

# BIBLE LESSON WORKSHOP

## REALITY

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Designed for those in Junior High and beyond

\*\*Correction for last week's lesson on Matter: Question #7 – I had said Jesus was only on this earth for 3 years. Sorry, I meant to say Jesus had only been preaching and teaching for 3 years.

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**What a beautiful lesson dealing with favorite passages from THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT – Matthew 5-7. The Be-attitudes are not just moral laws – they are promises:** Believe it or not – Jesus spent the entire night in prayer before he delivered this Sermon. It sums up in three chapters his teachings.

On page 65 of Message for 1901 Mrs. Eddy says the following under the heading “The Christian Scientists’ Pastor.” *“To my sense the Sermon on the Mount read each Sunday without comment and obeyed throughout the week, would be enough for Christian practice.” WOW!* Let’s try it: For one month – once a week let’s all read Matthew 5-7. At the end of the month, let’s share all the healings (fruitage) we have received from studying these 3 chapters.

1. Name 3 important teachings that are included in this Sermon.
2. Who was Matthew? What was his occupation before he became one of Jesus’ disciples?
  - a. A tax collector (Publican)
  - b. An astronaut
  - c. A fisherman
  - d. A college professor
  - e. A movie actor
3. What is another word for “Blessed?”
  - a. Hooray
  - b. Happy
  - c. Holy
  - d. Hello
  - e. Blissful
  - f. How Fortunate
  - g. To be congratulated
4. True or False: The Sermon on the Mount is the essence of Jesus’ teachings.
5. True or False: The Sermon on the Mount begins with the 10 Commandments.

6. Fill in the blanks:

*Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit: for there is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_; for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_; for they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are they which do \_\_\_\_\_ and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_; for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are the pure \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall see \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you, and shall call all manner of \_\_\_\_\_ against you \_\_\_\_\_ for my sake.*

*Rejoice, and be exceeding \_\_\_\_\_: for great is your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven: for so persecuted they the \_\_\_\_\_ which were before you.*

7. Matching question re the Beatitudes: Match the number with the correct letter:

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| 1. poor in spirit                      | a. be comforted      |
| 2. mourn                               | b. inherit the earth |
| 3. the meek                            | c. kingdom of heaven |
| 4. hunger & thirst after righteousness | d. shall be filled   |
| 5. peacemakers                         | e. children of God   |

7 A. Looking at the qualities listed above in the Beatitudes – why did God select Moses to lead the Children of Israel. What quality did he possess that was so important? He wasn't eloquent – in fact he stuttered. What made him special?

7 B. Let's look at "hungering & thirsting after righteousness?"

- What is hunger?
- What is the difference between hunger and thirst?
- How long can we go without food or drink? How long without righteousness (right thinking)?
- What are you hungering for? What is the difference between being righteous and being self-righteous?

8. Who first spoke the Lord's Prayer?

- Abraham
- Moses
- Jesus
- David
- Abraham Lincoln

9. How can we daily live the Beatitudes? How can we be "peacemakers?"

10. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?" To be "meek?"

11. Golden Text: Matthew 12:22-28. Jesus heals a man born blind and deaf. The people who witnessed this healing were impressed with the power of Truth. They all agreed Jesus had to be the Son of God.
12. What group of people didn't agree that he was God's son?
- The Pharisees
  - The ACLU
  - The Good Samaritan
  - The San Diego Chargers
13. The Pharisees said that Jesus cast out devils (remove the "d" and what do you have) by Beelzebub/Satan/the guy in a red suit with horns and a pitchfork/the serpent/ the great red dragon or whatever name you want to call the great big NOTHING. Is that true? How **did** Jesus heal?
- Definition of Beelzebub is "Lord of flies (in O.T.) in N.T it is the devil.
  - True or False: Jesus used magic to heal.
  - True or False: God/Mind must know all about sickness and sin in order to heal their effect.
14. If you were at school and didn't feel well – couldn't call your folks – did not have a Bible or Science & Health with you – what would you do? How would you pray? Tell the class of a recent healing you had.
15. How does one become "pure in heart?"
16. Name some things that are REAL to you?
17. What is the first sentence in Science & Health ? (vii).What does it mean?
18. Why did Christ Jesus call himself "the light of the world?"
19. Have you ever gone into a dark room and seen something that scared you and then you turned on the light and what happened?
20. Give some examples of how we can let *our* light shine – every day. The Bible tells us (B9. 1 Thessalonians 5:5). ***We are all the children of light!*** Explain meaning. Have you ever done something "special" for someone – something unexpected? If so then you have let your light shine. Think of ways to be light-bearers, light bulbs for your friends and family. Remember that well-known song: "You Light Up My Life?" Let's light up someone's life every day. (S8-510:9) Mrs. Eddy says we are reflected light – what did she mean?
21. What is so special about Christian Science? Do you think you'll follow its teachings in college? After you've left home and living on your own? Yes? No? Why? Why not?

22. In your own words explain what it means to have ONE MIND.
23. What did Jesus mean when he said that “we are the **salt** of the earth? Why do we use salt? What is its purpose? The word “salt” stands for:
- purity
  - sugar & spice and everything nice.
  - Snow White
  - a preservative
  - flavoring
24. Why did Jesus tell us to “love our enemies?” How do you get rid of an enemy? How did Jesus love his enemies? Have you ever played “follow the leader?” How would you play that game following the teachings of Christ Jesus?
25. Next Monday Jesus is going to visit your classroom. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask him some questions. What would you ask him? Write out the questions you want to ask him?
26. What is the equation Mrs. Eddy gives us for healing in Christian Science?
- Perfect God = perfect man
  - Perfect Principle = perfect idea
  - Perfect Cause = perfect effect
  - Perfect love = destroys fear
27. True or False: Jesus taught that if someone hits you, punch him right back, only harder.
28. ( B14. Matthew 6: 22,23; 24-29, 31-33). What did Jesus mean when he said we can't serve 2 masters? Who were the 2 masters he was referring to? What would it be like to go to work and have 2 bosses and one told you to do one thing and other one told you to do the exact opposite – what would you do?
29. You've heard of “Reality TV” shows. Let's pretend that you are the producer, director and star of a Christian Science Reality TV show. What would you do? Where would it be held? What would it be about. This is your REALITY SHOW. Let's think about it over the next week and bring in some ideas of how you would present it to the sponsors to air on TV. What kind of sponsors (advertisers) would you want to support your TV show?
30. Where is the Kingdom of Heaven? When are we in it? (Def. S&H, page 590)
31. Science & Health is our textbook. Take a paperback copy and highlight with a marker or red pencil statements of truth that you want to memorize or that have been helpful to you. Do the same with the Bible. Why did Mrs. Eddy select these 2 books as the Pastor for Christian Science churches? Why don't we have men or women ministers or pastors like other denominations do?

32. Which came first the Christian Science church or the book Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures? What does Key to the Scriptures mean?

33. B12 Matt. 5:38-48 & B14 Matt 6:22, 23(to .), 24-29, 31-33. This is going to be a “**He said**” – “**They said**” skit. The “**He,**” is **Christ Jesus** – The “**They,**” are the **Publicans**. Today we might call them those who refuse to accept the words & works of Christ Jesus or the “unbelievers.”

**They Said:** Anyone who pokes me in the eye – I’m going to do the same to him. And anyone who knocks out my tooth, believe me I’ll knock out his tooth as well. I’ll show him whose boss.

**He Said:** Is that really going to get you anywhere? Will it solve the disagreement? Here’s what I’m saying to do. Don’t hit back at all – love those people who you think are your enemy. Revenge never gets us anywhere. If your friend is cold, offer him your sweater – by helping to keep him warm, you’ll feel warm all over. The more love we share, the more we receive.

**They Said:** You’re asking an awful lot of us, Jesus. How can anyone love someone who’s been mean to them? What about the guy who dragged my buddy into court to sue him? How can you love that guy?

**He Said:** Believe me, friends, this tit-for-tat behavior will never work. We have to see *everyone* the way God does, if we’re not seeing “Perfect God and perfect man,” then we’re seeing an illusion – a lie. If we believe someone out there is bad, then we’re also accepting the thought that we can be bad as well. Not true. If a situation is not good, is not perfect, than we know it’s not real. Only good is real.

**They Said:** What if the weather is cold & rainy and my mom sees a neighbor walking home with heavy packages. Should she pick her up? What if she lives in the other direction from our house and we’d have to drive over 2 miles out of our way just to take her home; and we need to get home in a hurry – what would you do Mr. C.J.?

**He Said:** Oh, that’s an easy one. I’d certainly drive her all the way home. I’d even help her into the house and unload her groceries. If the situation was reversed and your mom was out in the cold with no ride home, carrying packages, wouldn’t you hope that some friendly neighbor would give her a lift home? If you’ve been listening to my sermon, my teachings, you’d understand that is the message of THE GOLDEN RULE. Which is: “Do unto \_\_\_\_\_ as you want them to \_\_\_\_\_”

**They Said:** I remember the old rule that says love your friends and hate your enemies. That makes sense to everyone. Why should you love people who don’t like you, or want to hurt you?

**He Said:** I'm challenging that erroneous rule. I'm telling you to *love your enemies*. *Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst*. I not only want you to love them, but to bless them, do good to them and pray for them because that's the only way you can be called the children of God – of Love.

**They Said:** You're asking the impossible, Jesus.

**He Said:** No I'm not. How hard is it to love the folks that love us – everyone does that. That's easy. The hard thing is to love those that don't like us. Here's a riddle for you. *What happens when you love the person you call an enemy and he responds to that unconditional love?* Answer: He's no longer your enemy – he's your \_\_\_\_\_.

**They Said:** Master, I've heard it said that you can't worship 2 gods at once. Why not?

**He Said:** That's simple – if you listen to one god, you'll wind up not listening to the other. You can't worship both God and matter. If you don't stand for something, you stand for nothing. How can you believe  $4 + 4 = 8$  and also equals 10? One is right (real) and one is wrong (unreal). You can't believe or hold in thought to opposites at one time,

**They Said:** What about clothes – buying the latest fashions? What about food, diets, counting calories, checking labels? What if I look in the mirror each morning and ask God to make me taller or prettier or more handsome – won't He be able to do it? He's got the power, right?

**He Said:** You really are like Jonah – in a big fish (big trouble) if you believe all that poppycock. Look at the flowers – aren't they beautiful? Do they read garden books and House & Garden magazines on how to look more beautiful? Do birds fly to the grocery stores to buy bushels of worms to horde for a rainy day? Are they afraid they won't find food each day? Are they anxious about where their next meal is coming from? I don't think so. You can shop at the mall for a week – hit every clothing store, buy the most beautiful outfits and you'll still never be as beautiful as a rose or a lily. Stop thinking about material things like so many people do today and focusing on things that are here today & gone tomorrow. Focus on God, your heavenly Parent – He supplies everything you need when you need it.

**They Said:** You know, Teacher, you are so right. I'm going to start living your God-delivered message. It's so much easier than trying to do everything on my own. I read something once in a book called Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures. Mary Baker Eddy had written: "*Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.*" (494:10). I don't need to worry and be anxious anymore – right?

**He Said:** RIGHT!

34. Why did Jesus love children? What was so great about them? Read the story in S22, page 237:1.

The SERMON ON THE MOUNT ends on Matthew 7. Jesus gives us the closing remarks to his sermon. He is telling us we need to be obedient to his Father – Our Father. He said if you live these words which I have spoken you are like a smart carpenter that built his house on solid rock. Rain, winds, floods, tornadoes hit it hard, but nothing could move that house (consciousness) because it was built on the rock (Christ-Truth). However, if you just read my words but don't live them in your life than you are just like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sand. When the above weather patterns hit that house (his thoughts or consciousness) – poof! – Like a house of cards, it collapsed.

35. What children's fairy tale does the above story remind you of? I'll give you a hint. It had 3 little pigs in the story. Remember only one little pig built his house on the rock. The big bad wolf came to the homes of the other 2 pigs that had built their houses on sand and mud. The evil wolf, alias the serpent/devil, blew their houses down and was planning on having a delicious dinner of roast pork that evening. The 2 foolish pigs had to run to their big brother's house. When the wolf got there – he huffed and he puffed, but he couldn't do a thing to that house because it was built on the rock. We need to make sure our thinking is planted firmly on the teachings of Christ Jesus. Make sure our mental home (consciousness) is not only weather-proofed but Spirit-proofed.

36. When bad thoughts, evil suggestions huff & puff at us and try to blow away our good thoughts – what should we do?

37. Sum up the spiritual message in this week's lesson.

Mrs. Eddy did it in Section 5, S28 (Page 248:29). *“Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, heath, holiness, love – the kingdom of heaven – reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.”* **THAT'S REALITY!**

When Jesus finished teaching the people they were so excited at his teachings because they knew he lived everything he said. Not like their regular teachers, the Scribes & Pharisees. The crowd gave him a standing ovation. Applause! Applause!

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