

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 5 • Unit 10 • Week 2

BEATITUDES – PART 2

OBJECTIVE:

To continue examining the attitudes that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Do the following multiple-choice activity. Read the following scenarios. Then fill in the blanks with the letter that best describes the attitude being depicted. (Answers: 1-b, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d.)

1. Jill is playing over at Janie's house. Janie shows Jill the new china doll that she received as a gift from her parents. She tells Jill that it is very fragile and will break very easily so she asks her not to touch it. Later Jill is alone in the room looking at the china doll upon the shelf. She knows she should not touch it, but it is so pretty and she just wants to rock it for a second. So she takes the doll down. However, as she is rocking it, the doll falls out of her hands and breaks. She is very, very sorry and even does chores for her parents to earn enough money to buy Janie a new doll. Therefore, Janie forgives Jill.

By forgiving Jill, Janie is being _____.

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| a. persecuted for righteousness | b. merciful |
| c. a peacemaker | d. pure in heart |

2. Eric likes to play video games, but he will not play "Human Gore," the newest video game at the arcade. The reason that he will not play it is that he knows his parents don't want him to. Also, in that particular game people are shown being killed with lots of blood being spilled. Eric does not want to pollute his mind with violence.

Eric wants to be _____.

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| a. pure in heart | b. peacemaker |
| c. merciful | d. persecuted for righteousness. |

3. It is recess and Terry and Larry are swinging on the swings when Johnny comes up and asks for Larry's swing. Larry is reluctant to give up his swing, and so an argument is about to brew. However, before it does Terry offers Johnny his swing.

Terry is being a _____.

- a. one who is persecuted for righteousness
- b. peacemaker
- c. merciful
- d. pure in heart

4. Alan and James are in the same fifth grade class. Today there is a big test. Alan does not know any of the answers, so he wants James to let him peek at his answers. James knows this is cheating and refuses. Alan teases and bothers James for the rest of the week.

James is _____.

- a. pure in heart
- b. peacemaker
- c. merciful
- d. persecuted for righteousness

BIBLE LESSON:

Say: From the example above, we can learn how important it is to be the kind of people that Jesus taught us to be in the sermon He gave on the mountain.

Ask: Why do you think Jane should have forgiven Jill?

Say: Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:22 that we should forgive 70 times 7 times. What He meant was that we should always be willing to forgive others when they wrong us in some way. We must remember that we ourselves have done wrong things. We can always depend on God to forgive us, so we must forgive others.

Jesus also teaches us that it is important that we be pure in heart. We have to be careful not to let bad or negative thoughts enter our minds. Instead, we should try to think positive thoughts.

Ask: What are the good types of thoughts that we can think about others?

Why would it be bad for Eric's mind to keep looking at a game that showed the slaughtering of human beings?

Say: Just as it is important to be careful what we eat, we also have to be careful about the things that we put in our minds. If we keep thinking sad thoughts, we will become a sad person. If we think mad thoughts, we will become a mad person. However, if we think happy and

friendly thoughts, we will become a happy, friendly person that God can use.

Ask: It is also very important that we be peacemakers. What is a peacemaker?

Say: A peacemaker wants to avoid arguments. He does not want to cause trouble or start a fight. He works hard to get along with others. Terry was a good example of a peacemaker, because he helped his friends avoid an argument by giving up his swing.

Finally we see that Jesus teaches us that sometimes its not easy to do the right thing. Since Satan has deceived this world, sometimes people do not understand that some things are wrong. Because Alan had not learned the importance of not cheating on a test, he gave James a hard time.

Ask: Have you ever had a hard time because of doing the right thing? [Let students tell their experiences.]

Say: Although it can be hard sometimes to do the right thing, it is always worth it. God will always remember and appreciate it when you continue to do the right thing.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Have the students make a picture of one of the scenes that was described above or a scenario that they make up illustrating the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount.

MEMORY VERSE:

John 13:17 "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them."

MUSIC:

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

family activity

THE POINT:

To continue examining the attitudes that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

ASK ME...

- What thoughts will pollute my mind?
- What thoughts will help make my mind pure?
- What is a peacemaker?
- Why are we sometimes “persecuted for righteousness”?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Watch a TV show, listen to some music, or read a book together. What things that you see, hear or read would probably be pleasing to God? Talk about the right ideas and actions you find.. Talk about the things you hear and see that are not so good.

MEMORY VERSE:

John 13:17 “If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.”