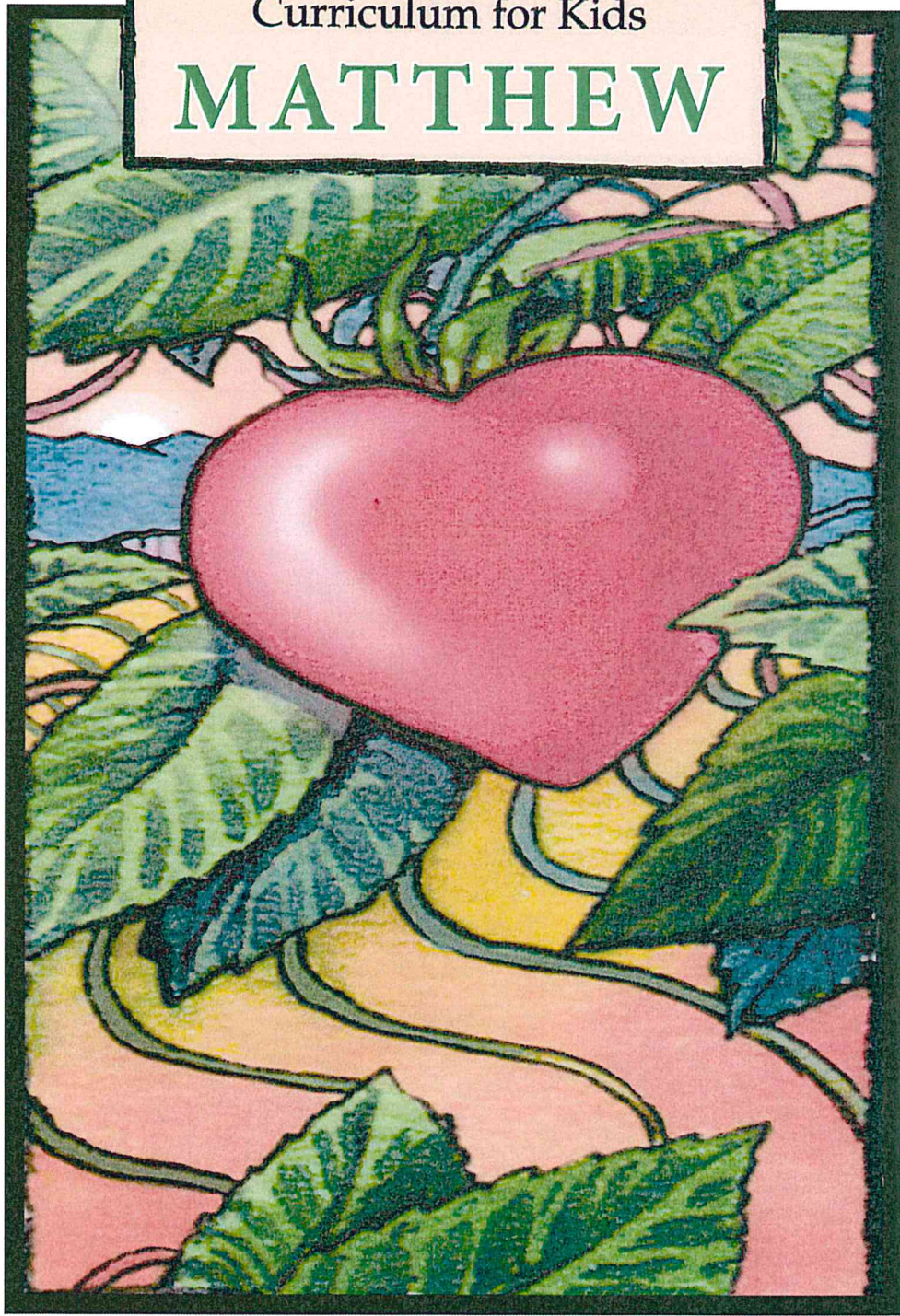
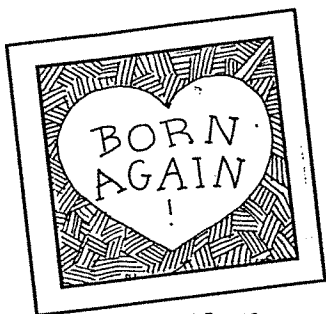


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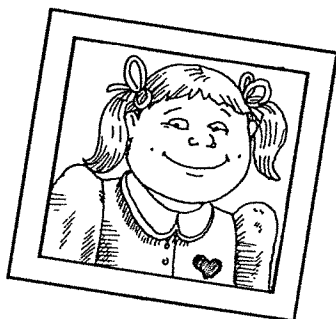
Sunday School
Curriculum for Kids

MATTHEW





They too, need Jesus
and a new heart!
They must be born again!



God loves them!
He's got a picture of
them in His wallet!

Introduction: Changing Hearts; Not through worldly wisdom, but by the Word of God.

We have but one goal; and that is to teach the simple Word of God with the New King James Bible as a textbook. We've chosen the New King James Bible because we think that children will more easily understand what the Lord has to teach them if they don't have to struggle with the King James language. We believe the Word of God is all sufficient. We don't need to prove the infallible Word of God by means of fallible worldly wisdom and endless scientific theories.

We believe the Word of God should be taught verse by verse, so as to leave nothing out--teaching the whole counsel of God. Our intent and desire is that each teacher teach verse by verse through the Bible while using our material as a teaching-aid only. Of course God, the Holy Spirit, is the teacher!

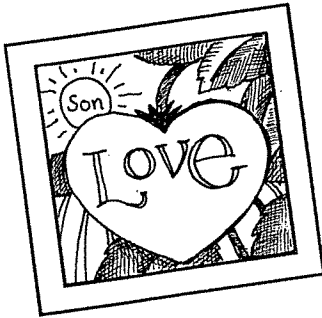
The Word of God that changes lives, so the Word must be the focus. *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."* -Romans 1:16

A changed heart will not come by worldly wisdom but only by being born again, hearing the Word of God, and then "applying it within." We must not rob children of hearing the Gospel by replacing it with the wisdom of this world (vain philosophy and sciences which are ever-changing). *"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"* - 1 Corinthians 1:17-20 *"...the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."* - 1 Corinthians 1:25

We trust the Word of God, rather than science, which is ever-changing. *"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge (KJV says, science)-by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith."* - 1 Timothy 6:20

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power." - Colossians 2:8

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew Introduction



The fruit of the Spirit is love. Love is the only acceptable reason to teach.

Teaching children;
of such is the kingdom of God.

Jesus said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes." - Matthew 11:25

Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." - Mark 10:15

Love; the only acceptable motivation.

Love must be the motivation behind the use of any gift of God. We believe that a teacher should be called by the Lord since teaching is a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:28). Sunday school should not be considered anything less than teaching the Word. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." God is love.

We want to obey Deuteronomy 6:5-7;

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

We love Him because He first loved us. God is love.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." -1 John 4:7-11

Children need to know that God loves them. They too, must be born again (John 3:3). It is our desire to show them Jesus throughout the scripture, both Old Testament and New Testament.

God adds to His church daily (Acts 2:47). Our job is to teach the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God will not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:10-13). Apart from Jesus we can do nothing! It is His work through us, and the Holy Spirit is the One Who teaches us all!

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew 1:1-17 - Jesus' Lineage

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

ABRAHAM begot Isaac,
Abraham was called by God to be the father of a great nation. God promised that his descendants would be as numerous as the sand of the sea and the stars. (Genesis 15)

ISAAC begot Jacob,
*Genesis 21:3, Isaac means "laughter."
Isaac was the son of promise.*

and **JACOB** begot Judah and his brothers.
Genesis 25:21-28, Jacob means "supplanter or deceitful, one who takes the heel." Esau was his twin brother.

JUDAH begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar,
*Genesis 29:35, Judah means "praise."
Judah's brothers formed the twelve tribes.*

PEREZ begot Hezron,
Genesis 38:28-30, Perez means "breach, or break-through." Tamar, the twins' mother was Judah's daughter-in-law!

and **HEZRON** begot Ram.

RAM begot Amminadab,

AMMINADAB begot Nahshon,

and **NAHSHON** begot Salmon.

SALMON begot Boaz by Rahab,

BOAZ begot Obed by Ruth,
*Read the Book of Ruth.
Ruth was a Moabite woman!
Boaz is a picture of Jesus.*

OBED begot Jesse,

and **JESSE** begot David the king.
*A prophecy about Jesus, the Messiah:
"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of JESSE, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist." - Isaiah 11:1-5*

DAVID the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.
*Though David sinned with Bathsheba, he was a man after God's own heart.
David was anointed king in 1 Samuel 16:13.*

SOLOMON begot Rehoboam,
God gave Solomon great wisdom. He built the temple that we call "Solomon's Temple," and he wrote most of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & the Song of Solomon, but he disobeyed the Lord in many things. (1 Kings 1:39 -11:43)

REHOBAM begot Abijah,
An evil king. (1 Kings 12 - 14)

and **ABIJAH** begot Asa.
Abijah walked in all the sins of his father. (1 Kings 15:3)

ASA begot Jehoshaphat,
King Asa did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (1 Kings 15:9-24)

JEHOSHAPHAT begot Joram,
Jehoshaphat did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet compromised regarding the "high places." (1 Kings 22:41-50)

and **JORAM** begot Uzziah (Azariah).

UZZIAH (Azariah) begot Jotham,
Uzziah (Azariah) did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 15:3)

JOTHAM begot Ahaz,

and **AHAZ** begot Hezekiah.
Ahaz did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 28:1)

HEZEKIAH begot Manasseh,
Hezekiah did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 18-22)

MANASSEH begot Amon,
Manasseh did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 21:1-18)

and **AMON** begot Josiah.
Amon did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 21:19-26)

JOSIAH begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.
Josiah did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 22:2)

And after they were brought to Babylon, **JECONIAH** begot Shealtiel,

and **SHEALTIEL** begot Zerubbabel.

ZERUBBABEL begot Abiud,
Zerubbabel helped to build the second temple. (Read Ezra.)

ABIUD begot Eliakim,

and **ELIAKIM** begot Azor.

AZOR begot Zadok,

ZADOK begot Achim,

and **ACHIM** begot Eliud.

ELIUD begot Eleazar,

ELEAZAR begot Matthan,

and **MATTHAN** begot Jacob.

And **JACOB** begot **JOSEPH** the husband of Mary, of whom was born **JESUS** Who is called Christ."

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations." - Matthew 1:1-17

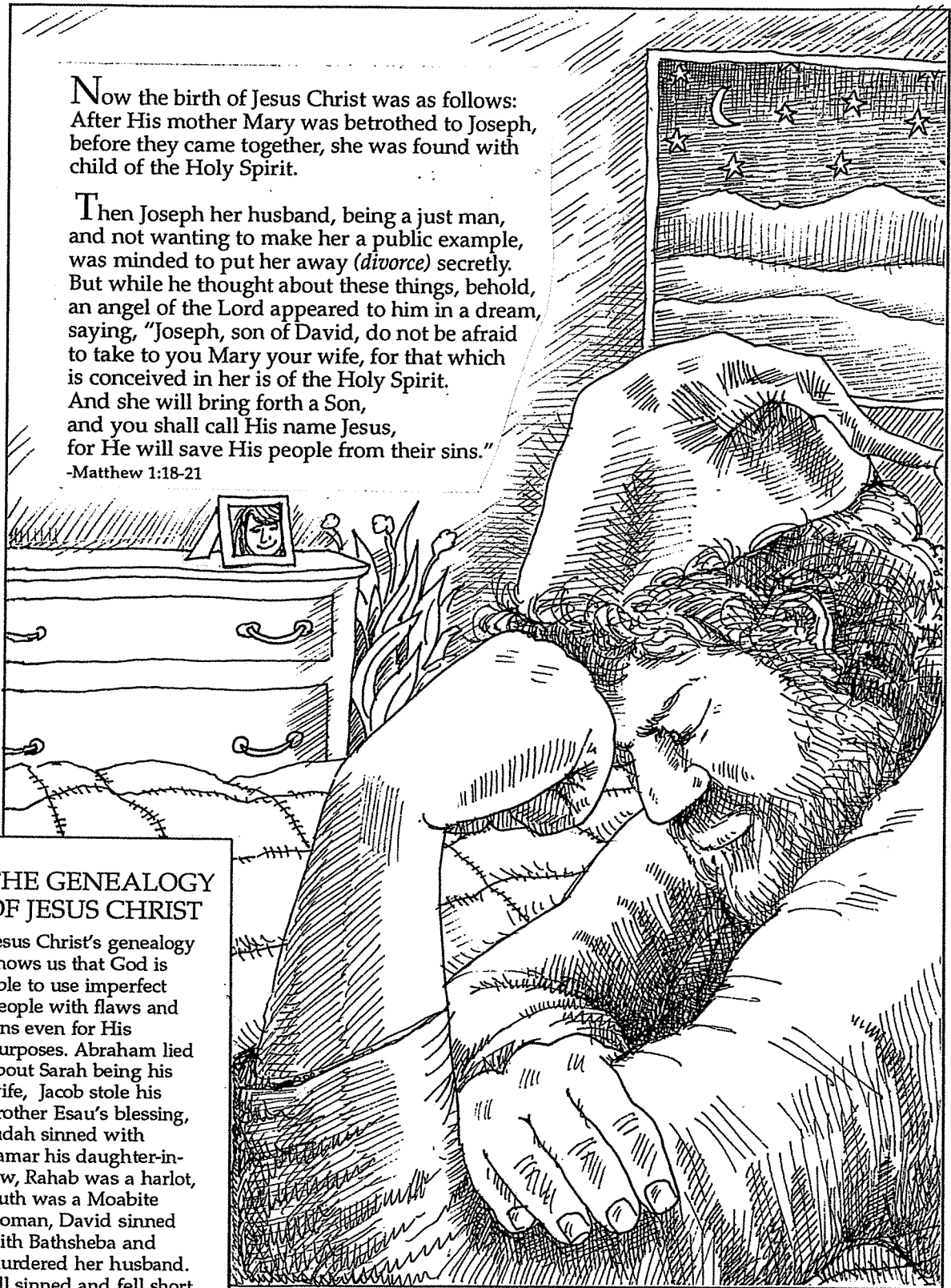
FOR JESUS' GENEALOGY
PRIOR TO ABRAHAM,
READ GENESIS 11:10-26.

Abraham's father was Terah,
Terah's father was Nahor,
Nahor's father was Serug,
Serug's father was Reu,
Reu's father was Peleg,
Peleg's father was Eber,
Eber's father was Salah,
Salah's father was Arphaxad,
Arphaxad's father was Shem,
Shem's father was Noah.
Then there was the great flood.
Noah's father was Lamech,
Lamech's father was Methuselah,
Methuselah's father was Enoch,
Enoch's father was Jared,
Jared's father was Mahalalel,
Mahalalel's father was Cainan,
Cainan's father was Enosh,
Enosh's father was Seth,
Seth's father was Adam.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away (*divorce*) secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

-Matthew 1:18-21



THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ's genealogy shows us that God is able to use imperfect people with flaws and sins even for His purposes. Abraham lied about Sarah being his wife, Jacob stole his brother Esau's blessing, Judah sinned with Tamar his daughter-in-law, Rahab was a harlot, Ruth was a Moabite woman, David sinned with Bathsheba and murdered her husband. All sinned and fell short of the glory of God, yet He chose to use them, even in the lineage of the Messiah.

God is able to use us, too!
Read Matthew 1:1-17

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." - Matthew 1:22-23 The prophecy is from Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1

Vocabulary in context with Today's Lesson

1. begot- generation, offspring, be born
2. betrothed- to be promised in marriage. To be engaged to is not a strong enough term to describe betrothed. To be betrothed was to enter into a legal contract that could only be broken by a divorce.
3. came together- conjugal (of marriage or relation between husband and wife)
4. Christ- the Messiah, Savior of the world
5. conceived- generation, offspring, in her womb, the fetus
6. did not know her- kept her a virgin
7. genealogy- refers to the birth or the coming of Christ as a human being in contrast to *genesis* which means origination. (John 1:1-14)
8. Immanuel- God with us
9. Jesus- Savior
10. with child- to be pregnant

Discussion Questions

1. a. Matthew 1:1-17 talks about the genealogy of Jesus Christ. When you read about these people in the Old Testament, you see that they have many flaws. But Jesus chose to use these sinful people anyway. Pick at least one example and elaborate.

b. When you make mistakes and your flaws show, do you think that God still loves you and can use you? (Rom. 5:8)

c. Why? (I John 1:9)
2. a. The prophet Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' birth. According to Isaiah 7:14, what sign should the people have been looking for?

b. Read Matthew 1:18-25. Describe how Isaiah's prophecy came to past.

Today's Memory Verse

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew 2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
- Matthew 2:1-2

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" - Matthew 2:3-6 (See Micah 5:2 for prophecy)




The wise men came from the east to worship the Messiah. How did they know about the coming Messiah? Many years before, Daniel the prophet and his people, were carried away to Babylon as captives. There, Daniel had the Word of God, and the wise men evidently knew the Word of God because of the influence of Daniel and others who walked with God.

The scribes and chief priests knew the prophecies and the Word of God, yet they did not have any desire to go and worship Jesus, though they were close by. The wise men traveled from a far country to worship Him. They saw His star and probably knew this verse from Numbers 24:17, "I see Him but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel..."

Now Herod was troubled about this King of the Jews, and he planned to destroy Jesus, so the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to flee to Egypt with the Child and Mary. (This event is a fulfillment of Numbers 24:8 and Hosea 11:1.)

Herod became angry because the wise men did not return to him with a report, so he put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts from two years old and under. (See Jeremiah 31:15)

Now when Herod was dead, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to return to Israel. But, because Herod's son was in charge, they went north into Galilee and dwelt in Nazareth. (Messiah a Nazirite, See Judges 13:5)

 The wise men brought gifts to give Jesus. They didn't come to Him looking for special favors, but they came to worship Him. The gold they brought signifies royalty since He is King. The frankincense signifies that He is our High Priest (Who made atonement for our sins by offering Himself as the sacrifice), and the myrrh signifies His death for us (myrrh was used in embalming the dead).

Wise Men Come to Worship the Messiah Matthew 2

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. Bethlehem- house of bread
2. frankincense- an aromatic gum resin obtained from the Boswellia tree and was used as incense. Frankincense was part of the sacred anointing oil (Ex. 30:34). It was used in sacrificial offering (Lev. 2:1) and as perfume (Song 3:6). The frankincense offered by the Magi signifies that He is our High Priest (Who made atonement for our sins by offering Himself as the sacrifice).
3. gold- The gold offered by the Magi represents Jesus' royalty.
4. myrrh- an extract from a stiff-branched tree with white flowers and plum-like fruit. It was an ingredient used in anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), used in perfume (Ps. 45:8; Prov. 7:17; Song 3:6), and it was also used in the embalming of the dead (John 19:39-40). The myrrh offered by the Magi signifies Jesus' death for us.
5. wise men- referring to the Magi. The Magians were a priestly caste. They uttered prophecies, explained omens, interpreted dreams and practiced divination by rods. The Magi were men of learning, devoting special attention to studying the stars (as in astrology), natural sciences, and enchantment and thus were known as enchanterers or magicians. This is where we get our term magician.

Discussion Questions

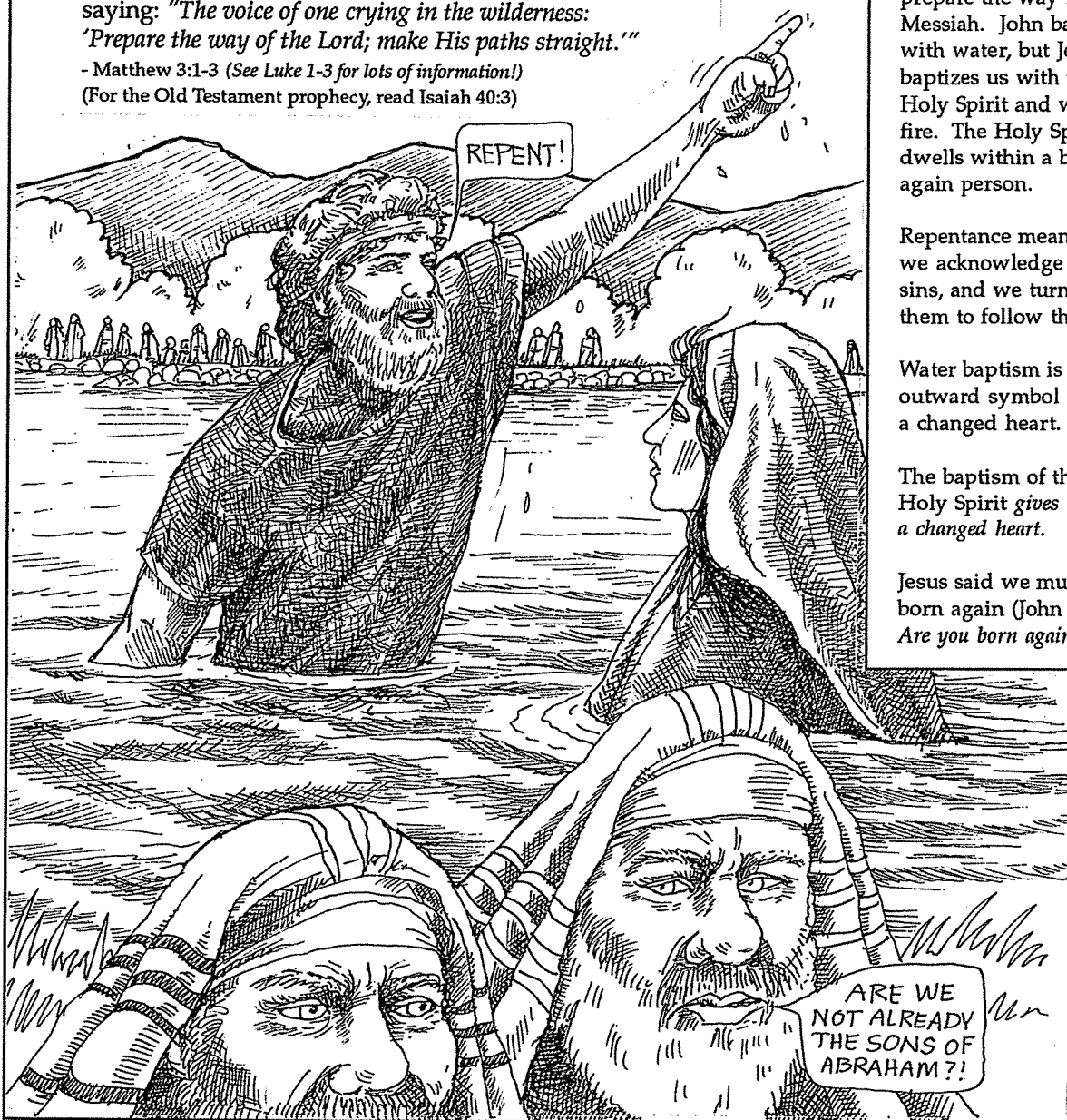
1. Why did the wise men search for the "King of the Jews," (Jesus)? (Matt. 2:2)
2. Why did Herod the king search for Jesus? (Matt. 2:1-15)
3. Discuss three prophecies in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in Matthew 2. (Micah 5:2 and Matt. 2:3-6; Num. 24:8, Hos. 11:1 and Matt. 2:13-15; Jer. 31:15 and Matt. 2:16-18)

Today's Memory Verse

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

TWO BAPTISMS;
JOHN'S & JESUS'
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT? AND WITH WATER?

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.'"
- Matthew 3:1-3 (See Luke 1-3 for lots of information!)
(For the Old Testament prophecy, read Isaiah 40:3)



God had not sent a prophet for over 400 years. Then He sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Messiah. John baptized with water, but Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The Holy Spirit dwells within a born-again person.

Repentance means that we acknowledge our sins, and we turn from them to follow the Lord.

Water baptism is the outward symbol of a changed heart.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit gives us a changed heart.

Jesus said we must be born again (John 3:3).
Are you born again?

Multitudes came to John to confess sins and to repent. Even the Pharisees and Sadducees, the "religious" leaders came. John called them a brood of vipers and asked them to bear fruits worthy of repentance. They thought they were okay with the Lord because they were the children of Abraham. Just like us, we can think we're okay with the Lord because we come to church and our parents are Christians. But God looks at *our* hearts. Are you *really* following the Lord? Or is it just a church thing or something to keep your parents happy? If it is, then you're no different than the Pharisees and hypocrites.

Two Baptisms;
John's & Jesus'
Have You Been Baptized
With the Holy Spirit? And with Water?
Matthew 3

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. alighting- accompany, appear, come, be set
2. baptize- wash; literally means to be overwhelmed
 - a. water baptism- is the outward symbol of an inward commitment that was made (Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 6:4)
 - b. baptism of the Holy Spirit- gives you a changed heart (II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7)
3. brood of vipers- offspring of poisonous snakes
4. chaff- the fine, dry material such as husks and other debris, which is separated from the seed in the process of threshing grain
5. descending- coming down
6. locust- a kind of grasshopper
7. repent- to turn from sin and to turn to God. This would be a 180-degree turn, an "about face." It involves regret or sorrow, accompanied by a true change of heart toward God.
8. threshing floor- a flat surface prepared for the threshing of grain. Threshing is removing the kernel of grain from its stalks. To do this, the grain was either beaten or the farmers would have their animals walk over it to thresh it.
9. Trinity- refers to one God manifested in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
10. unquenchable- unable to put out
11. winnowing fan- a type of long-handled fork used to toss the threshed grain into the air. The wind would blow the chaff away, allowing the heavier grain to fall into a separate pile.

Discussion Questions

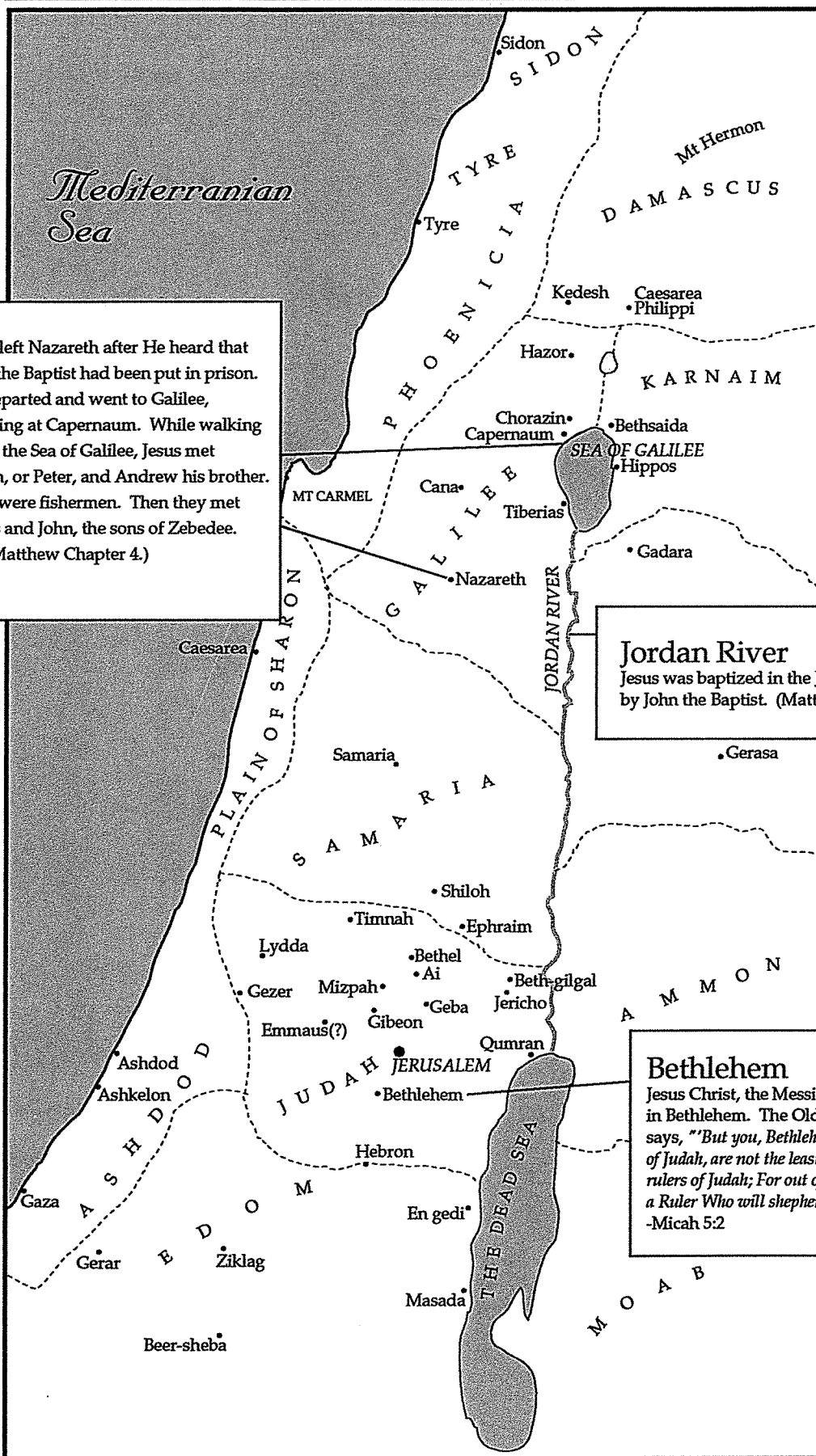
1. Discuss the two kinds of baptisms and what each of them are for. (Matt. 3:11; also see vocabulary)

2. The word "Trinity" is used a lot by Christians, although the word "Trinity" can not be found in the Bible. To the best of your ability, describe what the Trinity is and how it relates to Matthew 3:16-17.

Today's Memory Verse

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew Chapter 4

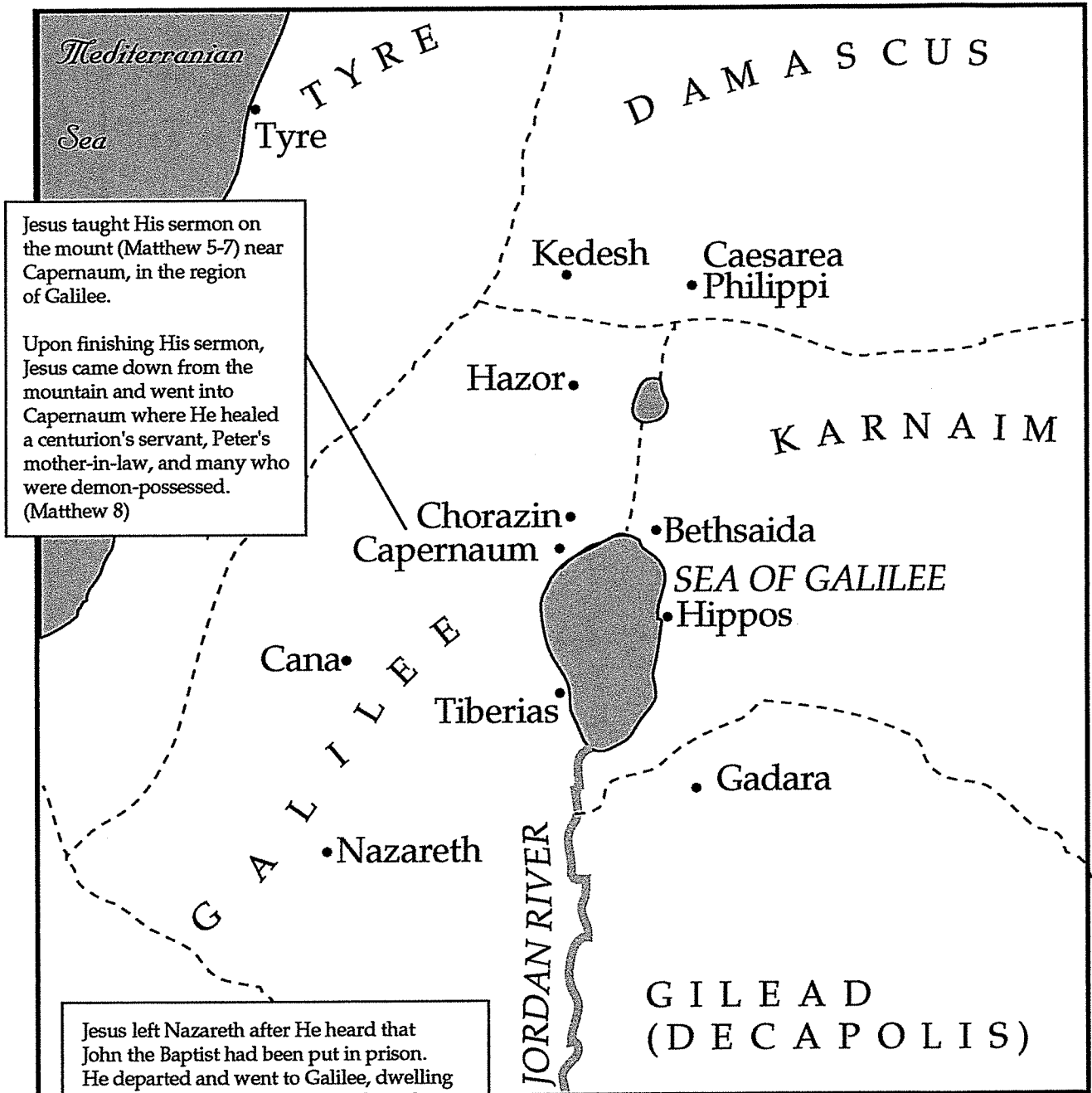


Jesus left Nazareth after He heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison. He departed and went to Galilee, dwelling at Capernaum. While walking along the Sea of Galilee, Jesus met Simon, or Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were fishermen. Then they met James and John, the sons of Zebedee. (See Matthew Chapter 4.)

Jordan River
 Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. (Matthew 3:13)

Bethlehem
 Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was born in Bethlehem. The Old Testament says, "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel." -Micah 5:2

Apply Within for Kids- Matthew Chapters 4-8



Jesus taught His sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) near Capernaum, in the region of Galilee.

Upon finishing His sermon, Jesus came down from the mountain and went into Capernaum where He healed a centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, and many who were demon-possessed. (Matthew 8)

Jesus left Nazareth after He heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison. He departed and went to Galilee, dwelling at Capernaum. While walking along the Sea of Galilee, Jesus met Simon, or Peter, and Andrew his brother. Then He met James and John, the sons of Zebedee. All were fishermen. (See Matthew Chapter 4.)

Later (Matthew 11:23-24), Jesus says He will hold Capernaum accountable in the day of judgment because of all the mighty works they saw Him do. They evidently did not repent of their sins inspite of His great works.

"Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan." Matthew 4:23-25

THE DEVIL TEMPTS JESUS

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.
-Matthew 4:1-2

1) The devil questions the Sonship of Jesus, and God's provision.

The devil tempted Jesus, saying, *"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."*

-Matthew 4:3 ("IF" implies that Jesus' Sonship is questionable, yet Matt. 3:17 declares that God said, *"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."*)

Jesus' answer: *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" -Matthew 4:4*

Where is it written?

The Word of God. (See Deut. 8:3.)

2) The devil tempts Jesus to test the Father's protection.

The devil quotes scripture to Jesus saying, *"IF You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, 'He shall give His angels charge over you.' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" - Matthew 4:6*

(See also, Psalm 91:11 & 12.)

But the devil left out part of the verse! Read Psalm 91 and see! Jesus answers, saying, *"It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" - Matthew 4:7*

(See also, Deuteronomy 6:16.)

3) The devil tempts Jesus to forget the promises of God

and do things the easy way (forgetting the Cross) to obtain the kingdoms of this world, and gain them by worshipping the devil. The devil said, *"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."* Then Jesus said to him, *"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" - Matthew 4:9-10*

(See also, Deuteronomy 6:13.)



The devil tempts us to question God's provision (food, clothing & needs), God's protection, and God's promises to us (found in the Word of God). Do you trust Him? Do you know the Word and His promises? Do you *know* the Word and also *do* what it says?

The devil uses the doctrine of many cults to question the Sonship of Jesus and His deity. Like the devil, they add to, and delete portions of the Word! The Book of James, Chapter One also discusses temptations & trials.

The Devil Tempts Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. fast- going without food, generally for religious purposes. Fasting however, could be done for other reasons. It was sometimes done as a sign of distress, grief or repentance.
2. pinnacle- the highest point of the temple
3. tempt- to test thoroughly

Discussion Questions

1. In Matthew 4:1-11, Satan tempts Jesus. In what two ways does Jesus resist Satan? (Matt. 4:1-11; James 4:7)

2. Satan tempted Jesus after He had been fasting for forty days and forty nights.
 - a. Why do you think Satan picked this particular instance to tempt Jesus?

 - b. Do you think that it made a difference? Why or Why not?

Today's Memory Verse

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7
(NKJV)

"FOLLOW ME"

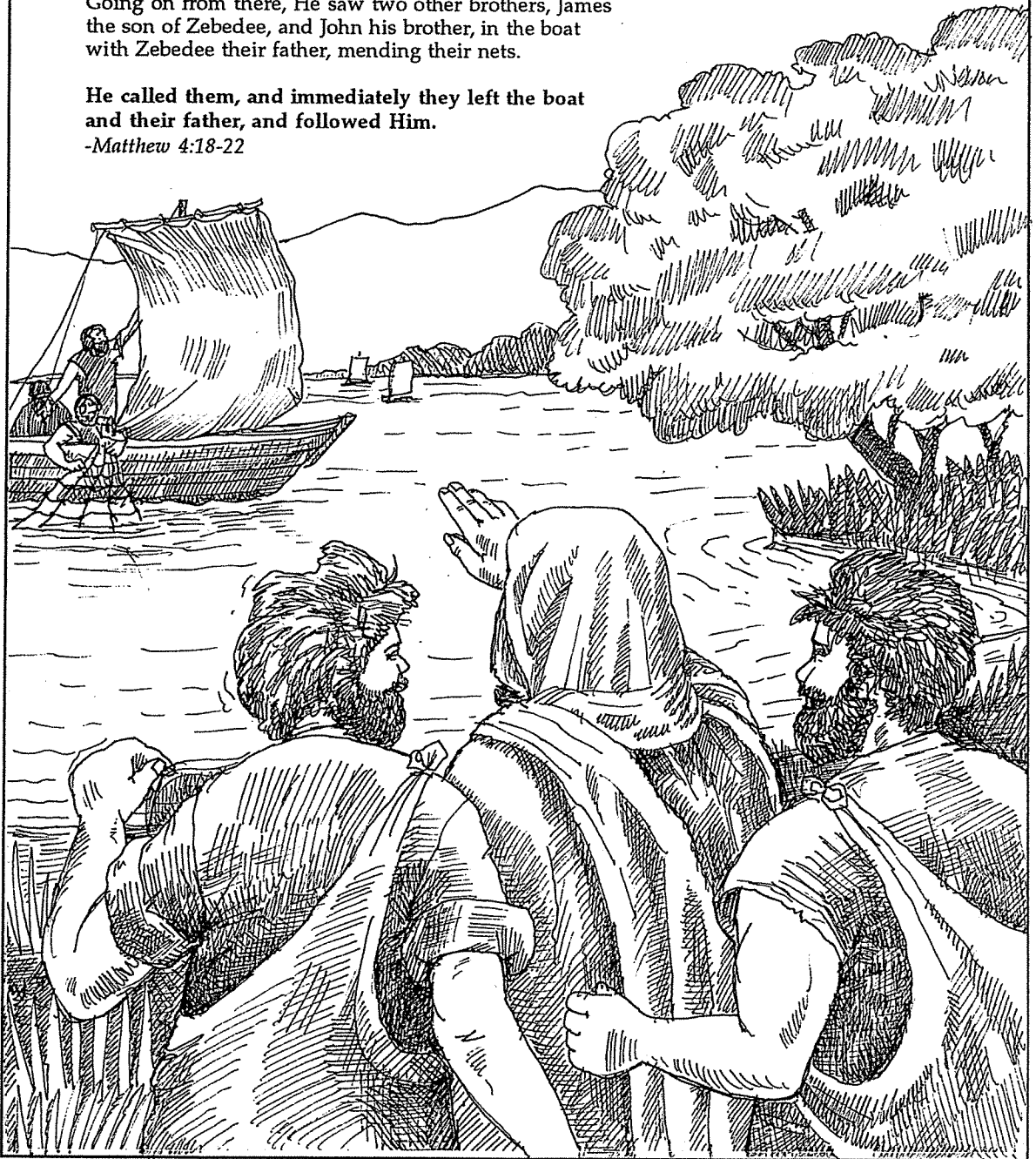
And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets.

He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

-Matthew 4:18-22



Jesus called each one of them individually, and they each left something behind to follow Him. He can use whatever skills we have to reach other people with the Gospel. To fishermen, he makes them fishers of men. What do you have in your hands that He can use? Are you willing to follow Him and leave some things?

"Follow Me"

Matthew 4:12-25

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. at hand- has drawn near
2. epileptic- one who suffers from seizures. An ancient theory held that epilepsy was caused by the moon. People referred to epileptics as being "moon struck."
3. paralytic- one who suffers from paralysis
4. repent- to turn from sin and to turn to God. This would be a 180 degree turn, an "about face." It involves regret or sorrow, accompanied by a true change of heart toward God.

Discussion Questions

1. In Matthew 4:18-19, Simon and Andrew were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
 - a. What do *you* do, or what are *you* good at?

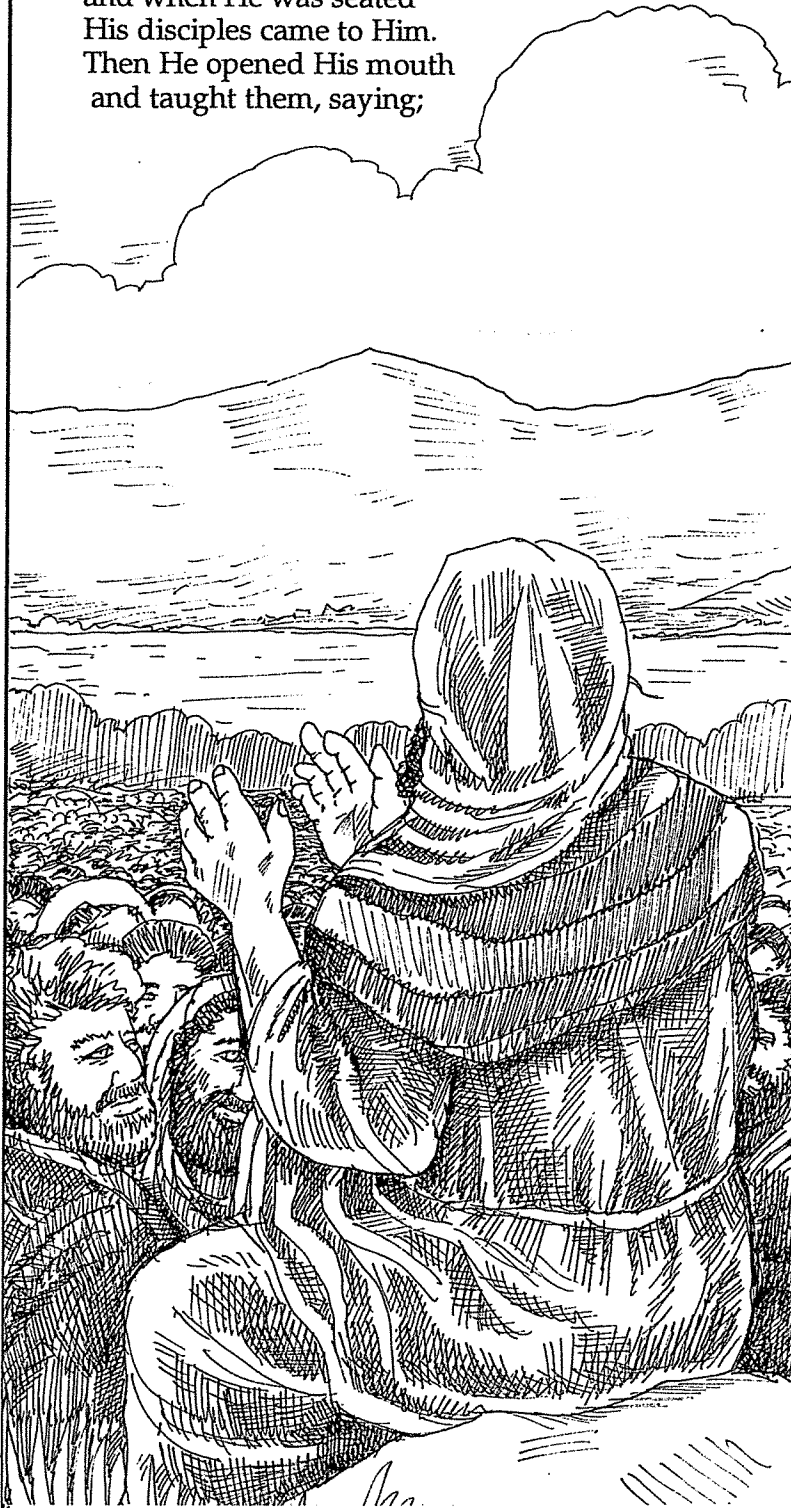
 - b. Do you think that God can use this talent or gift you have?
2. How has God already used the talents or gifts He has given you?
3. What does salvation cost? (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9)
4.
 - a. In Matthew 4:18-22, what did it cost Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Jesus?

 - b. What are you willing to give up to follow Jesus? (Here are some verses to look at before you answer: Matt. 10:39; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 17:33; John 12:25-26)

Today's Memory Verse

"Then He (Jesus) said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"
Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

And seeing the multitudes,
He went up on a mountain,
and when He was seated
His disciples came to Him.
Then He opened His mouth
and taught them, saying;



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
You recognize that you are spiritually
desperate. See Isaiah 6:5; Isaiah's reaction
when he saw God was "woe is me."

*Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.*
You see yourself as spiritually desperate,
and you mourn over your sin.

*Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.*
Meek- doesn't mean weak. This is the same
word the Greeks used to describe a stallion
that had been "broken." The stallion was
still just as powerful as before, but after he
was broken, he was able to be used.

*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.*
Once you see yourself as desperate spiritually,
you'll mourn over your sin, which will make
you meek, then you will thirst after righteous-
ness and hunger for God.

*Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.*
Mercy will grow from a meek person who
sees himself as spiritually desperate has
mourned over his sin and thirsted
after the Lord and His righteousness.

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.*
We are clean because we are born again,
yet, we may not be pure because of the
things we see or do in this world.

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.*
Peacemakers introduce others to
the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

*Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
Persecution comes from walking with
the Lord and living these things.

*Blessed are you when they revile
and persecute you, and say all kinds
of evil against you falsely for My sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
for great is your reward in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.*

BLESSED MEANS, "OH HOW HAPPY"

Sermon on the Mount
Beatitudes: Attitudes That We Ought To Be
 Matthew 5:1-12

Contrast what the world teaches with what the Word of God teaches:

Beatitude:	What the world teaches:	What the Word of God teaches:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."		
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."		
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."		
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."		
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."		
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."		
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God."		
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."		

Today's Memory Verse

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

Constitution of us = 1791 to the liberty & pursuit of happiness
 Constitution of the Kingdom of God - Shows you how to be happy

Beatitudes: Attitudes That We Ought To Be Matthew 5:1-12

Contrast what the world teaches with what the Word of God teaches:

Steps into the walk in the Kingdom of God		
Beatitude:	What the world teaches:	What the word of God teaches:
<p><i>Happy</i></p> <p>"Blessed is the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Esteem • "Because I'm worth it." • Pride (Pride comes before the fall) • Self assertive 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;"> II Tim 3:16 Heb 4:12 PS 119:140 </div> <p>Isaiah 65:5; Isaiah 64:6 II Samuel 7:18 / PS 103:14 WOE: 183 - Lament, mourn, grieve 1945 - expressing grief</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> Mimility I Cor 1:27 Prov 18 James 4 </div>
<p>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."</p> <p><i>Comforted John 8:1-12 PS 86:5-7 Grace to the humble James 4:6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's because of my childhood! • "I was born this way." 	<p>PS. 51 - David & Bathsheba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repent • Besorrey for your sin
<p>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow your heart • Do what feels right to you • Assert yourself • Self promotion - "I'm not a doormat" 	<p>Self-control - Gal 5:22 fruit of the spirit New man - Eph 4:22-24; II Cor 5:17 Submit to God - James 4:5</p>
<p>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of #1 • seek after riches and fame - they will make you happy 	<p>Mat 6:33 - seek first the Kingdom of God Prov 11:18-19 righteousness leads to life</p>
<p>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenge • get the other guy before he gets you • eager to listen to gossip & pass judgement 	<p>Mat 7:1-2 - Judge not PS 103:8; PS 145:8 - God slow to anger and great in mercy</p>
<p>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "It's just a little white lie." • "Everyone else is doing it" • "There is nothing pure in this world" • "I'm only human" 	<p>Mat 10:16 - Be wise as serpents & harmless as doves I Timothy 5:22 - keep yourself pure</p> <p>Gold - symbol of purity Separate from the world / don't become a friend of the world</p>
<p>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy the world a coke • Can't we just get along • All religions have the same basics • Belief - why can't we worship together • false peace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The peace of God surpasses all understanding (Phil 4:7) • Peacemaker - one who introduces others to the Prince of Peace
<p>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "It's my right" • Hate those who persecute you • seek revenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be persecuted Mat 5:10-11 • Pray for those who persecute you (Mat 5:44)

Today's Memory Verse

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principals of the world, and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

Constitution of the US - right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness

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Contrast what the world teaches with what the Word of God teaches:

STEPS into the walk - in the Kingdom of God:		
Beatitude: <u>STEPS</u>	What the world teaches:	What the Word of God teaches:
1) "Blessed is the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you want to be part of the Kingdom? • spiritual poverty - how happy are those who recognize this • when you see the Lord - really see the Lord, you will see this. Isaiah 1-5 - woe is me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 5:1-6 - woe is me Long Train - how powerful A. H. W. H. Y.
2) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I recognize that I am poor in spirit - I will mourn - over my sin • I know that I am in trouble • John 8:1-12 Adulteress woman - Go and sin no more • If its real you will mourn 	
3) "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." <u>meek</u> - a mildness of disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength under control; strength that is harnessed - still there • Ready to be ridden - strength not gone but can be used • when you begin to mourn over your sin - you'll notice a meekness set in; not self promotion • Jesus could call 12 legions (12,000) Angels - Pilot don't you know I'm crucified? 	
4) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you begin to desire the things of the Kingdom of God - you need to be empty - the first three steps empty you out • "Why don't I desire the things of righteousness? why aren't I hungry?" - you might be saved, but you might be full of something: self, pride • "I don't have an appetite for the word" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appetite for worship - maybe you've been eating junk
5) "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Step 5 - you become less critical - you see how poor you are - still use wisdom - Matt 7:1-2 - Judge not - comes back the same measure 	
6) "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may be clean - are there any additives? - soaps - they are clean; what are their additives? perfume, deodorant? color? • Gold symbol of purity • create in me a pure heart • Eyes, ears - careful what you watch and listen to 	
7) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God." <u>children</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one who makes peace. Peacemakers show others the way to peace - introduce to the Prince of Peace 	
8) "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persecution - step 8. Kind of unexpected • Expect it. Expect it from unexpected sources. • Rejoice - for great is your reward in heaven. • Be sure sure its for righteousness' sake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All I want to do is the will of the Father - you would think he would be popular. You would think people would love you for this.

San Jose - naked mustard, walk down the main street preaching; arrested "I'm being persecuted for righteousness" no your looney.

Today's Memory Verse

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

• when you teach the Bible people don't like what you say because they think you're talking about them.
• and the pharisees were tricked in their hearts because they knew he was talking about them.

**YOU ARE THE SALT
OF THE EARTH
AND THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD**

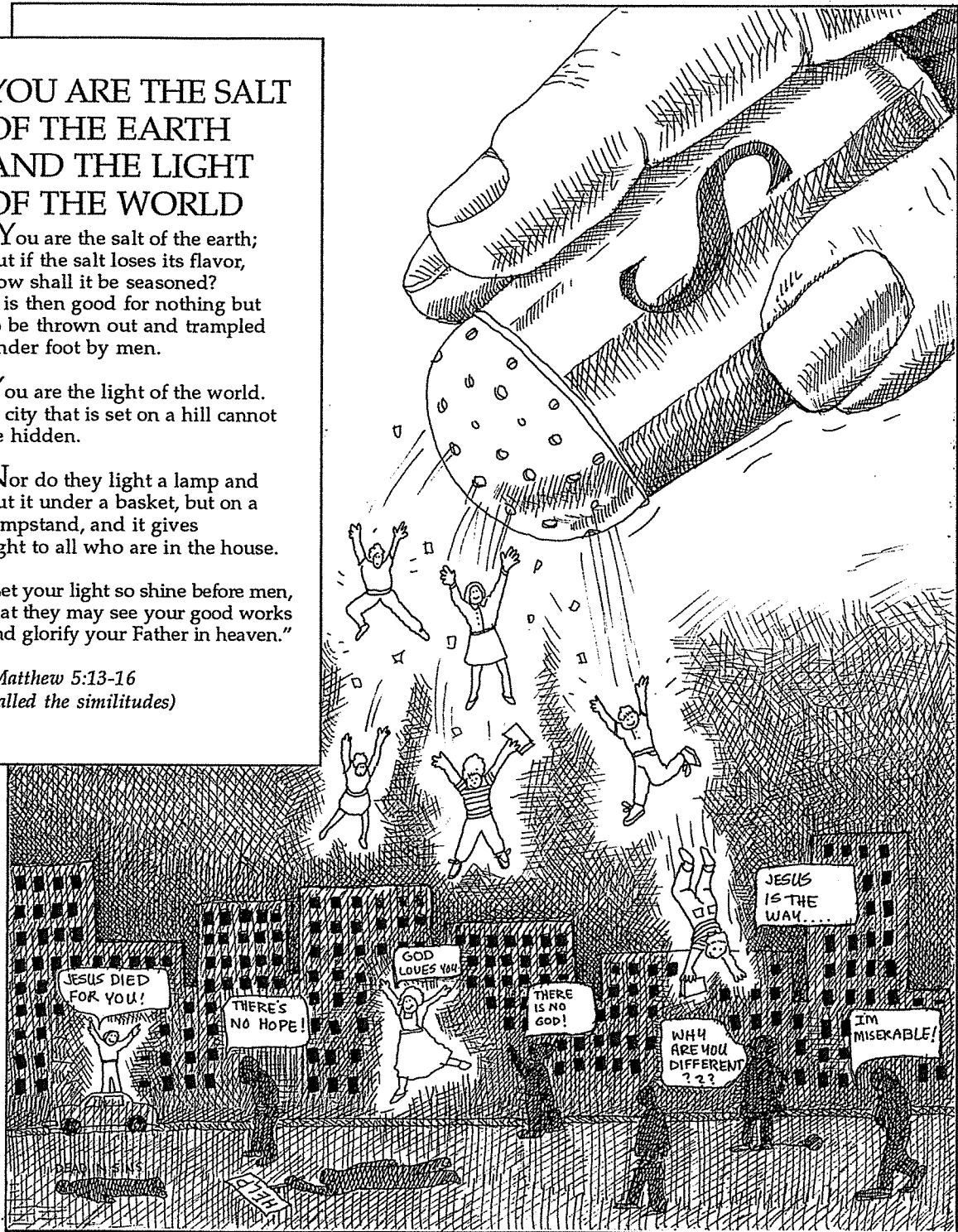
"You are the salt of the earth;
but if the salt loses its flavor,
how shall it be seasoned?
It is then good for nothing but
to be thrown out and trampled
under foot by men.

You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill cannot
be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and
put it under a basket, but on a
lampstand, and it gives
light to all who are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven."

-Matthew 5:13-16
(called the similitudes)



Salt preserves things and keeps them from spoiling (think of beef jerky!). It is also a cleanser that helps our wounds heal. Salt also makes us thirsty. Jesus wants us to be salt in this world. Do our lives make others thirsty for the Lord? Jesus sprinkles us out like salt from a salt shaker so we can be lights in the darkness. He wants us spread out so we can share Jesus with others who are in the darkness. Those who are in the darkness and don't know the Lord will be drawn to His light that is in us. Is His light in you? Are you born again? Our goal in this life is to glorify our Father in heaven.

Did you know that you cannot be righteous enough to get to heaven? Jesus said you must be more righteous than the scribes and Pharisees (who tried to keep every law and commandment). But they couldn't be righteous enough! But to be righteous enough to get to heaven you need a Savior Who is righteous. When you ask Jesus into your heart, you get to have *His* righteousness!

Sermon on the Mount:
**You are the Salt of the Earth
And the Light of the World**
Matthew 5:13-20

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. jot- the smallest letter
2. righteousness- right; just; holy. The word righteousness comes from a root word that means "straightness." God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness (Duet. 32:4; Rom. 9:14.)
3. tittle- the smallest stroke of the Hebrew letter

Discussion Questions

1. a. What is salt and what can it be used for? (Matt. 5:13; also, see front page of handout)

b. Who is the salt of the earth? (Matt. 5:13)
2. a. Matt. 5:14-16 talks about letting your light shine. How does one let his/her light shine?

b. Why should one let his/her light shine?
3. a. Matt. 5:20 talks about how we need to be righteous to enter the kingdom of heaven. Do you think that you can get to heaven by your own righteousness? Why or why not? (Isaiah 64:6)

b. If your righteousness isn't good enough, Whose is? Whom should we seek out for righteousness? (Isaiah 41:10; Matt. 6:33; Duet. 4:29)

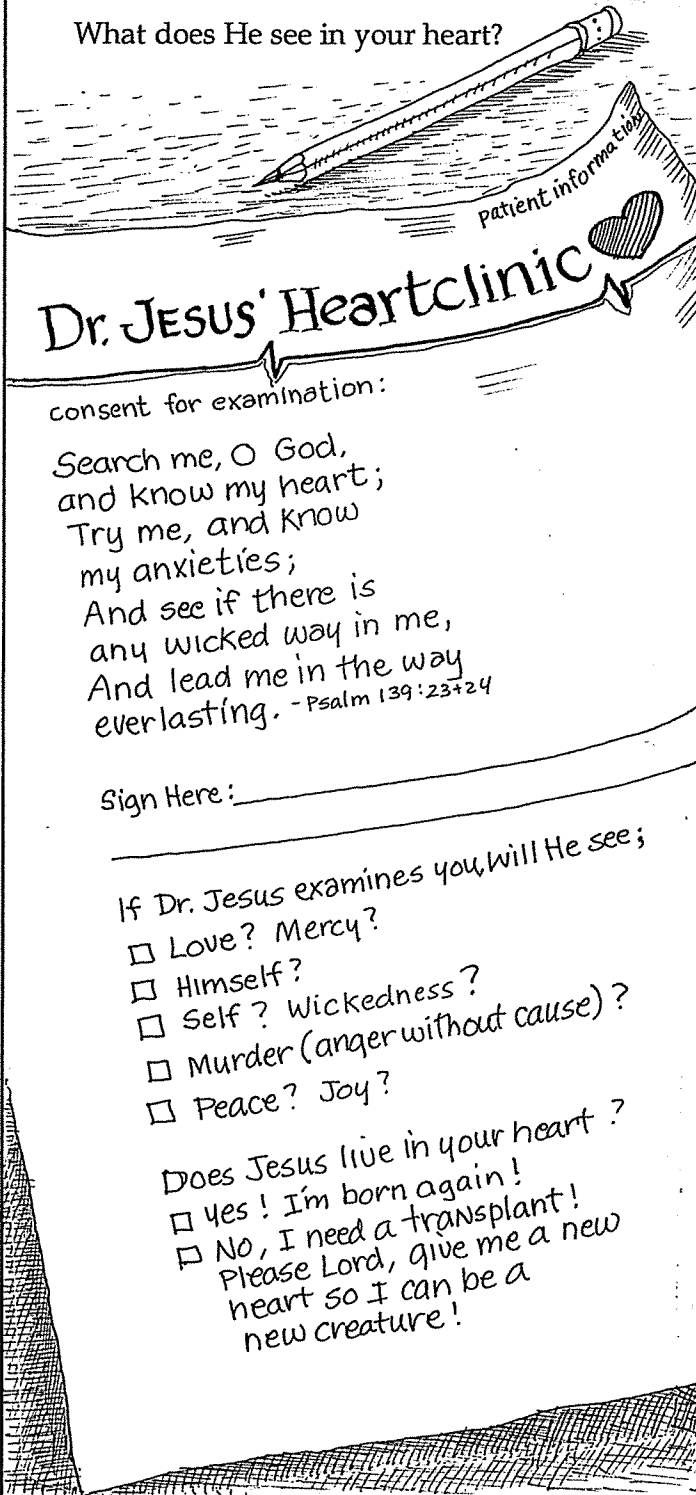
Today's Memory Verse

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." Colossians 4:6 (NKJV)

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART.

"For the Lord does not see as man sees;
for man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7

What does He see in your heart?



THE HEART

"For I say to you, that unless your
righteousness exceeds the righteousness
of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by
no means enter the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees outwardly appeared (in the eyes of man) to do everything right according to the law. But their righteousness wasn't enough, and a person must exceed their righteousness to get to heaven! Who then, can go to heaven? No one (apart from Jesus). That is why we need Jesus' righteousness. When we ask Jesus into our hearts and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, we are born again. Then we get His righteousness which exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus shows us that God does not judge according to outward appearances, but He sees the heart.

Jesus gives us examples in verses 21-32. Here is one:

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' (empty head!) shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."
- Matthew 5:21-22

Though we haven't physically murdered anyone, we murder others in our hearts daily! 1 John 3:15 says; "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." We are considered murderers if we are angry with our brothers without a cause. We cannot enter heaven! In our flesh we cannot change! We're doomed without Jesus' righteousness!

We must be born again to have forgiveness for our sins, a new nature, and the ability to love others with God's agape love. We are called righteous because we have His righteousness. Our own righteousness (like the Pharisee's), and our best works are filthy in His sight.

God gives us a new nature and a new heart when we're born again.
Are you born again?

**Sermon on the Mount:
The Heart
Matthew 5:20-32**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. adultery- willful sex outside of marriage
2. adversary- an opponent (in a lawsuit)
3. lust- long for; covet; desire
4. Pharisees- (separated ones)- a religious and political party of the Jews in Palestine in New Testament times. The Pharisees were known for insisting that the Law of God be observed as the scribes interpreted it and for their special commitment to keeping the laws of tithing and ritual purity.
5. raca- empty head
6. reconcile- to settle a quarrel or dispute
7. righteousness- right; just; holy. The word righteousness comes from a root word that means "straightness." God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness. (Deut. 32:4; Rom. 9:14)

Discussion Questions

Using the verses, fill in the following chart:

	Murder	Adultery	Divorce
Commandment	Ex. 20:13	Ex. 20:14	Matt. 19:3-9
Jesus' Definition	Matt.5:21-22; I Jn.3:15	Matt. 5:27-28	Matt. 5:31-32
Where does it start?	Matt. 15:19	Matt. 5:28	Ps. 44:21

1. Rom. 3:23 tells us "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Sin is to miss the mark. Murder and adultery are sin. Divorce does miss the mark and "falls short of the glory of God." This was not God's intention for marriage. Read Matt. 19:3-9. Sin is an illness. What is the cure? (Rom. 10:9; I Jn. 1:9; II Cor. 5:7; Gal. 5:16; Ps. 119:9-16)

2. What do you think Jesus means by Matt. 5:29-30? Do you think that He is speaking literally? Explain.

Today's Memory Verse

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24 (NKJV)

"But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away."
- Matthew 5:39-42

Be willing to give up both your things as well as your rights! They are all His anyway! Surrender your heart, life, and things to be used however the Lord decides! If you obey the Lord and love your enemies they will know that you're different because of your love. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love. (Galatians 5:22-23) God loves unbelievers too, and desires that they come to Him too. God is love, so as His children we must be like Him.



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." -Matthew 5: 44-48

**Sermon on the Mount:
Love Your Enemies
Matthew 5:33-48**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. brethren- referring to friends
2. cloak- apparel, clothes, robe, garment
3. oath- a solemn statement or claim used to validate a promise
4. spitefully- to insult, slander, falsely accuse
5. sue- to go to the law, avenge, condemn, judge, call in question, sentence to
6. swear- take an oath
7. tunic- coat

Discussion Questions

	Jesus Forbids Oaths	Go the Second Mile	Love Your Enemies
"You have heard it said..." (Finish Jesus' sentence)	Matt. 5:33	Matt. 5:38	Matt. 5:43
Jesus teaches from the Old Testament. Look it up and compare.	Ex. 20:7; Lev. 19:12; Deut. 23:23	Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21	Lev. 19:18; Deut. 23:3-6
"But I (Jesus) tell you..." (Write down the main point Jesus is trying to make.)	Matt. 5:34-37	Matt. 5:39-42	Matt. 5:44-47
Think of an example or situation where these principles applied.			

1. After studying this chapter, you can see that Jesus wants us to be trustworthy at all times. Why? (Matt 5:37; Ps. 117:2; Titus 1:2)

Today's Memory Verse

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Matthew 5:44 (NKJV)

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"...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

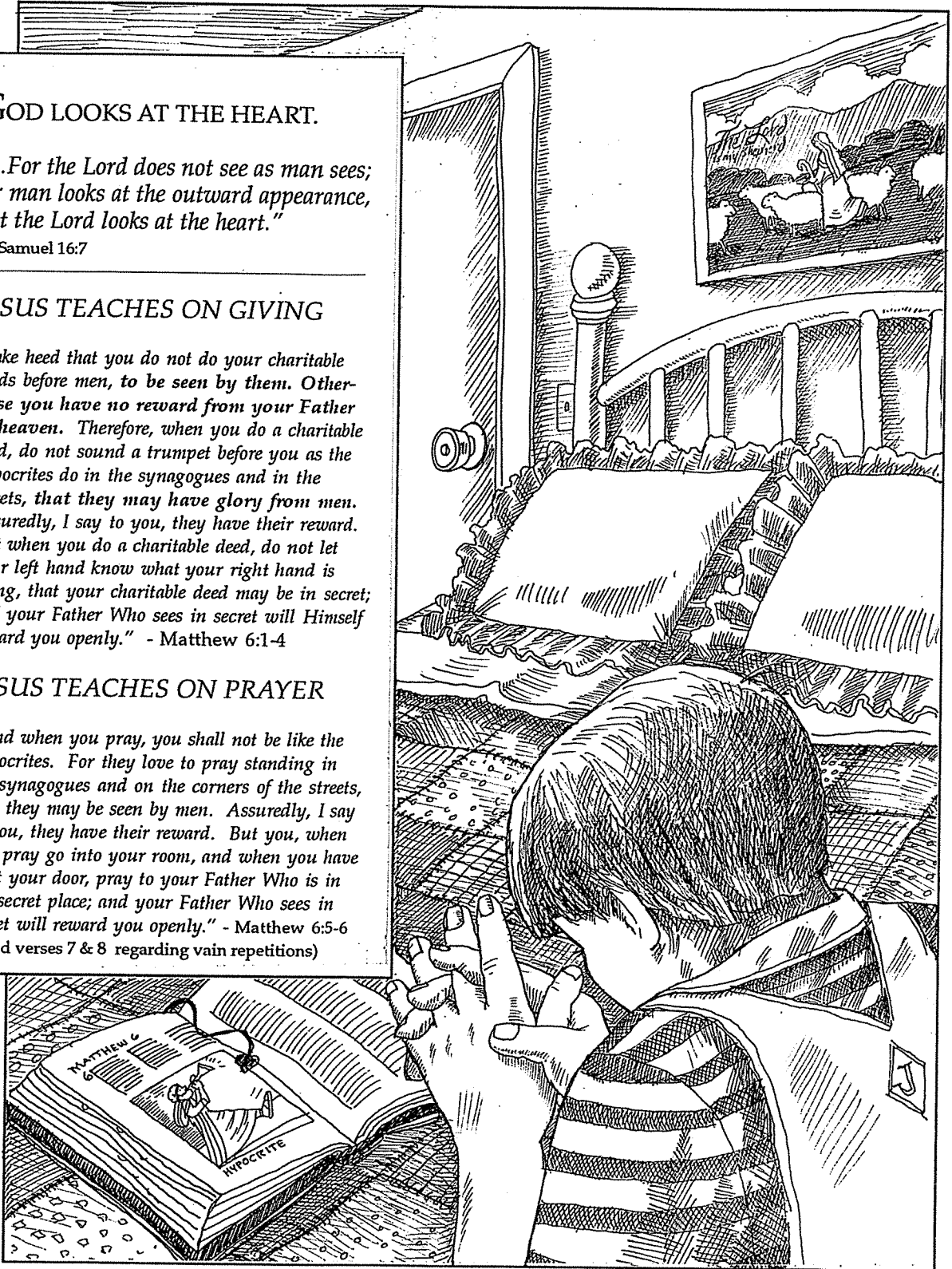
- 1 Samuel 16:7

JESUS TEACHES ON GIVING

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." - Matthew 6:1-4

JESUS TEACHES ON PRAYER

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly." - Matthew 6:5-6
(Read verses 7 & 8 regarding vain repetitions)



"Take heed", as Jesus said. Examine yourselves.

Do you give to the Lord, or pray, hoping to be seen by others? We are all capable of it! We get a reward for both giving, and praying, either from the Lord, or only from men. It's a matter of the heart, not the circumstances.

It isn't wrong if you're seen serving the Lord, giving to Him, or praying to Him, but it's wrong if you're serving Him, giving to Him, or praying to Him in order to be seen by men.

Sermon on the Mount:
God Looks at the Heart
Matthew 6:1-8

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

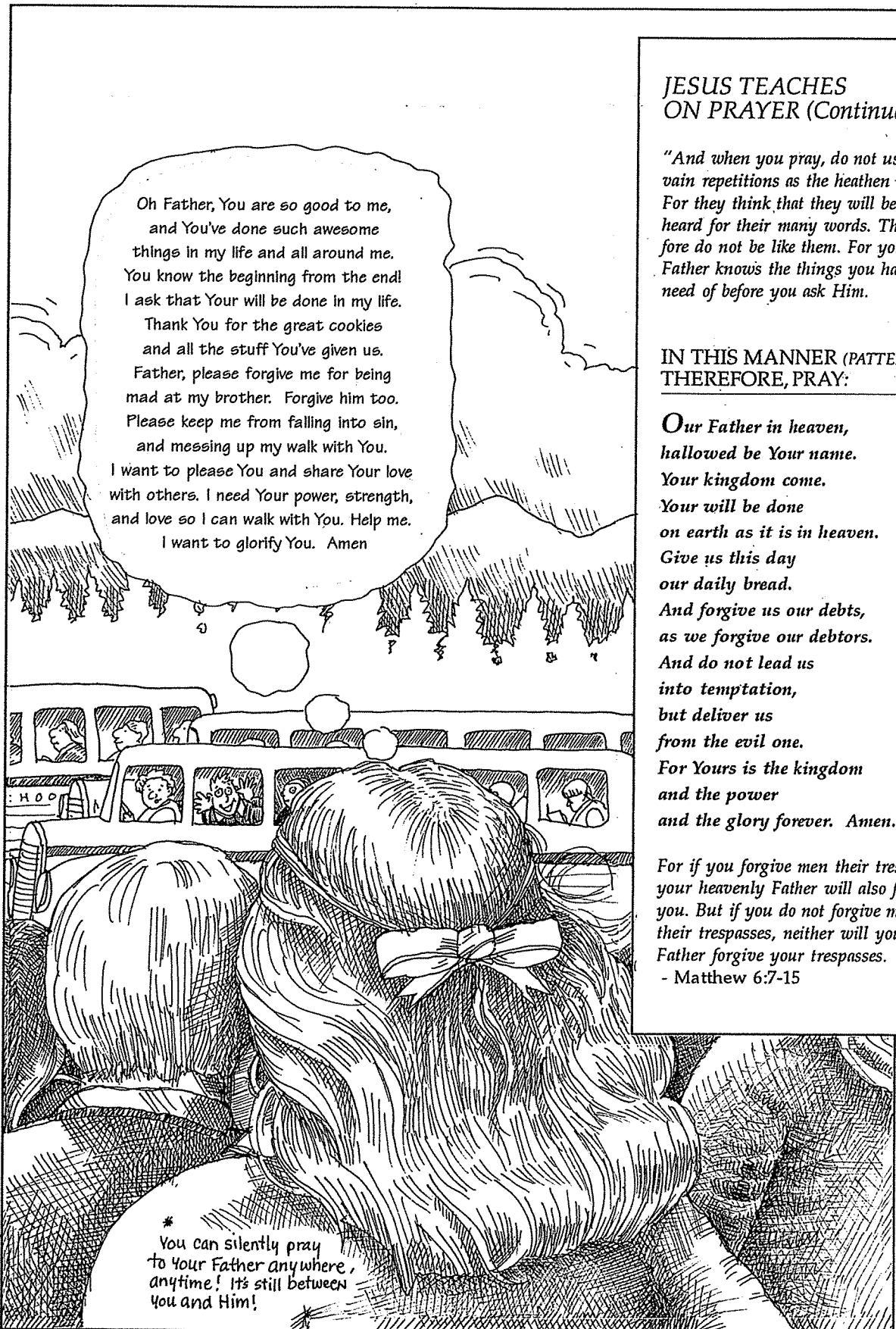
1. charitable deed- money given out of mercy to the poor
2. hypocrite- pretending to be what one is not. This term is what the Greeks would call a stage player or an actor on stage who would wear a mask and impersonate a character. This is where we get our term "two-faced."
3. synagogues- a local place where Jews could gather for the reading and explanation of the Jewish sacred Scriptures and for prayer
4. vain repetitions- to speak foolishly; much talking; wordiness; much useless speaking without distinct expression of the purpose; opposite of speaking clearly and briefly with knowledgeable speech.

Discussion Questions

1. Is there a time when God does not reward our good deeds? Explain. (Matt. 6:1-4)
2. In Matthew 6:2, what was the motive of the hypocrites in the synagogues?
3. When we do a charitable deed, what should our motive be?
4. a. Have you ever done a charitable deed and did not get the credit for it?
b. What was your reaction?
c. How did your reaction relate to Matthew 6:1-4?
5. a. In Matthew 6:5-8, how is the hypocrite's prayer different from how Jesus is teaching us to pray?
b. How is the reward different?

Today's Memory Verse

"For the Lord does not see as a man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7b (NKJV)



Oh Father, You are so good to me,
and You've done such awesome
things in my life and all around me.
You know the beginning from the end!
I ask that Your will be done in my life.
Thank You for the great cookies
and all the stuff You've given us.
Father, please forgive me for being
mad at my brother. Forgive him too.
Please keep me from falling into sin,
and messing up my walk with You.
I want to please You and share Your love
with others. I need Your power, strength,
and love so I can walk with You. Help me.
I want to glorify You. Amen

**JESUS TEACHES
ON PRAYER (Continued)**

*"And when you pray, do not use
vain repetitions as the heathen do.
For they think that they will be
heard for their many words. There-
fore do not be like them. For your
Father knows the things you have
need of before you ask Him.*

**IN THIS MANNER (PATTERN),
THEREFORE, PRAY:**

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us
into temptation,
but deliver us
from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

*For if you forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive
you. But if you do not forgive men
their trespasses, neither will your
Father forgive your trespasses.
- Matthew 6:7-15*

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You can silently pray
to your Father anywhere,
anytime! It's still between
you and Him!

**Sermon on the Mount:
Jesus Teaches on Prayer
Matthew 6:7-15**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. debtor- one who owes something to another; a trespasser
2. debt- something owed; a trespass; that which is legally due
3. hallowed- to set apart for God; Holy; opposite of common
4. manner- "thus, in this way,"; in the same fashion
5. trespass- offence; sin; unintentional error or willful transgression
6. temptation- testing; trials

Praying in the Same Manner

Jesus teaches the people how to pray and says to pray in the same manner. In the following chart, construct a prayer in the same manner as Jesus teaches us to pray.

Description	Matthew 6:9b-13	Your Prayer
Worship and reverence to God	"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."	
Seeking God's will and purpose	"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."	
Establishing our dependence on God	"Give us this day our daily bread."	
Forgiveness	"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."	
Seeking God's protection	"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."	
Closing: re-establishing worship and reverence, giving all glory to God	"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen."	

Today's Memory Verse

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you." Psalms 86:5 (NKJV)

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

That's where your heart will be.

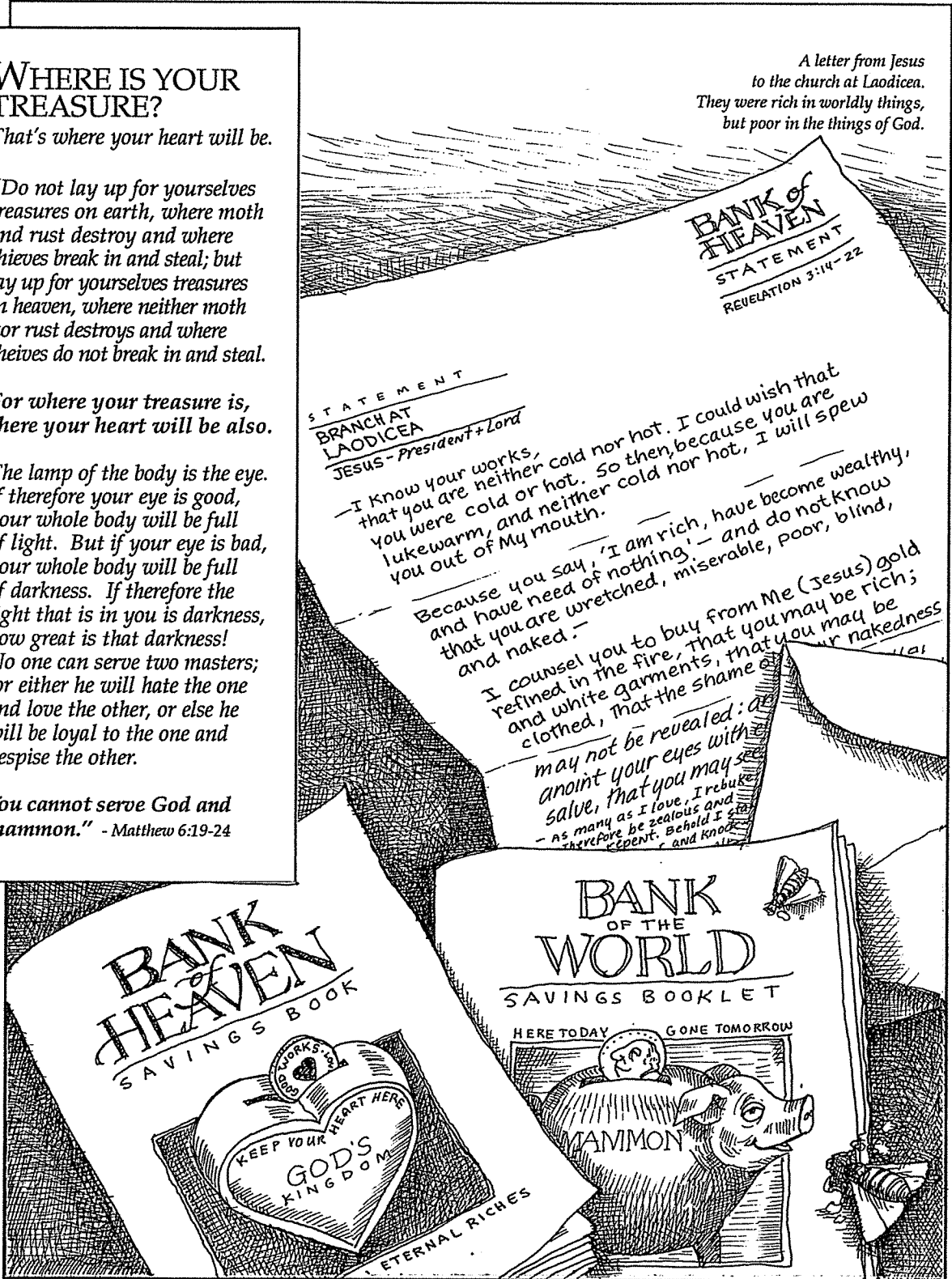
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and mammon." - Matthew 6:19-24

A letter from Jesus to the church at Laodicea. They were rich in worldly things, but poor in the things of God.



ADDITIONAL VERSES TO CONSIDER:

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches (moth & rust destroy) but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come (heaven), that they may lay hold on eternal life." - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." - 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Sermon on the Mount:
Where is Your Treasure?
Matthew 6:16-24

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. anoint- to rub or to cover over with oil or ointment
2. bad- evil or unhealthy
3. fasting- to abstain from food; not eat
4. good- clear or healthy
5. hypocrite- pretending to be what one is not. This term is what the Greeks would call a stage player or an actor on stage who would wear a mask and impersonate a character. This is where we get our term "two-faced."
6. mammon- riches
7. sad countenance- gloomy or mournful appearance

Discussion Questions

1. Name a couple of reasons why one would fast. (Is. 58:6; Ezra 8:21)

2. What should your appearance be when you fast? (Matt. 6:16-18)

3. Matthew 6:19-21 tells us to lay up our treasures in heaven. How do you do this? (Matt. 19:21- write down the main idea Jesus is trying to get across)

4. What is your treasure? Where does that put your heart? (Matt. 6:21)

5. a. Read Matthew 6:22-23. If your eye is physically healthy your eye will be able to see light. Spiritually speaking, if your eye is healthy and it sees light, what is it looking at? (I John 1:5)

b. If your eye is physically unhealthy, it will see or be full of darkness. The same thing happens spiritually. Explain. (II Cor. 4:3-4)

6. Read Matthew 19:16-22. The young man chose a master that day. Who or what was it? Explain. (Matt 6:24)

Today's Memory Verse

"For you are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord shall enlighten my darkness." II Samuel 22:29 (NKJV)

DO NOT WORRY

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

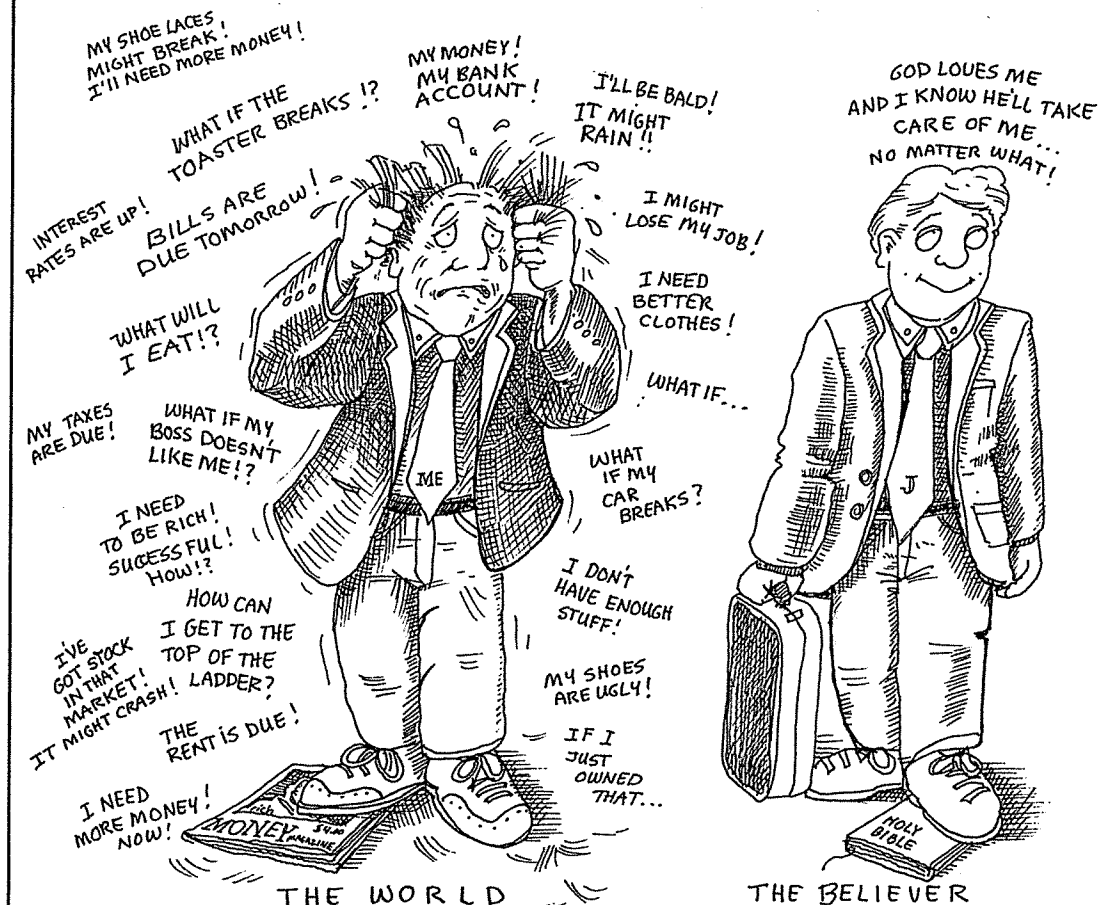
So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

► *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." - Matthew 6:25-34



The Lord knows what we need before we ask Him. Do not worry, but pray.
"Be anxious (worried) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

Sermon on the Mount:
Do Not Worry
Matthew 6:25-34

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. arrayed- dressed; clothed
2. cubit- about 18 inches
3. Gentiles- a foreign nation or people. Pagan or heathen is usually implied. Sometimes this term is used to refer to a non-Jewish nation or people.
4. righteousness- right; just; holy. The word righteousness comes from a root word that means "straightness." God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness (Deut. 32:4; Rom. 9:14).
5. stature- height
6. sufficient- enough

Discussion Questions

1. a. Read Matthew 6:25-34. What are some of the things that you worry about?

b. According to I Peter 5:7, what can we do with our cares and worries?

c. Why would we want to do this? (Ps. 55:22; Matt. 11:28-30)
2. a. What should we be doing instead of worrying? (Matt. 6:33-34)

b. If we are doing what Matthew 6:33 says to do then Who are we serving? (Matt. 6:24)

Today's Memory Verse

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)