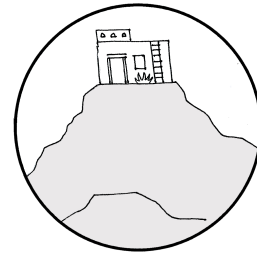


# Welcome to SMPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Today, we'll be discussing Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29....

## BUILT ON THE ROCK



### Key Verse:

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

### The Point:

Jesus teaches us to build our lives on a strong foundation.

### Making Connections:

Learning to Follow

### Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Sermon on the Mount

### Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



## DON'T FORGET!

**SMPC Souper Bowl kicks off this weekend!**

**All cans and donations for the local food bank are welcome!**

## **Matthew 7: 1-14 [NRSV]**

### **Judging Others**

**7** “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. **2** For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. **3** Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? **4** Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

### **Profaning the Holy**

**6** “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

### **Ask, Search, Knock**

**7** “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **9** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? **10** Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? **11** If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

### **The Golden Rule**

**12** “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

### **The Narrow Gate**

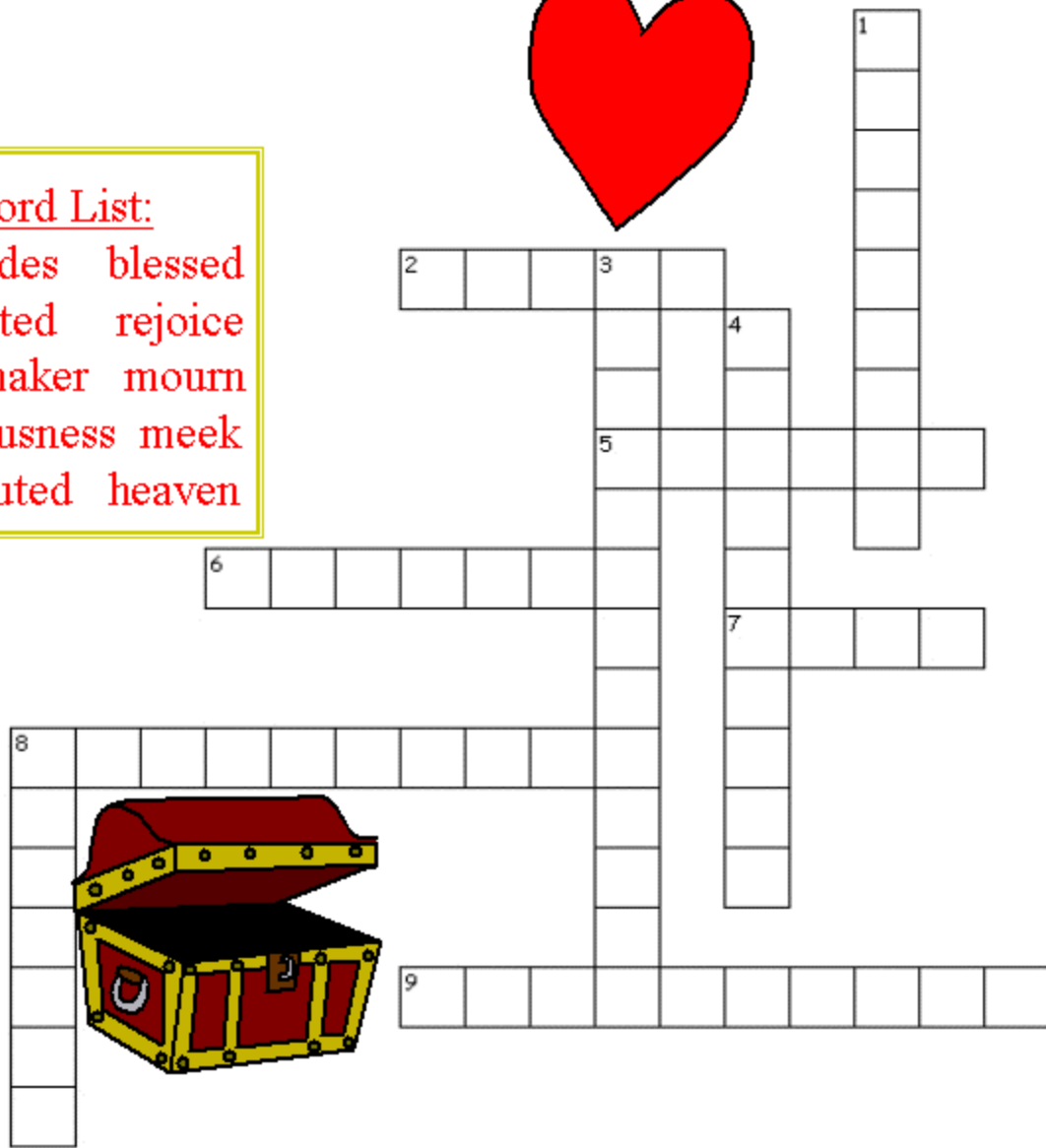
**13** “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy<sup>[a]</sup> that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. **14** For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

# Sermon on the Mount Crossword



## Word List:

beatitudes    blessed  
comforted    rejoice  
peacemaker    mourn  
righteousness    meek  
persecuted    heaven



### Across

2. By doing this we have great sorrow for our sin and others.
5. By following Jesus' teachings our biggest rewards will happen here.
6. We should \_\_\_\_ and be glad because by following these we'll receive treasures in heaven.
7. Being this is when we're patient, not easily angered and not thinking of yourself too highly.
8. This is the name of the first twelve verses of the Sermon on the Mount.
9. What will happen if you follow God because it's opposite to the world's ways.

### Down

1. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be \_\_\_\_.
3. We're supposed to hunger and thirst for this.
4. This is a person that stops fights and will be called a child of God.
8. The first word of each beatitude.

# “DO UNTO OTTERS”

Below, list TWO ways you show respect and kindness to others.  
Then, write down TWO ways people have shown you kindness and respect recently.

**I've shown respect and kindness by:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**I've felt kindness and respect:**

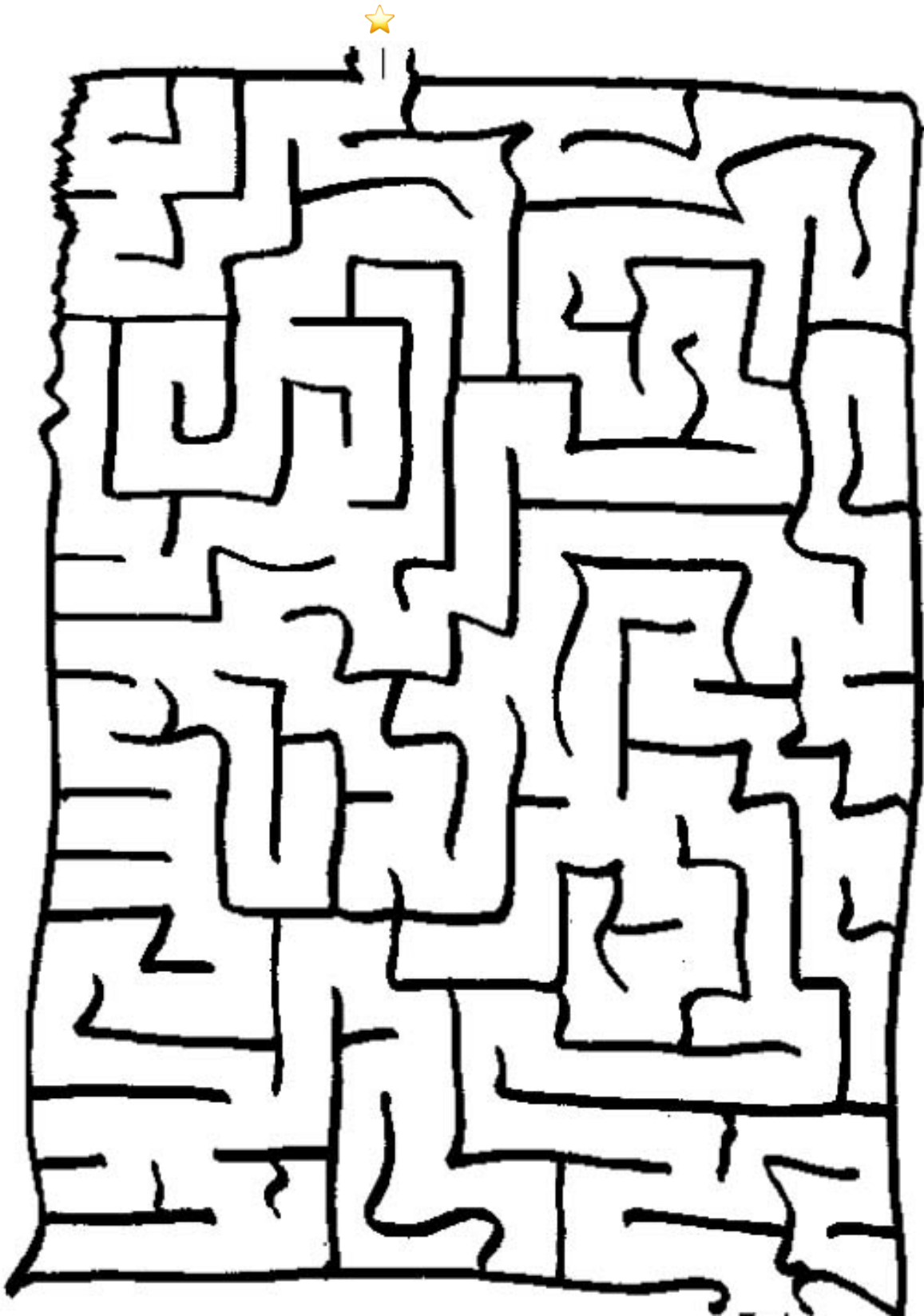
1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



**ENTER**

Through the narrow gate, for  
The gate is WIDE and the road is EASY....



And there are few who find it! **!**

### *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 7:1-14, 24-29**

Built on the rock.  
Build a house or tower with blocks.

#### **Monday—Read Matthew 7:15-23**

Teaching on false prophets.  
How can you tell when someone really follows Jesus, and when someone only pretends?

#### **Tuesday—Read Matthew 8:1-13**

Healing a man with leprosy.  
Wrap one family member in toilet paper bandages. As you read this story, unwrap that person as a sign of Jesus' healing.

#### **Wednesday—Read Matthew 8:14-27**

Healing, following, calming.  
What one disease do you wish would go away forever? Pray together that a cure will be found for that disease.

#### **Thursday—Read Matthew 8:28-34**

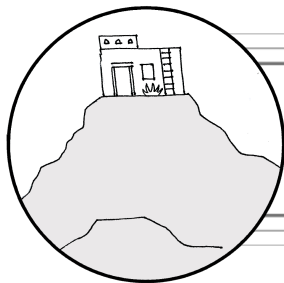
Two demons.  
Jesus heals physical, spiritual, and mental illnesses and can control and calm the weather itself. If you could ask Jesus to perform one healing miracle for someone, what would you ask him to do?

#### **Friday—Read Matthew 9:1-8**

Forgiving sins, healing bodies.  
Act out the story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man. Be sure your "mat" is strong enough to hold your actor!

#### **Saturday—Read Matthew 9:9-17**

Tax collectors and fasting.  
Tax collectors were considered unwanted, second-class citizens. What types of people do you think Jesus would eat with today?



# THE STORY @ HOME



**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**

Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2022-2023)

**Lesson #1-20**

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

## LAST WEEK

Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray using the model known as “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34]).

## THIS WEEK

The Sermon on the Mount concludes with a series of sayings about the daily life of those in a Christian community (Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29).

## STORY SUMMARY

Jesus instructs the believers to not sit in judgment of others. He reminds us that God cares for us as parents care for their children. He calls all people to treat others with the same care and consideration that we would treat ourselves. And he concludes with the parable about the wise man who built his house on the rock. The storms and challenges of life can rage against him, but because he has built his house on a firm foundation, he is able to withstand difficult times.

## PRACTICE: PRAYER

Ask, seek, knock: Jesus returns to the topic of prayer with this simple promise and instruction. As a parent cares for a child, so God loves, cares for, and provides for us. This week, keep a prayer journal. At the end of the week, share how you have seen God providing for you.

## THE POINT

Jesus teaches us to build our lives on a strong foundation.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Sermon on the Mount*

The Gospel of Matthew divides the story of Jesus’ ministry into five sections. Each of these sections contains a sermon, or discourse, and is surrounded by stories of Jesus’ miracles and healings. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) talks about discipleship, including instructions for prayer. Matthew 10 instructs the disciples to preach and heal. Matthew 13 includes several parables about heaven. In Matthew 18, Jesus instructs the disciples about the group of believers that will become the early church. And, Matthew 23–25 prophesies the destruction of the temple and the promise of Jesus’ second coming.

## NEXT WEEK

Jesus tells parables that offer insight into the presence of God’s kingdom even in the midst of difficulties (Matthew 13:24-43).