

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Up on the mountain Jesus taught: "You are the _____ of the earth. You are the _____ of the world."
2. He said that men should see our _____ and praise the Father.
3. In your own words tell what Jesus meant by the words above. _____

4. When we worship, who do we want to see us? _____
5. Where did Jesus say we should go to pray? _____
6. According to Jesus, where should we "store up treasure"? _____
7. What does this mean? _____

8. Jesus taught that we should not worry about _____
9. Jesus said that a person who does not listen to him and obey him is like what? _____

10. What do most people call the sermon we are studying in this lesson? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."
Older ones—Matthew 5:14-16

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

What did Jesus mean when he said, "I have not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them"? Study this and then write your answer on the back of this sheet.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

The worst possible way to teach our children the Sermon on the Mount is to try to read the whole thing to them at one sitting.

Small children cannot understand such reading. They will only be bored by it. To teach our toddlers, we must read only a few verses per study session—verses such as Matthew 5:14. Then we can explain the verse and apply it to our kids' lives. During a week of study a parent might use two or three short selections from the great sermon and explain them on a pre-school level.

With our older youngsters, longer readings can be used, depending on two factors: 1) the child's ability to understand, and 2) our own ability to read aloud. If we break the longer sermon up into two or three parts and read them through in a week's time, we will then have time in family study to discuss these important truths with our teens. What does he worry about? (That's Chapter 6.) Is she really happy? (5:1-11) Do they think we are too critical? (7:1-5) Do our worship styles please God? (6:1-18) What leads teens to sexual sin and violence? (5:18-48). It's a mighty practical sermon, and we may be amazed at the comments it evokes from our sons and daughters.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Reading the Sermon on the Mount should be enough.