

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 4 • Unit 5 • Week 3

THE WEDDING FEAST

OBJECTIVE:

To think of others as more important than ourselves.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Ask: What if you had a friend visiting at your home. You decide to eat some cookies, but there are only two left. One cookie is big and the other is very small. Which of these two cookies would you give your friend?

BIBLE LESSON:

"The Wedding Feast."

Do: Read Luke 14:7-14.

Say: Learning to esteem or think more of others than yourself is what our lesson is about today.

Ask: Do you know what esteem means?

Say: Esteem means to consider others, to value them and to treat them very well. It is really a matter of living by the "Golden Rule."

Ask: Can you tell me what the "Golden Rule" says?

Say: Simply put, the "Golden Rule" tells us to treat others as we want them to treat us.

Say: Jesus always lived by the "Golden Rule."

Ask: Can you tell me something Jesus did that showed He esteemed people better than Himself?

Say: Jesus traveled far and wide in all kinds of weather just so He could teach God's way of life to those who wished to hear. When Jesus was being crucified He asked God to forgive those who were putting Him to death. He also willingly gave His life so that we could all have eternal life. These things show that Jesus always put the well-being of others above His own.

Ask: Has anyone you know gone out of their way to do something nice just for you? Have you put yourself out to do something nice for someone?

Say: Often we take for granted nice things that others do for us. Many people never even say "thank you." Thanking God for the things He does for you is often forgotten by many.

Say: One day, after Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life, He was at Lazarus' home for supper. Martha, Lazarus' sister, served Jesus His supper. Mary then took a bottle of very expensive and fine smelling oil and put it on Jesus' feet. She took her hair and wiped His feet. Martha was showing honor to Jesus. She showed how much she valued Him by putting valuable oil on His feet. She knew Jesus was going to die soon, and she wished to do something nice for Him.

Say: In all ways Jesus esteemed God, His Father, more than Himself. Many people tried to give Jesus the honor for all the miracles He performed. However, Jesus always said that without God, He was nothing. He gave all the glory to God.

Ask: What are some ways you could esteem others—show how much you value them?

Say: One way would be to give your seat to someone who doesn't have one, such as on a bus or if someone older than you comes into a crowded room. You could also take time to help an elderly person or someone who is handicapped. One good way to show your parents that you love and value them is by doing what they ask you to do and doing it right away.

Say: Esteeming others more than yourself is simply loving others as much as or more than yourself. This is the way Jesus wants you to live your life. You will find it gives you a wonderful feeling to do so. So go ahead, give your friend the BIG COOKIE!

LESSON APPLICATION:

Make a greeting card.

Supplies: Photocopies of shape page
 Colored paper
 Scissors
 Crayons or markers
 Glue
 Pencils

1. Give each student a shape page and one piece of colored paper.
2. Color the shapes, then cut them out.
3. Fold colored paper in half.
4. Let students use their imagination to create a design with the shapes on the colored paper.
5. Glue the shapes onto the paper.
6. Write inside the card and give the card to someone who needs encouragement or a get-well wish.

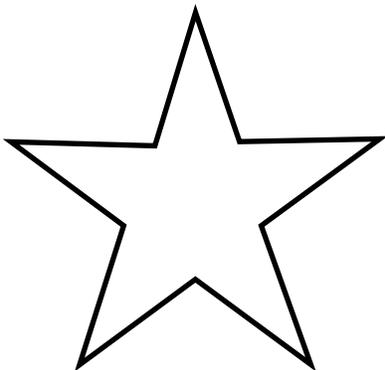
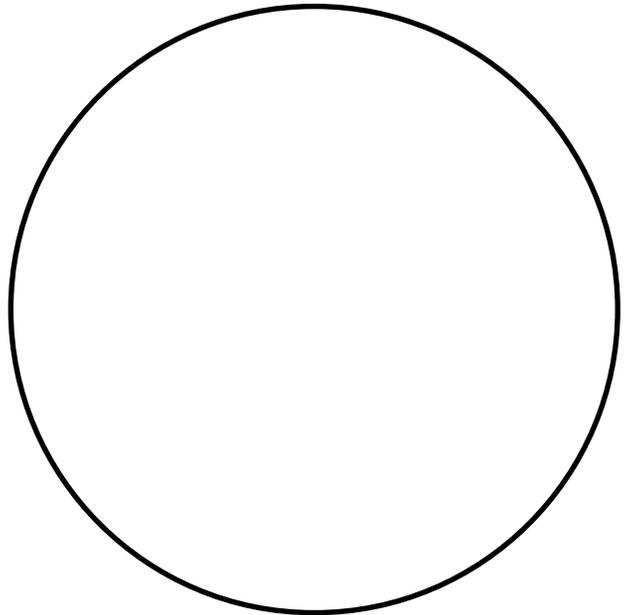
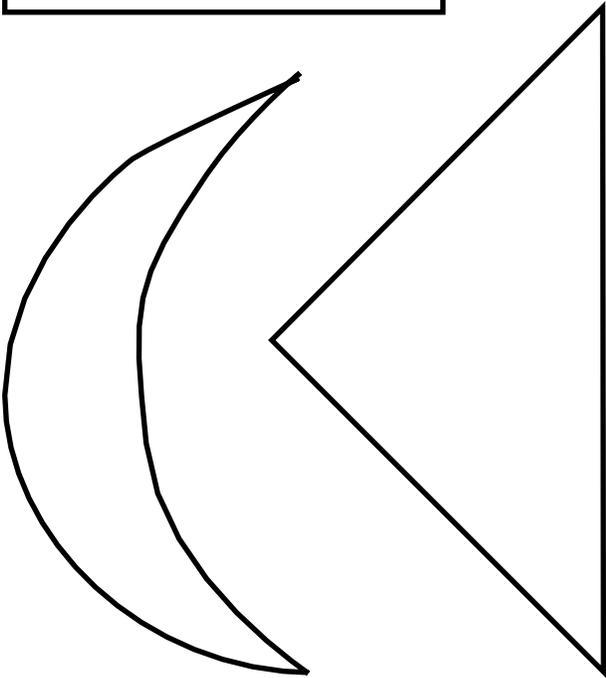
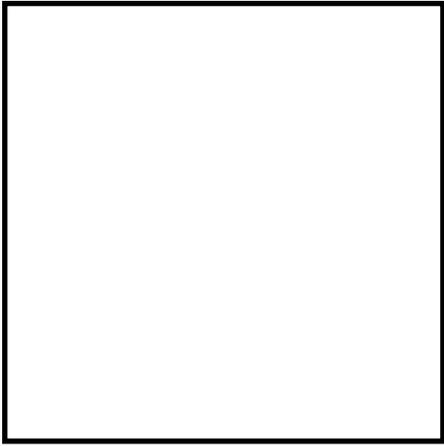
MUSIC:

Teacher's choice from the United Church of God hymnal.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 7:12 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

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family activity

THE POINT:

To show how we need to think of others as more important than ourselves. We read Luke 14:7-14 to learn Christ's instruction.

ASK ME...

What is the "Golden Rule"?

What does "esteem" mean?

What are some of the ways Jesus set us an example of valuing people and treating them nicely?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss how the Golden Rule is meant for the one who reads and understands it. We should not expect others to esteem us more highly than they esteem themselves. If we do, we begin judging them and stop practicing the Golden Rule.

Review the first four commandments and then discuss how we can esteem God our Father. We esteem God better than ourselves by not misusing His name, by not bowing down to objects of worship (like crosses or statues), by not working on the days God tells us not to work and by worshipping Him at church services.

Talk about ways to show respect—such as standing when elders enter the room, opening the door for others and answering everyone with respect.

Talk about the importance of giving and sharing with siblings, rather than demanding to be first or even to have everything always equal. After all, life won't always be fair in the real world.

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