Preschool–Grade 5

Sermon on the Mount Craft

A city set on an hill, a candle, birds and lilies · Matthew 5–7 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



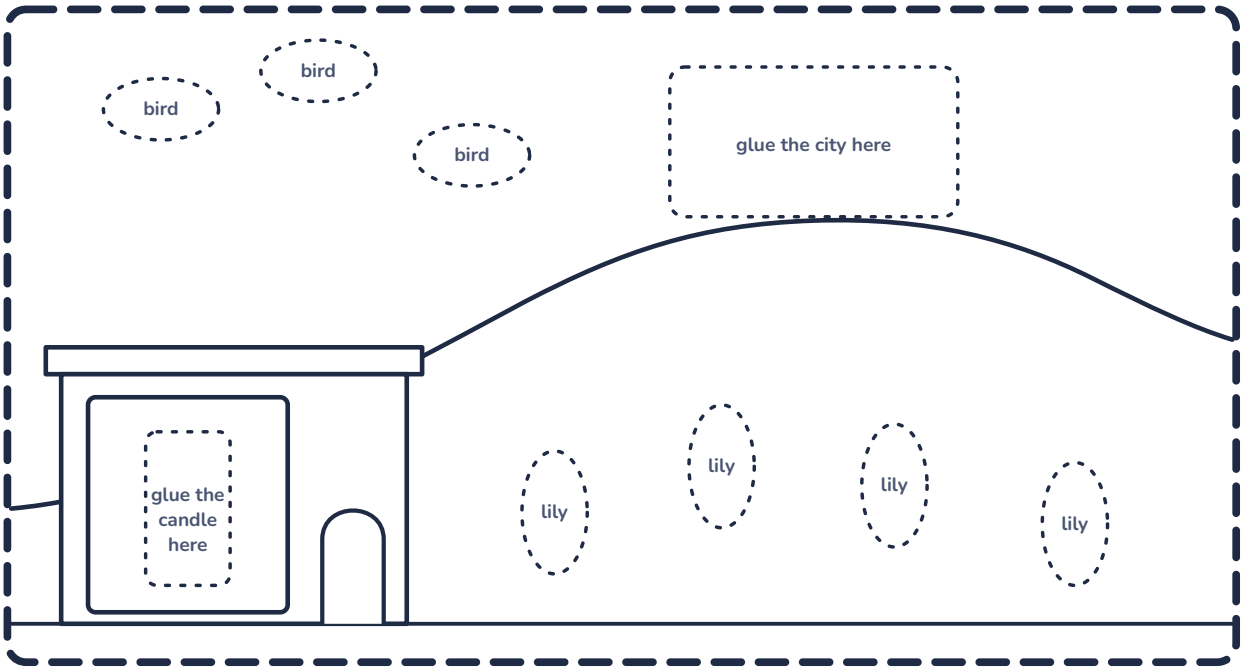
Harder

Both levels are a hillside card with a city set on top of the hill (Matthew 5:14), a candle on a candlestick in the window of a house (5:15), three birds in the sky (6:26) and four lilies on the hill (6:28). Medium (left): the card with its pieces glued on. Harder (right): the same, with a teaching strip hanging below the card: salt (5:13), a heart (5:44), arrows (7:12) and a crown (6:33).

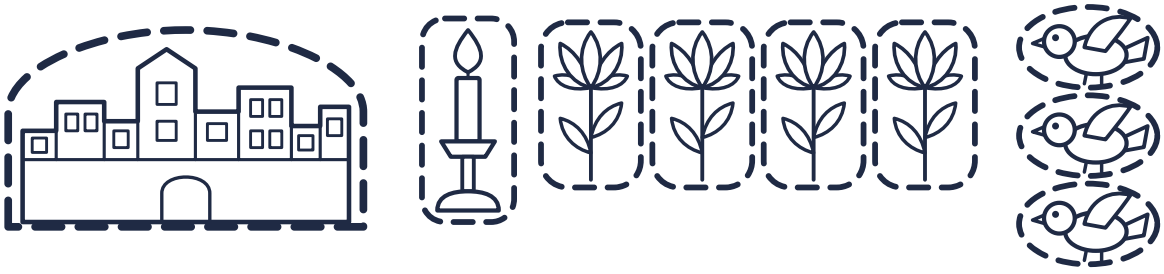
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue · hill green · house tan · door brown · inside the window light yellow



city: buildings tan, windows yellow, gate brown, sky around it light blue
candlestick yellow, candle white, flame orange · lilies purple, stems and leaves green · birds brown

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the city, the candlestick, the lilies, the birds and the verse strip. Glue each piece on its dotted spot on the card.

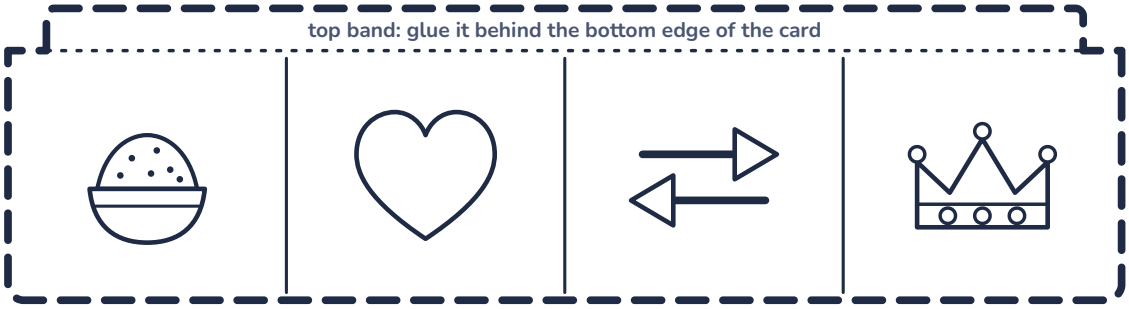
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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

The teaching strip (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.

top band: glue it behind the bottom edge of the card



strip: salt bowl brown, salt white · heart red · arrows blue · crown yellow



Ye are the _____ of the earth.

Matthew 5:13 (KJV)



But I say unto you, Love your _____, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,

Matthew 5:44 (KJV)



Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, _____ ye even so to them

Matthew 7:12 (KJV)



But seek ye _____ the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

slips: look up each verse, write the missing word, and glue each slip on the back of its picture

How to make the teaching strip

1. Make the card and glue on its pieces from page 2 first (steps on page 4).
2. Color the strip: the salt bowl brown and the salt white, the heart red, the arrows blue and the crown yellow. Cut out the strip and the four slips.
3. Look up each slip's verse in your Bible and write the missing word on the line. (Salt is Matthew 5:13, the heart is 5:44, the arrows are 7:12, the crown is 6:33.)
4. Glue each slip on the back of the strip, behind its matching picture.
5. Turn the card over. Glue the strip's top band behind the card's bottom edge, so the strip hangs below the card. Lift it to read the verses on the back.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/sermon-on-the-mount-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, green, tan, brown, yellow, orange and purple crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, red and blue crayons, pencils and Bibles.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out all the pieces (the card, the city, the candlestick, four lilies, three birds and the verse strip) and put each child's set in an envelope.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the card and the pieces and glue each piece on its dotted spot. Glue the verse strip on the back for them. Then say together: "Let your light so shine!"
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces and glue them on the card. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then make the teaching strip from page 3: look up the four verses, write each missing word, glue the slips on the back and hang the strip below the card. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the hill green, the house tan, the door brown and the inside of the window light yellow.
2. **Color the pieces:** the city's buildings tan, its windows yellow, its gate brown and the sky around it light blue. The candlestick yellow, the candle white and the flame orange. The lilies purple with green stems and leaves. The birds brown.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the city, the candlestick, the four lilies, the three birds and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Glue the pieces:** put each piece on its dotted spot on the card: the city on top of the hill, the candlestick in the house window, a bird on each bird spot and a lily on each lily spot.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card.
6. **Tell the story:** Jesus went up into a mountain, sat down and taught (Matthew 5:1–2). Point to the city: it is set on an hill and cannot be hid (5:14). Point to the candle: it gives light to all in the house (5:15). Point to the birds and lilies: God feeds them and clothes them, so don't worry (6:26–30). Turn the card over and read the verse together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the hill. When Jesus saw the multitudes, where did He go, and what did He do? *(He went up into a mountain and sat down: "when he was set," Matthew 5:1)*
- Point to the city. What did Jesus say about a city set on an hill? *(It cannot be hid, 5:14)* What did He call His followers? *("The light of the world," 5:14)*
- Point to the candle. Where do people put a candle, and where don't they? *(On a candlestick, not under a bushel, 5:15)*
- Point to the birds. Who feeds the fowls of the air? *(Your heavenly Father, God, 6:26)*
- Point to the lilies. Who was not dressed as beautifully as a lily? *(Solomon in all his glory, 6:29)* What should we seek first? *(The kingdom of God, and His righteousness, 6:33)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: multitudes** are big crowds; **when he was set** means when He sat down; a **bushel** is a basket for measuring grain; a **candlestick** is a stand that holds a light up high; **before men** means where people can see; **glorify** means praise; **fowls** are birds; **lilies of the field** are wild flowers; **toil** means work hard; **spin** means make thread for clothes; **arrayed** means dressed; **take no thought** means don't worry; **whatsoever** means whatever.
- **What the Bible says:** Jesus spoke of a city set on an hill, a candle on a candlestick (5:14–15), the fowls of the air and the lilies of the field (6:26–28). He did not say what they looked like, how many birds there were or what color the lilies were. The pictures and colors are just a simple choice. The Bible doesn't name the mountain either.
- **The harder strip:** the arrows stand for the golden rule, "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (7:12): what you want done to you, you do for others. The crown stands for "the kingdom of God" (6:33). Answers for the slips: salt, enemies, do, first.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** the card shows places and things only. Jesus is not pictured; keep the focus on His words.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let each child point to the candle and say, "Let your light so shine!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Sermon on the Mount lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/sermon-on-the-mount.

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