

JUNE 26, 2020

JESUS SAID TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:43-48

STORY POINT: Jesus taught people how to live in God's Kingdom

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.

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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What command does Jesus give to those who want to be his disciples (followers)?
2. Who can help us love our enemies? (Read Galatians 5:22-23).
Do you think that we can love our enemies with our own strength?
Discuss.
3. How can we love our enemies? (Read Matthew 5:7, 5:44)
(Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6)
4. Who may be an enemy in your heart right now? How can you love this person well this week?
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you show love to your enemies this week.

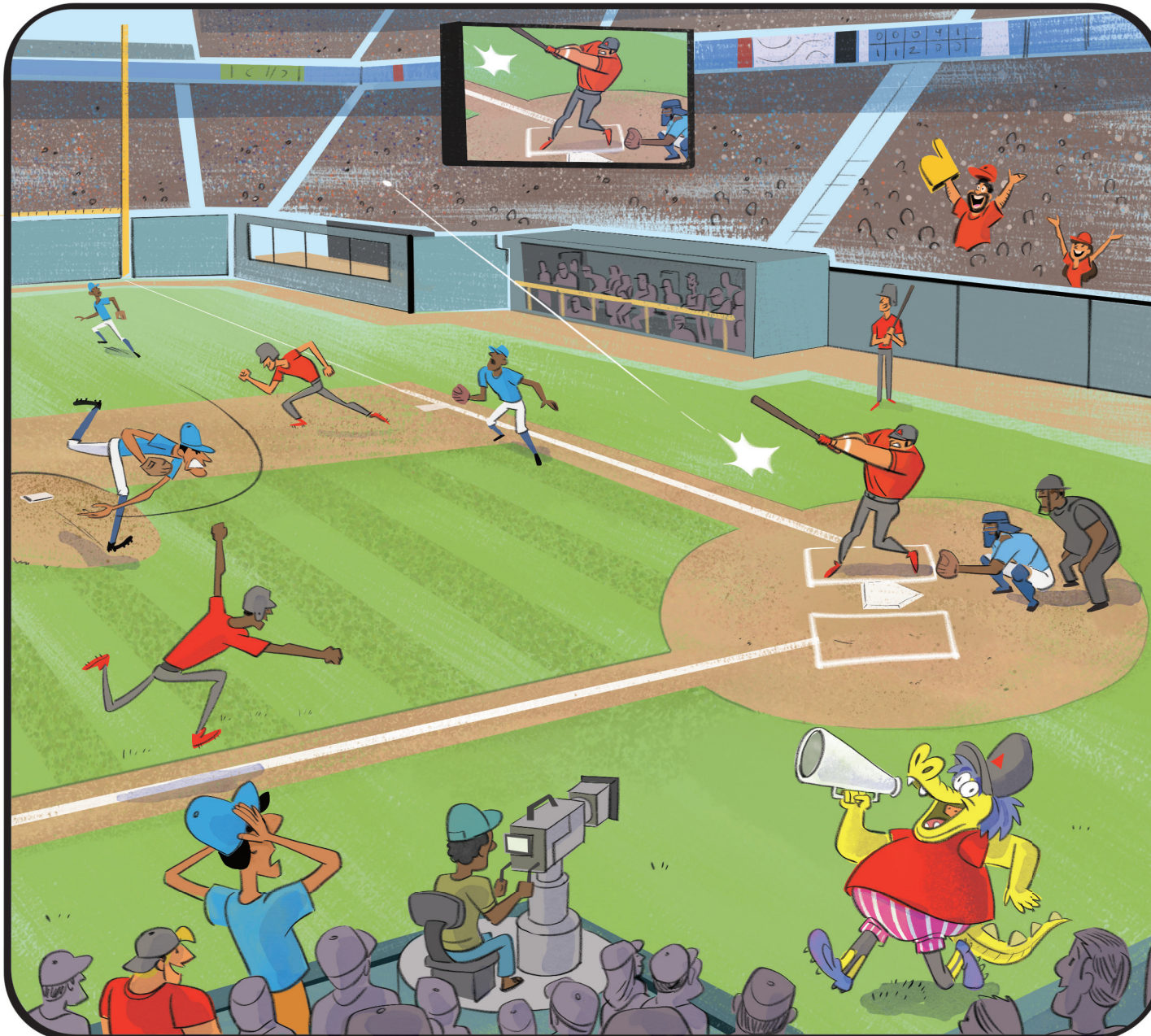
All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:25-26



Who Is on the Team?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the baseball players playing in the game.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 23 • Session 1

The Sermon on the Mount

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught people about God's kingdom.
- Jesus taught that people who believe in Him live differently than people who do not.
- The people were amazed at Jesus' teaching.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Talk about specific ways Jesus said in His sermon believers should live.
- Is living the way Jesus described easy or hard? Who will help us live the way God wants us to live?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Read Matthew 5:3-10 as a family from several different versions of the Bible. Put some of it in your own words to help understanding.
- Talk about ways people live and why your family lives in a certain way. Examples include going to church or putting others first.

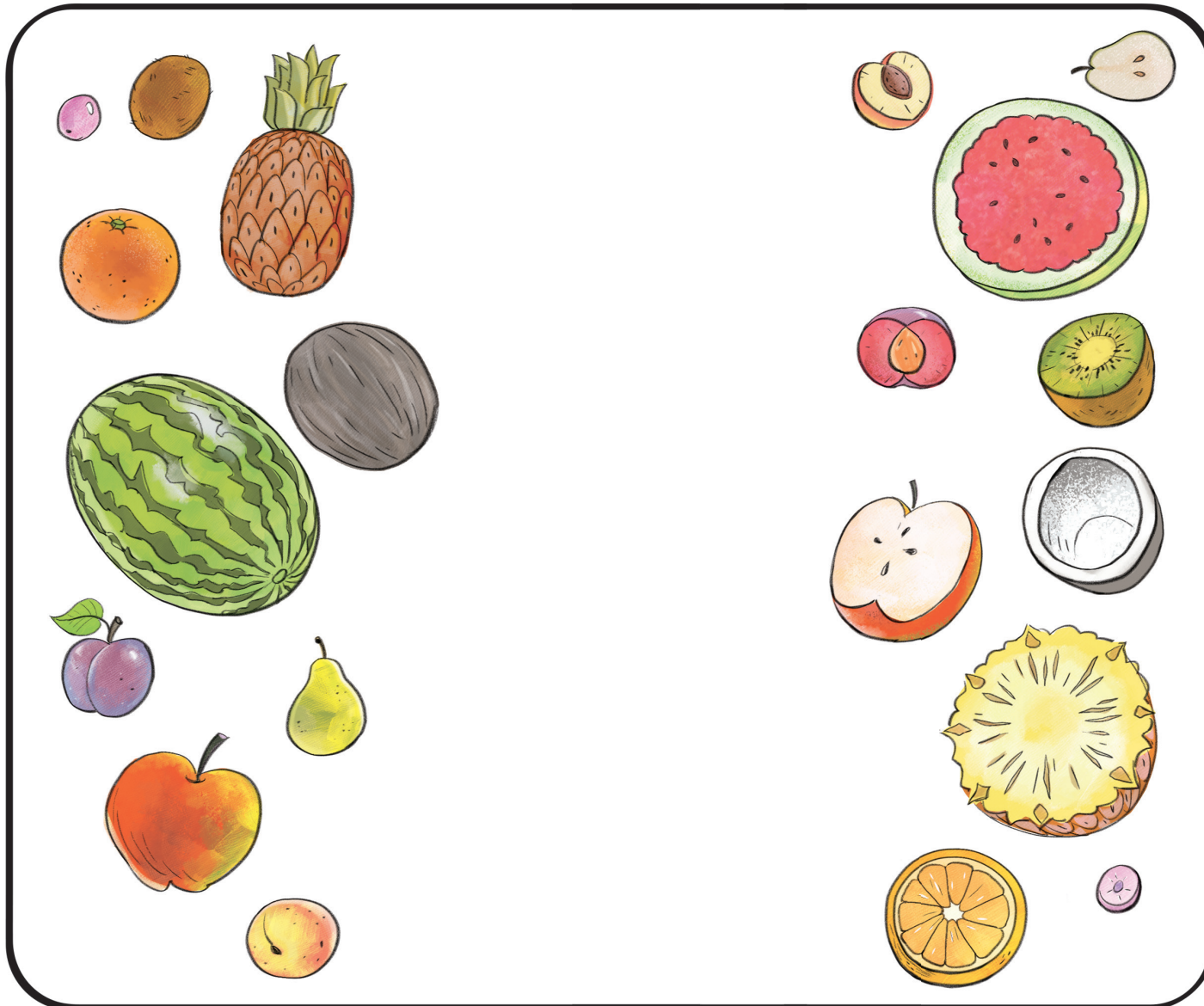


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What's Inside

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



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 23 • Session 1
The Sermon on the Mount

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:

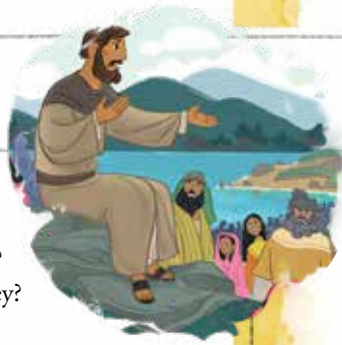
- Take a day trip to a nearby foothill or mountain where your family can hike to the top. As you hike, discuss the importance of obeying God and how the Holy Spirit helps us to love Him through obedience.



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Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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?

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5–7

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

One day, Jesus 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. He taught about God's law. Jesus said that to enter heaven, a person can't just look righteous on the outside. A person must be righteous on the inside too. Jesus said, “Love your enemies, and pray for them.” 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.” 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.



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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)

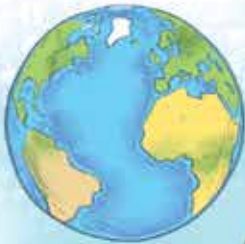


“_____ others.” (Matthew 6:14)

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“Do not collect treasures on _____.”
(Matthew 6:19)



Beatitude Match

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

Blessed are ...

for ...

- 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,
- they will be shown mercy.
 - the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 - the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 - they will be filled.
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 - they will inherit the earth.
 - they will see God.