

C4K/Little Saints- Sunday 30th Sept 2020

Week 24: The Sermon on the Mount, Lesson 7 Godliness

Based on 'Kingdom Living' by Mustard Seeds with material from Quizworks

Key verse: "God blesses those people who only depend on him. They belong to the kingdom of heaven!" Matt 5:3

Bible verses: Matthew 7:15-23 & Galatians 5:22-23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7%3A15-23&version=CEV>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A22-23&version=CEV>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSujkHCRIM>

Games:

Which is real?: Blindfold your child and get them to guess which item is real out of pairs of objects (e.g. play money/real money, toy food/real food, toy tools/real tools, real hand/plastic doll, dress-up jewellery/real. Explain that sometimes it is hard to know what is real and what is fake. Today we are learning what Jesus said about how to tell the difference between his real friends and those who are fakes.

Match the fruit and tree or baby animals: print and cut out the picture cards and pair them up matching the tree to its fruit or the babies to their family. You can tell which pair goes together because of what they look like and how they act. It's the same with Jesus' friends. We should be able to see who is one of his friends.

Discussion:

Main idea: *Jesus warns his followers that their actions must match their words. Jesus' real friends are those who can be seen to live for him.*

- Who are your friends? How do you know who your friends are? Jesus said you would know who his friends are by the way they behave. He told a story about trees and fruit to explain this.

Read Matthew 7:13-20 - What do the trees represent? (us and our relationship with Jesus) What does the fruit represent? (what we do and say) What does the good tree produce? Where does bad fruit come from? If we have a close relationship with Jesus, which fruit will we produce? What might this fruit look like? What will happen to the bad trees? Which tree do we need to be to be part of God's kingdom?

- How would you feel if your parents told you that after school you would have a party and then they do the opposite and make you do your homework? Likewise, if we say we love Jesus our action should match our words, Jesus sees all that we do and our actions need to show we are friends with Jesus.

Read Galatians 5:22-23 - Review the previous lessons showing the Christian 'fruit' we have learnt about, discuss how each can show that we follow Jesus (fruit): praying and asking God for help, not worrying, storing up heavenly treasure not earthly treasures, loving our enemies, being like lights to show others how Jesus has saved us, trusting Jesus alone to save us.

Yr 3-6 extension:

What might good fruit look like? What about bad fruit? (sometimes its hard to tell the difference)

Can you give an example of how we might say the right things without doing them? What is wrong with this? Why does it matter? What consequences does Jesus say there will be? Why is it so serious?

- Jesus tells us there are two kinds of people, those who obey and those who decide not to- Which kind are we?

Read Matthew 7:21-23: What is being described in these verses? Are what people saying matching their actions? Why is this important?

Prayer: Saying you have faith without showing it with actions is not real faith at all. We need to ask God's help to live for him. Pray about some things you find hard to do God's way.

Print and make: Add the image of the crown to the poster to remind us that those who follow Jesus trust him as their king and do what he says. Complete a colouring in page or puzzle. Print off and colour in Activity A the tree craft and cut out the fruit to stick onto the correct tree.