

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Lesson Outline:

- Tell the Bible Story
- Give the Object Lesson
- Do the Activity Page
- Wrap Up

Take Out the Trash

- Works best with High Schoolers •

Main Point: God wants us to lead pure lives.

Bible Story: The Beatitudes • Matthew 5:1-12

If you want to speak about sexual purity, the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39) is a great one for that. To cover more ground we've chosen the beginning of Christ's famous Sermon on the Mount:

- Those who are poor in spirit are very fortunate; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- Those who mourn are very fortunate; they will be made happy.
- Those who are meek are very fortunate; there is a new earth for them someday.
- Those who crave righteousness are very fortunate; they will be filled.
- Those who by nature show mercy and kindness are very fortunate; they will be showered with mercy and kindness.
- Those who have pure hearts are very fortunate; they will see God face to face.
- Those who make peace are very fortunate; for they will be called God's own children.
- Those who persecuted for living the way God wants are very fortunate; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- Those who are insulted, harmed or lied about for their faith in me are very fortunate; Rejoice! Be happy! Your reward in heaven is fantastic.

Some Helpful Definitions:

- **Poor in Spirit:** The opposite of an arrogant attitude that says "I don't need God." To be poor in spirit means we recognize that we need God, there is nowhere else to turn.
- **Mourn:** For our sins and failures before God.
- **Meek:** We depend on God's power to become the best we can be, not our own.
- **Crave Righteousness:** To hunger and thirst for God.
- **Mercy:** Christ showed us mercy when He forgave our sins. We are to be like Him.
- **Pure Hearts:** God loves purity, goodness.
- **Make Peace:** The best way to do this is to lead others to Jesus, the Prince of Peace!
- **Persecuted for living the way God wants:** This will make you want to be even closer to the Lord.
- **Your Reward in Heaven is Fantastic:** God likes it when you live as Jesus said!

Comments: Every verse, or nearly so, in the Beatitudes has a connection to purity, but several are most obvious: Mourning for our sins, possessing a pure heart and persecution for choosing to live God's way. Contrast these with the worldly society's penchant for sin, corruption and rejection of God. Be sure to draw everyone's attention to the Lord's promise of great reward in heaven for those who choose to honor God by rejecting the ways of the world.

Object Lesson: Take Out the Trash

Materials Needed: A trashcan with trash that you can dump on the floor as per the video, a can or bottle of ice cold soda or juice, a cup for the drink.

Link to the Object Lesson Video: <https://youtu.be/f9AucecFoC0>

Activity Page: Blessed How?

Before handing out copies of the **Blessed How?** activity page, say something like this: "When we choose to go God's way in life, sidestepping the sins and temptations that can pollute our hearts, God blesses us as Jesus promised in the Sermon on the Mount. Well, let's switch gears. We've spoken about staying pure; let's take a moment to think about the blessings when we do."

Give each person a copy of the activity page and a pen or pencil. Allow enough time for the pages to be completed, then call everyone's attention back to you.

Wrap Up: The activity page calls for a time of silent prayer. After that, wrap up with a closing prayer.

Here is a way your kids can enjoy a discussion about the blessings listed on the activity page without the embarrassment of revealing personal information: In small groups, the kids talk about what blessings in the assignment's list are their favorites.

Blessed How?

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we are blessed—very fortunate—when we choose to live God’s way. Our Lord has blessed us in many, many ways. Here are just a few. Check the ones that apply to you.

Me

- Jesus came to earth to show me the way to His Father in heaven.
- I can talk to God in prayer. He listens!
- God and His Son Jesus made me and love me.
- God has given me health.
- He gave me the the Bible to show me what He wants me to know.

Family

- God has given me a family to grow up in.
- The people in my family love me.
- The people in my family love God.
- My family provides the stuff I need to grow and do well.
- My family and I have fun together.
- When bad things happen, I can trust my family for help.

Friends

- God has given me good friends.
- My friends and I have lots of fun together.
- My closest friends are a good influence in my life.

You may not feel that you have all these blessings. That’s what PRAYER is for! After thanking the Lord for all the great things He has done for you, you can ask Him to help in the areas that are a struggle.

Take a moment right now to pray silently. Thank God for all the things He blesses you with, and ask Him to help you where you need help.