

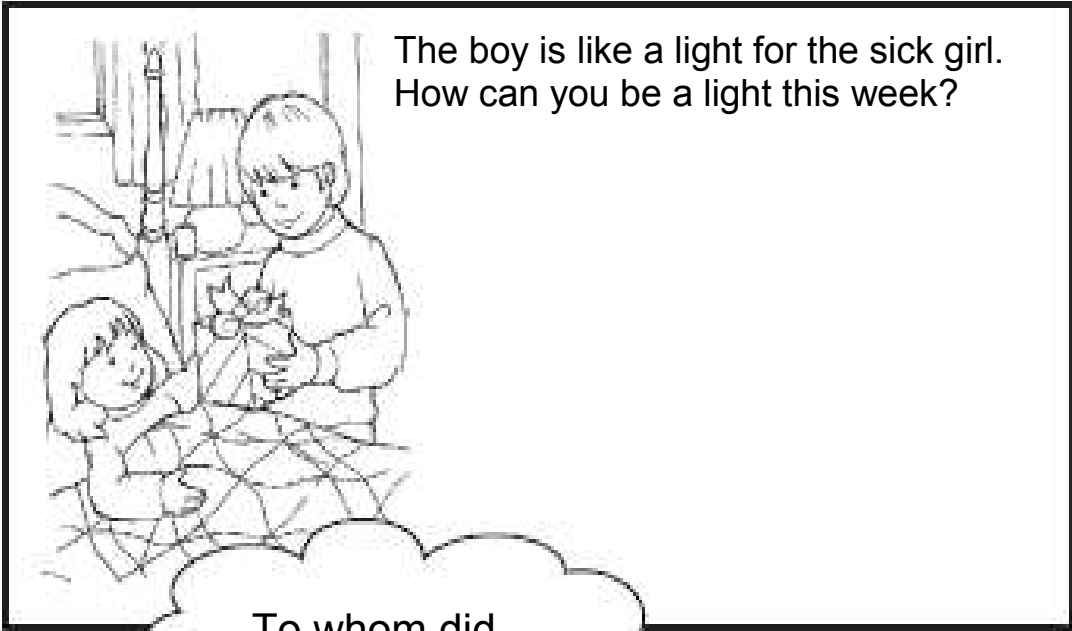
Jesus Preaches to Many People (I)

When Jesus was thirty, he started his work on earth. He was preaching the Good News about God. Jesus' best known sermon in the Bible is called "The Sermon on the Mount." In this sermon, Jesus talked about happiness and behavior. Jesus said that his followers are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt gives food taste. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? The same is true with light. It helps us see in the dark. But a hidden light can not brighten the darkness. God's children are to be the salt and light in the world.



“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



The boy is like a light for the sick girl.
How can you be a light this week?

To whom did
Jesus preach on
the mountain?



Circle things that shine!



Lesson 11

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Bible Text: Matthew 5:1-16

Key Verse: Matthew 5:16

Purpose: The children will discover that disciples need to be the salt and the light in the world.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. Lesson

After the children finish the coloring page, read Matthew 5:1-16 to them. Then explain the main ideas.

Suggestion: For younger children use images, colorful drawing boards with Jesus and the crowds.

When Jesus was thirty, he started his work on earth. He was preaching the Good News about God. Jesus' best known sermon in the Bible is called "The Sermon on the Mount." There were many people there: men and women, boys and girls, rich people and the poor. Everybody was listening to Jesus, because he was speaking the truth

Jesus blesses those who realize their need for him, who mourn (the ones who suffer), who are gentle, who are merciful, whose hearts are pure, those who are peacemakers and who are persecuted because they live for God. We might think we are unhappy. But if we are God's children, we will be happy. If we do his will, he will reward us in heaven.

Jesus said that a child of God is like salt. The salt gives a nice flavor to food. But if it has lost its flavor, it is good for nothing. A Christian must be a good example, otherwise he is not useful. Also, a child of God must be a light in the dark. His deeds must be seen by everybody, and in this way he shows that he is God's child.

Suggestion: for the younger children use some object lessons to help them to understand the lesson. Examples:

1. Give them an unsalted cracker and then a salted cracker. Ask them what the difference is between the two crackers.
2. Tell them to close their eyes and let them walk around with their eyes closed in the dark. Then tell them to open their eyes. They will for sure understand what the light is good for.
3. Take a flashlight and show them how it shines. Then hide the flashlight under a coat. Let them tell what they think about how to use a flashlight.

II. Activities

1. Key verse

a. Read the Bible verse out loud.

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

b. Explain the Bible verse, asking the children some questions.

- What do we need the light for?
- How can we be a light?
- Why does God want us to be a light?

c. Help the children memorize the verse. Use creative methods.

2. Review questions for the children

- How does salt need to be?
- Where does the light have to be?
- Give examples of the people Jesus talked about.

III. Conclusion

The way you live your life shows if you are a child of God. If you live your life for Jesus, you will have a great reward, not on earth, but in heaven. What good deeds can you do this week to let your light shine?