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*A note from Cindy Williams,
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Who has the greatest influence in building the moral foundations and life principles of our children? Pastors? Youth pastors? Children's pastors? Sunday school teachers? Of course not! Those who are actively rearing a child, whether parents, grandparents, foster parents, etc., have the greatest impact on what a child believes and how a child lives his or her life. In light of this, what can those in ministry do to support those who are raising today's children?

DisciplePoints gives parents tools and ideas for introducing Bible stories to their children and provides follow-up activities for applying biblical

concepts to everyday life.

Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Training is the key. DisciplePoints is designed to be a partnership of parents, teachers and others to provide support and encouragement for parents as they train their children in the Lord.

I am looking forward to being on the same team with you.

THE ABCS

OF BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

One of the greatest joys of being a preteen's Bible study leader is having the opportunity to be a part of leading a preteen or one of his parents to Christ. As Bible study leaders, knowing how to respond and being prepared to share is important. The ABCs of Becoming a Christian is a simple and effective way to share God's plan of salvation.

Admit

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

Read Romans 3:23; 6:23; Acts 3:19; and

Believe

1 John 1:9.

Believe that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

Read John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8;

Confess

Ephesians 2:8-9; and John 1:11-13.

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Read Romans 10:9-10,13.



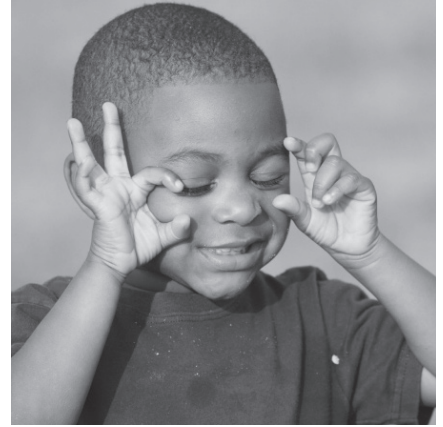
SESSION 1

Teacher Jesus



SESSION 2

Helpful Jesus



SESSION 3

Kind Jesus

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 5:1-3; 6:25-34

John 4:1-30

LIFE VERSE Jesus loved people and helped them.
Matthew 14:14Jesus loved people and helped them.
Matthew 14:14Love others as I have loved you.
John 15:12**LIFE POINT** Trust God.

God provides for us.

Jesus loves all people and so should we.

CHRIST FOCUS Jesus' life and ministry shows us how to live.

Jesus wants people to depend on God. God loves people and takes care of them.

Jesus loves everyone.

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SESSION 4

Loving Jesus

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus loved people and helped them.
Matthew 14:14

Jesus loves children.

Jesus loves children. As Jesus loved, we
are to love others.



SESSION 5

Caring Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

Love others as I have loved you.
John 15:12

We should love others just as we love
ourselves.

Jesus set the example for how to treat
others.



SESSION 6

Special Jesus

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

Love others as I have loved you.
John 15:12

Jesus wants people to love one
another.

The Lord's Supper reminds us of
Jesus and what He did for us.

Teacher Jesus

BIBLE PASSAGE

Matthew 5:1-12

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus' life and ministry shows us how to live.

LIFE ACTION

Talk about times when kids have felt angry. Suggest that the next time something happens that makes them feel angry, they should think about how Jesus was kind and try to be like Him.

LIFE VERSE

Jesus loved people and helped them.

— MATTHEW 14:14

OPTIONAL WEEKLY VERSE

Proverbs 3:5a

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

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 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 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 (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? _____

BIBLE STORY

Decide when you plan to have group time;
then select learning activities to use
before and/or after group time.

CHOOSE
Your Own
SCHEDULE



JESUS TAUGHT THE PEOPLE

—Based on Matthew 5:1-12

One day a crowd of people followed Jesus. Jesus saw the people. He climbed up the side of a mountain and sat down. His disciples gathered and sat near Him. Jesus began to talk about how God wants people to live. Jesus told them that it is important to trust God. He said God wants us to feel sorry when we make wrong choices. Jesus told the disciples that God will help us. We can feel happy when we depend on God.

Jesus told His helpers that God wants us to do what is right. We are supposed to be kind to others even when they are unkind to us. Jesus said, "Happy are the people who live in the ways God wants them to live."

Jesus told His helpers to be glad and rejoice.

GROUP TIME

- **Move to music.** Play "Follow the Leader" (CD track 5) and demonstrate the motions. Play the song again and lead the children in the motions of the song.
- **Learn the Life Verse.** Open the Bible to Matthew 14. Refer to the Bible marker and read the Life Verse. Lead the children to pretend to climb a mountain as they repeat the verse after you several times.
- **Tell the Bible story.** Open your Bible to Matthew 5. Keep the Bible open as you use an expressive voice to tell the Bible story.
- **Bounce a beanbag and recall the Bible story.** Show the Teaching Picture and point to Jesus. Demonstrate how to bounce a beanbag in the palm of your hand. Invite a volunteer to bounce the beanbag and tell something from the Bible story. Repeat with other volunteers until the Bible story is reviewed.
- **Sing about Jesus.** Ask the children to listen for something about Jesus as you play the song "I Know" (CD track 3). Play the song again and encourage the children to sing along.
- **Wrap it up.** Show the video "Good Attitudes: Life Action."

Notes

- Pack Items 14 and 19:
"Bible Markers" and
"Jesus Floor Puzzle"
- Teaching Picture 1
- CD
- DVD
- Beanbag

LIFE VERSE

*Jesus loved people
and helped them.
Matthew 14:14*

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Notes

► Pack Item 19: “Jesus Floor Puzzle”

► Kids Activity Page

► Paper bags

► Pack Item 31a-b: “Bible Times Play Food”

► Toy dishes, ziplock bag

► CD: “Leaf Patterns” and “Allergy Alert”

► Stamp pads, paper, real leaves, disposable gloves, painting smocks

► Post the “Allergy Alert.”

FIND PAPER BAGS

► **Christ Focus:** Jesus taught people how to live.

► **Bible Focus:** The people followed Jesus, and He taught them.

- Place each floor puzzle piece in a paper bag. Hide the bags around the room.
- Open the Bible and point to Jesus’ name. Invite each child to touch the name *Jesus*. Tell the Bible story.
- Help the children complete the maze activity on the Kids Activity Page. Suggest they trace the path with their finger, then with a pencil. Use this opportunity to tell the kids that after the people sat down by Jesus, He taught them how to live.
- Invite the kids to find and bring to you the hidden paper bags. Place the bags on the floor; encourage the kids to open the bags and use the pieces to complete the puzzle. The children may enjoy hiding the pieces again and repeating this process. Some of the children may enjoy counting the paper bags. (*Puzzles and Games*)

COOK A BIBLE TIMES MEAL

► **Christ Focus:** Jesus used His life to teach us how to live.

► **Bible Focus:** Jesus taught that we can depend on God for what we need.

- Use your opened Bible as you tell the Bible story.
- Encourage the boys and girls to pretend to cook a Bible times meal. Refer to each piece of play food and talk about what it is. Note: The play food will be used again; remember to store it in a ziplock bag for later use.
- Comment that Jesus taught the people to trust and depend on God, even for food. State that God uses parents to provide food for their kids. (*Dramatic Play*)

MAKE LEAF PRINTS

► **Christ Focus:** Jesus taught that we show love to Him when we do what is right.

► **Bible Focus:** The people were outdoors when they listened to Jesus.

- Help a child put on a smock and a pair of disposable gloves. Demonstrate how to press a real leaf on a stamp pad and then press it on paper. Allow each child to make several prints with more than one stamp pad color. Note: Use the “Leaf Patterns” if you do not have leaves.
- Tell the Bible story as the children make prints. Thank them for taking turns and following directions.
- Print the Life Verse on the papers. (*Art*)

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Complete The Maze

LIFE VERSE

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— MATTHEW 14:14

Help the people get to Jesus. He is going to teach them while sitting on the side of a mountain. Trace the path the people should take to get to Jesus.

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DisciplePoints

empowering parents

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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JAMES 1:1-4

Concept: Good Attitudes

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Life is filled with struggles. Maybe you've heard the saying, "When life gives you a lemon, just make lemonade," but that's a lot easier said than done. When you're going through a trial in your life, the last thing you want to hear is a cheesy saying. You need real help and a real understanding of God's purpose for your struggle. In the Book of James, we discover how, through Christ, we can overcome our trials and turn them into joy.

PRESCHOOL



MATTHEW 5:1-12

LIFE POINT: We can trust God.

- What are some ways that Jesus showed kindness to people?
- Who is kind to you?
- How can you show kindness to other people?

LIVE IT OUT: Think of different reactions to scenarios your child has faced. Tell those reactions to your preschooler, and ask him to say whether each action shows a good attitude or a bad attitude. Help your child think about how Jesus was kind. Talk together about one person he can show kindness to. Help him think of a way to show kindness to someone and to carry it out.

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MATTHEW 5:1-12

LIFE POINT: Keep a good attitude at all times.

- Why did Jesus say you should be blessed when people persecute you?
- Are you ever teased because of your Christian beliefs?

LIVE IT OUT: Sit down with your child, and make a list of attitudes, both good and bad. Ask your child to draw a facial expression that a person with each of those attitudes might have. Remind your child this week that when he faces a problem to ask himself what he thinks Jesus' attitude would be when dealing with that problem.

PARENTS



Parent Challenge: Now that you've followed up on this week's lesson with your child, why not introduce them to next week's lesson?

Think about it. Of all the people who come into contact with your child — pastors, children's pastors, and Sunday school teachers — none of them has a greater impact than you on your child's beliefs, moral foundations and life principles.

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Training is the key. As you lead your child to the Lord, consider DisciplePoints a partner to support and encourage you and the ministry of your church.

COMING UP: MATTHEW 5:1-3; 6:25-34