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Jesus' picture of
life from the
Sermon on the Mount



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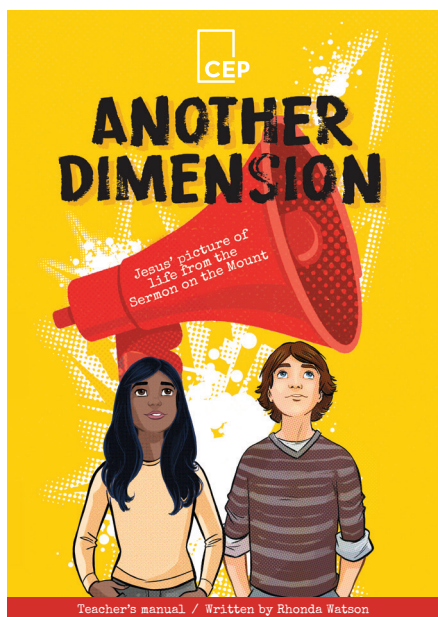
Lesson	Theme	Key relationship	Lesson aim	Learning Intentions Students will:
Introduction Background to Matthew and Sermon on the Mount	This lesson introduces students to Matthew's Gospel and looks ahead to central themes in future lessons.		To introduce the students to the Gospel of Matthew and alert them to key issues that will be explored in the lessons to follow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know some basic information about Matthew's Gospel • understand how the Sermon on the Mount fits into the whole story of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel • express some questions they might have about Jesus and his teaching.
1 Who am I trying to impress? Matthew 5:1-12	The people God favours	My relationship with God	To help the students understand that God favours, or blesses, people who seek to be humble and dependent on him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • express their own ideas about what 'impresses' God • know the characteristics of those favoured by God as described by Jesus in Matthew 5:3-12 • understand that the way into God's kingdom begins with realising how much we need God's help • understand that Jesus came to give his life as a ransom for those who know they need God's forgiveness • describe how living on the basis of Matthew 5:3-11 could affect their daily lives • express their own response to Jesus' teaching.
2 Do I stand out? Matthew 5:13-16	Salt and light	My relationship with the world	To help the students understand that Jesus' followers should stand out from the rest of the world and to explore some of the ways in which we might expect their lives to be different.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know that Jesus challenges his followers to be different to the rest of the world • understand that followers of Jesus will act in ways that preserve what is good in our culture • understand that followers of Jesus will act in ways that shine a light on what is not good in our culture • consider why the offer of forgiveness is such an important part of being a follower of Jesus • be challenged to consider whether their own lives lead others to praise and thank God.

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<p>3</p> <p>What's going on beneath the surface?</p> <p>Matthew 5:21-30</p>	Anger and lust	My relationship with others	To help students understand that God cares about our attitudes as much as our actions and to explore what Jesus taught about anger and lust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> know that God takes our wrong attitudes seriously understand the impact anger and lust can have on our relationships with one another consider what action we can take to deal with anger and lust consider God's offer of forgiveness and help.
<p>4</p> <p>Love for my enemy?</p> <p>Matthew 5:38-48</p>	Love, even for my enemy	My relationship with others	To explore what Jesus teaches about how his disciples are to show gracious and generous love towards others, even their enemies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> know that Jesus tells his followers to be like God who is gracious and generous, even towards his enemies explore what Jesus means when he says we are to love our enemies understand the steps involved in forgiving someone who has hurt us be challenged to consider what difference it might make to put this into practice in their own lives.
<p>5</p> <p>An audience of one?</p> <p>Matthew 6:1-15</p>	God sees me	My relationship with God	To challenge the students to examine their relationship with God and to explore how this relationship expresses itself in prayer and seeking God's approval above the opinions of others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be challenged to consider the 'outward behaviours' they use to try to impress others know that prayer is the expression of a personal relationship with God our Father understand the teaching of Jesus to trust God with all our needs and concerns explore why it can be so hard to trust God be challenged to consider making life choices with only God in mind.

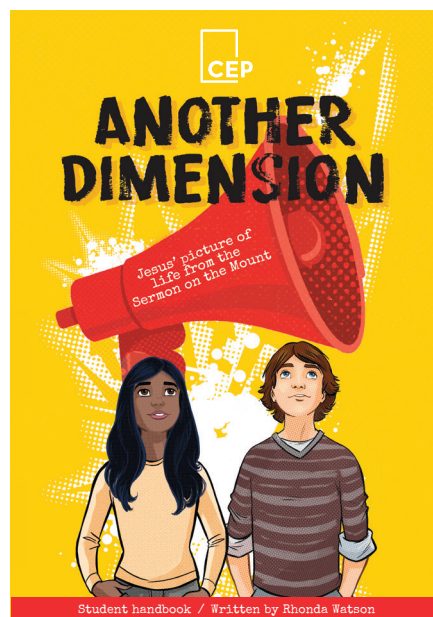
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<p>6</p> <p>What do I want more than anything else?</p> <p>Matthew 6:19-34</p>	One master	My relationship with my possessions	To help students explore Jesus' challenge that his followers are to treasure God's kingdom above everything else.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know that everyone serves and treasures something • know that Jesus' disciples cannot serve both God and something else • be challenged to consider what it is that they treasure more than anything else • understand that what we worry about reveals a lot about both our treasure and our relationship with God • express their response to Jesus' challenge that his followers seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness.
<p>7</p> <p>What is my life's foundation?</p> <p>Matthew 7:24-27</p>	One foundation	My relationship with Jesus	To explore the way Jesus and his words provide a foundation for life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know that if we recognise the identity and authority of Jesus we will seek to put his words into practice • understand that Jesus says true wisdom is obeying him and the alternative is foolishness • be challenged to consider Jesus' claim to have the right to tell us what is wise or foolish • express their own response to the challenge to be a disciple of Jesus.



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