you want to "remain attached" to Him by doing the following:

- Stop being Selfish
- Stop Grumbling
- Stop Worrying
- Don't react immediately when someone hurts/upsets you
- Stop being Uncaring



- Stop being Lazy to help
- Don't Give Up doing Good
- Stop Hurting People
- Stop ignoring the Holy Spirit's whisper



It is Your responsibility to get rid of the negative
 It is God's responsibility to produce the positive inside you

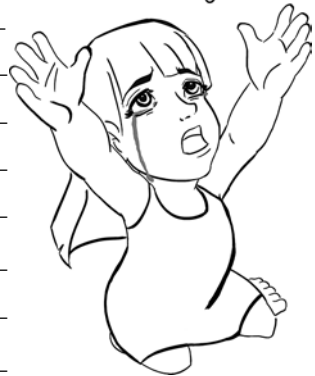


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If I choose not to be selfish, if I choose to share my things, will I immediately change into a perfectly loving person?

What are some things I can do to stay attached to Jesus daily?

I'm sorry!



What will happen if I don't stay attached to Jesus daily?



APPLICATION

This week I'll do the following, to show Jesus I want to stay joined to Him:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during the week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Fruit of the Spirit

(Taken from DLTk – Growing Together)

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

**Fruit of the Spirit
Anagram**



aceei~~n~~pt _____

deik~~n~~ss _____

eeeg~~l~~nsst _____

fgist _____

aelnr _____

cef~~n~~oss _____

eh~~n~~ost _____

horr~~s~~tttuwy _____

chirst-e~~i~~kl _____

aeh~~h~~lty _____



New Testament

Beatitudes



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the background of the first two Beatitudes.
- To teach the importance of repentance.
- To emphasise that a personal belief in Jesus is the only way to heaven.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Matthew 5:3-4, 19:16-26; Luke 6:20-21, 24-25; 1 Peter 5:7



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:3-4: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."



INTRODUCTION

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He used to describe Himself (His I Am Sayings). And we looked at His character. Over the remaining weeks, we will look at some important teachings of Jesus on key themes. This week we will take a closer look at the Beatitudes that Jesus taught during His Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus' Words on the Mountain

On one occasion, when hundreds of people gathered on the mountain near Galilee, Jesus decided to preach some important things to them. So He started off by saying this:

Matthew 5:3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The people must have been so thrilled when Jesus spoke these beautiful words to them!

- It gave poor people the assurance that even if they were extremely poor, it was okay (Luke 6:20). God had made an arrangement so that anyone who believed in Him could go to heaven—irrespective of whether they were rich or poor.
- It also gave a deep assurance to sinful people who were "spiritually poor." Even if they were rotten sinners God was willing to forgive them, if they repented of their sins and made a commitment to follow Him!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who are the "spiritually poor?"

On the mountain near Galilee, Jesus said “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” What do you think ‘mourn’ means? What was Jesus trying to say?

1 Peter 5:7: “God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.”

Jesus said, “... it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). What do you think Jesus meant by this?



Jesus said, “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort ... Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep” (Luke 6:24-25). What do you think ‘woe’ means? What was Jesus trying to say?



APPLICATION

It doesn't matter whether we are rich or poor, and whether we have done lots of good deeds or lots of rotten deeds.

God expects all of us to 'mourn' for our sins and repent.



Sins that God is convicting me of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Mourn and Repent of your sins, so that God can forgive you.



Needs/Problems that I am facing:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus said, "... Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20).

However helpless your situation, God can solve your problems.

Are you deeply hurt about something?

Jesus said, "... Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh" (Luke 6:21).

If you ask Him, God will heal your hurts and take away the pain in your heart.

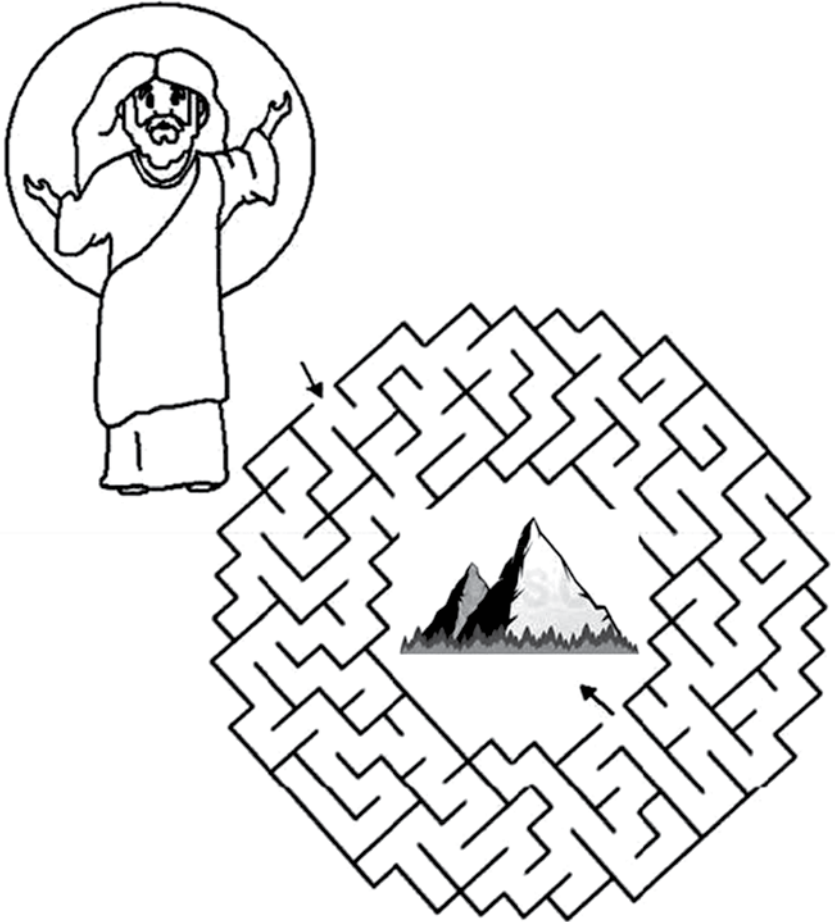


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Sermon on the Mount

(Taken from DLTk - Growing Together)

Which pathway will Jesus use to reach the mountain and preach His message?





FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during the week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



New Testament

Kingdom of God



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show how the Kingdom of God is already here.
- To teach that we are officers in the Kingdom of God.
- To explain how we can spread the Kingdom of God.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Luke 7:20-21; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Acts 22:15; Matthew 5:16; 2 Thessalonians 2:7



MEMORY VERSE

Luke 17:21: "... the kingdom of God is within you."



INTRODUCTION

In the first four weeks, we studied different aspects of who Jesus is. We saw His deity and His humanity. We studied the different symbols He used to describe Himself (His I Am Sayings). And we looked at His character. Then we began to study some of Jesus' teachings, starting with His teaching on fruit-bearing. This week we will take a closer look at Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God.

Kingdom of God

We read about imaginary kingdoms in fairytales. But the Kingdom of God is very real. This is what Jesus said about His Kingdom:

- **Luke 17:20-21:** “Some Pharisees asked Jesus when God’s kingdom would come. He answered, “God’s kingdom isn’t something you can see. There is no use saying, ‘Look! Here it is!’ or ‘Look! There it is.’ God’s kingdom is here with you.”

According to Jesus, the Kingdom of God is not just up there in heaven, but it’s also down here among us right now. Even though God sits on His throne in heaven, He also lives in the hearts of believers. And through these believers, He accomplishes His purposes for the world.

Officers of the Kingdom

God uses ordinary believers like you and me to take care of this world. Here are some practical ways in which God expects us to participate (including even children in the third or fourth standard!).

God Expects Us to Pray

1 Timothy 2:1-2: “First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them. Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God.”

God Expects Us to Talk About Him

Acts 22:15: “You must tell everyone what you have seen and heard.”

God Expects Us to Set an Example

Matthew 5:16: Jesus commanded, “... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Where is the Kingdom of God located?

Then why is there evil?

How does a person become a part of the Kingdom of God?



APPLICATION

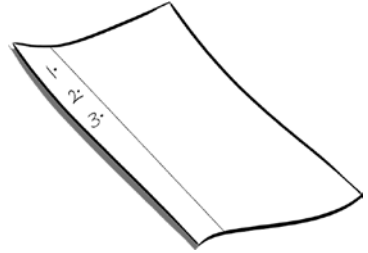
This is what I'll pray for the country this whole week (Write your prayer points):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



I will witness to the following persons this week:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



I will make these changes in my behavior/speech so that I can represent Christ better:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during the week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Kingdom of God is like Yeast – Coloring Page

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



A Little Leaven

Luke 13:20-21

And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

