

Discussion Questions:

1. How is the kingdom of God different than the world?
 - a. The kingdom of God is His rule and reign. We enter His kingdom when we trust in Jesus and recognize His authority over our lives. God's kingdom is upside-down in a lot of ways. This is because God's kingdom reflects His values, such as gentleness and humility.
 - b. Read Hebrews 12:28
2. How can believers be lights in a dark world?
 - a. Jesus is the light of the world. We are to reflect Him in how we live our lives. Being a light in a dark world means bringing the truth of Jesus to places where there is darkness and lies. We can share the gospel with boldness and choose to live in the ways that God wants us to live. Talk about actions or attitudes that may be associated with "light" versus "darkness."
 - b. Read Matthew 5:16
3. What blessings come to those who follow Jesus?
 - a. God's blessings don't always mean gaining things on earth like money or a house. Earthly blessings are good gifts, but they don't last forever and they aren't guaranteed! God does promise to bless us in the BEST and GREATEST way by giving us Jesus. He promises to transform people who trust Jesus to look more like Him. Another word for this is sanctification.
 - b. Read Ephesians 1:3

Activities (find the printables at <https://orchardhill.org/bulletin/>)

1. Coloring Page
2. Make posters about Jesus' teachings. Pick one (or more!) of the sections below to summarize on a poster. Talk about how these teachings are different than the "teachings" of the world.
 - a. Matthew 5:14-16
 - b. Matthew 5:43-47
 - c. Matthew 6:14-15
 - d. Matthew 6:19-21
3. Work on memorizing the key passage and what it means, and send a video to Ms. Miranda!