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LIFE OF JESUS

The Most Famous Sermon of Jesus

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Before we get started, let's take a few minutes to talk about the people who care about you. Who are the people in your life who love and care for you? (allow kids to answer). Right! Our parents, siblings, teachers, neighbors and even our friends. What are some of the nice things these people do for you? (allows kids to respond) Yes, they are nice to us, take care of us, help us and even buy things for us. It's nice to have people in our lives who want to be nice to us, huh?!

Well, today we're going to learn about how God wants to care for us, too. The word we'll use is blessed. In our story today, Jesus teaches about the people who God blesses!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

Happy Day

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Whoever God blesses is really, truly happy. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who does God like to bless? (the less important people)
- Who are the truly happy people? (those blessed by God)

- True or False: Our happiness is based on what we have. (F)

That's not what Jesus taught. People would come from all over to hear what Jesus had to say. And, on a particular day, Jesus taught a lesson that we call the Sermon on the Mount. He started by telling the crowds the kinds of people God blesses. Now, the crowd probably thought Jesus was going to say the rich and successful people would be blessed by God and the really important religious people, too. But, Jesus started by saying it's the poor and sad people that are blessed. It's people that seek justice and peace. Hmmm, this was not what the crowds were anticipating.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"God (point up) blesses (two thumbs up) those who are poor (hold out right hand) and realize their need (hold out left hand) for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven (point up) is theirs.."

Matthew 5:3 (*Repeat*)

Why do you think Jesus would talk about the poor or unimportant people first? Well, the reason is because Jesus wanted to highlight the attitude that God likes. See, God wants to bless everyone. But sometimes, the important and rich people don't think they need God. So their attitude is to want to do it all themselves. But, the poor and the sad recognize that they need God. That's the attitude God likes. We call them the beatitudes.

And here is one more important point Jesus makes. He says that even the poor and sad can be happy. The reason- because God will help us to get through our hard times. He will take care of us and give us what we need. When we stay focused on God, then we can be happy no matter what is going on in our lives.

So kids, remember this famous sermon the next time you hit hard times. God wants to bless you. He wants to take care of you and provide for you. Just keep your focus on him and he'll get you through anything. As the saying goes, "Don't worry, be happy!" because God is on your side.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Another Day

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Whoever God blesses is really, truly happy. (*Repeat*)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.

