



Sermon on the Plain

January 30

Luke 6:20-36

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Build upside down things with Lego or Playdoh, or bring items from home that you display upside down. Try to pass this off to the children as the right way. Jesus is building an upside down world - all the things Jesus is saying here are upside down from the way that we usually think.
- Summarize some of the instructions Jesus gives and how he lived them out in his ministry. Give some concrete examples of how kids can live these out.
- Do you have any things that you say or do that people say are just like your mom or dad? Children often reflect their parents. Verse 35 says that if we do these things we are truly acting as children of God.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- This passage is really important for Mennonites, it's part of why we don't think it is okay to use violence. What other things are not okay? What things are okay that are surprising?
- How do you think you would have felt if you were hearing Jesus say these things?
- Talk about what the world says is the right thing in each of the examples in the passage. How is what Jesus said loving people?
- What does this passage mean for us when we are going through hard things?
- Who is someone you are angry with right now? How can you pray for them and show them love?
- Is it possible to perfectly do all the things Jesus said all the time? Why not? What does this mean for us?

At Home Connections

- Do a random act of kindness.
- Build something upside down, or randomly flip things in your home upside down. Talk about what the upside down kingdom looks like.
- Talk about how you as parents reflect your parents, and how your kids reflect you. Why do you think we say or do these things? How do we get to the point of reflecting Jesus like this?
- How can we use hard things this week to remind us that God is with us?