

## Family Worship Guide Week of April 19th, 2015



One of the ways SC Kids partners with parents to make disciples of Jesus is to provide resources that promote discipleship in the home. This Family Worship Guide is intended to give parents content from this week's lesson to discuss with their children throughout the week.

### REVIEW

This Sunday we continued studying one of Jesus' most significant teachings which is known as the Sermon on the Mount. This week's lesson was called "Sermon on the Mount - Love Your Enemies" and comes from Matthew 5:17-48. For a children's bible version you can refer to Story 92 of the Gospel Story Bible.

### GOSPEL

The call to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48) is an impossible standard to measure up to. If our salvation depends on our being perfect, then no human in the history of the world could enter heaven. That is where the gospel becomes our only hope. Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly by meeting all of its requirements perfectly. Jesus also fulfilled the strict standard he presented in the Sermon on the Mount to love your enemies. Jesus perfectly followed his teaching to love his enemies. Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away—but that leaves us without righteousness. Jesus also lived a sinless life so that he could then give that righteousness to us as our representative.

### DISCUSS

#### What did the Pharisees do in order to keep God's law?

They added strict, extra rules.

#### Did these extra rules work?

No. The Pharisees were only thinking about sinning on the outside when the problem was that they were still sinning on the inside.

#### How do we become perfect?

The only be perfect is through Jesus who kept the law on the outside and inside, in his heart. He did what we couldn't do. On the cross he takes our imperfection and credits us with his perfection.

#### Who are your enemies? What does it look like to love them?

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional family devotionals you can purchase "Old Story New: Ten Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God" at amazon.com or from the Sacred City Bookstore on Sunday.

### SING

Singing is a great way for kids to experience and memorize God's Word. Here are a few family favorites: Preschool age - "Cedarmont Kids - Bible Songs" and for Preschool and Elementary age children we recommend the Morning Star Catechism CD (available at the SC bookstore) and Seeds Family Worship.

### PRAY

Thank Jesus for loving his enemies (us) and dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to live and love like Jesus loves us. Then pray for those you consider to be your enemies.



#### Preschool

5Q: Why should you glorify God?

5A: Because He made me and takes care of me.

*Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*

#### Lower Elementary

15Q: Who wrote the Bible?

15A: Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

*2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

