

Jesus' Mountain Sermon

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Matthew 5:1-48, Matthew 6:1-34, Matthew 7:1-29

Characters: Jesus, The Disciples, The Multitudes

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ONE DAY, JESUS saw huge crowds of people coming to hear Him teach. He walked up on a mountainside, sat down, and His disciples gathered around Him. Then Jesus taught them the most important lessons about how to live for God. Jesus started by teaching about who is truly blessed, or happy. He said, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Blessed are those who are kind, who want to do what's right, who show mercy, who have pure hearts, and who make peace. Jesus told His followers, 'You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.' Christians should make the world better and help others see God's love. Then Jesus taught about treating others with love. If someone is mean to you, don't be mean back. Most surprising of all, Jesus said, 'Love your enemies. Pray for people who are mean to you.' Jesus taught His followers how to pray: 'Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in

earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread...'

Jesus didn't want people to worry. He said, 'Look at the birds! They don't plant gardens, but God feeds them. You're much more important than birds! If God takes care of birds and flowers, He'll definitely take care of you!' Jesus also said we shouldn't judge other people for their mistakes when we make mistakes too. At the end of His sermon, Jesus told a story about two builders. One man built his house on a rock. When storms came, the house stayed strong. Another man built his house on sand. When the storm came, the house crashed down! Jesus said listening to His words and obeying them is like building on a rock. When Jesus finished teaching, the people were amazed. He spoke with power and authority because He is God's Son!

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