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WATCH OUT!

GETTING ALONG



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SESSION 1

Good Attitudes



SESSION 2

Resist Temptation



SESSION 3

Treat Others Right

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 4:1-11

John 4:1-30

LIFE VERSE Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.
James 4:10

Love your neighbor as yourself.
James 2:8b

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.
James 4:10

LIFE POINT Jesus taught His followers to keep a good attitude at all times.

Resist temptation by following Jesus' example.

Show love and care to all people.

CHRIST FOCUS God is for His people. When someone trusts Jesus as Lord and Savior, the person has peace with God. God works everything out for the good of Christians. God changes believers to become like Jesus.

Jesus was tempted in every way, but He never sinned. When Christians are tempted to sin, Jesus gives them grace to stand up to temptation. He also offers mercy, forgiving them when they give in to temptation.

Jesus treated Christians better than they deserve. He didn't give believers what they deserve—spiritual death. He gives Christ-followers what they don't deserve—eternal life. Christians can treat others better than they deserve.

DATE OF USE _____

LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING (LOBL): JESUS



SESSION 4

Speak Kindly to All People

Mark 10:13-16

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.
James 4:10

Reflect God's love by speaking to everyone with kindness.

What a person says can help people or hurt them. Jesus used His words to help people and give them life. As Jesus died on the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them." Jesus' death and resurrection bring believers salvation.



SESSION 5

Loving the Unlovable

Luke 19:1-10

Love your neighbor as yourself.
James 2:8b

Love all people unconditionally.

Jesus loves those who don't deserve it, and He showed His love for sinners by dying on the cross in their place. God raised Jesus from the dead. Christians can love others because Jesus loved them first.



SESSION 6

It's Not Going to Be Easy

Matthew 26:17-30;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Love your neighbor as yourself.
James 2:8b

Living for Christ will be difficult at times.

Jesus suffered to bring people back to God. Christians can endure suffering with joy as they follow in Jesus' steps, knowing that one day Jesus will make everything right.



Good Attitudes

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE PASSAGE

Matthew 5:1-12

CHRIST FOCUS

God is for His people. When someone trusts Jesus as Lord and Savior, the person has peace with God. God works everything out for the good of Christians. God changes believers to become like Jesus.

LIFE ACTION

When you face a problem this week, ask yourself how that problem might help you be more like Jesus.

LOBL

Jesus

Currently, Christians are hailing one popular professional football player as a positive role model for kids. Any sports figure who stands as a moral example is commendable. We pray that more of them will speak up for Christ. Nonetheless, the greatest role model of all was Jesus. In this unit we will examine Jesus' example when He faced life's various situations.

We start early in Jesus' ministry. Matthew's Gospel tells how He went to a hilltop to teach His disciples about the kingdom of God. We call this section of the Book of Matthew (chapters 5–7) the Sermon on the Mount. The first portion, Matthew 5:3-12, is known traditionally as the Beatitudes. (The word *beatitude* simply means "blessedness.") In this section, Jesus outlined nine important personal characteristics of His followers and the blessings promised by each one. Key qualities that He spotlighted include humility, caring for other people, courage in the face of opposition, and total dependence on God in all things.

How do the promises in Matthew 5:3 and Matthew 5:10 resemble each other? _____

What is meant by the "kingdom of heaven"? _____

Soon after Jesus delivered this sermon, He selected and commissioned the Twelve to be His closest disciples (see Matt. 10:1-4). He charged them to carry His message and equipped them to minister in His name. In what ways does God call us, star athletes or not, to be role models in our world today? _____

CONNECT TO FAMILY

This week families using the Bible Studies for Life curriculum will learn about attitudes. Just as you are teaching kids that they can have attitudes like Jesus, students and adults are learning that life is not always going to be easy. In the good times and bad times, we all can have joyful attitudes of trust and surrender.

DATE OF USE _____

LIFE VERSE

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

JAMES 4:10

PRACTICE BIBLE SKILLS

Notes

▶ CHINS AND NOSES, ELBOWS AND TOESES

1. Help each child print on separate plates the names of the first five New Testament books. (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts*)
2. Direct each child to mix up his plates and then to put them back in the correct order without using his hands. Kids may work on the floor or at a table.
3. When a child's plates are in order, read the book names aloud together. Play again. Mention that the Bible stories for this unit all come from the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Ask a child to name any one of the books. Show how to find that book in the Bible. **Option:** If the kids you teach already know the order of these five books, choose five other Bible books for them to practice.
4. **Option:** "Jesus Taught About Attitudes" Coloring Page (CD).

- ▶ Paper plates and markers or crayons

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

▶ I WALK THE LINE

1. Explain that the kids will take turns walking on the straight tape line without stepping off. Call for two volunteers. Spin the kids around two or three times, and let them try walking the lines. Let each of the kids have a turn.
2. Ask the kids how they felt when you first told them they could walk on the tape line. Ask how they felt when you spun them.
3. The kids may have felt emotions such as fun, excitement, frustration, worry, happiness, or curiosity. Today they will learn how attitudes, the ways they feel, can affect how they live, and they can learn what Jesus taught about attitudes.

- ▶ DVD
- ▶ Use masking tape to make 2 12-foot parallel tape lines on the floor, about 3 or 4 feet apart.

▶ Show the "Good Attitudes: Introduction" video.

STUDY THE BIBLE

NOTES

- ▶ Pack Items 1–6:
“Unit 1 Title Banner,”
“Follow,” “James 4:10,”
“James 2:8b,” “Unit 1
Review Questions,” and
“Prayer Ideas”
- ▶ Teaching Picture 1
- ▶ CD
- ▶ DVD
- ▶ A small bag and a
marker
- ▶ On the outside of the
bag, print *Prayer Ideas*.
Place the “Prayer Ideas”
cards in the bag.



LEARN A LIFE VERSE

- Invite a volunteer to read James 4:10 from the display. Guide the kids to find the verse in their Bibles. Explain that God does not want people to be overly proud of themselves before Him but rather for them to realize His greatness.
- Guide the kids to create hand motions for the verse. The motions may illustrate words in the verse or can just be hand cues to help the kids recall the words.
- Repeat the verse together a few times using the motions the kids suggested.
- Sing “Humble Yourself” (track 6).
- **Option:** Learn a weekly memory verse: Proverbs 3:5a.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY

▶ Show the Teaching Picture, and tell the Bible story in your own words.

- Point out the people in the picture. Ask the children to listen to find out what the people are hearing. Open your Bible to Matthew 5. **Option:** Show the Teaching Picture on the DVD as you tell the story.
- Explain that Jesus traveled to many places. People followed Him everywhere He went. Jesus taught the people about God and about how to live.

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT ATTITUDES

Jesus climbed up the side of a mountain and sat down. His disciples sat near Him. A great crowd of people gathered close-by so that they could hear.

Jesus talked about how God wants His followers to live. He said, “The people who know they need God’s help to live the right way will be happy and satisfied. People who are sorry for the things they have done wrong will be comforted by God.”

Jesus said, “To be happy and satisfied, you must depend on God instead of on yourself. People who want to do what is right will be happy and will be satisfied by God. People who show kindness to others will be shown kindness by God. Anyone who serves God without worrying about what others think, will be seen by God and will be happy and satisfied. People who work for peace will be known as God’s children.

“Some people who try to do right may be hurt by others who want only evil, but God promises that they will have the kingdom of heaven. If you try to do right, you might be insulted or lied about by other people. However, you can be glad because God has a reward for you in heaven.” Jesus taught the people many other things too.

— BASED ON MATTHEW 5:1-12

LIVE IT OUT

Notes

CHOICE 1

► Kids Activity Page

► Crayons, pencils, scissors, masking tape, drawing paper, glue sticks, and craft sticks

CHOICE 2

► Kids Activity Page

► Page protectors, copy paper, 30-inch lengths of cord, and crayons or markers

CHOICE 1

► Good Attitude Puppet Scenes

1. Kids Activity Page: Complete “My Good Attitudes” and “Match It Mystery.”
2. Ask where the kids might go during the week. The kids will draw scenes of those places, tape them on the walls, and then make stick puppets to use in front of the scenes. Encourage each child to draw a scene of a different place. Attach the background scenes to the wall.
3. Help each child draw and cut out a puppet and tape or glue it to a craft stick.
4. Guide the kids to take turns holding their puppets in front of the different backgrounds and telling something that might happen at that location and a good attitude the person could have. Help the kids use their puppets with as many different background scenes as time allows.

CHOICE 2

► Backseat Life Verses

1. Kids Activity Page: Complete “My Good Attitudes” and “Match It Mystery.”
2. Ask the kids to name good attitudes that children might exhibit while playing at a playground and while visiting grandparents. Ask what good attitudes kids might need to practice while in the backseats of cars. Suggest that remembering Bible verses can help kids have good attitudes.
3. Make Backseat Life Verses:
 - * Guide each child to print the words of James 4:10 on a sheet of paper and James 2:8b on another sheet. Ask how these verses can help kids have good attitudes. Encourage the kids to add pictures to each paper showing ways they can have good attitudes.
 - * Help each child place her papers back-to-back and then place both in a page protector.
 - * Thread a length of cord through the holes in each protector. Tie the ends to make a large loop. The loop can fit over the headrest of the front seat of a car so that the sleeve hangs down to show the Bible verses to someone in the backseat.
4. Suggest that the kids can use what they have made to help them remember to have good attitudes and to practice memorizing the words of each verse.
5. If time remains, review the Bible story.

