

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 6

Matthew 5–6:4

Jesus delivers a famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount. In it, He shares *who* is blessed and why. How have you been blessed?

Observation: What does it say?

1. *Review:* What is the theme of Matthew 3? Matthew 4? Write it on the chart on p. 1613.
2. Read Matthew 5:1–6:4. Mark key words: *God/pronouns, Jesus/pronouns, blessed, “but I say to you...”*
3. Who is doing the talking in these verses? Who is doing the listening?
4. Who are the “blessed” in Mt 5:3-11? Make a list.
5. What metaphors does Jesus use in Mt 5:13–16 to describe believers?
6. List the Laws that Jesus mentions in Mt 5:21–48. Do any of these seem familiar to you? Where do they come from?
7. What is the topic of Jesus’ teaching in Mt 6:1–4?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

8. Re-write the “blesseds” in Mt 5:3–11 in your own words. Which one is easy to write? Which is difficult?

9. Choose one of the metaphors (light or salt) and explain what Jesus is trying to say to His disciples.

10. In Mt 5:21–48, Jesus talks about what the people have heard before, then says, “But I say to you....” Are these laws no longer true? What point is He trying to make?

11. What does Mt 6:3 mean in relationship to giving?

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

12. Which of the “blesseds” describes you? Which one does not describe you?

13. Is your salt “salty”? How? Are you “hiding your light under a basket”? How?

14. Choose one of the laws that Jesus mentions in Mt 5:21–48 and write a prayer about it. Ask God for help in being able to fully obey what Jesus had in mind regarding that particular law.