



ELEMENTARY

**Week of September 6**

**Bible Story:** Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7, emphasis on Matthew 6:25-34)

**The Jesus Storybook Bible:** The Singer (228 – 235)

**BIG Idea:** Jesus teaches that God cares for us, so we should give our worries to Him.

**Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/Ze7w3-BL3OM>

**THE BIG BIBLE STORY**

Once, when Jesus saw a crowd of people, he went up onto the side of a mountain to teach them.

What Jesus said that day was so important that his sermon (or speech) was written down in our Bibles for all of us to read even many years later. Since he was speaking from the side of a mountain, people refer to what he said that day as “The Sermon on the Mount.”

Other teachers had been saying that it made God happy if people obeyed all the rules. But Jesus said if you only follow God’s rules on the outside but do not love him on the inside, from your heart, then this actually makes God sad. God is our heavenly father and we are his children. Children want to be like their fathers so Jesus said, “Try to be good like God your father is good!

Another thing Jesus talked about in the Sermon on the Mount was treasure. Sometimes people worry about money or clothes or food but Jesus said that if you follow God you are rich! You have treasures in heaven waiting for you. People that think about earthly treasures get disappointed if the treasure gets lost or stolen. So which is more valuable, treasure on earth or treasure in heaven?

Jesus said if we always worry about things on earth we will be sad. If we remember we have treasure in heaven we know that treasure will last forever.

The last thing Jesus said in his sermon was about making a wise choice. He said there were two choices and the choices are like gates. One gate is very wide and easy to go through. Most people chose this gate. They always do what is easy instead of what is good. The other gate is narrow and harder to go through. Not as many people choose to go through it. The people that go through to narrow gate are willing to do the right thing even if it is difficult. Jesus said the wide gate leads to a life filled with destruction and the narrow gate leads to a wonderful life that leads to an even better life someday in heaven.

The a very important thing Jesus spoke on is “The Golden Rule.” “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31,NIV. The Golden Rule is that we only treat people like we wish to be treated. Jesus knew that following the Golden Rule would be difficult sometimes but do you remember what he said about the gates? Choosing to follow the Golden Rule is like going through the narrow gate. It may be more difficult but it leads to the best life!

**BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS**

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Why does Jesus care if we worry?
- Why do you think Jesus said those things about the birds and flowers?

**BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES**

**Journal:** Write down a list of ways that God has taken care of you in your life. At the bottom of the list, write, “Don’t worry about anything.”

**Art:** Draw picture of something you are worried about and then draw a big “X” through it as a reminder that you don’t need to worry..