

# The BIBLE STORY with Review

(Parents, we suggest you pull out your Bible too.)

## The Sermon on the Mount-Read Matthew 5-7

Great crowds followed Jesus wherever He went. The people were curious about Jesus, and they wanted to hear Him teach. One day, Jesus went up on a mountain. He sat down and began to teach His disciples about the kingdom of God. Jesus taught the people how to live, how to treat each other, and how to love God.

First, Jesus taught about the blessings of believing in Him. He said:

**"The poor in spirit are blessed, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

**Those who mourn are blessed, for they will be comforted.**

**The gentle are blessed, for they will inherit the earth.**

**Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled.**

**The merciful are blessed, for they will be shown mercy.**

**The pure in heart are blessed, for they will see God.**

**The peacemakers are blessed, for they will be called sons of God.**

**Those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."**

Then Jesus taught how believers should live. Jesus said that believers are the light of the world. **"Let your light shine before others so that they may see the good things you do and choose to praise God."**

Jesus said that He came not to do away with the law, but to obey it. To enter heaven, a person can't just look righteous on the outside—like the scribes and the Pharisees. A person must be righteous on the inside too.

Jesus taught the people how to follow Him. He taught them how they should live and how to pray. **"Love your enemies, and pray for them,"** Jesus said, **"Whenever you give to the poor, give in secret. And when you pray, don't pray just so that people will hear you.**

Jesus taught people about forgiveness. **"Forgive others,"** He said. **"If you forgive those who sin against you, God will forgive you as well. But if you don't forgive them, God will not forgive you."**

Jesus said, **"Don't collect treasures on earth, which can be destroyed or stolen. Collect treasures in heaven instead. For where your treasure is, that's where your heart will be also."**

Jesus also taught that God provides for His people. **"Don't worry about your life or what you will eat or drink or wear. Look at the birds: They don't plant or gather food into barns, yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth more than birds? Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, and all these things that you need will be given to you."**

Jesus taught the people many things. When He finished teaching, the crowds were amazed because He taught them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

*Christ Connection: The scribes and Pharisees looked righteous on the outside, but Jesus taught His disciples about a righteousness that comes from the inside. People who know and love Jesus have changed hearts that want to honor Jesus.*

## Review -Explanation

- Crowds of people followed Jesus around.

The people wanted to hear Him teach about God's kingdom. One of the times Jesus taught, He sat down on a mountain. This teaching is called the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is three chapters long—Matthew 5, 6, and 7 in the Bible.

The first thing Jesus taught in His sermon was that people who believe in Him are blessed. The things Jesus said were unusual. He said that people who are poor in spirit are blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

That means that people who know they need God are blessed. Some people might think that people who are independent—who don't need anyone but themselves—are blessed. But Jesus said that the opposite is true.

Jesus taught how people who believe in Him should live. He said believers are like a light in a dark world. Believers should do good things so that others will see them and praise God. He said that believers should love their enemies and pray for them.

Jesus also said something that surprised the religious leaders. Jesus said that to enter God's kingdom, a person has to be more righteous than the religious leaders! The religious leaders thought they were very good. They tried hard to obey God's laws. But Jesus knew that even though they did good things on the outside, their hearts were not right on the inside. No one's heart is right on the inside.

We do not love God like we should. The good news is that Jesus is perfectly righteous. He obeyed God completely and never sinned. Because Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin, we can trust in Him and God gives us His righteousness. God changes our hearts so we know and honor Jesus.

Jesus also told the people not to worry. He said that God takes care of the birds and the flowers, and people are worth much more than animals and plants. God will take care of people too.

Jesus taught many things in His Sermon on the Mount. When He was done teaching, the people were amazed.

So, ***What did Jesus teach in His Sermon on the Mount? Jesus taught how believers should live.*** That's our big picture question and answer. Say it with me. ***What did Jesus teach in His Sermon on the Mount? Jesus taught how believers should live.***