

I. Department Level: Juniors

II. Unit: 3 Sermon on the Mount

III. Lesson 9: Salt and Light of the Earth

IV. Lesson Concept: Christians must be good witnesses to others.

V. Instructional Objectives:

A. The child will recite from memory Matthew 5:16 from memory with no more than two helps.

B. The child will explain the meaning of Matthew 5:16.

C. The child will give a personal example of application of Matthew 5:16.

VI. Materials:

A. Pretend stocks (for story)

B. Pretend sword (for story)

VII. Opening Activities:

A. This Little Light of Mine

B. Send the Light

C. Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

VIII. Memory Verse Activity:

The students will open their Bibles to Matthew 5:16. The teacher will read the verse to the students. The children will read the verse out loud with the teacher a second time. The teacher will explain any big or confusing words (i.e. “good works,” “glorify,” “your light,”). The students will read the verse again. The boys will recite the verse. The girls will recite the verse. Anyone who is wearing blue will recite the verse loudly while anyone not wearing blue will recite the verse softly. The teacher will explain the meaning of the verse, what it means to

let your light shine and why it must be done. The students will be given examples of how to let their lights shine. The students will recite the verse in unison twice more.

IX. Sequence of Activities:

A. Activate Prior Knowledge:

Have you ever heard of the apostle Paul? He was a great man of God. As a man of God, he had the power of God, the words of the Lord, and a good testimony to show people that he was different from the world. What does it mean to be different from the world? How can you be different from the world? Christians must be different from the world in our spiritual lives because people must see the gospel through Christians.

B. Instruction

I. Paul and Silas are put in jail.

A. Paul and Silas were both workers of their time.

B. These two were good testimonies.

II. Paul and Silas kept their good testimonies in prison too.

A. Paul and Silas sang songs.

B. Paul and Silas praised God.

III. God is honored by our praise.

A. The two escaped from prison.

B. The two showed Christ to the Philippian jailer.

IV. The Philippian jailer sees Christ in the two.

A. The jailor asks what he must do to be saved.

B. The jailor is saved and his household.

C. Lesson Importance and Application:

You need to act like Christ and let your light shine before men. People should be able to see Christ in your words, actions, and thoughts. The unsaved should be able to see Christ in your life. You can show the gospel of Christ by respecting and obeying your teachers, by having a good attitude when your team may not win, or by singing songs that glorify the Lord. The next time you are tempted to react in a way that would not please Christ, remember that you must always show how Christ should act.

D. Lesson Closure:

The children will give examples of how they can let their light shine before men. The students will brainstorm and act out scenarios, in which they must act like Christ in order for others to see the gospel (i.e. obeying parents, singing songs as they go about their day, not having a sorry attitude when they lose, etc.).

F. Evaluation:

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