

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THE KINGDOM

OBJECTIVES:

I CAN EXPLAIN THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD'S KINGDOM CALL FROM MORE OBEDIENCE.

I CAN NAME WAYS SPREAD THE KINGDOM BY ACTS OF SERVICE.



READ "JESUS TAUGHT US ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGDOM" ON PAGE 119.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS A KINGDOM OF LOVE

- JESUS WANTED PEOPLE TO SERVE GOD LOVINGLY AND GENEROUSLY FROM THEIR HEARTS.
- HE WANTED US TO REALIZE THAT PLEASING GOD CALLED FOR MUCH MORE THAN JUST OBEYING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
- THE GOSPEL WRITERS PUT TOGETHER MANY OF JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOW TO SERVE IN HIS KINGDOM.
- THESE TEACHINGS ARE CALLED THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.
- LOOK AT THE PICTURE OF JESUS ON PAGE 119. IMAGINE YOU ARE AMONG THE PEOPLE LISTENING TO HIM TEACH.

READ AND ANSWER PAGE 120 "THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS"

SPREADING GOD'S KINGDOM

 OF ALL OF JESUS TEACHINGS, HIS MESSAGE TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES MAY BE THE HARDEST TO FOLLOW. IT IS NATURAL TO BE SAD AND ANGRY WHEN SOMEONE HURTS YOU, BUT TO OVERCOME THAT SADNESS AND ANGER AND EXTEND YOUR HEART IN FORGIVENESS IS HOLY.

• ON MAY 13, 1981, **POPE JOHN PAUL II** WAS HURT BADLY WHEN A MAN SHOT AND ALMOST KILLED HIM. PRAYERS WENT OUT FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II FROM AROUND THE WORLD. PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS WERE UPSET AND ANGRY THAT SOMEONE HAD TRIED TO KILL THE POPE. THE MAN WHO DID THE SHOOTING WAS NOT IN MANY PEOPLE'S PRAYERS THAT DAILY. BUT THE MAN WAS IN POPE'S PRAYERS. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT, THE POPE ASKED THE WORLD TO "PRAY FOR THE BROTHER WHO SHOT ME, WHOM I HAVE SINCERELY FORGIVEN." SOON AFTER, THE POPE VISITED HIM IN HIS JAIL CELL AND FORGAVE HIM FACE TO FACE.

 BY FORGIVING THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL HIM, POPE JOHN PAUL II REMINDS US OF THE POWER OF JESUS' TEACHING. THERE IS NO ENEMY SO TERRIBLE THAT WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO FIND FORGIVENESS AND GIVE IT FREELY. WHEN WE DO THAT, WE SPREAD THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

ANSWER PAGE 121, "A CHECK FOR SERVICE"

ASSESSMENT: ON A PIECE OF WHITE PAPER, WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (FRONT).

- HOW DID POPE JOHN PAUL II DEMONSTRATE THE WELCOMING NATURE OF GOD'S KINGDOM?
- WHAT SIGNS OF GOD'S KINGDOM HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ABOUT RECENTLY?

AT THE BACK OF THE WHITE PAPER DRAW A PICTURE OF SOME WAY YOU CAN GIVE SERVICE AT HOME, IN SCHOOL, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IN THE PARISH.

TAKE A PHOTO OF PAGE 121 AND FRONT & BACK OF YOUR ASSESSMENT. THEN, UPLOAD.