Early Childhood – Level 2

THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#13 - The Beatitudes

Luke 6:17-36

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.

13-1 Jesus teaching the crowd

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

• The Big Question Review: What was Jesus' problem with the Pharisees?

The Pharisees pretended to be good but really weren't.

• Lesson Rhyme Review: Who are Jesus' disciples?

ch—ch Make sign of "C"

Choose 1st two fingers of left hand up, with

right hand "C" pick left index finger

The path that's Move right hand like a path in front

full of light Hands up palms forward, fingers spread out, move up

ch—ch—Choose Same as above
To love God Lift arms in air
and do right Thumbs up sign



LESSON CONTENT

Introduction: (picture 13-1) What is this a picture of?

The people came to Jesus because he had the power to heal their sicknesses. Jesus wanted to teach the people the truth of God when they came to him. In the Sermon on the Mount, he taught the people the Beatitudes, what they have to do to gain treasure in heaven.

Jesus said that those who seek after God but don't have what they need and suffer on this earth will gain what they lacked on earth in heaven. However, those who don't seek God and have what they need now won't have it in eternity.

Jesus said to treat others in the way we would want them to treat us. Jesus said to love our enemies and give to those who ask. It is not easy to do the things Jesus asks us to do. We have to love him and be filled with his Spirit to do them.

The big question for this week is: What is the level of righteousness Jesus has called us to? (How good does Jesus want us to be?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

• Lesson Book: Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: What are the Beatitudes?

<u>Page 1 - Luke 6:17-18a</u>

(Picture of Jesus healing the people)

Many people came to Jesus,

because he had the power to heal.

But Jesus wanted them to learn,

of God and what is real.

So he would teach the people

what was right to do.

He always did the Father's will and spoke of what is true.

Page 2 - Matthew 5:10

(Picture of Jesus on the Mount)

The Beatitudes he tauaht

in the Sermon on the Mount.

And what he said to do

we should take into account.

The Beatitudes reveal that those

who follow Christ on earth

Will receive in heaven

what is of greater worth.

Page 3 - Luke 6:21-21a

(Picture of poor person)

There are those on earth with nothing, who aren't rich but very poor,

Who will receive God's kingdom, as Jesus opens up the door.

Those who are quite hungry, with not enough to eat,

Will be satisfied in heaven

when Jesus they do meet.

Page 4 - Luke 6:21b-22

(Picture of poor child crying)

There are those on earth who cry, whose lives are very sad.

But when they enter heaven,

they will be quite glad.

There are those who others hate, as they believe in Jesus' name.

In heaven they'll rejoice,

they will no longer suffer shame.

Page 5 - Luke 6:24
(Picture of rich person)
There are those who here on earth have had everything they need,
Whose lives have been self-centered,
full of envy, pride and greed.
They will find that in eternity
they will suffer loss,
Because they never saw their need for Jesus and the cross.

Page 6 - Luke 6:35
(Picture of children showing love)
Jesus says to love our enemies,
those who do us wrong.
In doing so we show the world
that to Jesus we belong.
In Jesus' name we do what's right
to everyone we meet,
And in heaven we'll receive reward,
when our salvation is complete.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

<u>Page 1:</u> Why did people come to Jesus? What did Jesus want the people to learn? What did Jesus do for the people?

Page 2: Where did Jesus teach the Beatitudes? What do the Beatitudes teach about?

<u>Page 3:</u> What will happen to the poor on earth? What will happen to those who are hungry?

<u>Page 4:</u> What will happen to those who are sad? What will happen to those who men hate because they believe in Jesus?

Page 5: What will happen to those who have everything they need on earth? Why?

<u>Page 6:</u> What hard thing does Jesus say for us to do? Who are our enemies? What will happen if we love our enemies?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- <u>Prayer:</u> Thank God that he will give you reward in heaven when you seek after Jesus while you live on earth. Pray that you would want to love and live for Jesus more while you are here on earth.
- <u>The Big Question:</u> What is the level of righteousness Jesus has called us to? (How good does Jesus want us to be?)

We are to treat others the way we want to be treated.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

- ★ Coloring: Color in the lesson picture.
- ★ Activity: Tracing-Instruction: Trace over the word beatitude

★ Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

B—B Make sign of "B"

Beatitudes Fists in front of mouth, open & spread hands out in front palms down

Teach what Fingers of hands touching thumbs

Move by sides of head & then forward

is right to do Make thumbs up sign

B—B—Beatitudes Same as above
Jesus Make sign of Jesus

speaks of Two fingers from each hand going back & forth from mouth

what is true R index finger in front of mouth, move

finger forward to point straight out

• Craft: Double-sided Medallion

As a reminder of what we are to focus on while on earth, make a double-sided medallion with a world on one side and an infinity symbol on other. Hang on a string to wear as a necklace.

Materials: cover stock paper, colored pencils, string, paper hole punch, scissors, glue sticks Preparation: Run off Craft 13 on cover stock paper. Cut apart. Cut string into necklace lengths.

Instructions: Color in the earth. Cut out the two circles and glue them together. Punch a hole at the top and hang them from a string.

- <u>Discovery Activity:</u> Act out how Jesus would want you to respond when someone treats you poorly.
- Song: I've Got the Joy In My Heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart! I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart Where? Down in my heart to stay.

Chorus: Alternate verses:

And I'm so happy, So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus,
down in my heart

And I'm so happy, So very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.