

The Sermon on the Mount: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I need God's help to live like Christ.

SuperVerse: "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NLT)

Bible Story: Matthew 5–7:27; Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 6:17–49; Luke 7:1–10

Game Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Rope, string, or yarn—about two feet per child, but not cut into sections
- Scissors for the teacher
- Six round balloons
- Permanent Marker
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Two different pieces of fruit, such as an apple and orange. You may use artificial fruit.
- One tree branch about 2–3 feet long.
- Grapevine Image or a live potted fruit plant
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge:

- Lighthouse craft—one per child who missed Lesson 1.
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Bookmark
- Long rope from the Balloon Game

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

It feels good to be connected to someone or something, doesn't it? In today's lesson, we will learn about a "divine connection" that we all need in order to live a life like Christ!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy, and Gizmo to hear Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount, and they see how the disciples learn to put it into practice. They also witness the remarkable faith of the Roman Centurion, who completely trusts Jesus to heal his servant. The children learn that the kingdom of God is for all who trust and obey Him.
- In today's Bible Background video, we will learn more about the Sermon on the Mount.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Never Let Go! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game connecting to a vine.

- To remain means to stay joined, united, or connected. When we stay joined to Jesus by choosing to walk in step with Him, the Holy Spirit produces fruit inside us. This is what our game is about.

Game Instructions:

- Each team will stay joined to the vine, represented by this rope. You must not let go of the vine! You will all work together to move the three fruit balloons from one end to the other.

Teaching: Free to Join! (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss being connected to Jesus—the vine.

- Jesus consistently displayed spiritual fruit during His ministry on the earth. This fruit cannot be produced on our own. If we want to live like Christ, we must stay joined to Him—the true vine.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The craft is the Lighthouse Craft. The challenge is written on the main structure of the lighthouse.

SuperVerse: Superbook Replacement (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- There are countless things that we can choose to join, like clubs, online groups, organizations, and teams. However, the wisest choice we can make is to join the one true vine—Jesus.
- As children cover their eyes, use the list to change one word of the SuperVerse on the board to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed. Write in the correct word, then repeat the process.

Prayer: Oneness Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Jesus prayed not only for His disciples but also for everyone who would become His followers—that includes us! He prays that we will be one—in unity with God and with Him.
- In our prayer time today, you will all hold a rope which represents Jesus, the true vine. Close your eyes and imagine being joined to God as I read part of Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

SuperVerse Game: Play a game to build John 15:5. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Activity Page: Connect the dots to reveal a scene from the video. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Matching Game: Play a game to match fruit. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Discuss Bible Passages about being poor in spirit. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min