

THE BEATITUDES

LESSON 4: SPIRITUAL PURITY

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After completing this lesson, the children will be challenged to be pure in every area of their lives. They will understand that they can only be pure by being in the Bible and reading His Word daily.

TOPICS

Character of God, Christian Living, Godliness, Purity

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 minutes)

Praise and worship are an important part of a believer's life and children often learn best by watching and repeating what they see. So please, praise and worship together.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Our world is saturated with dirty, impure, and ungodly things. The media rarely shows anything that could even be remotely considered pure. How can we, if our environment encourages the opposite, remain pure? James 1:27 says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. We do need to look after those who are in need, but we also need to keep ourselves from being polluted. Again, how can we do this? How can we remain pure?"

Read Psalm 119:1-16

Discussion Questions:

1. The author said that blessed are those who what? (*verses 1-2*) (*Who's ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord, who keep his statutes, and seek him with all their heart*)
2. How many times is the idea about seeking Him with all of our hearts used in this section? (*two*)
3. What does verse 9 say we need to do to remain pure? (*Live according to His Word*)
4. How can you hide God's Word in your heart? (*You can memorize Scripture, meditate on His Word, spend time reading Scripture daily, etc.*)
5. The author writes, "I rejoice in following your statutes," and "I delight in your decrees." Do you feel like you 'rejoice' and 'delight' in spending time in His Word and in living it out?
6. He also wrote: "I will not neglect your word." Would you be willing to spend time in His Word daily? Would you be willing to promise not to neglect His Word?

CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

Human Billboards (See video)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

Commitment Cards (Activity) See page 2 and 3.

APPLICATION (2 minutes)

The only way to remain pure, especially today, is to spend time in His Word. The only way to weed out all the impurities that fill our hearts every day is to spend time reading God's Word... daily! It is important for us to have pure hearts and to "keep them from being polluted by the world" and you need to do whatever it takes, no matter how difficult, to stay pure. Don't forget to read your Bibles this week!

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes)

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COMMITMENT CARDS

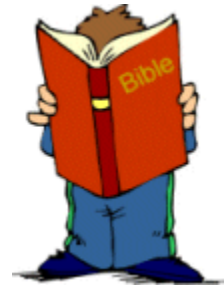
Bible reading is good for the soul.

TOPICS:

Christian Living, Commitment, Godliness, Quiet Time, Word of God

MATERIALS:

Two Commitment Cards for each child (See page 3)
Pencils



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION

Before class, print or make copies of the commitment card for each child. (For best results use medium card stock paper.)

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Challenge the kids to read their Bible every day for one month. Give the children two commitment cards each. One for them to keep and one for them to turn in so you can ask them every week, for the next month, if they have kept up with their commitment.

After the kids have completed their commitment cards, have them turn in one to you and keep the other one. For the next month, ask them how they are doing with keeping their commitment. Each week ask them if they have read the Bible every day. Then ask how reading the Bible has helped keep their heart pure.

Each week, end with a prayer that the children will maintain their commitment to themselves, to you, and to God. Additionally, pray that they learn from their readings. Emphasize that by challenging themselves to maintain this promise each week they will keep their hearts pure.

Commitment Card

I, _____, commit to read my Bible every day for a month in order to keep my heart pure.

I will read (choose one of the following):

- Proverb of the day (read the Proverb number that is the same as the day of the month).
- Psalm 119 (read one section a day. One section is about 8 verses each).
- An entire book several times through (read a shorter book of the Bible more than once. See: Ephesians, Philippians, James, Titus, I or II Timothy, I, II, III John, I or II Peter, Philemon, I or II Thessalonians).
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