

## Discussion Questions Course 504–1

### Large Group

1. What do you think it means to be poor in spirit?
2. What did Gizmo do to demonstrate having spirit?
3. What did the children think mourning meant?
4. Why did Joy decide not to study for her school test the next day?
5. What did Jesus say we are to be in this world?
6. How can we be a light in the world?
7. How did the centurion demonstrate his faith in Jesus?
8. What did Jesus say was the reason for the servant being healed?

### Small Group

#### Teaching

1. [Stacking block illustration](#). I know that [helper's name] heard me. Do you think he/she is acting wisely?
2. Sand is unstable because it can be blown away by a breeze or washed away by a tiny wave. Can that happen to a big, solid rock?
3. What does Jesus say we are if we disobey and build on sand?
4. [Ask the volunteer to stack the blocks on the rock; this time they should obey](#). Is [helper's name] acting like a wise builder now?
5. Jesus compares our lives to a house. What do the storms represent?
6. What are some things that people may build their lives on that aren't trustworthy?
7. [Building kit illustration](#). If you have ever built a model like this, how did you know where to begin and how to build it?
8. Do you remember what Chris said Jesus' teachings are like?

### Additional Activities

#### Game

1. In this lesson we are learning to live according to Jesus' words. You might be surprised to learn that Jesus also listened to someone and spoke the same words. Can you guess who?
2. What is a role model?

#### Coloring Activity

1. Why does Joy appear frustrated in this scene from the video?
2. Joy suddenly remembered a scripture that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount and believed she could apply it to her situation; do you remember what it was?
3. How did she misunderstand Jesus' teaching?
4. What was the result of her misunderstanding of Jesus' teaching?

5. How do you think Joy could have correctly applied Jesus' words in Matthew 6:34?

### **Object Lesson**

#### **Luke 18:9-14**

1. [Blocks, rock, and water illustration](#). The water came and rose up. What happened?
2. What does Jesus call these people?
3. What happened to this house?
4. Why did the house fall?
5. [Hold up the picture of the Leaning Tower of Pisa](#). Have you ever heard of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy?
6. Do you think its builders meant to make a leaning tower?
7. It began to tilt as the second floor was being built in the year 1178. Can you guess why?
8. Does this remind you of anything we talked about in our teaching today?