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Objective:

Through this lesson the children will learn When we mourn over our sins, God gives us the comfort of salvation, the comfort of getting to spend all of forever with him.

Opening Prayer

Key Verse: Matthew 5: 4,5

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

Scripture reading

I Samuel 16 1-13

Introduction

Jesus went everywhere, teaching the people and healing the sick. So many people wanted see Jesus and hear His message that it was overwhelming. On this day Jesus taught a special message that we call the Beatitudes. If we follow these beatitudes and do what the Bible says then we will have many rewards in Heaven. Jesus said, 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.' Jesus taught that we should be happy even if we were having hard times because our rewards are in Heaven, not on Earth.

Jesus also said, 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

These things that Jesus said are called the Beatitudes. I know that you don't understand all of these things but here is what I want you to remember: The BEatitudes teach us to BE kind, BE humble, BE loving, and BE gentle.

Read Matthew 5:3-10





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Word Talk

Mourn: Mourn means to be really, really sad. I mean, REALLY sad.

What are we grieving over, though? The kind of grief Jesus is referring to in this passage is not the kind of mourning felt when someone dies, necessarily. Jesus means we are blessed when we mourn over our sins. And the Bible says that when we live in sin, when we choose to do what we want all the time instead of what God wants, we are dead in our sins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdbpryW0LNE>

MEEK: Meekness is trusting that God will take care of you, no matter what. So you stand up for what is right, and you don't seek revenge. You are humble, gentle, and kind.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjiLFAQxe48>

Bible story

Overview

God told Samuel that he had chosen a new king for Israel. The new king was to be one of the sons of Jesse. When Samuel saw the sons, he thought the Lord would want Jesse's oldest son to be the king. Instead, the Lord chose the youngest son, David, who was out tending the sheep. Samuel anointed David as the new king but it would be many years before the time was right for David to take Saul's place. The Lord chose David even though he did not look as big and handsome as his older brothers. The Lord does not judge by outward appearance but by the heart.

STORY

Samuel was very sad. Saul was the king of Israel and Saul was not obeying God. Samuel knew that Saul was not a good king. It made Samuel sad to see Saul disobey God.





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God said to Samuel, "Saul does not want to obey me. I have chosen a new king and I want you to anoint him. He lives in the town of Bethlehem and he is the son of a man named Jesse. Get an empty horn that has been cut from a cow. Fill the horn with oil and go to Bethlehem."

Samuel was afraid. King Saul would be very angry if he heard that Samuel was anointing a new king. What if he got mad at him and tried to kill him?

The Lord told Samuel not to be afraid. He told Samuel to take a special sacrifice to Bethlehem and everyone would just think he was making a normal trip. This sounded like a good idea to Samuel so he took his sacrifice and travelled to Bethlehem. No one knew that Samuel was going to anoint a new king.

When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem, he told everyone that he would be making a special sacrifice to the Lord. He invited Jesse and his sons to come. Before they came, Jesse and his sons washed and got dressed up. All of the sons wanted to look their best.

When Samuel saw Jesse's sons, he was very happy. They were fine looking men. Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, was very tall and handsome. Samuel thought that Eliab would be a good king.

But the Lord told Samuel, "This is not the one I want to be king. He is handsome and tall but the Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

So, if Eliab was not to be the king, then which of Jesse's sons would be the next king of Israel? Jesse told his next son to come forward and stand in front of Samuel. His name was Abinadab. Maybe Abinadab would be the next king.

"No," said Samuel, "the Lord has not chosen Abinadab."

One by one all of Jesse's sons stood before Samuel. The Lord had not chosen any of them to be the new king of Israel. Samuel did not understand. The Lord had told him that one of Jesse's sons would be the new king.

"Jesse, are these all of your sons?" asked Samuel.

Jesse answered, "These are my seven oldest sons. I do have one more son. He is my youngest son and he is out in the pastures taking care of my sheep. His name is David."





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David was not with his brothers. Where was he? In the pasture taking care of his father's sheep Samuel was surprised. Could God want a young shepherd to be the next king of Israel? Samuel told Jesse to send someone to get David.

When David arrived, Samuel saw that he was healthy and handsome. But that was not all. The Lord told Samuel that this was the new king. And the Lord does not look just at the outside of a person. He looks at a person's heart. The Lord knew that David had a good heart.

"Arise and anoint him," the Lord said to Samuel. "He is the one."

Samuel anointed David. He took the horn full of oil and poured some on David's head. From this day on the Spirit of God came upon David. David loved God for the rest of his life.

Even though David was chosen as the new king, it was not time yet for him to take King Saul's place. David went back to tending his father's sheep. When the right time came for David to reign as the new king, then the Lord would tell him.

DISCUSSION

1. Why was Samuel sad about King Saul? Saul did not obey God
2. Whose son would be the next king of Israel? Jesse's
3. Why did Samuel think Jesse's oldest son would be the new king? He looked handsome and tall
4. Man sees how people look on the outside. What does the Lord see? The heart

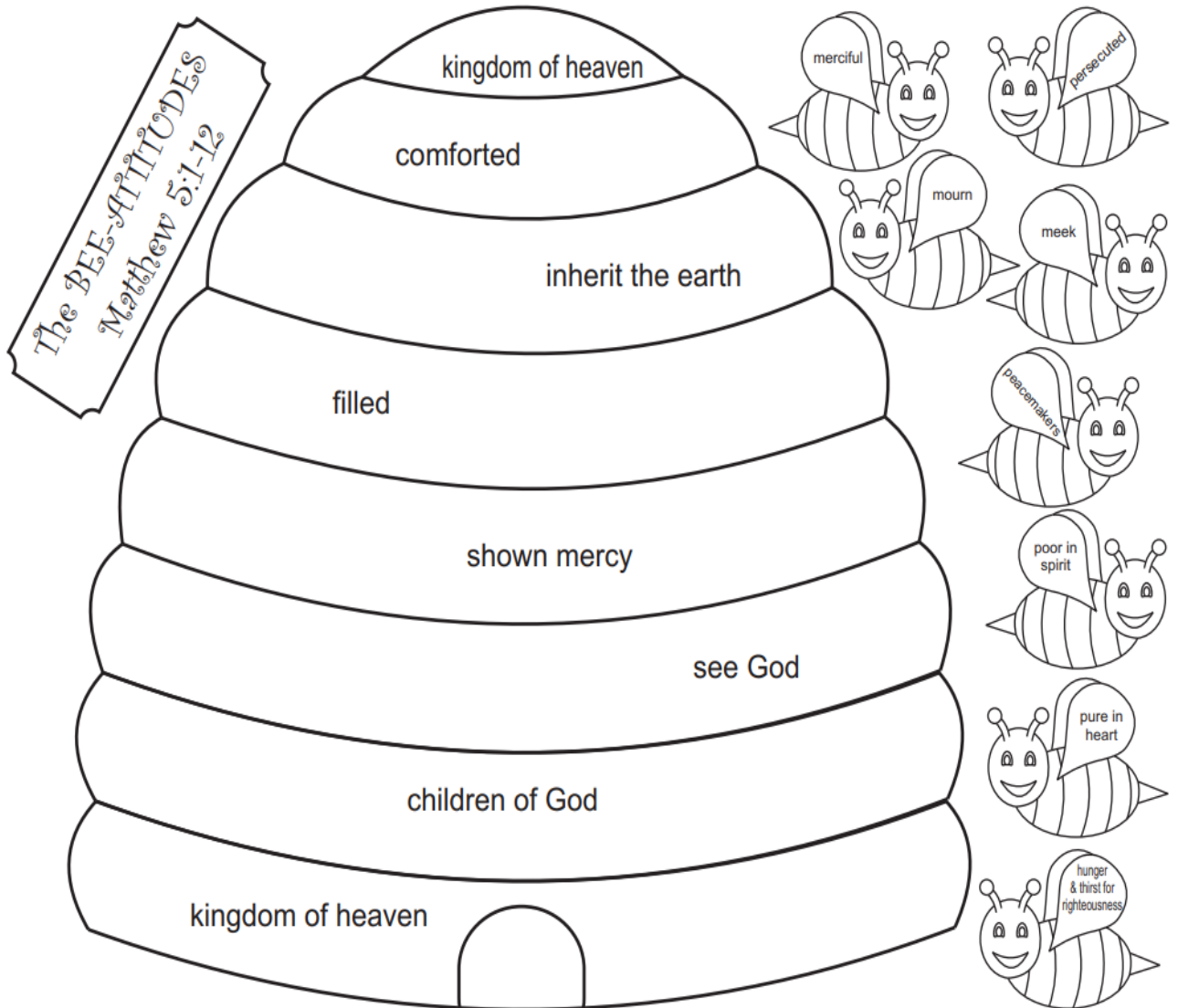




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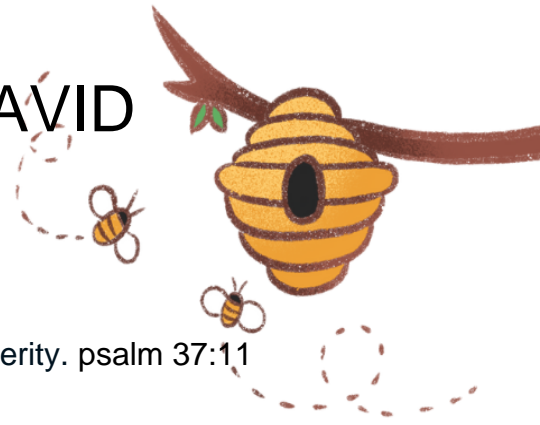


Activity





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Memory verse:

But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity. psalm 37:11

Craft: “Beatitude Garden”

You will need (craft supplies)

- Paper or notecards
- Scissors
- Paper bags or baskets
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Popsicle sticks

Procedure:

1. Cut the paper into geometric shapes or flower shapes.
2. Decorate the paper with the words of the beatitudes, adding a picture for reminder reference. If space allows, write the starting line on one side of the paper, and the conclusion on the other side.
3. Glue or tape the papers onto popsicle sticks.
4. Decorate a basket, bucket, or bag to hold the beatitudes; or merely cut slits into a large sheet of construction paper.
5. Place the “flowers” into the container. Use as a reminder of the words of Jesus!

CLOSING PRAYER

