

Luke 6:20-49

Jesus's Highlight Reel (Part 2)

Scripture: Luke 6:20-6:49

Memory Verse: Luke 6:47-48a *“Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.”*

Lesson Focus: We will piggy-back off of last week's lesson with another Jesus highlight reel. This time it is highlights from His most famous teaching. Our hope is that the kids would want to “be like Jesus” just like they want to be like other heroes they look up to.

Activities and Crafts: Coloring Picture of Building on the Rock, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Craft for 1st/2nd grade: Solid Foundation Craft

Starter Activity: “Be Like Mike”

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship for a quick video to introduce the lesson. Last week we watched a quick highlight reel of Michael Jordan to introduce our lesson and this week we will follow-up on that with a similar video this week.

Q: Do any of you remember the famous basketball player that we talked about last week?

A: Michael Jordan

We watched a highlights video of some of his greatest basketball moments. And then we read through the gospel of Luke and saw some of Jesus's greatest ministry moments!!

Q: Anyone remember some of those great ministry moments of Jesus?

Today we are going to watch another video of Michael Jordan to introduce our lesson. * This video shows some of those great moments, but it has a catchy song that I want you to listen to.

SHOW VIDEO

Q: What were they singing? A: “I wanna be like Mike”

Q: What do they mean by that? A: It means you look up to and admire Michael Jordan so much that you want to be just like him! *

While it might be “cool” to be a famous basketball player, there is someone MUCH greater that the Bible is going to encourage us to be like today.

Q: Who do you think that is? A: Jesus, that's right! Let's take a look! *

Teachers: This section is Luke's "highlight reel" of Jesus's most famous sermon. Like last week, there is a lot of text and this lesson breaks it up into sections. Feel free to just focus on a few of the sections but be sure to wrap-up with the last section!

Luke 6:20-26 (Jesus Pronounces Four Blessings and Four Woes/Curses):

Q: What do you think a good or "blessed" life looks like? A: Most people in our culture think it means having lots of money, stuff, fame, etc. * But see what Jesus says:

- v. 20-21: Jesus says quite the opposite! Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, and sad? How can that be? *
 - o Matthew's account adds poor "in spirit" which helps us better understand this. Jesus means we must know how poor, hungry, and sad we are in our sin before we can come to Him and experience the "blessed" life. *
- v. 22: Wow! Again, quite the opposite. For who likes to be left out? * Blessed are those who are hated and excluded because of their love for Jesus!
- v. 23: Yet Jesus promises heavenly reward to those who follow His example and endure hardship for His sake.

Q: What do you think a bad or "cursed" life looks like? A: Most people in our culture think it means NOT having lots of money, stuff, fame, etc. But see what Jesus says:

- v. 24-26: Again, Jesus says the opposite! Jesus strongly warns us about making life mainly about riches, fun, and popularity. These things are not bad in themselves, but if they become our greatest treasure, we will be ruined!

Luke 6:27-36 (Jesus Teaches on How We Treat Our Enemies):

Q: How do you think we should treat our enemies? A: Most people in our culture think that when they hurt us, we have the right to hurt them back. But see what Jesus says:

- v. 27-30: Wow, this is hard! **Teachers:** Consider asking a volunteer to do a handstand against the wall. Have a sign ready that says "Man's way" on top and "God's way" on the bottom written upside-down. * Attach it to the kid doing the hand-stand with "Man's way" on top. Thank the kid and then have him stand up and it should show "God's way" right-side up. Point out how "God's way" is the right way even though "Man's way" feels right. Hurting people back never helps!
- v. 31: This is some of the best and simplest instruction of all time! You may have heard of this as the "Golden Rule".
 - o Q: Do you want others to bully you? NO! Then don't bully them either! *
 - o Q: Do you want others to be kind to you? YES! Be kind to them too! *
- v. 32-34: Christians are to stand out by not just loving those who love them, but by loving those who hate them. This kind of love brings glory to God! *
- v. 35-36: Did you catch that? God has shown us mercy, so we are to show others mercy. God has loved us even when we were His enemies. (**Romans 5:8**)
Therefore, in the same way we are to show our enemies love.
 - o Q: How has God shown us this love and mercy? A: **John 3:16!** God made a way for us to have our sins forgiven!

Boys and Girls: This all sounds really hard so far, even impossible. That is because we cannot do this on our own (remember "blessed are the poor in spirit"! **Romans 5:5** says that God pours His love into believers through the Holy Spirit. It is only by God's power that we can love like this. We need His help to love like He loves!

Luke 6:37-42: (Jesus Teaches About Judging Others):

- v. 37-38: These are more applications of the “Golden Rule”.
 - o Q: What was the Golden Rule again? A: Treat others the way you want them to treat you!
- v. 39-40: Jesus wants us to be honest with ourselves. We all have “blind spots”. *
 - o All Christians are in a training program to become more and more like Jesus, their Teacher! * He will help Christians recognize their blind spots, or areas of selfishness and sin, so that they can turn from them and see the needs of others better!
- v. 41-42: But this is what happens when we ignore our own blind spots! We are pointing out the faults of others yet blind to having those very same faults!
 - o Q: Have you ever “tattled” on your brother forgetting to put away their dishes and then your Mom points out your dirty dishes still out? Busted! *
 - o **Teachers:** Consider bringing in a large piece of wood or a pool noodle and put it up against your eye. Then pretend to “tattle” on someone to show how silly this all is.

Luke 6:43-49: (Jesus Teaches About Who We Are):

- v. 43-44: Jesus uses fruit trees to summarize what he has been teaching so far.
 - o Q: What does an orange tree produce? Oranges!
 - o Q: But can an apple tree bear oranges? NO!
- v. 45: Everyone of us will also bear “fruit”. And our fruit, the things we say and the things we do reveals our true character. For whether our fruit is good or bad, it comes from the same place: our hearts!
 - o Q: Does Jesus rule in your heart? Is He the treasure of your heart? If He doesn’t you will not bear good fruit!
- v. 46: I hope most of you said “yes”. But if so, Jesus says, “PROVE IT!” If Jesus is indeed your Lord, that means He expects you to actually follow/obey Him. *
- v. 47: Does this describe you? One who comes to Jesus, hears His Word, believes in Him, and then follows and obeys Him? What is this person like?
- v. 48: He is like the person who builds a house on a strong foundation! And nothing can topple it over.
 - o **Boys and Girls:** Life can be hard. Jesus is the only One who can protect you from life’s storms.
- v. 49: But notice what happens to those who have heard, but do nothing. They ignore Jesus. They don’t believe in Him and follow Him. They will be ruined!

Key Point: Remember at the beginning of our lesson we watched the Michael Jordan video with the “Be Like Mike” song.

Q: If your deepest desire is to “Be Like Mike” (rich and famous), are you building on the rock or on the sand? A: The sand! Your ruin will be great as Jesus just said.

Q: But if your deepest desire is to “Be Like Jesus”, are you building on the rock or on the sand? A: The rock! That dream is not only going to protect you when life gets hard, but you will also live the truly “blessed” life with Jesus (**John 10:10**).

- Very few of us will ever “be like Mike”. But everyone single one of us can become more and more like Jesus as we make Him the treasure of our hearts!

BRING IT HOME

Read Luke 6:31
What did Jesus mean?

Parent Signature:

Parent Challenge:
Where do bad words and
deeds come from?

Read Luke 6:46
How can you "show"
that Jesus is your Lord
this week?

