



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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



Sunday School Lesson Plan

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



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.



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.”



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.”



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
you who
are sad



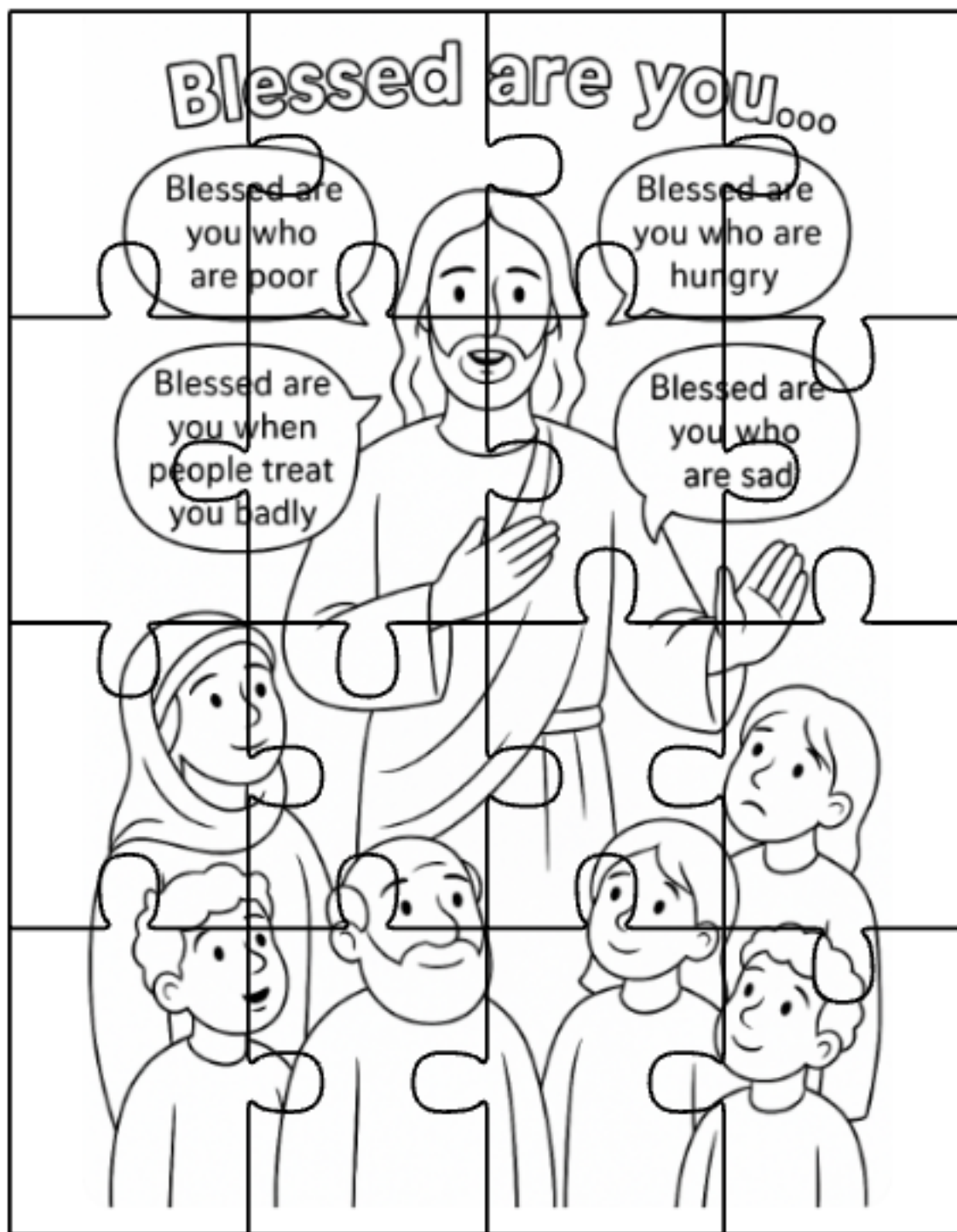
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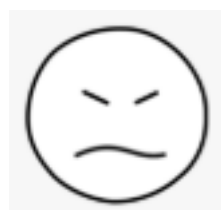


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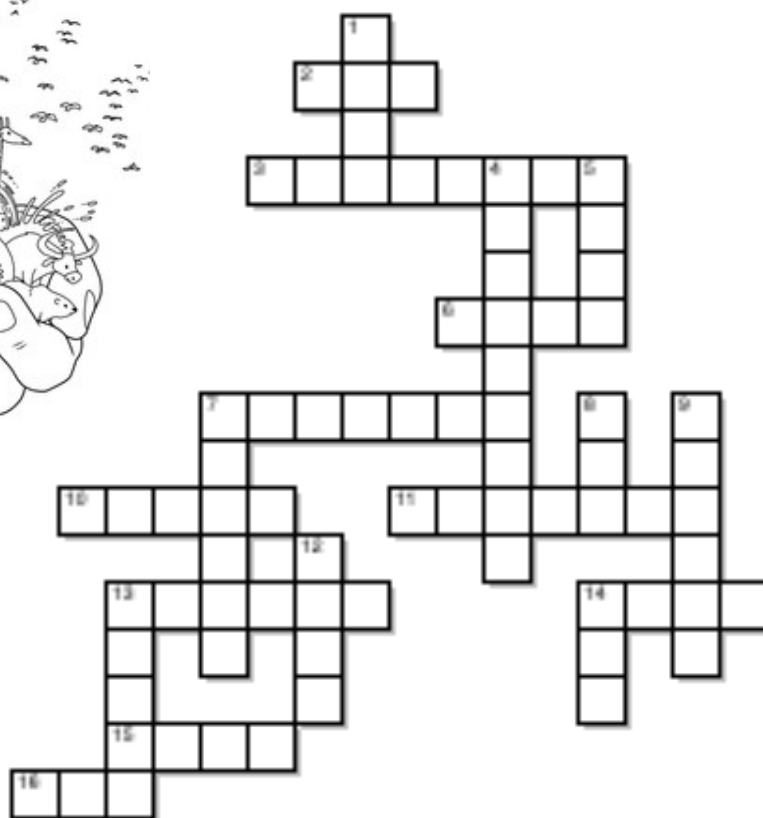


Kingdom
God
Love
Blessing
Hope
Caring
Joy
Family
Poor

Hungry
Sad
Important
Happy
Share
Comfort
Give
Help
Hug
Pray

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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

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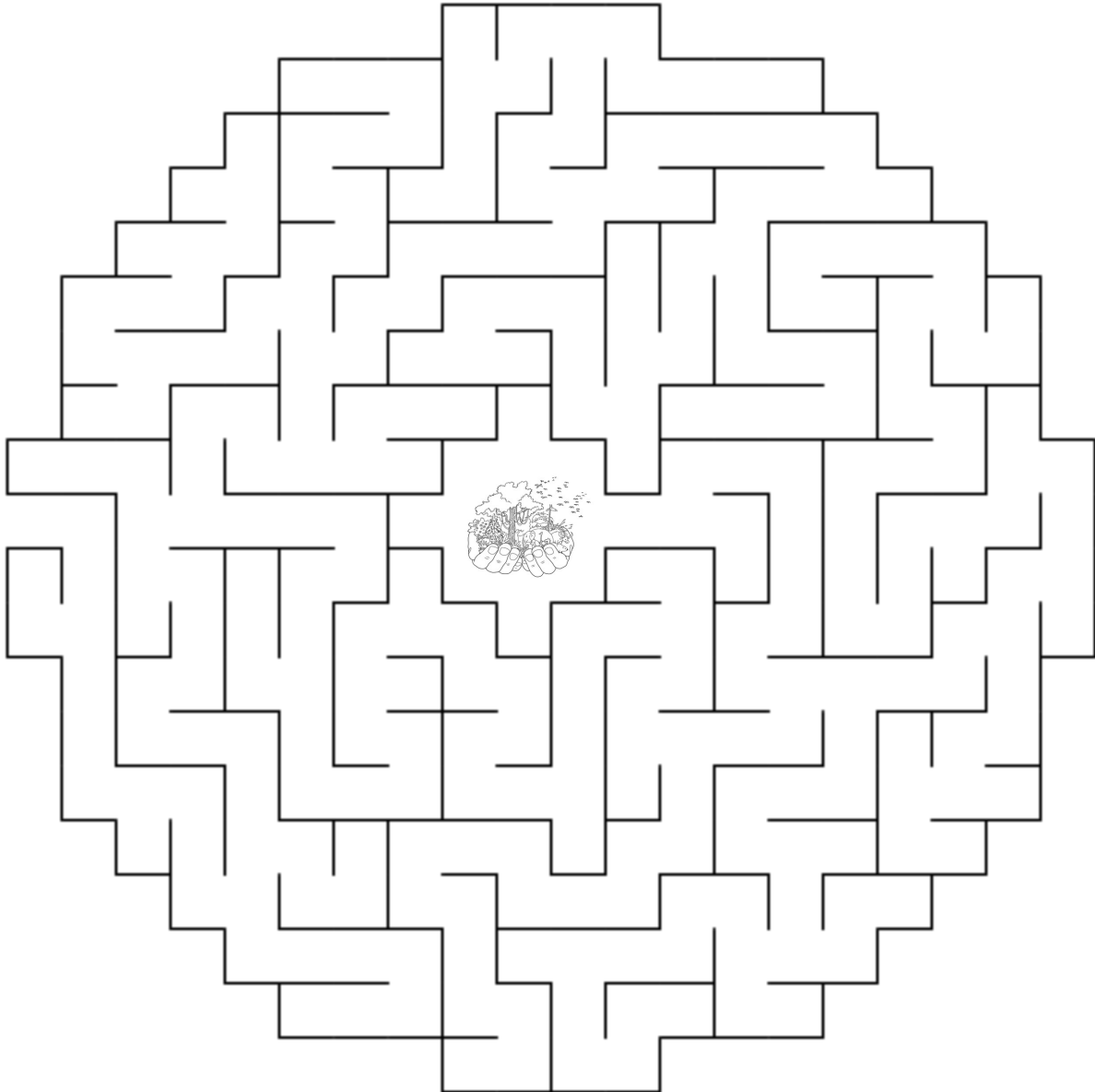
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Find your way in the world to God's Kingdom.



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.