

Week 2: Beatitudes

Lessons for the week:

- Monday: Beatitudes
- Tuesday: Elijah and the Widow
- Wednesday: Solomon’s Wise Judgment
- Thursday: Stoning of Stephen

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Schedule

- 10am – Big Assembly (led by interns)
- 10:30-11:45 – Reading Class (taught by reading teachers)
- 11:45-12:30 – Lunch
- 12:30-12:45 – Large Group Bible Lesson **(led by youth groups!)**
- 12:45-1:00 – Small Group Review Time (led by interns)
- 1:00-2:00 - Rotations **(led by youth groups!)**:

<i>Red, Purple, and Green Rotation Schedule (K, 1st, and 2nd grade)</i>			
	1:00-1:20	1:20-1:40	1:40-2:00
Games 1	Red	Green	Purple
Memory Verse 1	Purple	Red	Green
Craft 1	Green	Purple	Red

<i>Orange, Blue, and Yellow Rotation Schedule (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade)</i>			
	1:00-1:20	1:20-1:40	1:40-2:00
Games 1	Orange	Yellow	Blue
Memory Verse 1	Blue	Orange	Yellow
Craft 1	Yellow	Blue	Orange

2:00 – Ticket Time

********The curriculum below is to be used at a starting point. Please teach the assigned lesson, but do not feel bound by the activities listed. Be creative and try to reinforce the lesson of the day into each rotation. ********

Monday, June 26th

Bible Lesson: Beatitudes

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes):. Spend this time teaching the children the Bible lesson for today. You can do a skit, act the story out while someone reads or tells the story, show a video, etc. You only have to tell the story once, so go all out here and be creative!

-Since this is not a story, have your teens read the scripture first then do a puppet or other type of skit applying the concept to today. Then re-read the scripture again after the skit.

-You can also have the scripture written on different poster boards and ask a couple of children to volunteer to try to put it in order. Once the kids have it in order have the crowd read it out loud.

Rotations:

- **Craft** (20 minutes):
 - Painting Bee hive with the beatitudes (https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byr_Cmyf5_RybEVZcTZaZXJ4NnM/view)



- Or another Bee craft:

- **Games (20 minutes):** "Bee - Attitudes" Game: kids roll "bee" balls (yellow foam golf balls with black stripes and faces) into the bee hives. Separate each group into teams and see who can get the most balls in the bee hive in a set amount of time. Remind the children that Jesus tells us how we should "bee".



- **Memory verse/Snack (20 minutes):**
 - Snack: Honey bee crunch cereal or Honey bee comb cereal
 - Memory Verse: Each color group will be working on a different verse this week. See the table below. Make up hand motions and practice them all week to help the children memorize the verse.

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Red	Matt 5:40-42
Purple	Matt 5:40-42
Green	Matt 5:40-42
Orange	Matt 5: 1-4
Blue	Matt 7: 1-4
Yellow	Matt 6: 19-24

Tuesday, June 27th

Bible Lesson: Elijah and the Widow

Scripture: 1Kings 17:7-16

Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes): This is a fun story for your teens to act out with costumes and props. Remind the children that the Widow and her son were poor in spirit, but they are blessed for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Rotations:

- **Craft** (20 minutes): Make slime! This will be like the widow kneading the dough to make bread. Basic Slime recipes: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Slime>



- **Games** (20 minutes): Bowling: make the pins look like jars of oil from the story.
- **Memory verse/Snack** (20 minutes):
 - Snack: French bread with garlic olive oil dipping sauce
 - Memory Verse: Write each word of the verse on a separate index card and mix them up. Split the children in groups and give each group a set of cards which holds one complete verse. The children spread their cards out on the table or flood face-up and try to unscramble the verse the fastest.

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Wednesday, June 28th

Bible Lesson: Solomon's Wise Judgement

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:1-28

Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes): Another great story to act out! Come up with additional scenarios the children might have in their lives. Remind the kids that Solomon asked for something very unselfish and always thinking in how he can better serve God's people as their King. Solomon used his wisdom to be a peacemaker for the women in this story. Remind the children that "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Rotations:

- **Craft** (20 minutes):
 - Draw a large crown and write "SOLOMON" on it. Write words on the crown that describe Solomon wise, d
 - Wisdom Book marks



- **Games** (20 minutes): Bring compasses or maps for the class to see. Share what each do: help travelers find their way to certain locations. Ask what would happen if you did not have a compass or map. Explain that God is our compass or map to help us through our life. He will be our guide. God's wisdom will help us make right decisions and help us do things God's way. Then have the children use a compass or map you have created to find things you have hidden around the building.
- **Memory verse/Snack** (20 minutes):
 - Snack: Make "Sandy" treats. Bring vanilla pudding, zipper bags, and vanilla wafers (or graham crackers.) Let the kids crush the wafers in a zipper bag and pour on top of the pudding. Now you have sandy treats to enjoy. In 1st Kings 4:29, the Bible says that

Solomon's wisdom was greater than the grains of sand on the seashore. Make these snacks and remind the kids how important it is to do things God's way

- Memory Verse: Verse Relay—divide the children into two teams. Place a chalkboard, white board, or large sheet of paper at a distance from the starting line. Hand the first child of each team a writing implement and on the shout of "Go" have him run to the writing surface and write the first word of the verse. Then have him return to his team and hand the writing implement to the second person. The team that finishes writing the verse correctly first wins

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Thursday, June 29th

Bible Lesson: Stoning of Stephen

Scripture: Acts 7:54-60

Large Group Bible Lesson (15 minutes): Spend this time teaching the children the Bible lesson for today. You can do a skit, act the story out while someone reads or tells the story, show a video, etc. Reinforce the idea that Stephen was persecuted because of righteousness and he is blessed because of that.

Rotations:

- **Craft** (20 minutes): Collect stones with at least one smooth flat side. Use paints to decorate the stone with the words "Stephen, the first Christian martyr." You and the children might find other words or phrases to add to the stones. For example "Stand up for God" or "He will keep you strong to the end" ([1 Corinthians 1:8](#)), or simply "Stephen, Acts 7"
- **Games** (20 minutes): This game is like tag but with balls of paper. Have one person be it and he has to throw rocks or paper balls to the other kids if they are hit by the rock then they too will be it with the other kid.
- **Memory verse/Snack** (20 minutes):
 - Snack: Bitter sweet story, so bring sour patches, sweet hearts anything that reminds the kids about the stoning of Stephen its bitter at first but sweet because he was a God follower.
 - Memory Verse: BIBLE VERSE HANGMAN
Have the kids find the verse in their Bibles, and read it several times out loud. Have them close their eyes and try to say the verse again. Discuss the meaning of this verse with the children. With short verses play the "hangman" game. After one of the kids is able to say the verse correctly, have everyone look it up in their own Bibles.

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