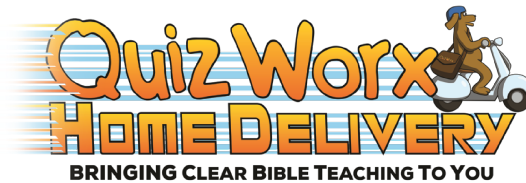


Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



Passage 1

The first family devotion is learning the memory verse for the series. The Memory verse is Matt 7:24-27.

Watch and learn the video of the Memory Verse which is found in the Google Drive or at <https://youtu.be/XvOfcZZyZt4>

Aim to do the Memory Verse at least 3 times each week.

Passage 2 – Matthew 5:1-12

This passage sets the context of the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes or Blessings spoken by Jesus show that God's Kingdom is very different to the way our world operates. While Jesus is the only one who perfectly lived the life that leads to these blessings, the great news of the Bible is that we can share in these blessings being united to Jesus. And when we do, we will seek to become like Jesus and live differently.

Read Matt 5:1-12

1. Looking in verse 1 and 2, who is Jesus talking to?
2. There are lots of different "blessings" in these verses. Which one stands out to you the most? And why?
3. Read verse 12. What are people who trust Jesus called to do?
4. What is one way you could rejoice this week?

Passage 3. Matthew 5:13 – 16

Throughout the Sermon on the Mount Jesus uses visual imagery to reinforce his teaching. In these verses Jesus uses the imagery of Salt and Light to help us see that following Him makes a difference to how we live in our world. As the kids talk video focused on the Salt imagery, this discussion will focus primarily on the Light imagery. (To make this more memorable, you could create a dark hiding place, and read these verses by torch light)

In the Google Drive you will find a short video titled "Light of the World". After reading the passage, watch the video to help reinforce Jesus' teaching. You can also find the video here: <https://youtu.be/qTnAJJfC2sk>

Read Matt 5:13-16

1. When did you last need a torch? What did it help you do?
2. Why does Jesus say his people are like lights?
3. Re-read verse 16. How can we be lights that shine so that others will praise God?
4. How was Jesus both salt and light in his world?
5. Pray for each other to be different and show people Jesus.

Memory Verse

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus said, "If you hear these words of mine and put them into practice, you're like a person who built their house on the rock.

The rain came down (*swoosh*), the streams rose (*bubble, bubble, bubble*), and the winds blew (*whoosh*); but it didn't fall (*NO!*), 'cause it was built on the rock.

But if you hear these words of mine and don't put them into practice, you're like a foolish person who built their house on sand (*oohhh*).

The rain came down (*swoosh*), the streams rose (*bubble, bubble, bubble*), and the winds blew (*whoosh*); and it went crash, 'cause it was built on the sand (*oohhh*)."

