

Lesson 12: Jesus Teaches About Rewards

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/37192aU9U3k>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/GnWwnOPQM_U

Worship Theme: Jesus wants us to seek his kingdom first.

Memory Verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. If the Lord is with Us https://youtu.be/2CzIW4_ueg0
2. I Trust You, Lord <https://youtu.be/WCZlwlstAzc>
3. Jesus Loves Children https://youtu.be/8iUI62Zo_Co

Prayer:

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: What Do You See?

Print the pictures from below to show the children. These pictures can be seen in 2 different ways. Ask the children what they see.



A Duck or a Rabbit?



A Vase or Two Faces?



A Young Woman or an Old Woman?

Explain to the students that what we see in the world may not be what they really are. What people think is important may not be so important in God's eyes.

Introduction:

What do you think will make people happy? (many friends, money, nice house, toys, clothes, new phone) But if I buy you a new phone today, how long will the happiness last? Will you be happy forever? No, the things in the world cannot make us happy forever. We will be happy for a short time, but we will want to get more things and better things. God doesn't want us to live for the things of this world. He wants to teach us that there are more important things that we need to live for than the things of the world. Let's learn about what this is in today's bible story.

Bible Story:

In our Bible story today, Jesus talked about how things aren't always as they seem. He said "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:20-22)

He also said, "But woe to you who are rich for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets." (Luke 6:24-26)

He said that people who are poor are blessed because the kingdom of God will be theirs. He also said that people who seemed to have everything they wanted might be

sad. He said that people who have lots of friends might not be friends with God. He said that people who look rich might really be poor because they don't know God.

Jesus wanted the people to know that they needed to be careful when they decide what kinds of things to want in life. If you chose to follow Jesus, you may face persecution, difficulty, discrimination, and dislike from others, but you have to remember that God is always with you. God always responds to your prayer when we ask him. God promises to bless us, we will be rewarded both on earth and heaven.

Questions to discuss:

1. What does the bible say we should seek in life? (The kingdom of God)
2. What do we do to receive the reward from God?(following God's way)
3. How can you seek the kingdom of God in your life? (By choosing God's ways; Living by following and practicing the word of God.)

Game: Treasure Hunt

Materials Needed: Candies and 3 bibles

1. Hide candies and the bibles in the classroom.
2. Ask the children to find what they think is the true treasure.
3. The children who bring the bible are the winners. Give them more candies.
4. Explain to the children that when we seek the Kingdom of God (God's ways), then we will be more blessed than when we seek the worldly ways.

Memory Verse:

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Craft: Coloring Page - Matthew 6:33

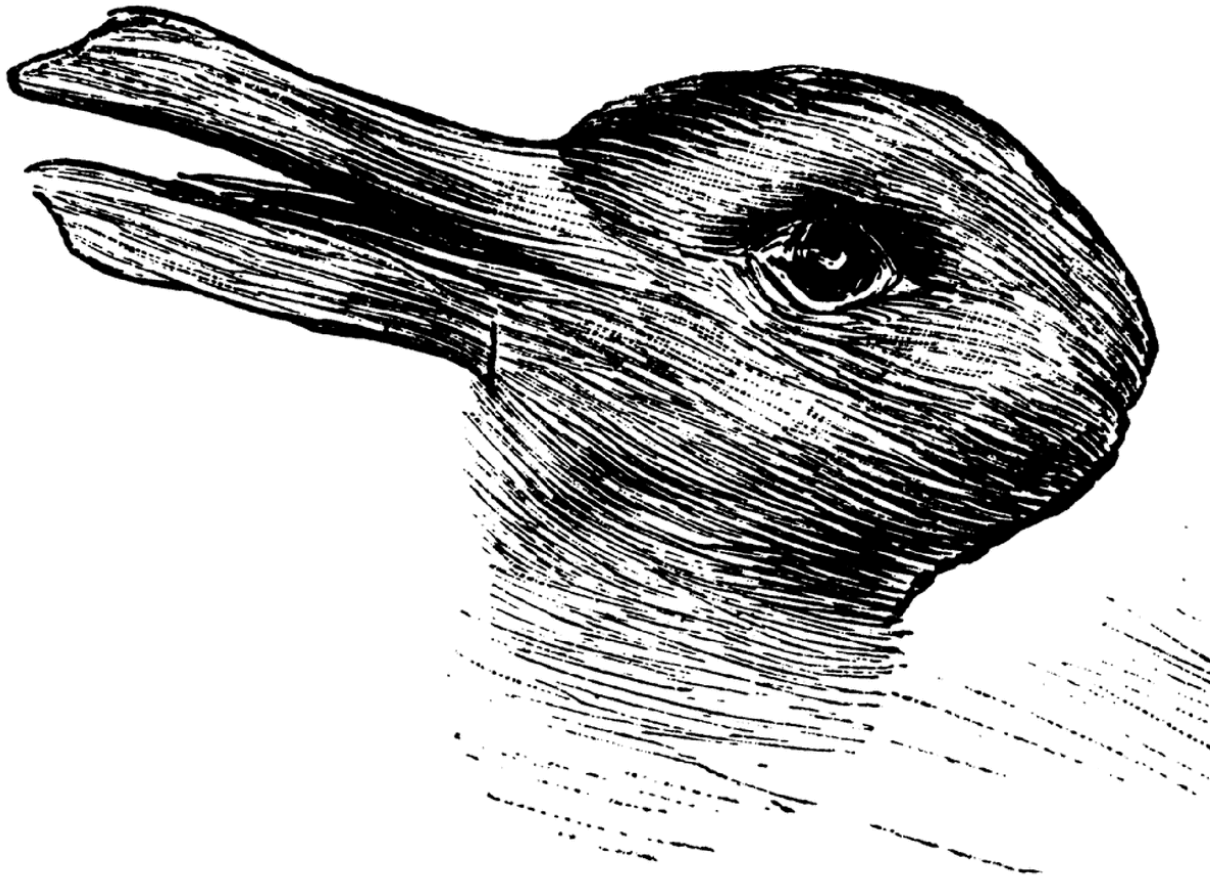
Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer:

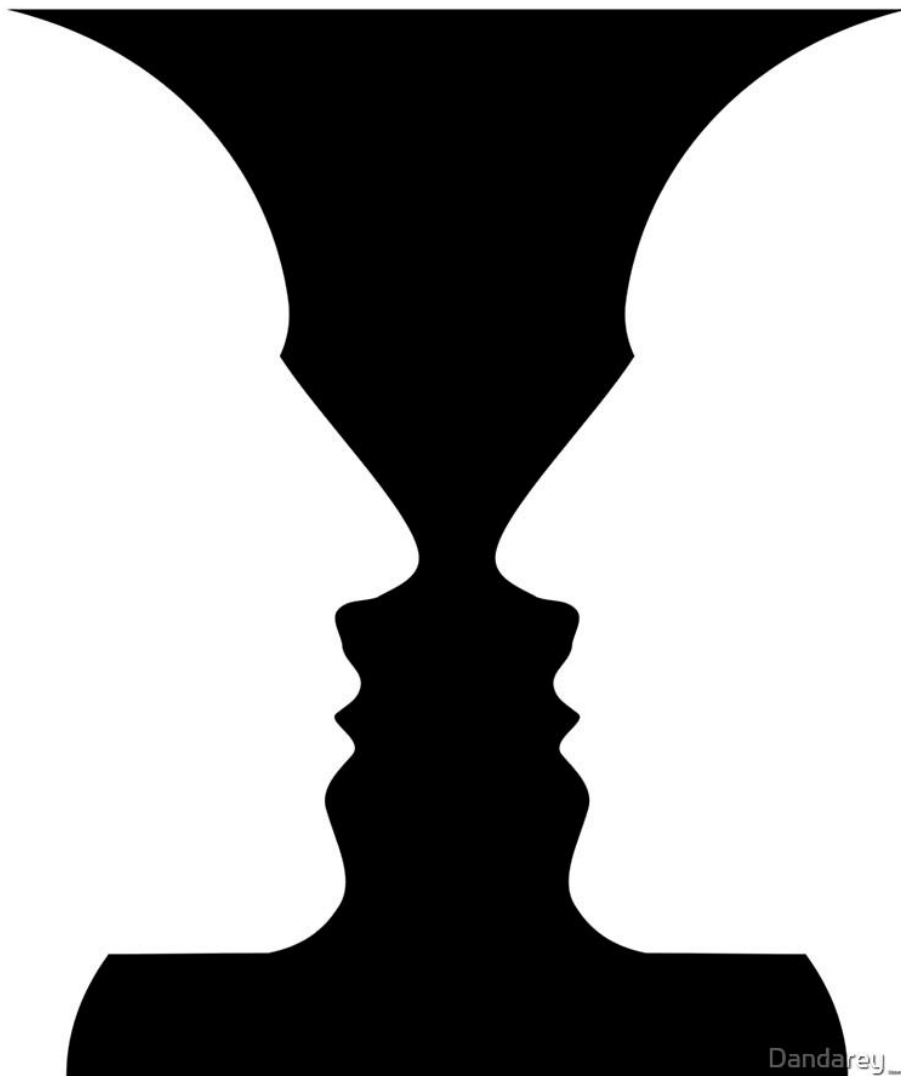
Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.

How have having plenty affected your relationship with God? What has your relationship with God been like in times of difficulty? Be thankful for the good times, but also be thankful for the difficult times, which can draw us closer to the Lord. Today, pray for someone who is struggling, that the struggles will draw him or her into a closer relationship with the Lord.

Picture 1 - Duck or Rabbit?

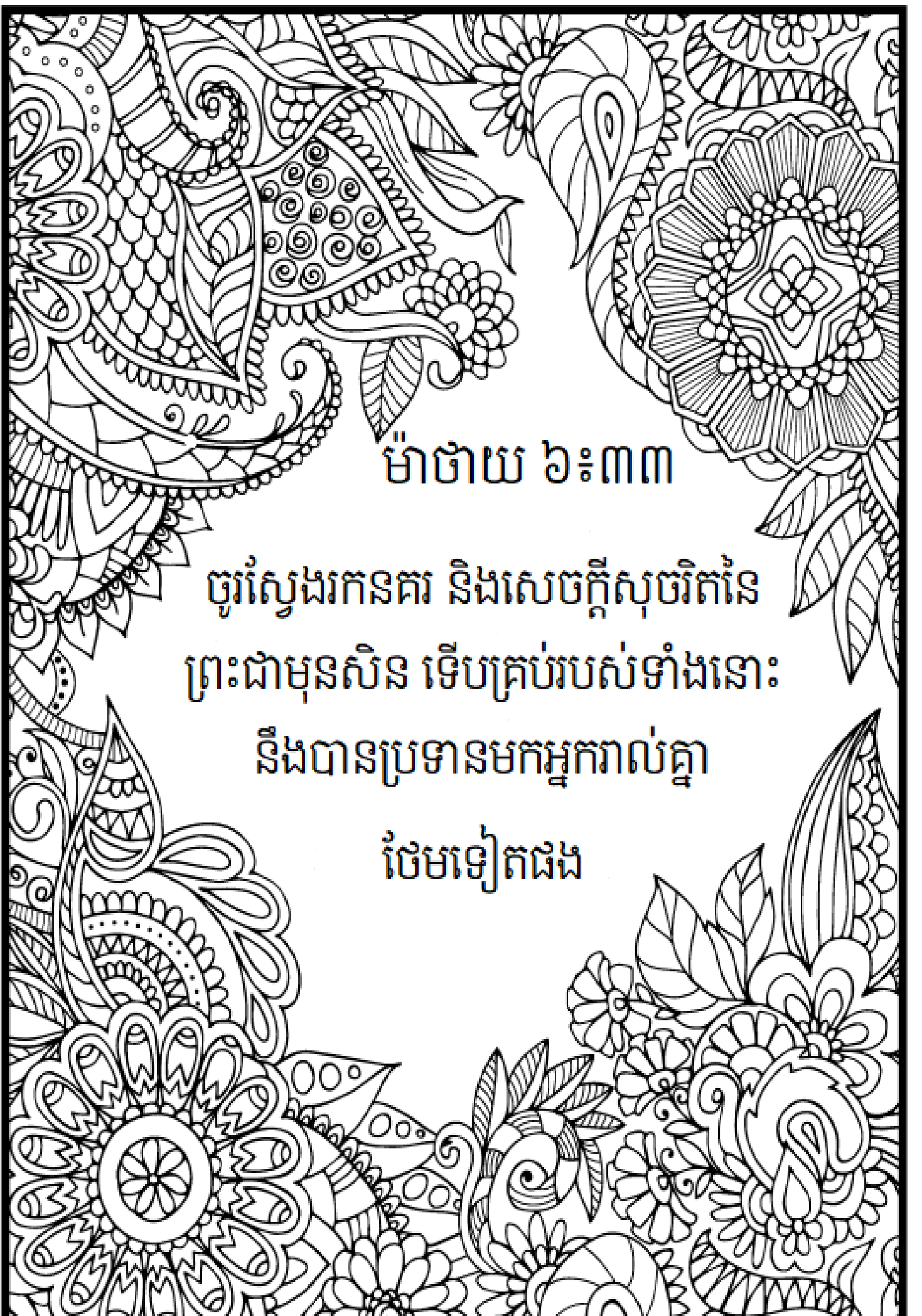


Picture 2 - A Vase or Two Faces?



Picture 3 - A Young Woman or an Old Woman?





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