

## Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34 Activities for Preschoolers

**BIBLE PHRASE:** God knows what you need. Matthew 6:8

**BIBLE TRUTH:** God will take care of you.

**BIG QUESTION:** What did Jesus teach us about God? God cares for us and He knows what we need.

### Short version of the Bible Story for young preschoolers:

One day Jesus sat on the side of a mountain and taught a lot of people how to live. This is what He said:

"I tell you, do not worry about what you will eat or drink, and do not worry about what you wear. Look at the birds in the air. God always feeds them and takes care of them. Look at the beautiful flowers in the grass. God takes care of them, too. You are even more special to God than the birds or flowers. God knows what you need and He will take care of you."

**HOME CONNECTION:** Think of some ways God takes care of you and your family.

**MAKE A COFFEE FILTER FLOWER: Items Needed: Bible, markers, newspaper, spray bottles of water, 1 coffee filter per child (if you don't have a coffee filter, use a paper towel cut into a circle), 1 pipe cleaner or bread tie twister, paper towel.**

Cover the table with newspaper. Give your child a coffee filter to decorate with markers. When your child is finished decorating their coffee filter, let her use a spray bottle to spray a **light mist** on to the filter. Lay the filter on a paper towel to dry for several minutes. Guide the child to scrunch her coffee filter in the middle to make the flower and wrap the top of a pipe cleaner around the scrunched part for the stem. Remind children that God made all of the beautiful flowers in the world and he cares for the flowers. Say the Bible phrase, "God knows what you need. God loves you even more than the flowers."

**LIFE APPLICATION:** *I will learn that God will take care of me.*

Gather together and teach your child how to clap their hands to the beat of the song. Sing (to the tune of "London Bridge"):

*God gives me good food to eat, food to eat, food to eat.*

*God gives me good food to eat. God cares for me.*

*God gives me a family, family, family.*

*God gives me a family. God cares for me.*

Read the Bible verse. Ask "Does God know what we need?" (Use conversation to help children understand the Bible teaches that God knows what we need and that He does not want us to worry about the things we need.) Remind your child that we can pray and God always hears and answers our prayers. Ask your child if there is anything they want to talk about before you pray. Pray together holding hands in a circle. Keep your prayers short to not lose the attention of the child. End the prayer time by saying: "God, thank you for hearing our prayers! Thank you, God, for knowing what we need and taking care of us."

**PLAY A PARACHUTE (BED SHEET) GAME: Item Needed: Bed sheet**

Ask children to hold on to the sides of the bed sheet and move it up and down. Alternate calling each child's name to run under the sheet. Say "We can thank God for the fun we have with our family. Jesus told the people not to worry, He will take care of us. He told the people to pray. I am glad we can pray together as a family."