

Department Level: Juniors

Unit 1: The Beatitudes (part one)

Lesson 2: Sad and Blessed

Lesson Concept: Christ's Comfort

Instructional Objectives:

1. The child will recite from memory the second Beatitude with no more than two helps.
2. The child will explain the second Beatitude.
3. The child will give a personal example of application of the second Beatitude.

Materials: Cut out tears, ball,

Opening Activities:

Memory Verse Activity:

The children will read the verse in unison. The words mourn and comforted will be defined. The verse will be read in unison again. The teacher will explain the application of the verse to the student's life. The verse will be read to the students. The children will play the game "Think Fast" in which the child will be passed a ball and required to say the first word of the verse and then pass the ball to a different child who will then say the second word and so on. The children will say the verse in unison.

Sequence of Activities:

Activation of prior knowledge: The children will be asked if they have ever been sad because of a pet's death or a fear. The teacher will provide examples of things that make children sad and tell them of someone that can be looked to when he is sad.

Instruction: John 20:11-18

I. Mary's Problem

- a. Jesus had been crucified.
- b. Jesus' body was missing.

II. Mary's Pain

- a. Mary was at the tomb of Jesus, crying.
- b. Mary thought she was alone.

III. Christ's Provision

- a. Christ spoke to Mary, proving he was alive.
- b. Christ told Mary that he was going to ascend up to heaven to be with his Father, her God.
- c. Christ offered comfort in that he had died, rose again, and was headed to heaven.
- d. The children will be showed that they can go to Christ if they ever have a problem, and that he will be their comfort (Matthew 11:28).

Lesson Importance and Application:

Many of us have been afraid before, I personally am afraid of snakes and the dark sometimes, but God tell us in his Word that whenever we are afraid, we can look to him for comfort. Christ comforted Mary by the tomb by sharing with her the gospel. We can share the gospel with the unsaved that need comfort. We that are saved, can go to Christ whenever we are alone, sad, or even afraid, and He will never turn us away.

Lesson Closure:

The students will be asked to reword the story back to the teacher. The students will be guided in this. The students will be asked questions about the gospel and the need to accept it and share it with others.

Application Activity:

The students will play the game "Wipe Away the Tears"

In this game, the students will be separated into two teams, and each team will be given a board that is covered with paper cut-out removable tears. As each team answers a question correctly,

the team will be able to remove a tear from the board. The team with the least amount of tears at the end of the game is the winner.