

Lesson 26

2-28-2021

LEADER GUIDE



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7

GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand the main content of Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount and be willing to follow what Jesus said.
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CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Jesus:** He preached to the people gathered on the mountainside and explained what it meant to follow Him.
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MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Matthew 7:12:** So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.
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OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Matthew 5-7:** The Sermon on the Mount is among the most famous biblical passages because of its rich ethical teaching and sound advice. More than that, it is the ethical guide for Jesus' Kingdom Living. We must acknowledge that without His saving work, we can't fulfill the New Law.
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MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Matthew 7:12:** That's right. The "golden rule" that teaches us to be nice to others came from Jesus. When we put ourselves in someone else's position, it makes it hard for us to be mean. We should always consider the feelings and situations of others before we say or do anything. This is not an easy thing to do, especially when the other person is being rude or mean to you.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: How long was Jesus' ministry?

A1: Three years

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What did the people in the crowd have in common with each other?

A2: Their curiosity in what Jesus had to say

Q2b: If you saw a huge crowd of people listening to someone speak, would you stop to listen, too?

TN: Most of us would stop to listen. Jesus visited villages, towns, and cities and spoke to people in the synagogues and the streets. As He spoke, His message caused people to stop and listen. As they heard His message, they spread the word about what they learned from a man with power and knowledge. As word spread about Jesus, the crowds that followed and surrounded Him as He taught grew.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: Instead of their lives on earth, what did Jesus want people to focus on?

A3: He wanted people to focus on God and Heaven.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Where did the wise man build his house?

A4: On the rock

Q4b: Have you ever built a sandcastle?

TN: Ask the students if it would be reasonable to expect the sandcastle to still be standing months later. Sand wasn't meant to hold a shape for every long. Only under special circumstances is it even possible to build something out of sand, and even then it's not stable for long.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: What happened to the foolish man's house?

A5: It fell because it could not stand against the elements of the storm.

Q5b: Think of a time when God helped you get through something difficult.

TN: Then ask the students how they would have felt facing that difficult situation without God. The feeling of sadness, hopelessness, and fear is what the metaphor of a house built on sand is meant to convey. Like a house built on sand, a life lived without Jesus has no support.

SLIDE 6

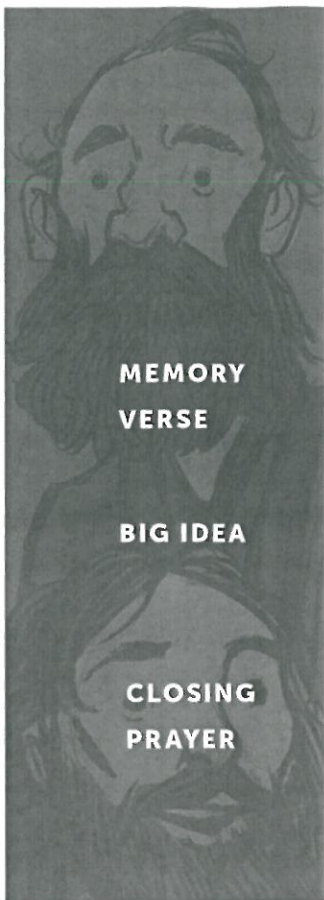


Q6a: What does putting our faith in God give us?

A6: A solid and firm foundation

Q6b: Does any of the advice Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount seem to apply to you?

TN: Make sure that the students know they don't have to share specifics about how Jesus' advice applies to their lives. This question isn't meant to make anyone feel bad; however, if anything from the Sermon on the Mount stands out to them as something they feel they should consider applying in their own lives, it is very important that you explain that the Holy Spirit may be leading them to follow this advice. This is important to point out because you're helping the students to start recognizing the leading and urging of the Holy Spirit.



**MEMORY
VERSE**

▷ **Matthew 7:12:** So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.

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BIG IDEA

▷ A life built on faith in Jesus can make it through any difficulty.

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**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▷ Dear God, thank You for the good teaching in this sermon. Help us to live life according to Your teachings. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.



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CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

Across

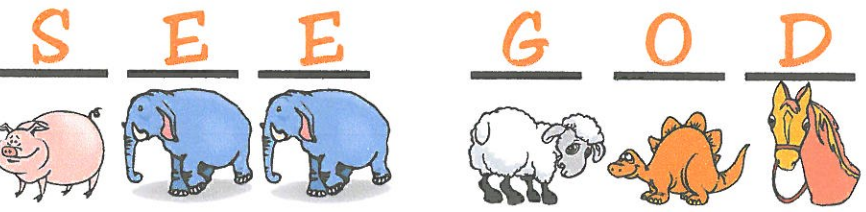
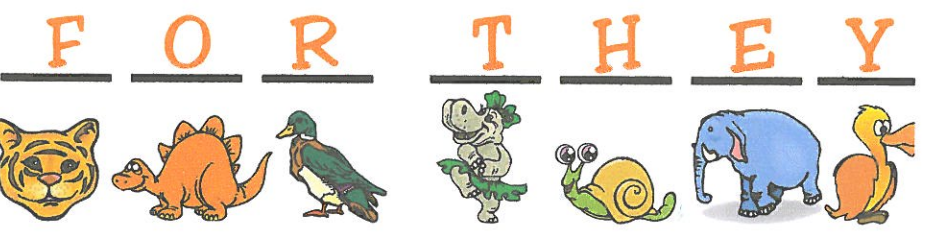
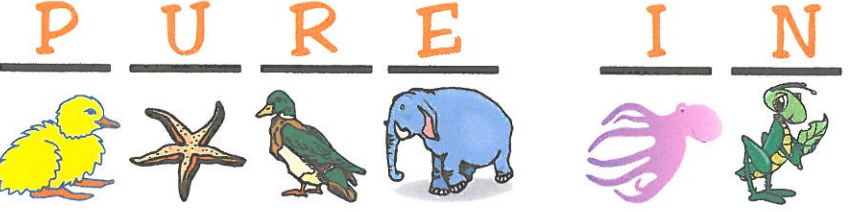
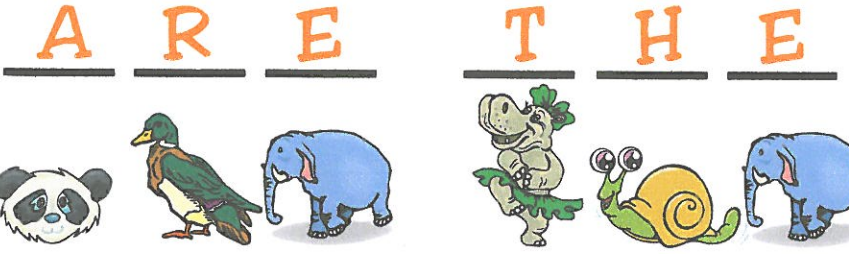
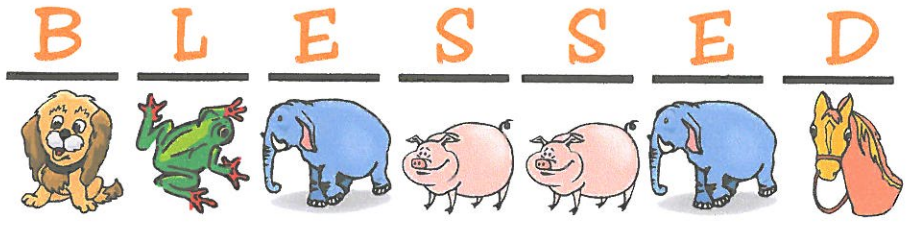
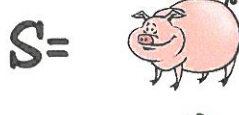
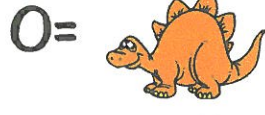
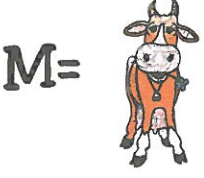
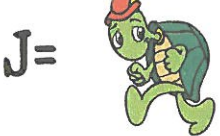
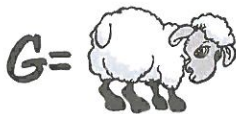
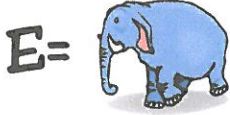
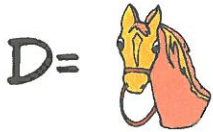
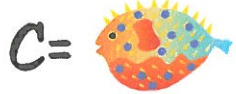
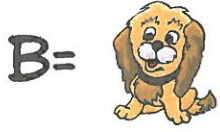
3. Jesus said to control your **(Anger)**.
5. In one story, a wise man built his house on rock, and the foolish man built his house on the **(Sand)**.
6. When we place our **(Trust)** in God, we too will have a strong, unbreakable faith.
9. What was strong on the house built on rock, but weak on the house built on sand? **(Foundation)**

Down

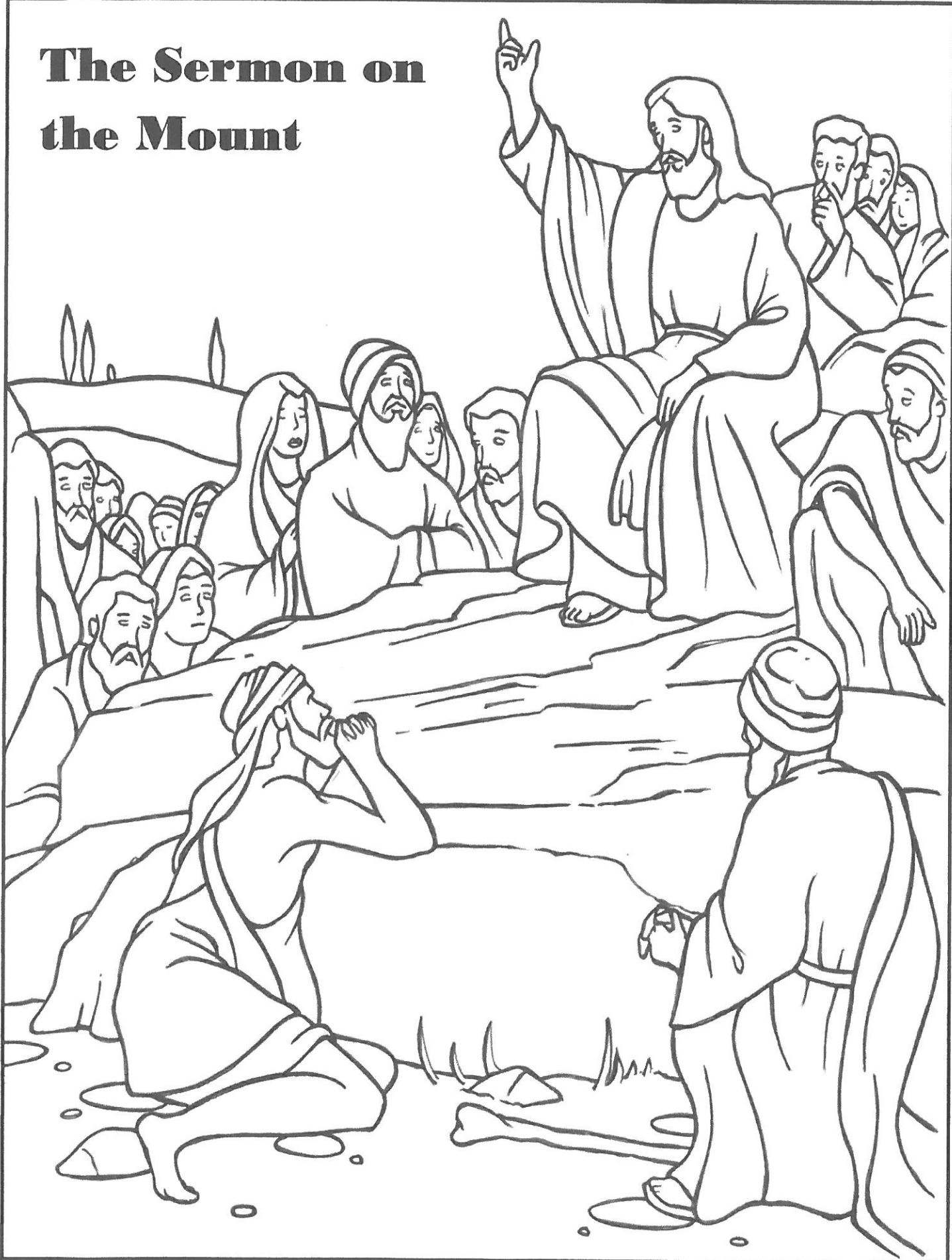
1. Jesus wanted people to focus on God and not be consumed by their own **(Lives)**.
2. Jesus spoke to a diverse group of people with different **(Backgrounds)**.
4. Jesus taught people by using illustrations and **(Stories)**.
5. What tested the strength of each house? **(Storm)**
7. Jesus said to give to the **(Poor)**.
8. Jesus spoke about loving your **(Enemy)**.

Break The Code And Discover The Hidden Beatitude!

Using the code breaker below, decipher the message from Jesus!



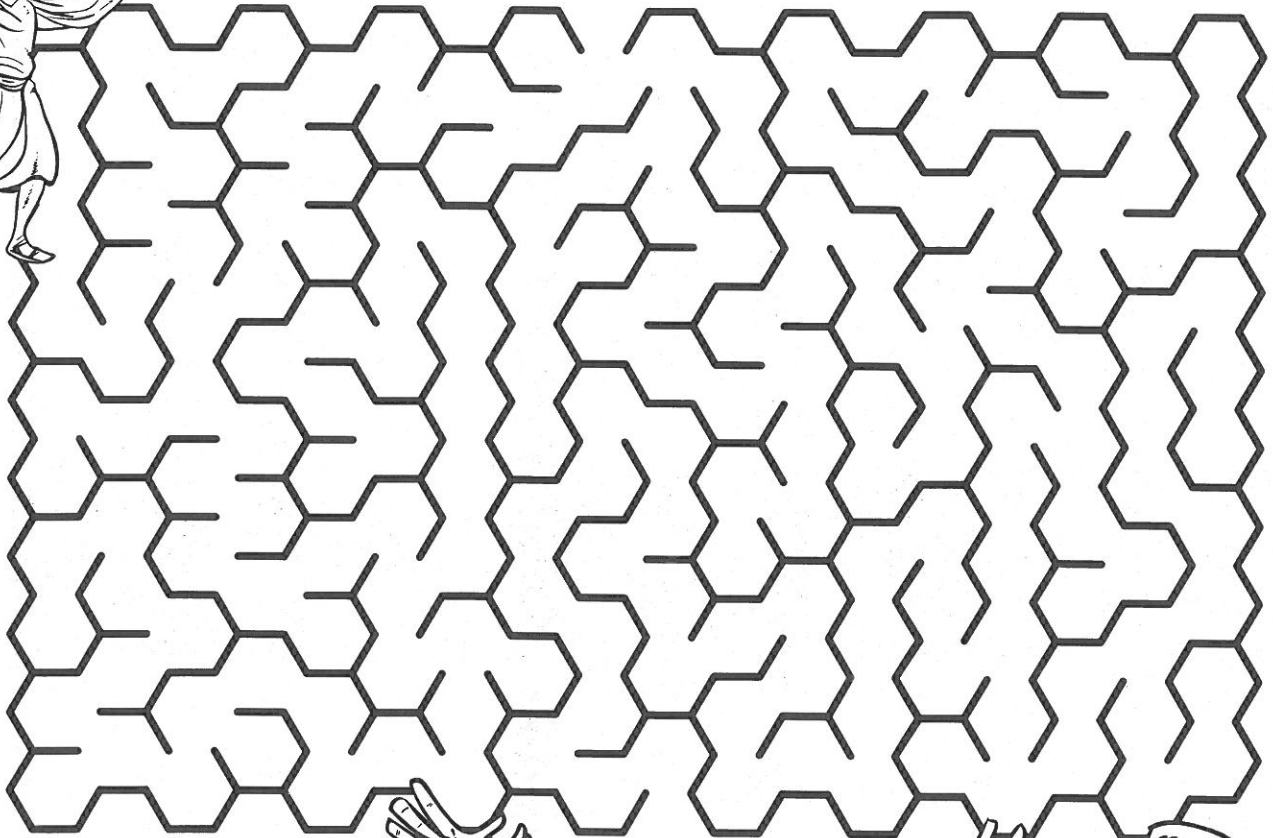
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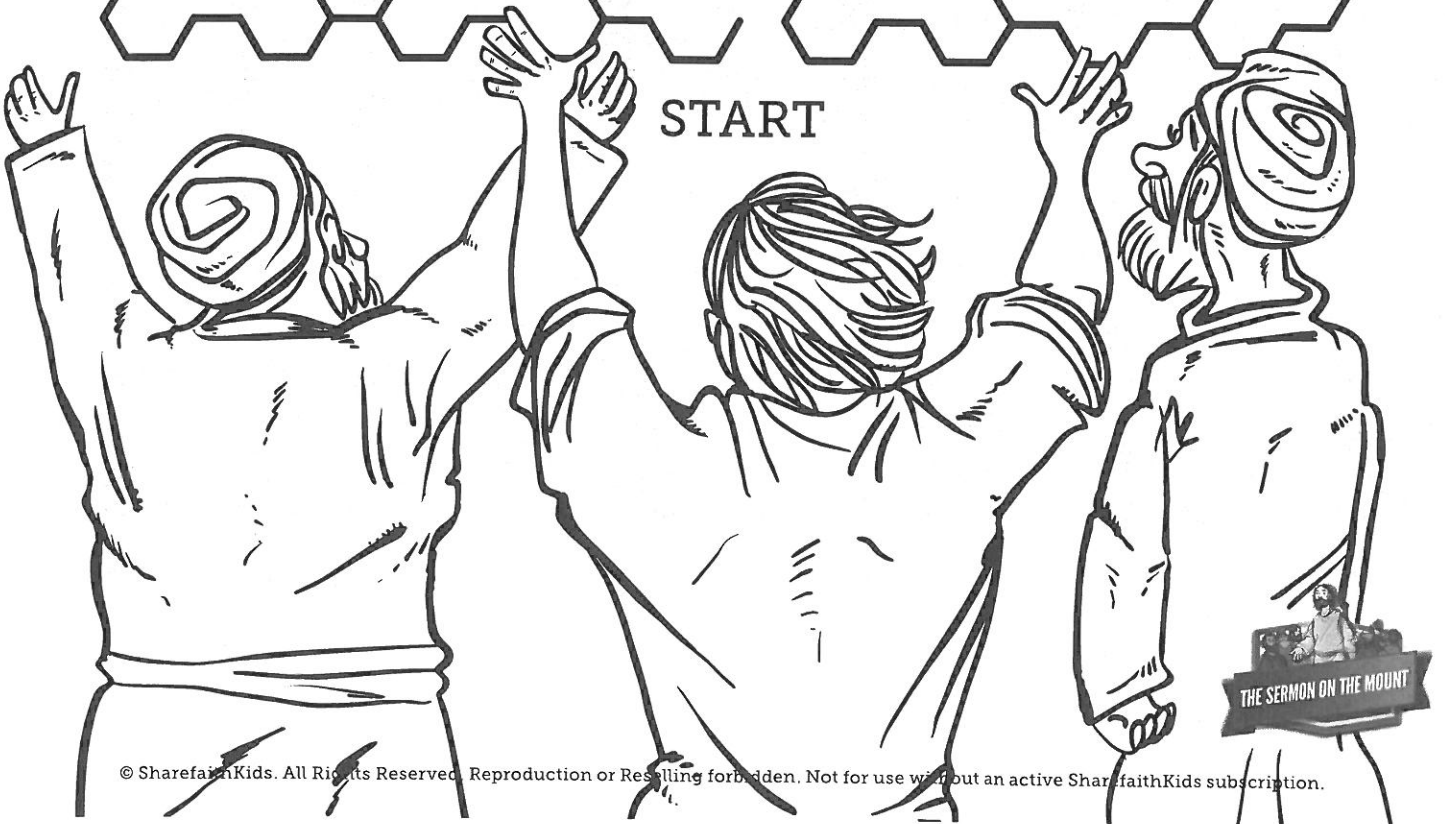
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Lead the people to Jesus so they can hear His teachings.

FINISH



START





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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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| JESUS | LIFE | STORM |
| ANGER | ROCK | ENEMY |
| SAND | STORIES | GOD |
| FOUNDATION | PARABLE | FAITH |



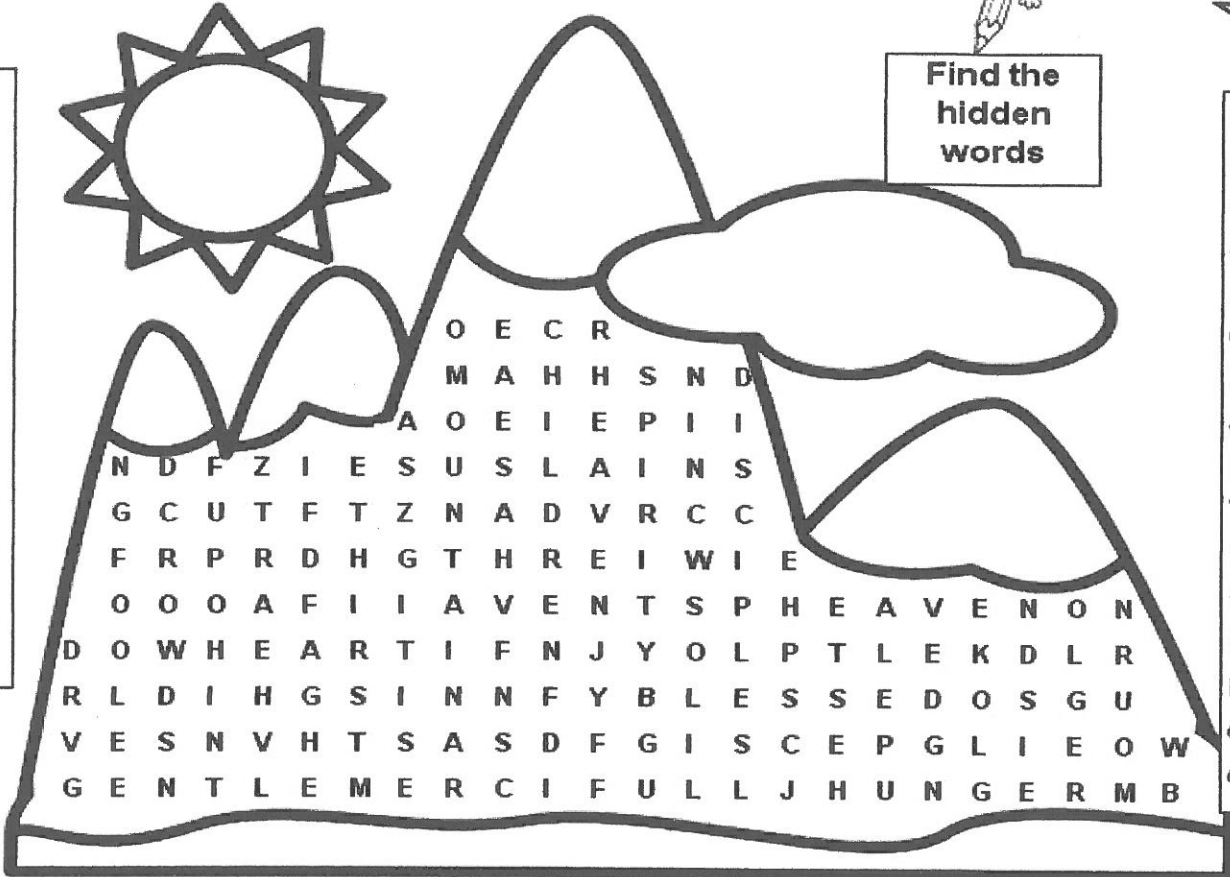
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Find the hidden words



- Crowds
- Mountain
- Disciples
- Jesus
- Poor
- Gentle
- Blessed
- Spirit
- Mourn
- Thirst
- Heaven
- Hunger
- Merciful
- Heart
- Children
- God



Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



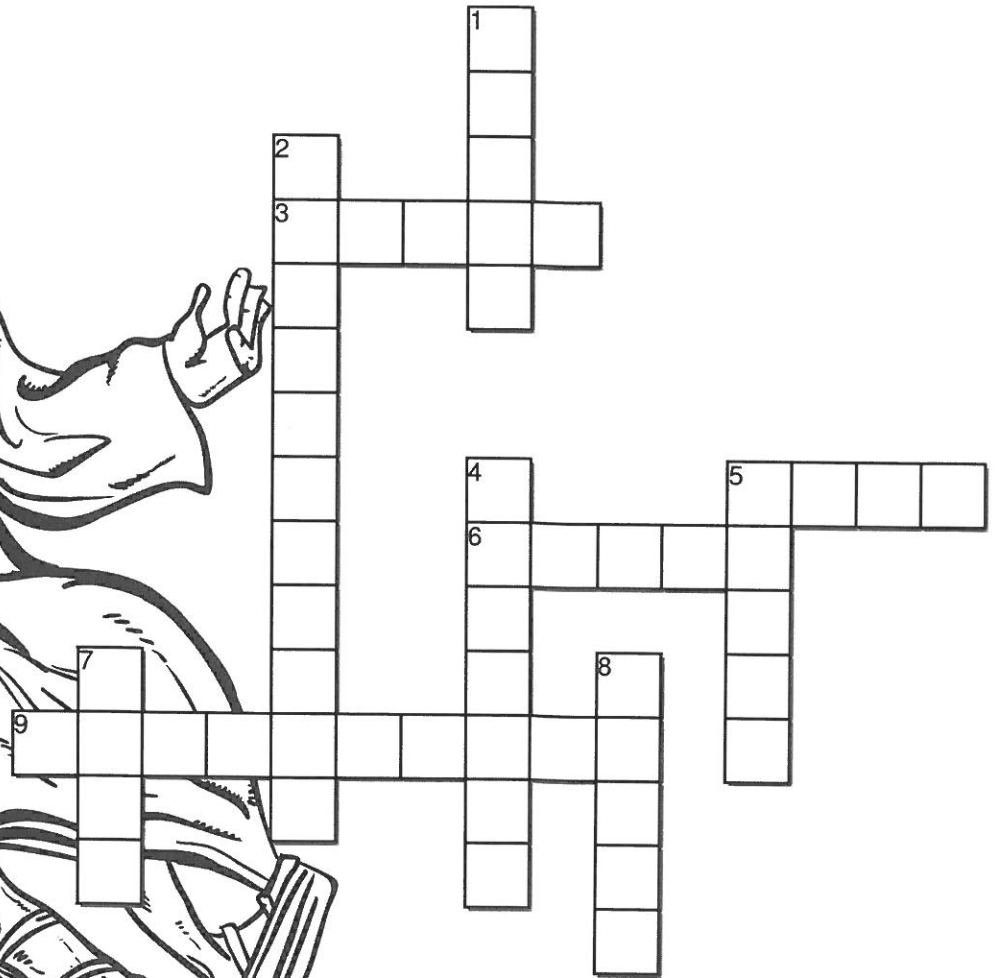
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Matthew 5-7



Across

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- When we place our _____ in God, we too will have a strong, unbreakable faith.
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Using the code breaker below, decipher the message from Jesus!

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A Beatitudes Puzzle

These are the 8 blessings called the Beatitudes. Color the bee and then cut the picture apart to make puzzle pieces. See how fast you can put the picture back together again!

