

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 14	Jesus Tells the Good News
Lesson 2	Jesus Teaches the Good News

AIMS

1. Children will be able to explain Christ's preaching of the Good News.
2. They will be able to explain what the Good News is.

STEP 1

Asked the children to look at the picture in their pack; discuss the picture with them using questions like the following:

1. What does this picture depict? (Jesus preaching the Good News)
2. Can you see women in the picture?
3. Can you see children in the picture?
4. Are the Apostles there? (Almost certainly, but you cannot see them - they are probably on this side of the picture where the painter is sitting).
5. Do you think the people were happy to hear good news?
6. Do you think that they are listening carefully?

Explain to the children that today we will learn more about how Jesus preached the Good News.

STEP 2

Read the special paragraph in their packs with the children.

STEP 3

Read aloud the beatitudes from the children's packs.

Jesus, when he saw how great was their number, sat down there on the mountain side, with his disciples. Then he began to speak to them; this is the teaching that he gave:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
2. Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the patient; they shall inherit the land.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.
5. Blessed are the merciful; they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart; they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peace-makers; they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are those who suffer persecution in the cause of right; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

9. Blessed are you, when men revile you, and persecute you, and speak all manner of evil against you falsely, because of me. Be glad and light-hearted for a rich reward awaits you in Heaven.

STEP 4

Explain that the Good News tells of God's love for everybody (even those who think that God does not love them, like the poor, those who are sad, etc.). God's promise gives people the hope that they will one day live for ever with God in perfect happiness.

STEP 5

Explore the meaning of the the Beatitudes with the children:

1. What does "poor in spirit" mean? - Being humble.
2. What does "those who mourn" mean? - when a person is sad about something that has happened.
3. What does "those who hunger and thirst for what is right" mean? - Loving justice and fairness.
4. What does "those who are merciful" mean? - When we choose not to punish another person severely.
5. What does "pure in heart." Mean? - When someone genuinely loves God and and people, and doesn't just pretend to do so.
6. What does "peacemakers" mean? - It means someone who stops arguments and helps people be friends.
7. Who are those who are "persecuted for what is right"? - When it is difficult to do what is good, but one does it anyway.

STEP 6

1. I signed the words search in the children's pack. Assist them with this, if necessary.
2. Have the children do drawings of the various Beatitudes, and display their drawings.

CONCLUDE

1. Lead the class in prayer. Use the prayer based on the beatitudes that is in the children's packs:

PRAYER

God, please Blessed the poor in spirit.
Lord, please help those who mourn.
Father, protect the meek.
Jesus, give the righteous their due.
To the merciful, O God, show mercy.
Show yourself to the pure of heart.
Grant peace to the peacemakers.
To the persecuted, be just, Lord.

2. Sing "I heard the voice of Jesus say," *Adoremus hymnal*, # 579

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will learn more about the Bible, God book.