



Diocese of Athabasca

## Sunday School Lesson Plan – Sunday, November 2, 2025

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for young children (ages 4–8) using the **Revised Common Lectionary** readings for **November 2, 2025 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 31 (Year C)**



## Sunday School Lesson Plan

**Date:** November 2, 2025

**Liturgical Season:** Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 31, Year C)

**Readings:** Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Eph 1:11-23; Lk 6:20-31

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### Theme & Focus

- **Lesson Title:** *God's Kingdom is Different*
  - **Big Idea:** God's kingdom is not like the world's kingdoms—it is full of love, blessing, and hope.
  - **Lesson Focus for Kids:** Jesus shows us how to live as God's children—by loving, blessing, and caring for others.
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### Scripture Readings (Kid-Friendly Language)

- **Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18** – Daniel has a dream about scary beasts, but God's holy people will receive the kingdom forever.
  - **Psalms 149** – Sing and dance to the Lord, who gives joy to His people.
  - **Ephesians 1:11-23** – Paul prays we would know God's power and the hope of being part of His family.
  - **Luke 6:20-31** – Jesus says, *Blessed are the poor, the hungry, the sad, and those treated badly. Love your enemies. Do to others as you want them to do to you.*
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## Welcome & Opening Prayer / Circle Time

- **Welcome Idea:** Have the children sit in a circle. Ask: *What makes someone “important”? What makes someone “happy”?*
  - **Prayer:**  
*“Dear God, thank You for bringing us together. Help us to learn how Your kingdom is full of love and blessings. Amen.”*
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## Memory Verse

**Luke 6:31** – *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”*

👉 Practice with hand motions: point to self, then others, then open arms wide.

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## Bible Story Time

- **Daniel’s Dream:** Scary beasts come, but God’s people will live with Him forever.
- **Jesus’ Blessings:** The world says “happy are the rich and strong,” but Jesus says “happy are the poor, the hungry, and the sad—because God will bless them.”
- **Focus for Kids:** God’s kingdom is upside-down compared to the world.

Use simple props (toy crown, empty bowl, tissue, heart cutout) to show “poor,” “hungry,” “sad,” “love.”

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## Craft / Activity

- **Craft Idea:** *Blessing Crown* – Cut out crown shapes from cardstock. Kids decorate with stickers and write/draw one “blessing” God gives (love, hope, family, Jesus).
  - **Alternative:** “Do to Others” hands – Trace hands on paper, write or draw ways to show kindness, then decorate.
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## Game

- **“Upside-Down Kingdom” Game:**
    - Call out situations (someone drops crayons, someone is sad, someone is hungry).
    - Kids act out the “world’s way” (ignore, grab, tease) and then “God’s way” (share, comfort, give).
  - **Simple Option:** Simon Says with “kingdom actions” (helping, hugging, praying, sharing).
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## Song Suggestions

- *This Little Light of Mine*
  - *Jesus Loves Me*
  - *The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock*
  - *Love, Love, Love One Another* (simple Sunday school action song)
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## Snack Suggestions

- Crown-shaped cookies (or crackers/fruit arranged in a crown shape).
  - Grapes or goldfish crackers (remind kids of God’s kingdom feast).
  - Water/juice (reminder of God refreshing us).
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## Wrap Up & Reflections

- Gather children and ask: *“What is different about God’s kingdom? How can we live like Jesus this week?”*
  - Encourage them to share one “kingdom action” they can do today (helping, sharing, loving).
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## Closing Prayer

*“Thank You, God, for teaching us about Your kingdom. Help us to love others, share Your blessings, and follow Jesus every day. Amen.”*

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## Take Home Idea

- Send home a small handout with the memory verse (Luke 6:31) and a challenge: “*Do one kind thing for someone this week.*”
  - Kids can also take home their crown craft as a reminder that they are blessed in God’s kingdom.
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## Teacher Notes

- Keep discussion simple: God’s kingdom is about love, not power.
- Be sensitive if children are experiencing hunger, sadness, or unfair treatment—remind them Jesus sees them as blessed.
- Encourage participation through movement, singing, and sharing.

# Blessed are you...

Blessed are  
you who  
are poor

Blessed are  
you who are  
hungry

Blessed are  
you when  
people treat  
you badly

Blessed are  
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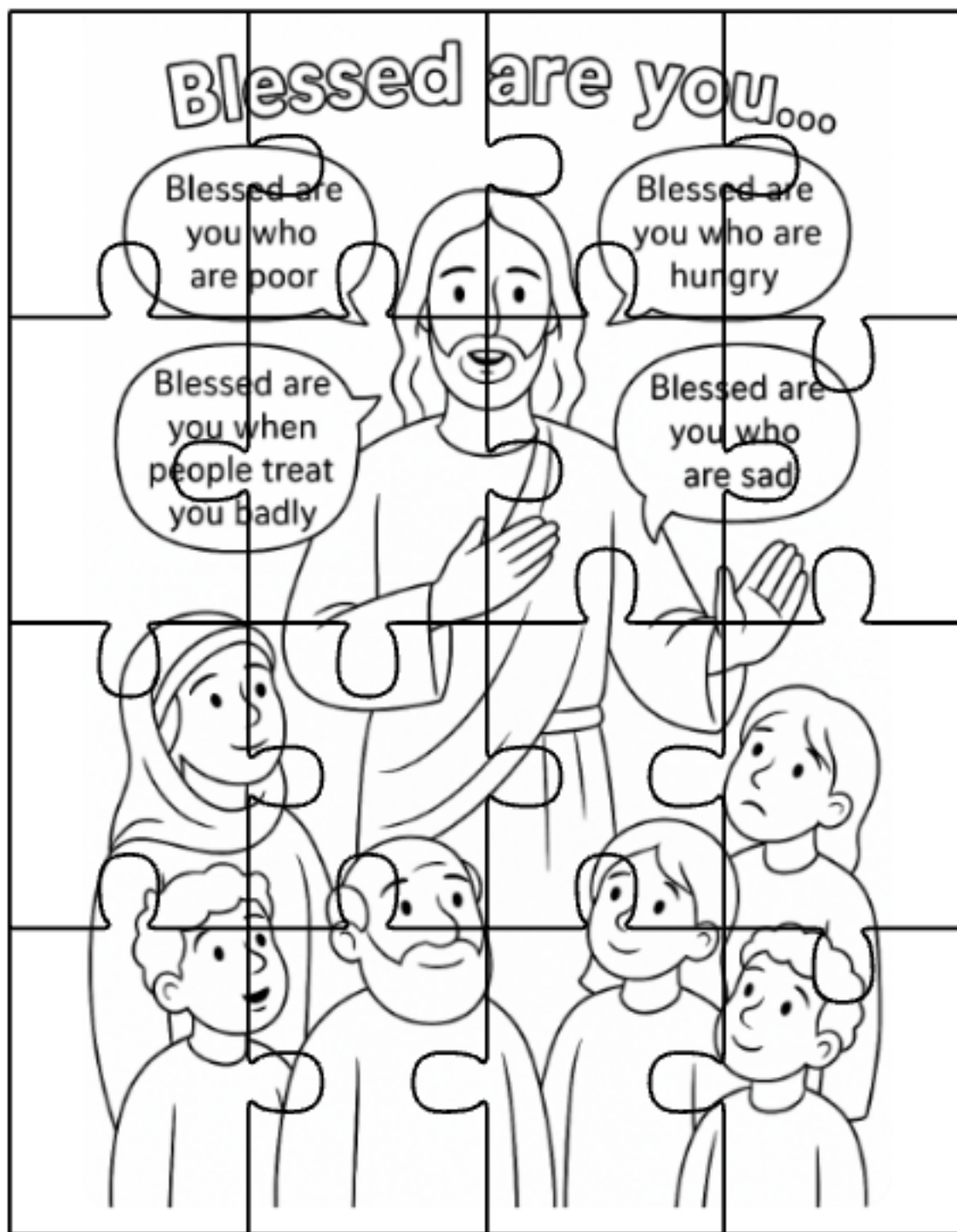
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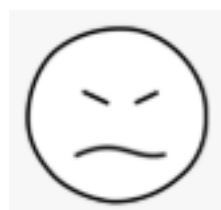


# God's Kingdom is Different

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost



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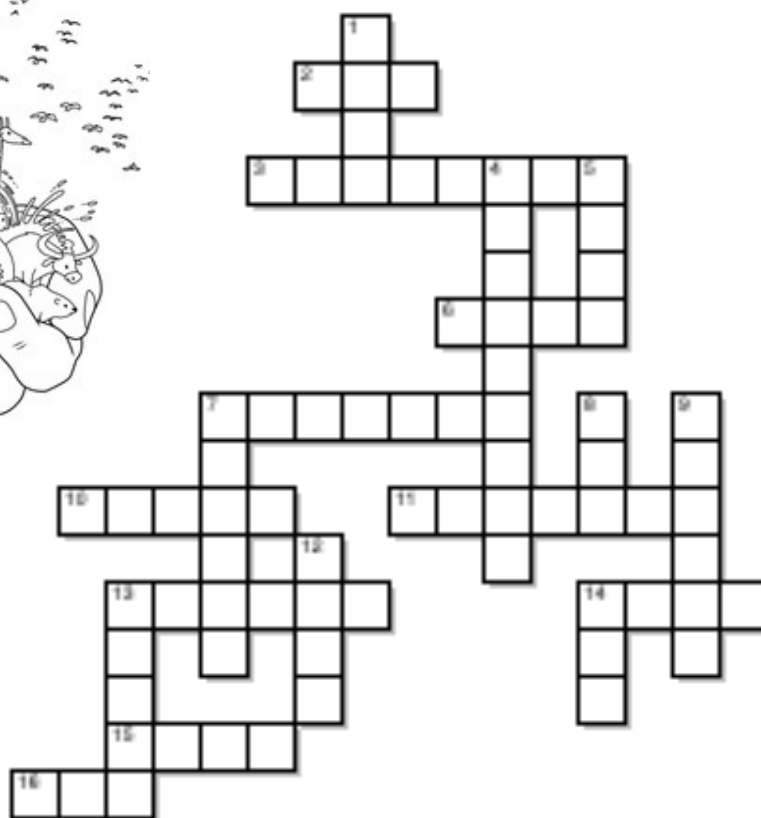


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Hope  
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Family  
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Hungry  
Sad  
Important  
Happy  
Share  
Comfort  
Give  
Help  
Hug  
Pray

# God's Kingdom is Different

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## ACROSS

- 2 Creator of all
- 3 To make holy
- 6 Belief that something will be
- 7 Soothe
- 10 Give out to others
- 11 Ruled by a king
- 13 Have need of food
- 14 Give aid
- 15 Without money
- 16 Great happiness

## DOWN

- 1 Strong feeling of affection
- 4 Having great value
- 5 To hand over
- 7 Watch over
- 8 Not happy
- 9 Related by blood
- 12 Talk to God
- 13 Feeling glad and content
- 14 Embrace



# God's Kingdom is Different

# Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random number. Try to decode the message.

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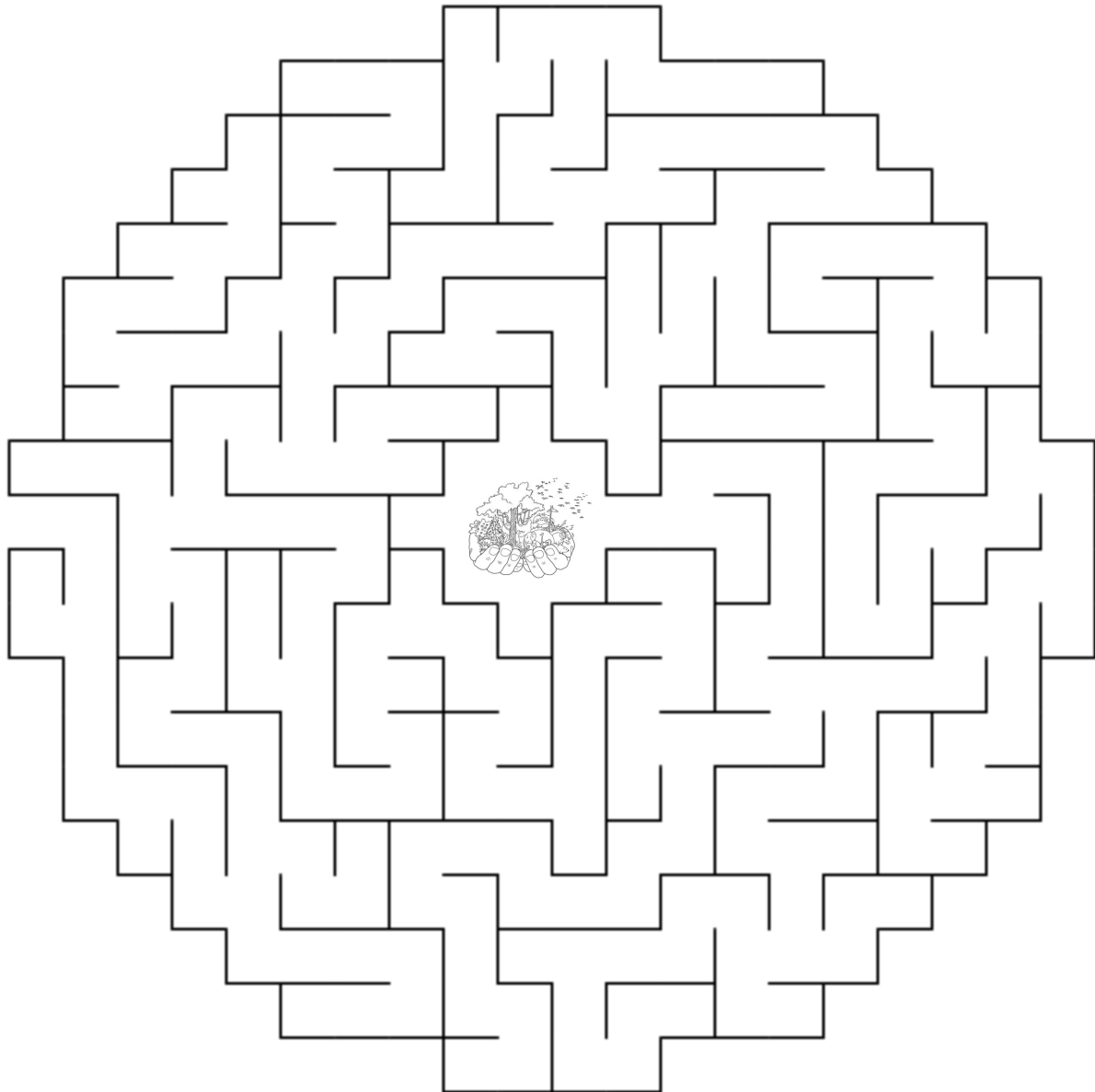
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# God's Kingdom is Different

## Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Find your way in the world to God's Kingdom.



### **Crossword – Key**

#### Across

- 2. God
- 3. Blessing
- 6. Hope
- 7. Comfort
- 10. Share
- 11. Kingdom
- 13. Hungry
- 14. Help
- 15. Poor
- 16. Joy

#### Down

- 1. Love
- 4. Important
- 5. Give
- 8. Sad
- 9. Family
- 12. Pray
- 13. Happy
- 14. Hug

### **Cryptogram – Key**

Do to others as you would have them do to you.