



Leader's Guide

Matthew 6:1-18
Sermon on the Mount:
Giving & Prayer
Week 10

Acting on our faith can be challenging. Everyone likes—and even needs—attention and praise. So how are we motivated by God's love over anything else? That's a tough challenge, but your crew is ready to take it on.



Exploring Supplies

- Bibles
- Discovery Guides*
- Eureka! DVD or CD*
- Class Relics*
- DVD or CD player
- Pens and markers

Before you explore, check out the back page for some expedition extras.

- Kick off class and get in the exploring mood. Listen to ***Pam vs. Snorkeling Gear*** in ***Sir Neil's Audio Journal of Feats and Braveness***.

1 Remember Verse

- Play the verse video for **John 3:16-17**.
- Ask for volunteers to try and say the verse from memory.
 - **“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17 (NIV)**
- Got wiggly kids? Need an active option after watching the video? Check out the ***Remember Verse*** activities on FoundryLeader.com.

2 What's That Word?

- Decode the words in the ***Discovery Guide (DG)*** individually or as a class.
- Decoded words are **humble**, **kingdom**, and **eternal**.
- Invite a kid or adult to read the definition for each word.
- Invite kids to ask questions or share anything else they know about these words.

3 Peaks and Pitfalls

- Invite kids to share something not so great (pitfall) and something great (peak) that happened this past week.
- Pray together.

4 ■ Hear It

- Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to the passage.
- Have an adult read the **Eureka! Bible Passage** on page 3.

5 ■ Tell It **Scene Snap** or **Word Word**

- As a class, choose one of these two **Tell It** methods to tell the story.
- Instructions for each are on page 4.

6 ■ Embrace It

- Invite kids to quietly read and reflect on the passage on their own using the **Eureka! Bible Passage** or their own Bible.
- After 3-5 minutes of quiet reflection, invite a student or leader to read the **Eureka! Bible Passage** out loud again.

7 ■ What's Happening in the Bible?

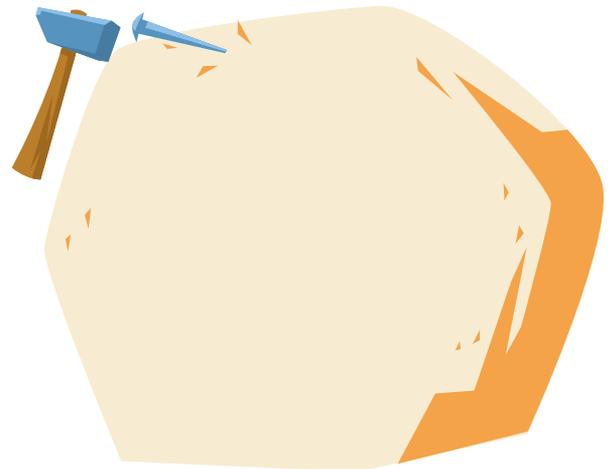
- Read Romans 12:9-18 (page 3).
 - **What can we discover in Romans 12:9-18 that is similar to Jesus's sermon?**
 - **What stories, metaphors, or examples can you think of that would help someone understand the different messages in the Romans passage?**
 - **How does Romans 12:17 help us better understand the Matthew 6 passage? What does each say about our motives for good works?**

8 ■ What's This Say about Us?

- Explore what the passage says about us.
 - **Why can it be hard to do good things in secret instead of for attention?**
 - **How have you seen others serving God with humility and love? In other words, how do others inspire you?**
 - **How can you use the prayer in this story to help you when you pray? What else inspires you in the Matthew or Romans passages?**

9 ■ Record Your Discovery

- **Discovery Relic** (on page 4 of the **DG**)
 - Discuss faith discoveries made today.
 - Give kids time to record a faith discovery on their own relic.
- **Class Relic** (in **Expedition Resources**)
 - As a class, pick a memorable faith discovery from the last two weeks.
 - Write or draw this discovery on the **Class Relic**. Attach it to the **Relic Wall Poster** as a reminder of your trek through this passage.
- Close in prayer.



What's Happening in the Bible?

Romans 12:9-18 (NLT)

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.



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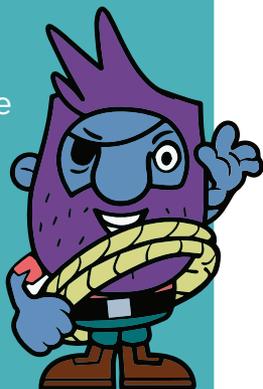
Eureka! Bible Passage

- A.** Don't do good things just to be seen by others. God won't reward you if you do.
- B.** When you give, don't declare it with loud trumpets. When you pray, don't do it to be seen and praised by others. When you fast, don't go around looking sad and miserable. The hypocrites do that; don't be like them. They want praise from others, but the truth is, they've received all the reward they're going to get.
- C.** Instead when you give, keep it a secret, and don't let anyone know but your Father.
When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father. No one will hear you but Him.
When you fast, wash your face and put oil on your head. Then only your Father will know you're fasting. He sees what no one else sees, and He will reward you.
- D.** You don't have to use lots of complicated words when you pray, because your Father knows your needs before you ask.
- E.** Pray like this:
"Father in heaven, praise your name! Send your kingdom here, and let things happen according to your will on earth like they do in heaven. Give us the bread we need today. Forgive us the same way we forgive others. Protect us from temptation, and deliver us from the evil one."
- F.** Forgive others when they sin against you. If you do, your Father will forgive you; if you don't, your Father will not forgive you.

Before You Explore

Like strapping on flippers to swim with the translucent tickle fish, explorers do things a little differently. That's why we put this **Before You Explore** section on the very last page. We know you understand.

Expedition Tips are on the right and **Tell It** instructions are down below. Now tighten your torso rope and explore on!



Expedition Tips

- Humility can be tricky for kids. How can we help them have godly confidence and humility? Think of humility not as putting ourselves down, but as lifting others up. Humility isn't built by insults or a guilt trip. Instead, it's built by recognizing that God created all of us in His image.
- This passage may raise questions from your kids: *How can I give in secret when the offering plate is passed around at church in front of everyone? We pray out loud in class and at restaurants. Is that okay?* Be ready to explore together to find these answers. See if your kids can uncover that Jesus is speaking to the motives behind these acts and urging us to live a godly life whether or not anyone is watching.
- If kids are getting way off topic, it can be helpful to simply go back to the story. Use the **Eureka! Bible Passage** or the Bible and read one short section at a time. After each section, pause and ask someone to name the most important word in that section or to explain what happened in their own words.

Scene Snap

Re-create a snapshot of three different scenes from the passage.

1. As a class, discuss how to best divide the story into three main scenes to illustrate the entire passage.
2. Make a note of what will be in each scene so you don't forget.
3. Select someone for each role needed. You can even cast some actors to act as props.
4. Begin with the first scene. Kids who aren't acting can give ideas for positioning the actors and evaluate the scene to make sure it's accurate.
5. After final tweaks and the scene is set, take a picture of the scene with a phone or tablet.
6. Move on to the next two scenes. Use the same actors for the primary roles, but swap out prop actors if more kids want to join in.
7. After scene snapping your three scenes, look over the pictures together. Celebrate your success!

Word Word

Take turns telling the story one word at a time.

1. Sit in a circle around a table or on the floor. Briefly discuss what happens in the beginning, middle, and final scene of the passage.
2. Have one person begin the story with one word. Going clockwise, each person takes a turn adding one word to build on the story. It might sound like this: "God. Created. A. Very. Bright. Light."
3. Keep going around the circle until the story is complete.
4. The first time through will be pretty methodical. On the second try, encourage kids to add emotion and drama to their voice when needed.
5. Try it as often as you like, building confidence, detail, and fun each time.
6. Tip: With kids who aren't comfortable participating, just let them observe.
7. Challenge: Have each kid tell two words of the story. This is much trickier than it sounds!