

### June 3: Regular

Bible Passage: Matthew 6:25-34 (Do not worry)

Lesson Summary: Jesus talks about how unnecessary worrying is when we have God in our lives. The purpose of this passage is to focus on God and seeking His will and His kingdom first and foremost in life and everything else will fall into place. Does this mean that there will be no more hardships with God in our lives? No. But it does mean that our needs will be met in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference in a need and a want? How does God provide for our needs?
2. What does it mean to seek God's kingdom in this world?
3. Why does Jesus say it is unnecessary to worry?
4. What are some of the things that you often worry about?
5. What could you do instead of worrying?

|           | Small group activities | Activity  |
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| Grade 1/2 | Discussion Questions   | <a href="https://blog.jamesandjuliepaquette.com/family-nights/putting-god-first/">https://blog.jamesandjuliepaquette.com/family-nights/putting-god-first/</a>   |
| Grade 3/4 | Discussion Questions   | Read this blog together and discuss what way you want to try seeking God each day, or come up with your own:<br><a href="http://www.sarahefrazer.com/2017/04/10-ways-see-god-morning/">http://www.sarahefrazer.com/2017/04/10-ways-see-god-morning/</a> |
| Grade 5/6 | Discussion Questions   | Read this blog together and discuss what way you want to try seeking God each day, or come up with your own:<br><a href="http://www.sarahefrazer.com/2017/04/10-ways-see-god-morning/">http://www.sarahefrazer.com/2017/04/10-ways-see-god-morning/</a> |

**June 10: Regular**

Bible Passage: Matthew 7:1-6 (Judging Others)

Lesson Summary: Jesus teaches a lesson on judgment and on hypocrisy here. He tells us not to judge others or we will be judged by the same measurement. But he also goes on to talk about hypocrisy. Basically, until you are perfect, focus your efforts on allowing God to work in your life and change you, instead of trying to change those around you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to judge others?
2. Is there one specific thing you tend to judge more than anything else (a person's clothes, their lack of knowledge, etc)?
3. What does it feel like to be judged by someone?
4. How can you better focus your efforts on allowing God to work in your life instead of judging others' behaviour?

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| <b>Grade 3/4</b> | Discussion Questions          |                               |
| <b>Grade 5/6</b> | Discussion Questions          |                               |

**June 17: Regular**

Bible Passage: Matthew 7:7-12 (Ask, Seek, Knock)

Jesus teaches that we should present our needs and wants to God in prayer. This doesn't mean that we should treat Jesus like Santa Clause, but rather that we should pray strongly for those things which we want God to work in. For instance, Jesus isn't saying to pray to God for the new toy or gadget you want, but to pray to God for people who are sick, for our families that are in turmoil, for direction on big life decisions, etc. And sometimes in prayer God doesn't answer how we would like Him to, but he always does answer. This is a particularly difficult lesson. But Jesus wants us to continue to pray to God no matter the outcome. Example: Jesus prayed to God in the garden of Gethsemane that God would remove the trial to come (dying on the cross), which he could have done, but God answered it with a no so that all of humankind could be saved.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever prayed for something specific? What was the result? Do you think that God answered your prayer?
2. How can we search out God's response on something? What does it mean to listen for His voice?
3. What does Jesus mean by "knock and the door will be opened to you?"
4. What are some of the things you pray for?
5. Why does God not always answer prayers the way we would like?

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| <b>Grade 1/2</b> | Discussion Questions          | <a href="https://coloringpagesbymradron.blogspot.ca/2015/02/ask-and-it-will-be-given-to-you-free.html">https://coloringpagesbymradron.blogspot.ca/2015/02/ask-and-it-will-be-given-to-you-free.html</a> |
| <b>Grade 3/4</b> | Discussion Questions          | <a href="http://www.mediafire.com/view/?wh52szdxck3492o">http://www.mediafire.com/view/?wh52szdxck3492o</a> (colouring page)  |
| <b>Grade 5/6</b> | Discussion Questions          | <a href="http://www.mediafire.com/view/?wh52szdxck3492o">http://www.mediafire.com/view/?wh52szdxck3492o</a> (colouring page)  |

**June 24: Regular**

Bible Passage: Matthew 7:13-14 (Choose a gate)

Jesus talks about two different gates, one wide and one narrow. He meant that the road to Him, to salvation, is narrow and very few people choose to take that path in life. But the easier road is the road that most people choose, which ultimately leads to destruction. This may look a lot like following Jesus' lifestyle, versus following the things that the world tells us to do or to be.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to choose the road with the narrow gate? What does it look like to follow in Jesus' footsteps?
2. What does the wide gate look like? What are some things that characterize a life lived for the world?
3. What do you feel when you hear that the easy road leads to destruction?
4. Why can we have hope and assurance in Jesus' words?

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