



Sermon on a Mountain

**Matthew 5—8, 13;
Mark 4:1-2;
Luke 6:12-16;**

EXPLORE

As a family, read *The Action Bible* story on pages 566–570 or the Action Bible New Testament on pages 56–60. Read this true Bible story found in Luke 6:12–16; Matthew 5–8, 13; Mark 4:1–2. Here is what the story is about:

With His twelve disciples, Jesus travelled and told people about the Kingdom of Heaven and how to live a life that honours God. Jesus taught about the blessings God pours out on those who show mercy, are pure of heart, and try to do what is right. He taught about being kind to your enemies and praying for those who hurt you. Jesus often used stories called parables to teach people how to live in the ways God wants them to live. He also used examples, such as teaching about God's tender care for the birds to show how much God loves and cares for each person. After teaching to a crowd, Jesus went back to Capernaum, where He met a Roman officer with a sick servant. Jesus was amazed at the soldier's faith and healed the servant. Jesus continued to travel with His disciples and teach about God's kingdom.

REMEMBER

Answer each question with information you learned from the story:

- › How many men did Jesus call to be his followers? Jesus called twelve men to be his full-time helpers or disciples.
- › Jesus met a crowd at the bottom of a mountain and told them what the kingdom of God was like. What are some examples that He gave? God intends for us to do what is right, to show mercy, have pure hearts, be a light, and to be kind to our enemies.
- › Who stopped Jesus when he returned to Capernaum and what did he ask for? A Roman officer asked Jesus to heal his sick servant. He had faith, so Jesus healed the servant.
- › In the Parable of the Seeds, what did the good soil represent? The good soil represented the people who heard the God's Word, understood it, and chose to follow the way of Jesus.

DISCUSS

The Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to live in the ways God wants us to live—showing love, kindness, and forgiveness to everyone around us. Jesus taught that we should be the light of the world, pointing others toward God.

- › How can you point others to God?
- › How can you show love to your enemies or those who hurt you?

Jesus told a parable about a man who built his house on sand. When a big storm came, the house was destroyed. Jesus used this story to explain that our lives are like the house. If we choose to follow the ways of the world, we will be washed away like the house on the sand. But when we obey God, we are on a firm foundation.

- › What are some ways that you can “build your house on a rock”?

PRAY

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught how to pray. Pray the prayer Jesus taught, found in Matthew 6:9–13, together as a family.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ACT

Jesus gathered twelve men to follow Him and help Him with His mission on earth. These men became His close friends. Like Jesus, we need friends to spend time with. We need people we can care for and people who will care for us. And when we have friendships with other followers of Jesus, we become stronger together. Who are some people in your community that you can invite into your life to help you live the way God has called you to live? Discuss as a family and make a plan to spend time with the people you have chosen.