

## TEACHING EXPLANATION

After watching the teaching with Pastor Dave, set aside 5-10 minutes as a full group to discuss the lesson. Talk about what you learned or what stood out to you.

### QUESTIONS FOR COMPREHENSION

- What does it mean that we are to be salt of the earth?
- How does salt lose its taste or how do we lose what sets us apart from others?
- What are some ways that we can be light to the world around us?
- What can happen when others see that we live differently from the world?

## MEMORY VERSE

"Because God's foolishness // is wiser than human wisdom, // and God's weakness is stronger // than human strength." -1 Corinthians 1:25 (CSB)

This week we are playing Hide and Seek Memory Verse! Leaders, this will take a little setup from you! In your @HOME packs you will find the memory verse from this week cut into short phrases. Hide the verses around the room you are in while the kids are watching the Teaching Video. Then have the kids seek the missing pieces. Once they have found one part they should go sit down. When all pieces have been found have them work together to put the verse in order and say it out loud.

## SALT AND LIGHT

## VIDEO NOTES

We are continuing this week in our Sermon on the Mount Series by talking about Salt and Light in Matthew 5. We have several videos for you to watch and enjoy this week together that help explore this a little deeper.

**INTRO VIDEO:** Start with Ms. Keelea as she recaps last week for us and what's in-store for this week.

**TEACHING:** Pastor Dave gives us a brief teaching on Beatitudes Part Two-Salt and Light. You should follow this video with the Teaching Explanation portion of the guide to talk through what the kids have learned and any questions they have.

**OLD TESTAMENT STORY:** Ms. Joyce takes us back to the time of Daniel as we learn about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in this incredible testimony of faith and being a light to others.

**ANOTHER IN THE FIRE:** Following the Old Testament Story you can play this song and listen to it together. You can use this to segway into Small Group Discussion. This is a great addition to the Old Testament story for older kids in your group.

**WORSHIP:** Feel free to use additional Woodlands Kids Worship Videos available on YouTube, but we recommend doing these three songs together for a time of worship with your group:

- Deep Cries Out
- Walk By Faith
- The Blessing

## WOODLANDS IN THE WORD

This week we are reading Matthew Chapters 16-24. Check-in with your group and see how it is going, when are they reading, and if they are reading it with anyone else in their home-who are they reading it with. If your group is a bit behind, go ahead and take some time to read a few chapters together!

## CRAFT

This week we are making a pretty cool (but kind of messy) craft. We are making Salt Art with clear cups. This craft should be done near the start of your group time together to allow time for the artwork to dry.

### SUPPLIES:

All supplies needed for this are included in your @HOME Packs this week!

- Clear Cups (1 per child)
- Tissue Paper Pieces
- Liquid Glue (provided)
- Salt (provided in bags)
- Bowls (provided)
- Popsicle Sticks-to put the glue on the cup (provided)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Pour glue into a bowl and then using the popsicle sticks have the children put glue on the clear cups provided.
- They will then put tissue paper on the cups-decorating them all over.
- Next, apply Elmer's glue as lines throughout the cup. Then carefully sprinkle salt over the glue lines. Shake off the excess salt and allow plenty of time to dry before attempting to hang or move.

## ACTIVITY 1:

This week, due to the craft being extensive, we've provided word searches for older kids and a Daniel coloring page for the younger kids in your group. These can be done as needed throughout your time together.

## ACTIVITY 2:

Land, Sea, Air. This is a pretty simple game that requires good listening ears and a line on the ground (or a point in the room to cross/not cross). Identify behind the line as land, in front of the line as sea, and jumping directly up as the air. Have the kids follow your directions. Say the commands LAND, SEA, and AIR in no particular order. If the kids make a mistake have them do three jumping jacks and try again! This is a great game for high energy groups!

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Who was the king of Babylon at this time?
- What were they asked to do and what did they do instead?
- What happened to them?
- What made them different from the others?
- Who was the 4th person in the fire?
- What does it mean for us to be the salt of our world?
- In what ways can our being "salty" improve the world for the sake of the Name of Christ?
- In what ways can we lose our saltiness?
- How can we guard against losing our saltiness?

## PRAYER TIME

Using the flashlight on your phone or a flashlight in the home you are holding group spin the flashlight and whoever it beams on needs to pray for each member of your group that they would be salt and light in their family, their school, and with their friends.