



God will take care of you! Let's explore the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus teaches us the truth about wanting possessions. Follow your kids' curiosity and discover why we can trust in Him.

So, choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, gather supplies, and set up your classroom. It's time to go exploring!

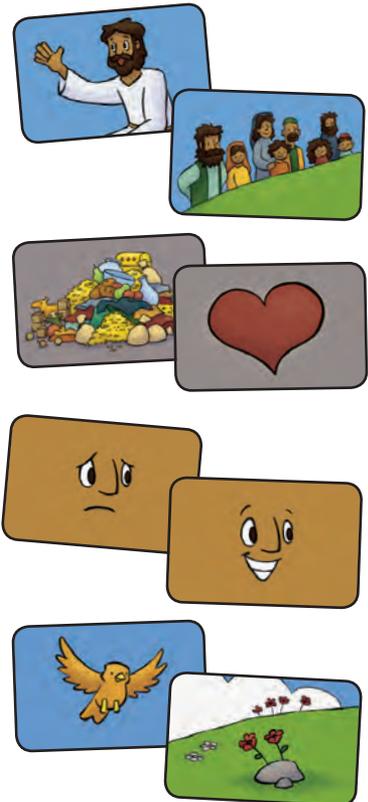
Before You Explore

The Basic Supplies

- Discovery Guide* for each kiddo
- Story Cards*
- Eureka! Jr. Stamps*
- Eureka! DVD or CD*
- DVD or CD player

Exploration Station Supplies

- Thankful Collage**
 - Magazines, paper or poster board, and glue sticks
- Let's See! Story**
 - *Story Cards*, 41-48
- Picture the Story**
 - *Discovery Guides* and crayons
- Sculpt the Story**
 - Play-Doh
- Play the Story**
 - Dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal



1 Here We Go!

- ❑ Create a safe obstacle course around the room. Place the Kai and Scout cards (#49-52) from the **Story Card** deck at the end of the course. Have kids go through the course to reach Kai and Scout when they arrive.
- ❑ Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- ❑ Play *The Come Along Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

2 What's That Word?

- ❑ Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the hidden word in the picture. Say **hope** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden word in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- ❑ Chat about the word. **Does anyone know what hope means?**
 - **Hope is having confidence that something better will happen in the future.**
 - **We have hope because God keeps His promises.**
 - **When we experience bad times, we don't need to worry. We can hope because we trust the promises God gives in the Bible.**
- ❑ Listen for the word **hope** in our **Remember Verse**.

3 Remember Verse

- ❑ Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Romans 15:13a** on the **Eureka! Jr. DVD**. (Find descriptions of the motions on FoundryLeader.com.)
- ❑ Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- ❑ **"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him." Romans 15:13a (NLT)**



4 Happy & Sad

- ❑ Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

5 Explore the Story

- ❑ Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can all see the spot where you will be laying out the cards.
- ❑ Play the **Let's See! Bible Story** audio from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** while you set out the cards, as directed in the pictures on page 3.
- ❑ Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's See! Bible Story** script on page 3 and place the cards out as directed in the pictures.



Explore the Story

Let's See! Bible Story

- = Place a card
- = Remove a card
- = Move a card

Jesus continued to teach the crowd on the mountainside. He wanted to help people learn how to trust in God. **I wonder what it means to trust God?** Jesus wanted the people to believe in God all the time. He wanted them to know that God would take care of them.



Jesus began to talk to the crowd about money and possessions. He knew people cared about having things such as clothes, money, toys, and other things. He knew it could be very tempting to want these things. It could be easy to believe that stuff would bring you happiness. **I wonder, is there something you would really, really like to have?**



Jesus knew that having special things doesn't bring happiness. Happiness is only found in a relationship with God. He asked the crowd a tough question. What did they love more—their things or Him? Before the crowd could answer Jesus reminded the crowd that they could not love both. They would need to choose. **I wonder, which one is the right choice?** Jesus wanted to teach people that loving and serving God is more important than anything we already own or anything we really want.



But the people were worried. **I wonder what made them worried?** They were scared that God couldn't take care of all of their needs. People needed money and things to live.



Jesus smiled. He understood their struggles and their worries. He looked up and pointed to the birds. Jesus asked the people if any of the birds looked hungry. The people looked at one another and shook their heads no. God feeds and cares for each bird. God loves each bird, but God loves you more. There was no reason to worry. If God took care of these birds, He would do even more to take care of your needs.



Jesus pointed to the flowers. **I wonder what kind of flowers would have been on this mountain?** Jesus held up a flower and examined its beautiful shape and color. Jesus told the people how God took time to design each flower. Jesus asked, "Who do you think God loves more, the flowers or you?" **I wonder, who do you think Jesus loves more?**



The crowd realized there was no reason to worry. They smiled. God loves us more than the birds or flowers! God's words are true! Jesus finished by telling them these important words, "Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* These words meant love God, obey God, trust in His love, and God will take care of you.



*Quoted from Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ❑ I wonder why this story is important?
- ❑ I wonder what we can learn from this story?
- ❑ I wonder what are some worries you have?
- ❑ I wonder how God can help me when I'm worried?

7 Exploration Stations

- ❑ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
 - **Thankful Collage Station:** Look through magazines and rip out pictures of things that you are thankful to have. Take time to thank God for taking care of you. Ask God to help you trust in Him.
 - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
 - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
 - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
 - **Play the Story Station:** Have an assortment of toys (dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal). Have kids act out and play through the story with the different toys.
- ❑ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ❑ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ❑ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

8 Share Your Discovery

- ❑ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ❑ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ❑ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ❑ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

9 Goodbye Blessing

- ❑ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
 - **May you see that God's promises are true. You do not need to worry; God loves you and will take care of you.**



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