

Student Instructions

Fearless Witness: Abundance

Date: February 3, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-33

Big Idea: There's an abundance! God has provided all this abundance, we're called to share.

Things to know and consider...

1. Is the newer better?
2. Things like electronics have implications both for the environment and in terms of people's labor (like working in sweat shops).
3. Jesus compares us to birds to remind us not to hoard.
4. Jesus compares us to flowers to remind us that the newest fashion isn't why God loves us!
5. But food and clothes are still important. EVERYONE needs good nutritious food and warm clothes.

Large Group Time

Opening Prayer

Count your blessings...

We're going to spend one minute listing all of our blessings in our journals, and then we'll have a full minute of silence to reflect on those blessings.

Bible Study: Matthew 6:25-33

The leader will read this passage out loud. You can follow along.

Questions to Think about:

- What do you notice first about this passage?
- Why do you think Jesus compares us to birds and flowers?
- How does this passage relate to your blessings?

Video

Check out our video from Vicar Matt! https://youtu.be/VR-4A_r8SYo

Questions to Think about:

- What did you notice right away about what Vicar Matt said?
- What do you think now about your clothes and food? Did you have those on your list of blessings before?

Dig Deeper:

1. This lesson on abundance is set in our fearless witness unit. If we are to be fearless witnesses to God's love, we have to believe there is enough of everything it takes to live a good life for everyone on the planet. Do you believe that? Is it possible?
2. God called Abraham to be the father of a great nation, all the way back in Genesis. God told Abraham that he was blessed so he could be a blessing to others. How are you blessed to be a blessing? What kinds of things can you do to share God's abundance?

Journal Question

- Check out your list of blessings from the beginning of tonight. What would add or change about this list? How does this list make you feel? How are you blessed to be a blessing?