

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the Sermon on the Mount story from your children's Bible.

Rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Sermon on the Mount Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

The Sermon on the Mount is arguably the most well-known sermon of Jesus. It is also the longest recorded sermon Jesus gave. The sermon is recorded in Matthew. Jesus preached it on a mountain near the Sea of Galilee, close to a city called Capernaum.

Why did Jesus sit on the mountainside to tell the sermon?

Religious teachers (called rabbis) would usually sit when they were teaching. This was part of the culture and probably more comfortable than standing for a long period of time.

What did Jesus teach in the sermon?

Jesus wasn't teaching a bunch of religious rules that people had to follow. He was teaching about a change in heart. Jesus' sermon was an invitation to the Kingdom of God, where people love God and love each other.

Jesus started his teachings with The Beatitudes. This is a famous passage of Scripture about what it means to be blessed. Jesus also taught us how to pray and live our lives in a way that shows love to God and people.

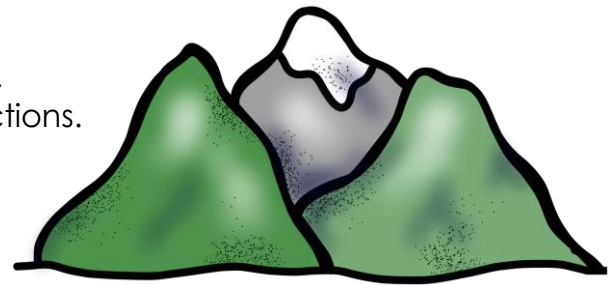
What is God's Kingdom?

A king oversees a kingdom and takes care of the citizens of the kingdom. The Kingdom of God isn't just heaven, although heaven is a part of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is here on earth and in heaven, wherever the love of Jesus is being shown. It is all the people who love God and follow him. God is the King of the Kingdom of God. And the Kingdom keeps growing as we share the Good News of Jesus with others and show His love to the people around us.

Why was this Sermon so important?

People were used to living religious lives. This means they knew the rules to follow, and they followed the rules. Many people (including the religious leaders) had a lot of pride because they thought they followed the rules perfectly. But Jesus was inviting people to a new way of thinking. We follow rules not to *earn* God's love, but *because* we love God. We follow the rules not to *earn* people's love but because we want to *show* people love.

Jesus lived out the words of this sermon. Jesus helped people, showed love to people, and showed love for God in all his actions.



Step Two: Explore the story.

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After reading or watching the story, use the worksheet [on page 6](#) and have your kids draw a picture of one thing Jesus taught during the sermon.

What your kids know about the sermon will depend on which children's Bible or YouTube video you watch, so there are many different things kids may end up drawing.

A few examples:

- Beatitudes ("Blessed are...")
- Be salt and light in the world
- Love your neighbor
- Love your enemy
- Give to the needy
- How to pray
- Be salt and light in the world

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

The worksheet is titled "The Sermon on the Mount" and includes a space for a student's name. It features a large rectangular box for drawing, labeled "Jesus taught". To the right of the drawing area are four colored boxes, each containing a discussion question:

- QUESTION #1** (Red box): What was the Sermon on the Mount?
- QUESTION #2** (Green box): What are some of the things Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount?
- QUESTION #3** (Blue box): How can you show love to God?
- QUESTION #4** (Purple box): How can you show God's love to other people?

Step Three: Do the object lesson and craft.

Object Lesson: Sharing God's Love

Use the [instructions on page 8](#) to lead an object lesson on sharing God's love.

Craft: Light of the World Lanterns

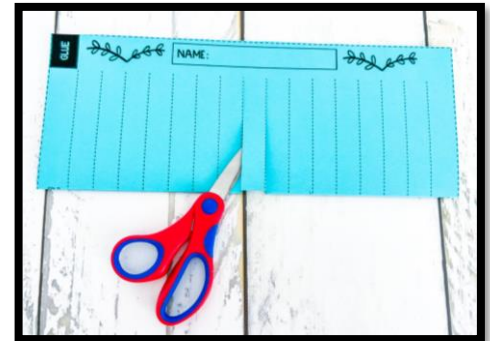
Before the lesson: Print lantern templates (one per kid). Gather scissors, glue, and decorating materials (stickers, markers, crayons, etc.)

Give each kid a lantern template and provide time to decorate their lanterns with whatever materials you provide (markers, crayons, pencil crayons, stickers, etc.) Let the kids know that they will be cutting along the dotted lines, so they will need to avoid drawing/gluing close to the dotted lines.

When they finish decorating, instruct them to cut along the lines of the template to create the lantern slits. Fold the paper horizontally so there is a crease in each slit. Put glue on the "glue here" section and form a cylinder shape with the paper.

Last, punch two holes in the top of the lantern and attach a handle made of pipe cleaners or string.

Optional: For a glowing effect, add the bottom piece to the lantern and place a glowstick or electric candle inside. Turn out the lights and try it out!



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Sermon on the Mount' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

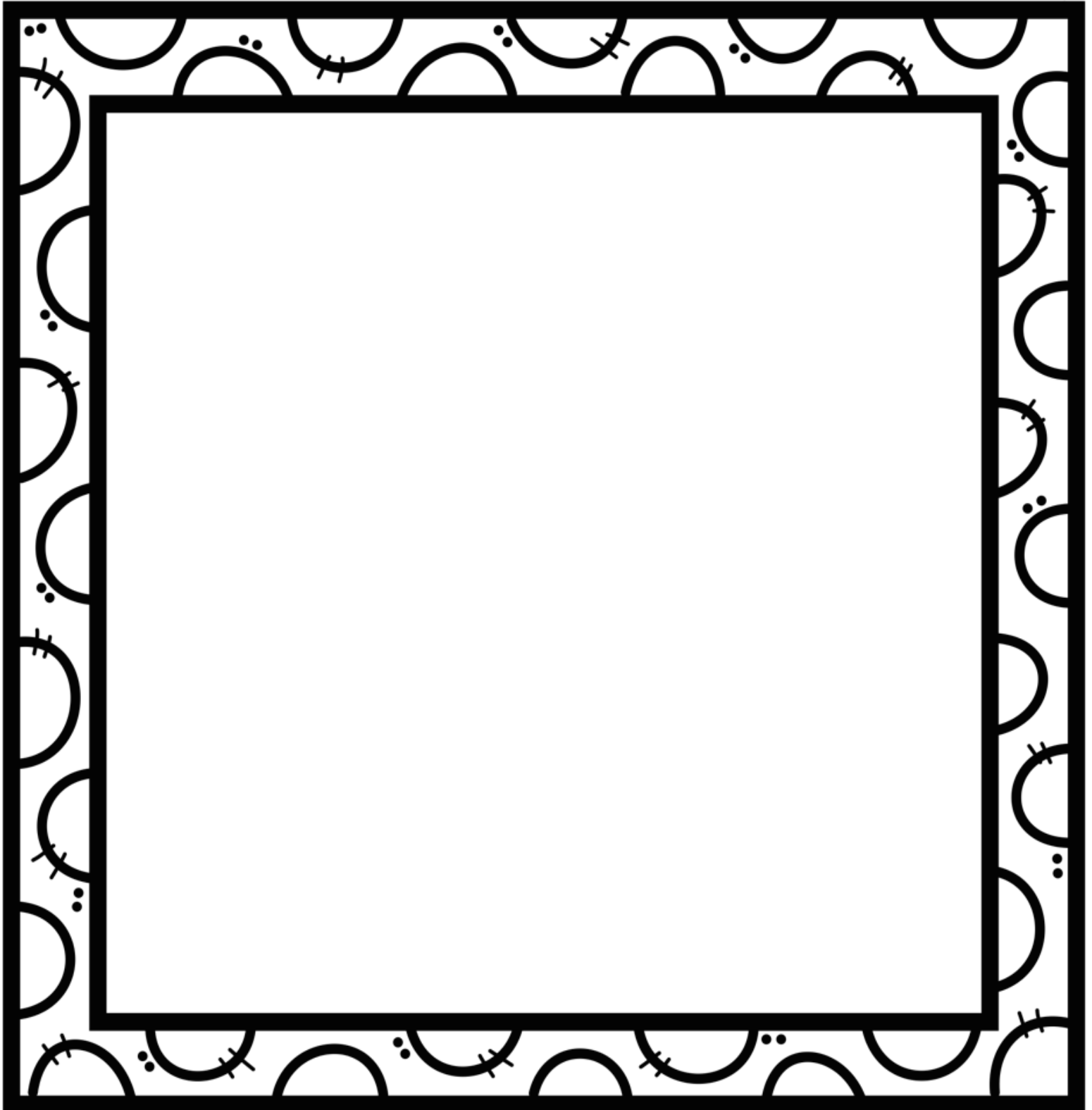
So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. Matthew 7:12a (NIV)

Big idea suggestion: Following Jesus will change our hearts.

Name: _____

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus taught us...



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

What was the Sermon on the Mount?

QUESTION #2

What are some of the things Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount?

QUESTION #3

How can you show love to God?

QUESTION #4

How can you show God's love to other people?

Object Lesson Sharing God's Love



This lesson can be completed individually, in pairs, or led by the teacher.

Before the Lesson: Pour a cup of warm water for each student. Prepare a piece of paper towel and red/pink marker for each person.

Instruct your students to use a pencil to draw one larger heart in the corner of the paper towel and several smaller hearts slightly above the larger heart. They must keep the hearts to the bottom of the paper towel. The water will move up the paper towel slowly, so you don't want to draw much above the bottom 4-5 inches.

Per Child or Pair:
Cup of Warm Water
Paper Towel
Pencil
Red Marker

NOTE: Be sure to test the object lesson before teaching it to ensure the marker bleeds the way it is supposed to.

Teacher Script:

Point to the larger heart and say "This heart represents you, but It's empty right now. We can fill our hearts with the love that Jesus gives us."

Instruct your kids to color in the large heart with the red (or pink) marker and say, "That's better. God's love fills our hearts, and in our Bible story today, we learned about what God wants us to do with that. Our job is to love people and share God's love with them."

Point to the smaller hearts and say, "These smaller hearts represent other people. Their hearts need to be filled with God's love too!"

Instruct your kids to dip the corner of their paper towel (close to the large heart) into the warm water. Hold the paper towel relatively vertically so students can see the water moving upwards. As water is absorbed by the paper towel, the red color from the large heart should start bleeding upwards toward the smaller hearts.

Say, "We can show love to others by being kind, praying for people, listening to parents and teachers, inviting a new friend to play, sharing with the poor, etc. As we show love to others, their hearts start to fill up as well. Just like the red from the large heart is spreading to the little hearts, God's love starts to spread from us to others."

Note: Make sure you draw the smaller hearts close to the large heart. Otherwise, it will take a long time for the red color to spread.



GLUE

NAME:



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...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 NIV

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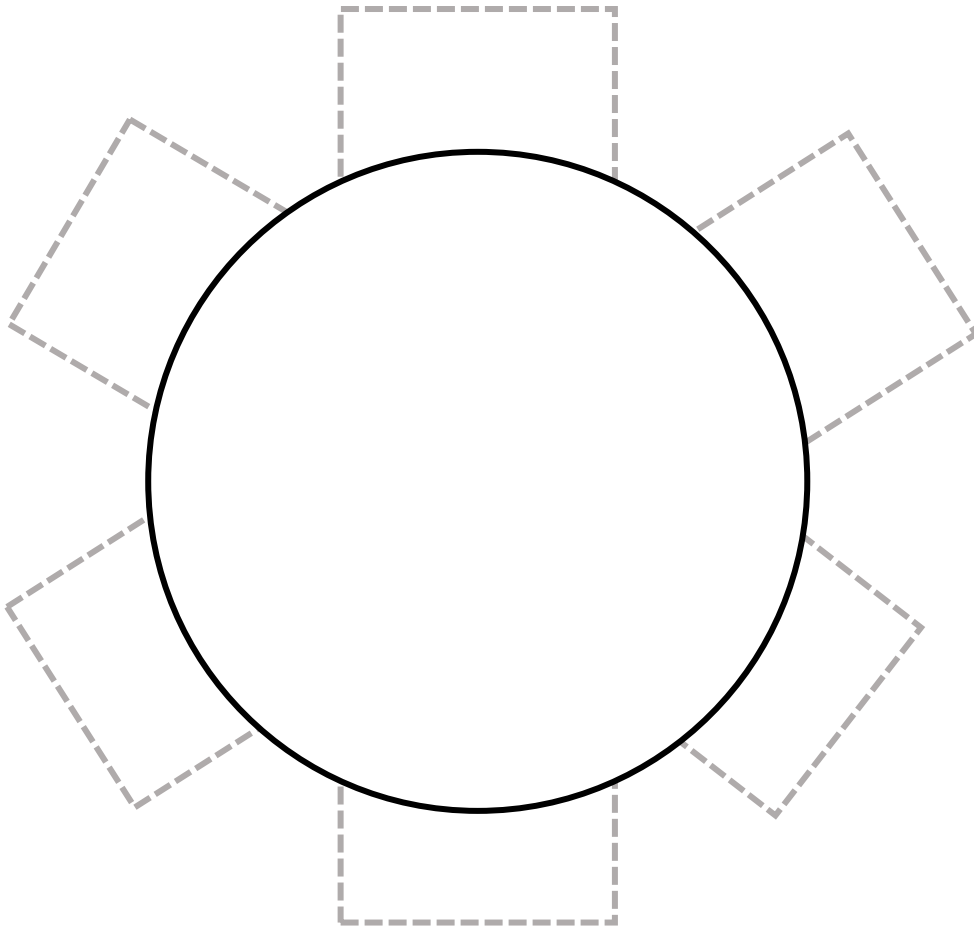
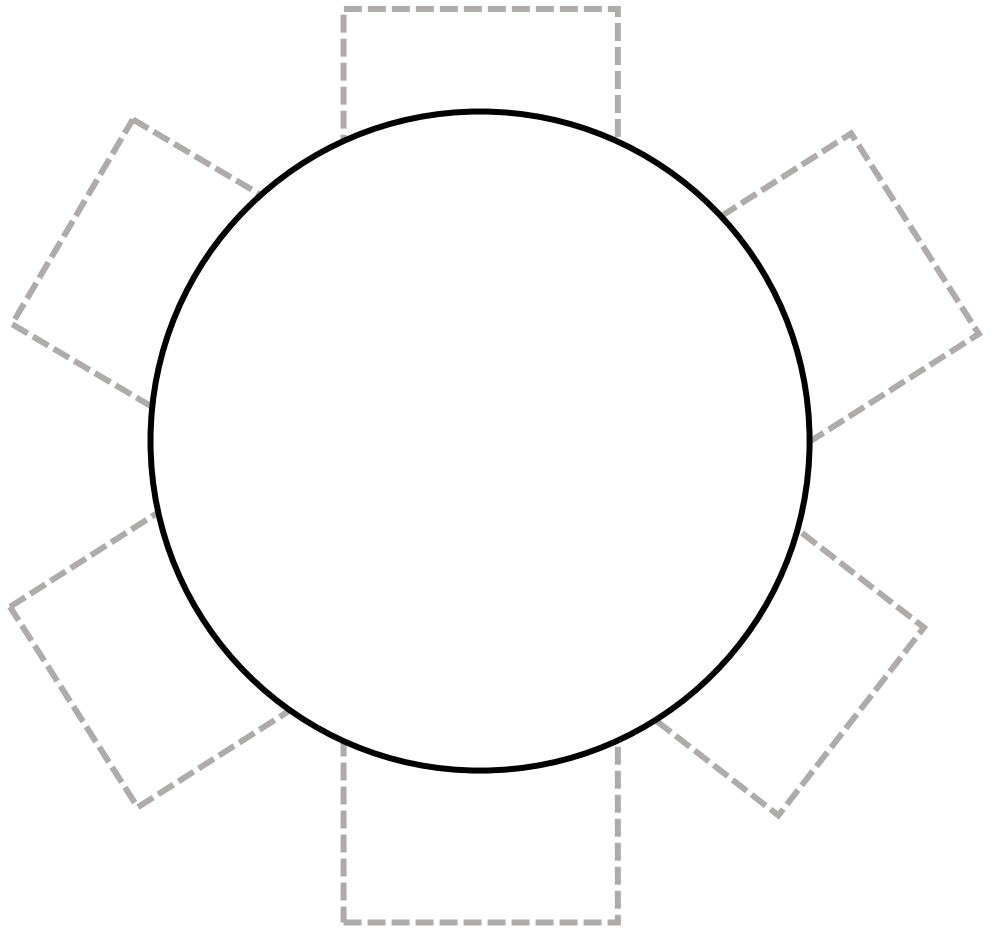
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 KJV

Optional: Lantern Bottom

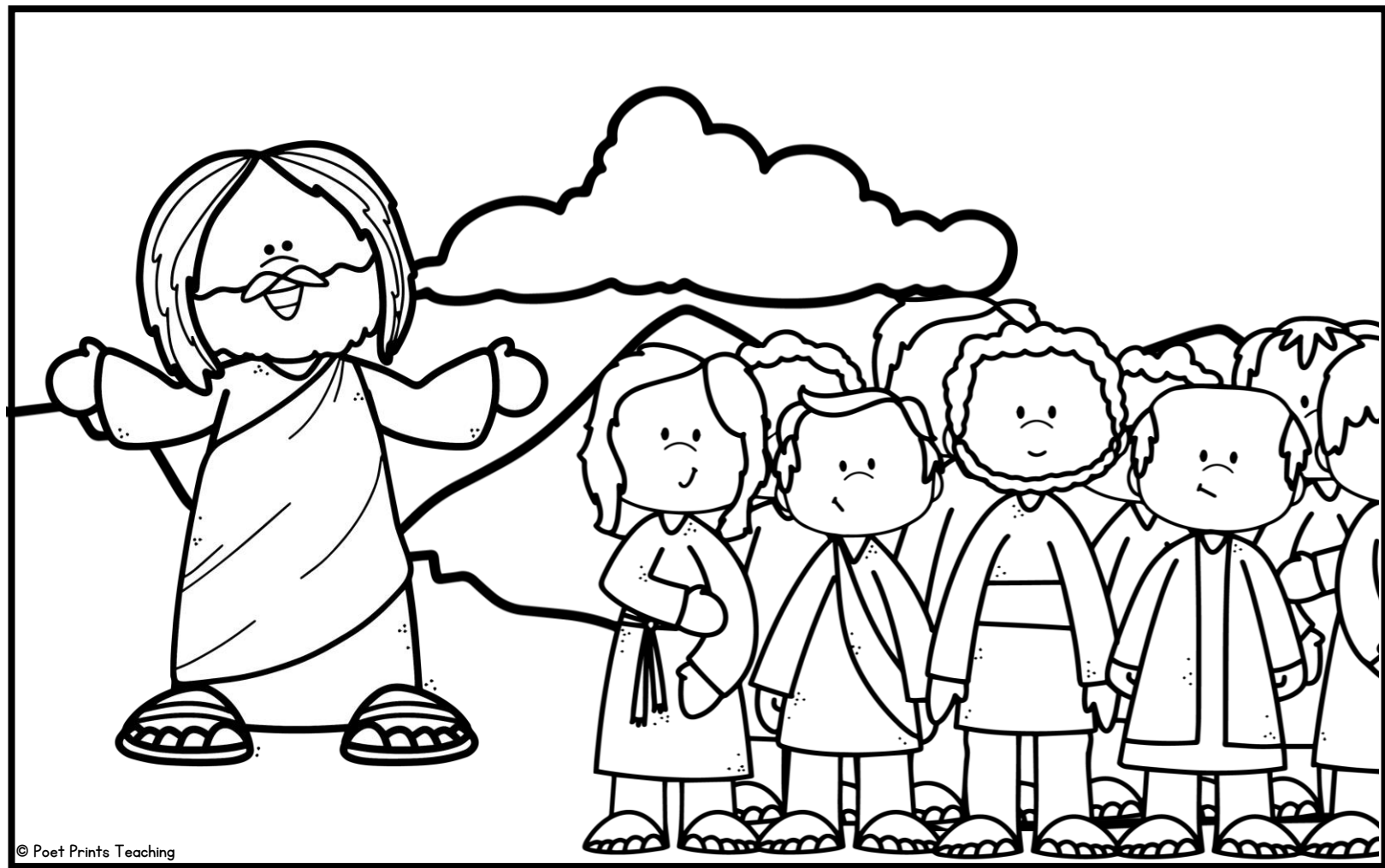
Cut out the circle, keeping
the tabs intact.

Use glue or tape to attach it
to the bottom of the lantern.

Add a battery-powered
candle inside!



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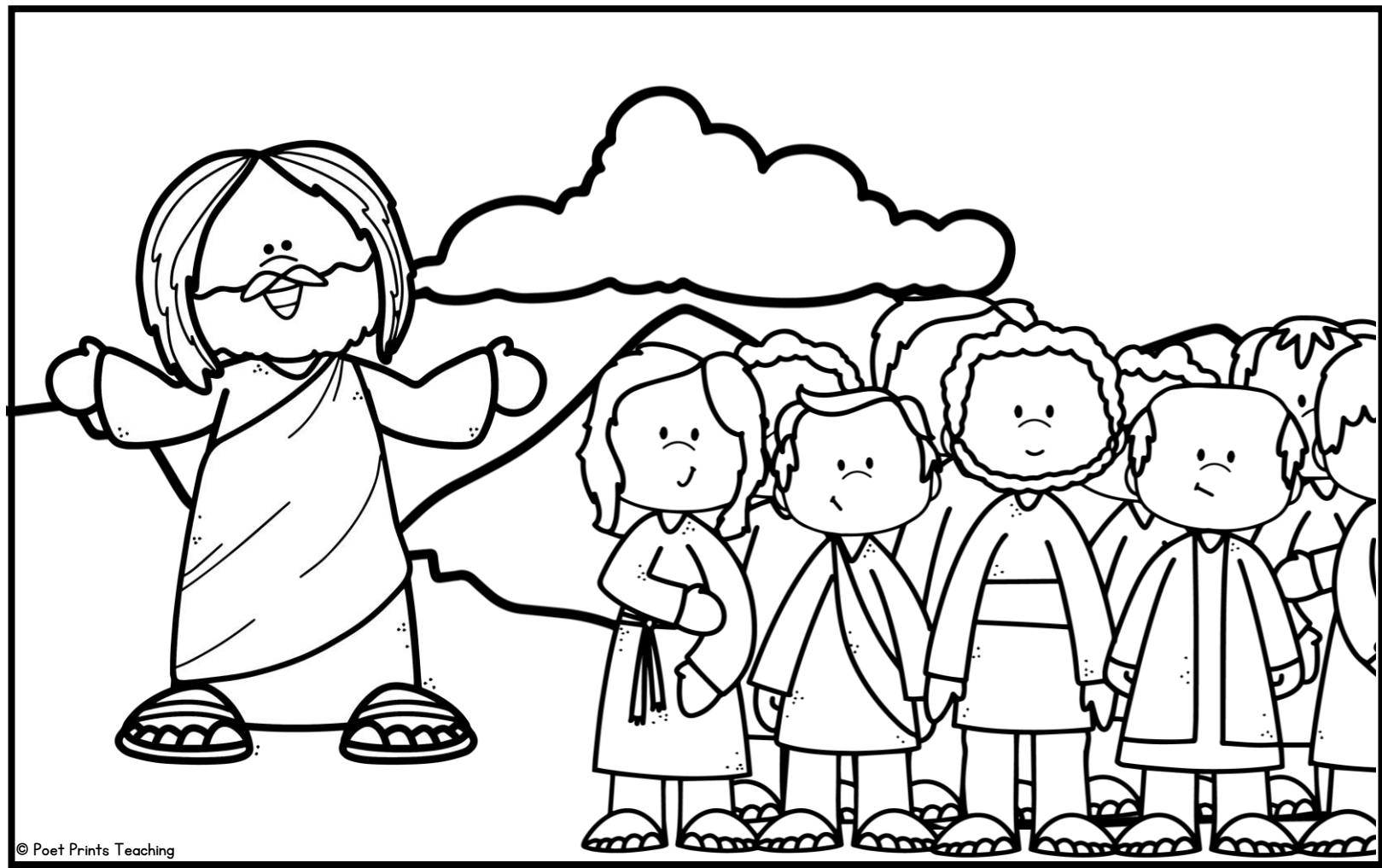


MEMORIZE THIS:

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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do to others what
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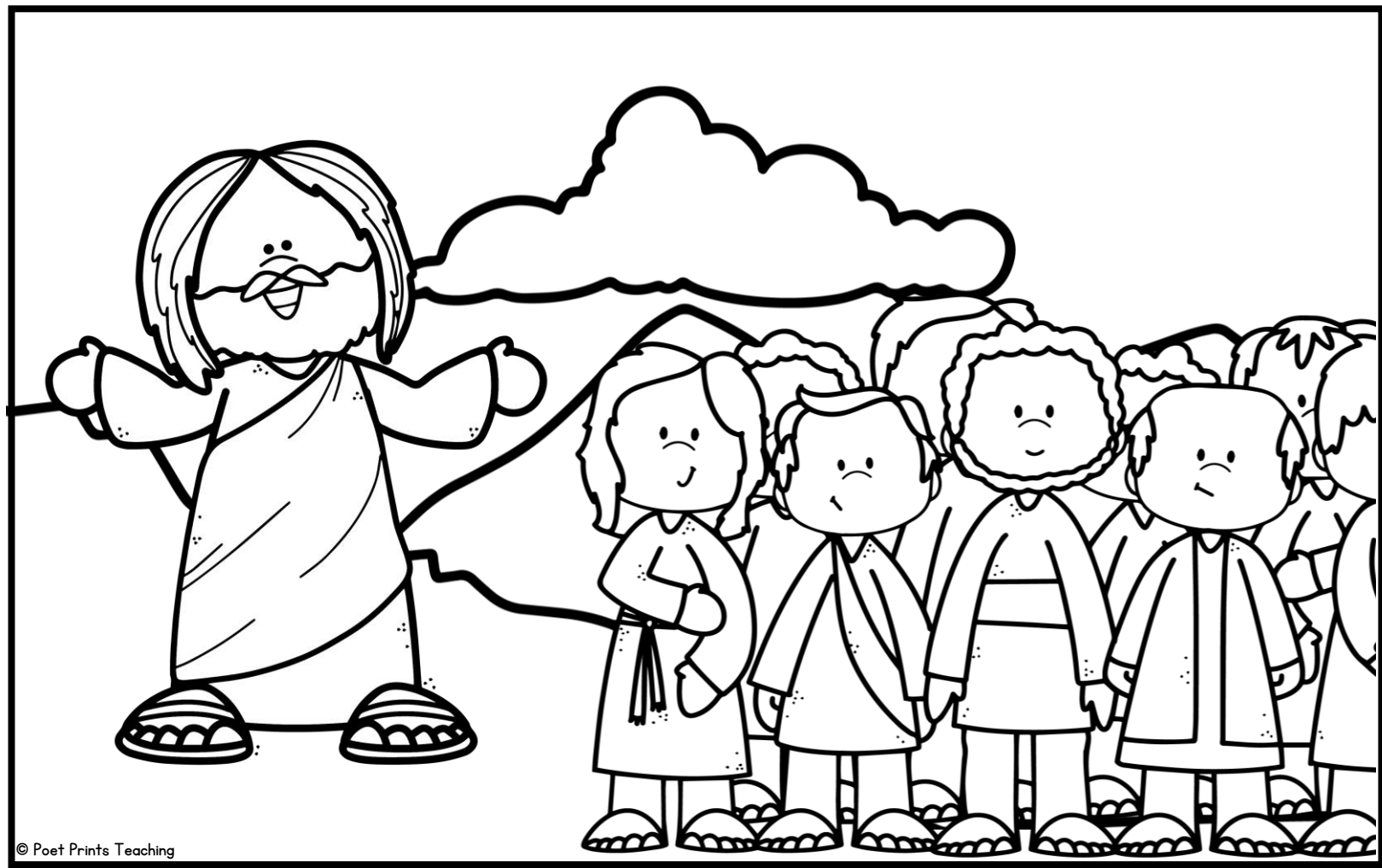
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Therefore all things
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to you, do ye even so
to them.

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