

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

4 Year Olds

## Sunday Morning

Study 19

*Wise Teacher*

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The Objective is the key concept for this weeks lesson. It should be the main focus of the study

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The “Main passage” is the basis of the study, where the other verse support the objective of the lesson.

There is a memory verse for the students that relates to every study. If a student can memorize the verse for the following week you may give them a prize from the “reward box” found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God’s Word

**Objective** To portray Jesus to the students as the wise teacher, and that His words to us give life and joy.

## Key Verses

Matthew 6:25-34

Luke 12:27

**Memory Verse** - Romans 10:13 (November Memory Verse)

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## Hook

Tell the students, “In today’s lesson we are going to be talking about ‘worry.’ What are some thing that people sometimes worry about?”

Ask if the students have anything that they are worried about right now (for example they might have a sick relative).

Ask, “Can worrying about those situations make them better? Or, does it make you feel worse?”

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

## BOOK

In Matthew 5-7 Jesus sits down before the crowd and teaches them a passage that we refer to as “The sermon on the Mount.”

In this passage Jesus teaches his people about sin, how to please God, how to pray, and lastly, that because God cares for us so much we have nothing to worry about.

Jesus stands before the crowd and illustrates this message about worry by pointing out the creation that God watches over. God is aware of every sparrow, and they are always fed, and have everything that they need. God is aware of every flower, and they have no need to worry about clothing, rather God clothes them in the most glorious garments in all creation.

Jesus then finishes this passage by commenting that flowers and birds are nothing compared to people. That God’s love towards us is so much greater than for those things, because we are made in His image.

If God will care for the flowers and the birds, how much more will he care for the people that He made and formed in his image.

Because of who God is, we can trust that His love towards us is limitless. Jesus teaches us this through his word, but also through His actions towards people throughout His whole ministry.

## LOOK

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

Wherever Jesus went, lots of people went too. They loved being near him. Old people, young people, sick people, all kinds of people came to see Jesus. There were happy people, sad people, and lots of worried people, worrying about lots of things.

What if we don’t have any food? Or clothes? Or suppose we run out of money? What if there isn’t enough, and everything goes wrong? Will we be alright? What then?

When Jesus saw all the people, his heart was filled with love for them. They were like a little flock of sheep that didn’t have a shepherd to take care of them. So Jesus sat them all down and He talked to them.

The people sat quietly on the grassy mountainside and listened. From where they sat, they could see the blue lake glittering below them and little fishing boats coming in from a night’s catch. The spring air was fresh and clear.

“See those birds of there?” Jesus said.

Everyone looked. Little sparrows were pecking at seeds along the stony path. “Where do they get their food? Perhaps they have pantries all

# LOOK (Continued)

stocked up? Cabinets full of food?

Everyone laughed. Who has ever seen a bird with a bag of groceries?

“No,” Jesus said. “They don’t need to worry about that because God knows what they need and He feeds them. And what about those wild flowers?”

Everyone looked. All around them flowers were growing.

“Where do they get their lovely clothes? Do they make them? Do they have closets full of clothes?”

Everyone laughed again. Who has ever seen a flower putting on a dress?

“No,” Jesus said, “They don’t need to worry about that because God clothes them in royal robes of splendor! Not even a King is that well dressed!”

“Little flock,” Jesus said, “you are more important than the birds, and more important than the flowers. Birds and flowers don’t sit and worry about things. And God doesn’t want his children to worry either. God loves to look after birds and the flowers, and he loves to look after you, too.”

# TOOK

Review the lesson by asking the class whether or not we have to worry.

Who will take care of our needs?

**Pray:** Praise the Lord for being a wise teacher and thank Him for taking care of each of us. Ask Him for help to trust in Him and not worry.

**Parent Question:** If we know Jesus,, do we need to worry? Why or why not?

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life.

# FURTHER STUDY

## Commentary on Matthew 6 by David Guzik

The place of material things: anxiety over material things.

1. (25) Therefore: because the Kingdom of God is so greatly superior to earthly pursuits, *it* deserves our attention.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

a. **Do not worry about your life:** We should not get tangled up worrying about the things of this world, because our life is more than those things.

i. "You can be as unfaithful to God through care as well as through covetousness." (Bruce)

ii. **What you will eat or what you will drink...what you will put on:** "These three inquiries engross the whole attention of those who are living without God in the world. The belly and back of a worldling are his compound god; and these he worships in the lust of the flesh, in the lust of the eye, and in the pride of life." (Clarke)

iii. Perhaps Adam Clarke would add in our own age, "What you will do to entertain yourself."

b. **Do not worry:** There is a difference between a godly sense of responsibility and an ungodly, untrusting worry. However, an ungodly, untrusting sense of worry usually masquerades as responsibility.

i. "You cannot say that Jesus Christ ever troubled his head about what he should eat, or what he should drink; his meat and his drink consisted in doing his Father's will." (Spurgeon)

ii. We *are* to be concerned with the right things; the ultimate issues of life - and we then leave the management (and the worry) over material things with our heavenly Father.

c. **Is not life more than food:** The worry Jesus spoke of debases man to the level of an animal who is merely concerned with physical needs. Your life is **more**, and you have eternal matters to pursue.

2. (26-30) Example and arguments against worry.

"Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?"

a. **Look at the birds of the air...your heavenly Father feeds them:** God provides for the birds, and He takes care of them. Therefore, we should expect that God would take care of us.

i. Yet take careful note: the birds don't *worry*, but they do *work*. Birds don't just sit with open mouths, expecting God to fill them.

ii. "This argument presupposed a biblical cosmology without which faith makes no sense. God is so sovereign over the universe that even the feeding of a wren falls within his concern." (Carson)

b. **Are you not of more value than they:** The worry many people have over the material things of life is rooted in a low understanding of their **value** before God. They don't comprehend how much He loves and cares for them.

c. **Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature:** Worry accomplishes nothing; we can **add** nothing to our lives by worrying. There may be greater sins than worry, but there are none more self-defeating and useless.

i. **Can add:** The ancient Greek may mean *adding to life* instead of *adding to height*, but the thought is the same. Indeed, instead of *adding* to our life, we can actually harm ourselves through worry. Stress is one of the great contributors to disease and poor health.

d. **If God so clothes the grass of the field:** God even takes care of the **grass of the field**, so He will certainly take care of you. We are confident of the power and care of a loving heavenly Father.

i. **You of little faith:** " '*Little faith*' is not a little fault; for it greatly wrongs the Lord, and sadly grieves the fretful mind. To think the Lord who clothes the lilies will leave his own children naked is shameful. O little faith, learn better manners!" (Spurgeon)

3. (31-32) You have a heavenly Father that knows your needs.

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

a. **Therefore do not worry:** We are invited to know a freedom from the worry and anxiety that comes from undue concern about material things. We can reflect the same kind of heart that Matthew Henry showed when he said the following after being robbed:

*Lord, I thank You:*

*That I have never been robbed before.*

*That although they took my money, they spared my life.*

*That although they took everything, it wasn't very much.*

*That it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.*

b. **For after all these things the Gentiles seek:** Jesus contrasted the life of those who do not know God and are separated from Him with those who do know God and receive His loving care. Those who know God should **seek** after other things.

4. (33) Summary: Put God's kingdom first - He will take care of these things!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

a. **But seek first the kingdom of God:** This must be the rule of our life when ordering our priorities. Yet it is wrong to think that this is just another priority to fit onto our list of priorities - and to put at the top. Instead, in everything we do, we **seek first the kingdom of God**.

i. For example, we rarely have to choose between honoring God and loving our wives or being good workers. We honor God and **seek first the kingdom of God** by being good husbands and good workers.

ii. We should also remember this statement in its immediate context. Jesus reminds us that our physical well-being is not a worthy object to devote our lives unto. If you think it is worthy that your god is mammon, then your life is cursed with worry, and you live life too much like an animal, concerned mostly with physical needs.

iii. Jesus didn't just tell them to stop worrying; He told them to *replace* worry with a concern for the kingdom of God. A habit or a passion can only be given up for a greater habit or passion.

iv. "What this verse demands is, therefore, a commitment to find and to do the will of God, to ally oneself totally with his purpose. And this commitment must come *first*." (France)

b. **And all these things shall be added to you:** If you put God's kingdom first, and do not think that your physical well-being is a worthy object to live your life for, you then may enjoy **all these things**. He promises heavenly treasure, rest in divine provision, and fulfillment of God's highest purpose for man - fellowship with Him, and being part of His kingdom.

i. This choice - to **seek first the kingdom of God** - is the fundamental choice everyone makes when they first repent and are converted. Yet every day after that, our Christian life will either reinforce that decision or deny it.

5. (34) A conclusion with common sense.

**"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."**

a. **Do not worry about tomorrow:** If you *must* worry, worry only for the things of today. Most of our worry is over things that we have absolutely no control over anyway, and is therefore foolish as well as harmful.

b. **Sufficient for the day is its own trouble:** Jesus reminds us of the importance of living for the present **day**. It isn't wrong to remember the past or plan for the future; to some degree both of those are good. Yet it is easy to become too focused on either the past or the future and to let **the day** and **its own trouble** be ignored. God wants us to remember the past, plan for the future, but live in the present.