

# Kingdom blessings



**Bible verses:**  
Matthew 5:1-12, 43-48



**Aim:**  
To see how Jesus teaches  
about those who face  
difficulties, recognising  
that includes us



**Today's fruit:**  
Love



## Memory verse

**'But God has told us what is good. This is  
what the Lord wants from us:**

**"You must be fair to other people," God  
says.**

**"You must want to be kind.**

**And you must be careful to do what I  
show you.'"**

(Micah 6:8 *EASY*)

Or



## Memory verse

**'He has shown you, O mortal, what is  
good.**

**And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.'**

(Micah 6:8 *NIV*)



## Start it

Today we are going to hear about a special  
message from Jesus, about loving everyone.

Bring out the three toys from the previous  
weeks – eg one teddy and two dolls. Explain  
that they went to the park together, but they

didn't have a great time. The teddy got to the  
swing first but wouldn't let anyone else on  
for ages. One doll fell and hurt their knee but  
was grumpy and didn't say thank you when  
the other doll helped them. So later on, the  
other doll wouldn't let the doll with the sore  
knee on the slide.

Discuss with the children what would have  
been a more loving thing for the teddy and  
dolls to have done. What would you say to  
them to explain why they should show love  
to each other.



## Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Matthew  
5:1-12, 43-48 (eg [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com) *ERV/*  
*EASY*) or watch the following clip.

***The Story of Sermon on the Mount (Bible  
stories for Kids)*** by Minno – Bible Stories for  
Kids (6:31)

**Watch 0:00 –2:59** 'It sure makes me feel  
special.' 'And that's the point.'

Explain that Jesus said lots more 'upside-  
down' rules.

**Watch 3:59 –4:26** 'The law says to love  
your neighbours.' to 'The forever kind of  
life, right?' 'Right.'

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- Do you feel you are always last for something? Like being picked for a game? Running? Or getting a snack?
- How does it feel?
- What would it be like if you were suddenly first?
- Jesus told us some 'upside-down' rules – like people who are sad will be happy, and people who are weak will be strong. Why do you think it's important to have these rules?
- What could you do if someone is unkind to you?
- What could you say to someone who is being unkind?
- Should you be unkind in return?
- Why do you think God wants us to have 'upside-down' rules?

Jesus wants us to be kind and loving to others. When someone is being unkind to us, we don't need to be unkind back. But remember, Jesus wants fairness for all, so it's important to tell someone when someone is being unkind to you.

(Please refer to The Salvation Army's *Safe & Sound* handbook for further guidance.)

## Sing It

**'Micah 6:8' (Preschool worship song)** By KidSpring Children's Ministry (2:03)

**'Justice' (Official lyric video)** by Songs For School (3:36)

## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Create and decorate little badges with hearts on them, to remind the children to be loving to others. (Use sticky tape to stick them on.)
- **Play:** Let the children play with the toys and role play them being loving and kind to each other.
- **Pray:** Hold out one hand and pray together to be kind to others. Hold out the other hand and pray for people who are unkind to us. Bring both hands together to make a heart and pray to be more like Jesus, by being kind and loving everyone – even when it's hard.
- **Try:** Can you walk like you are very sad? Can you walk like you're very happy? Repeat with other opposites, eg angry and peaceful, weak and strong, unkind/mean and loving.