

# Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

January 22, 2023



Today, we'll be discussing **Matthew 5: 1-20**.

Remember to bring your booklets to Sunday school... we'll need them!

Also, FEBRUARY 5th kicks off **SOUPer BOWL SUNDAY!** Let's get those cans!





# THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

Lesson #1-18  
Matthew 5:1-20

## LAST WEEK

After his baptism, Jesus goes into the wilderness where he is tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-17).

## THIS WEEK

Jesus teaches about the upside-down blessings of the kingdom of heaven and calls his disciples to be salt and light as he begins the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-20).

## STORY SUMMARY

Jesus shares with his followers a list of blessings commonly called "The Beatitudes." These blessings are not a result of circumstances, but are instead granted through the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom that is both here and now and coming in the future. Then Jesus reminds us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Just like salt is essential as a preservative and flavor, and light is essential as illumination and clarification, Jesus tells us we are essential, too. Jesus is here to fulfill the law, to bless us, and to welcome us to the kingdom of heaven.

## PRACTICE: PRAYER

Communication with Jesus is essential to our relationship with him, just as it is with our friends and family. Start a Prayer Box this week. As you have things you would like your family to pray about, write it on a piece of paper and put it in the box. At the end of each day, gather together to take the papers out and pray for them.

## THE POINT

Jesus teaches us who we are and how to live.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *The Kingdom of God*

The kingdom of heaven is here and now and will become fully complete at the end of this present age. The kingdom of heaven is where and when God's will is done, and where and when joy, love, and justice can be found. Even though we cannot see the kingdom, we know it exists and we can see it in loving and caring relationships, truth telling, and granting forgiveness. The term "kingdom of heaven" is used in the Gospel of Matthew, while the synonymous "kingdom of God" is used in the Gospels of Mark and Luke.

## NEXT WEEK

TBA!

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text speak to our theme of Learning to Follow?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Matthew 5:1-20**

Sermon on the Mount.

Of the people who are listed as "blessed" in this reading, which group surprises you the most? Why?

#### **Monday—Read Matthew 5:21-26**

Teaching on anger.

Think of someone with whom you are angry or who might be angry with you. Commit to making things right with them this week.

#### **Tuesday—Read Matthew 5:27-32**

Teaching on relationships.

Well, that is extreme! What does Jesus mean by these claims to take out an eye or cut off a hand? If you do not know, talk to a pastor or trusted friend.

#### **Wednesday—Read Matthew 5:33-37**

Teaching on honesty.

Some lies seem bigger than others. Pray together to always be honest, even in the little things.

#### **Thursday—Read Matthew 5:38-42**

Teaching on nonviolence.

Act out this passage—gently. Will these things be easy to do? Why or why not?

#### **Friday—Read Matthew 5:43-48**

Teaching on loving enemies.

On a small piece of paper, write the name of someone that it is difficult for you to love. Fold it up and place it in your pocket. Carry it with you this week as a reminder to pray for them.

#### **Saturday—Read Matthew 6:1-6**

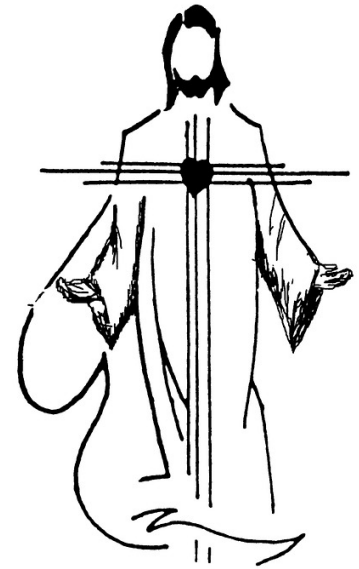
Genuine piety.

Go to a private space and pray quietly.

# Matthew 5:1-20 (NRSV)

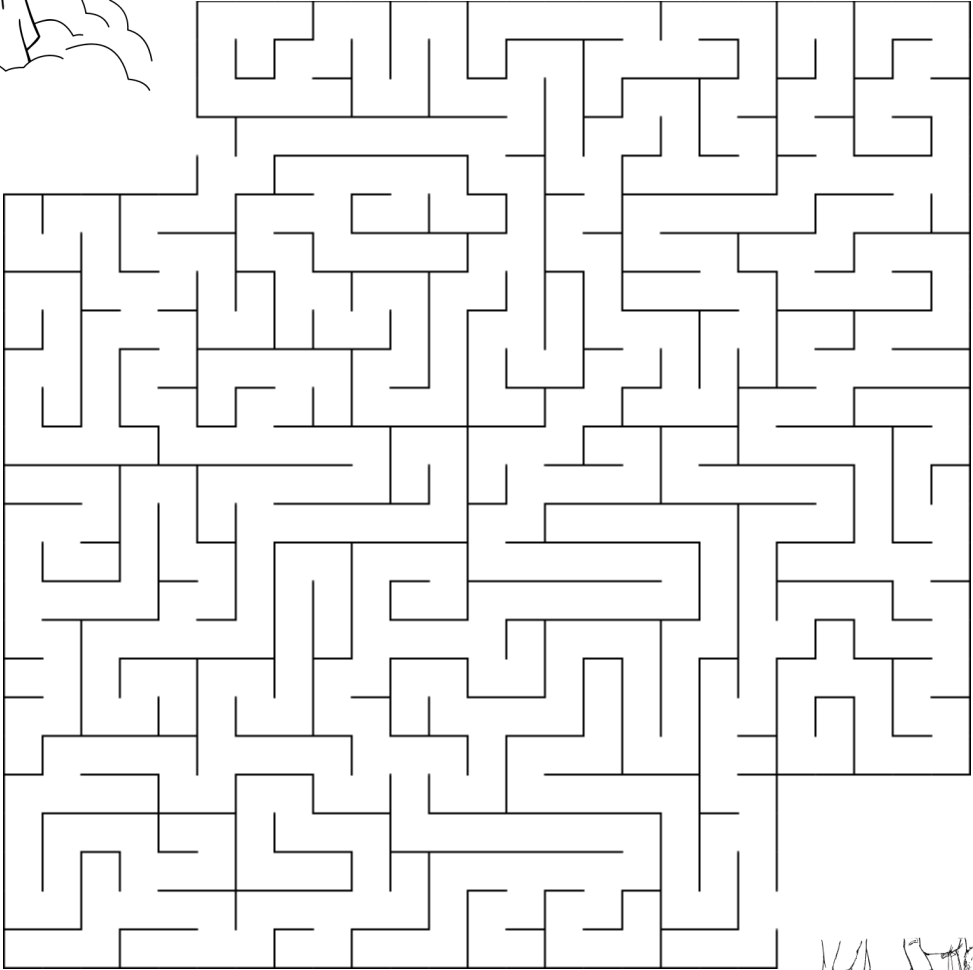
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**POOR** in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
**MOURNING**, for they will be comforted.  
**MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.  
**HUNGRY**, for they will be filled.  
**MERCIFUL**, for they will receive mercy.  
**PURE IN HEART**, for they will see God. **\*PURITY\***  
**PEACEMAKERS**, for they will be called children of God.  
**PERSECUTED**. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is in heaven.  
**PEOPLE**, who believe in the kingdom of heaven.

Lead the people to Jesus so they can hear his teachings!



## **This Little Light of Mine**

### **Verse 1** (and general format):

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

### **Verse 2**

Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine [x 3]

Let it shine! [x 3]

### **Verse 3**

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine [x 3]

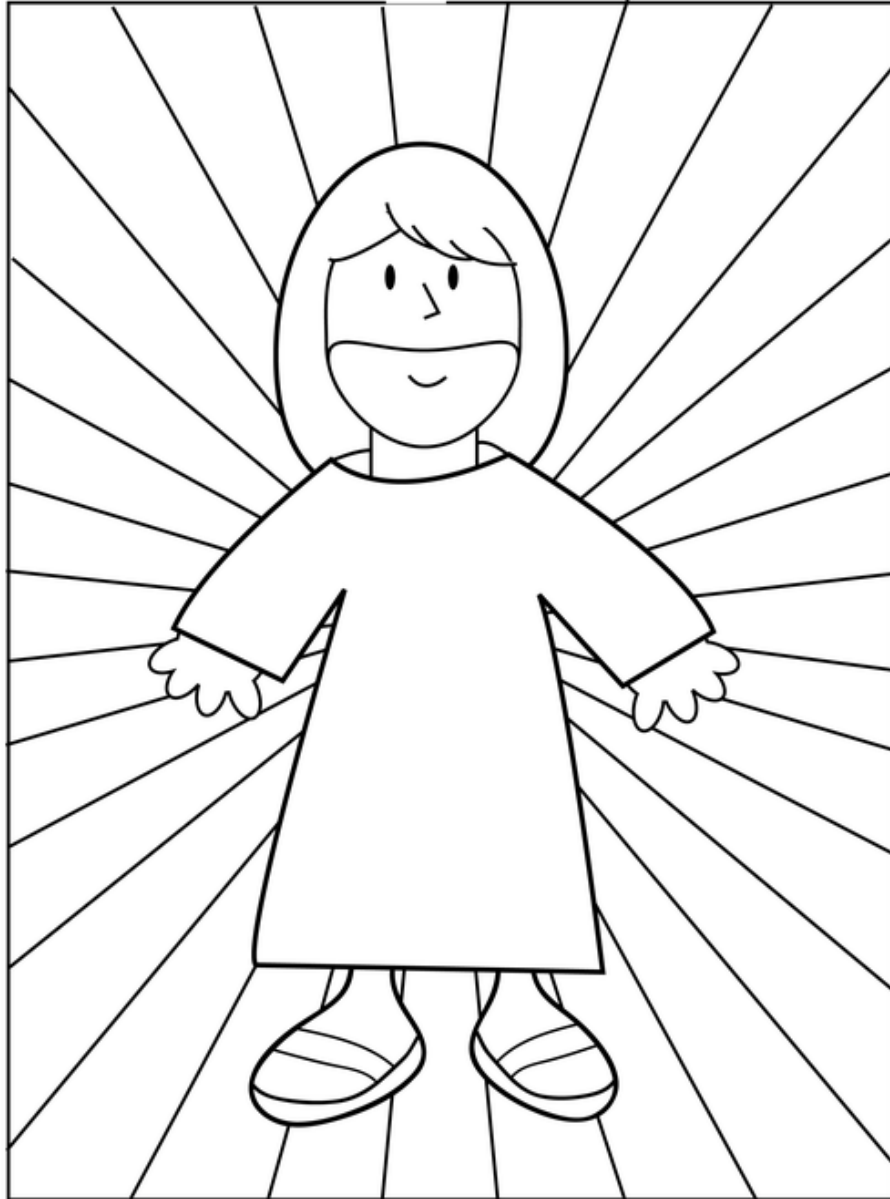
### **Verse 4**

Let it shine all over the world! I'm gonna let it shine! [x 3]

Let it shine! [x 3]



I am the light of the world



**YES YOU ARE!**

Use crayons, colored pencils, or markers to color in how YOU are FEELING today.  
What colors are you reflecting?