

# JESUS LOVES YOU .. JESUS LOVES YOU .. JESUS LOVES YOU .. JESUS LOVES YOU .. JESUS LOVES YOU .. JESUS LOVES YOU !

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT:

### DOING GOOD PRIVATELY

Definition: privately - secretly, with no one watching

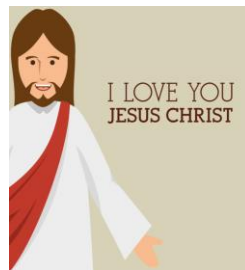
Scripture for this lesson:

Matthew 6:1-4 and verses 16, 17, and 18.

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.



Activity Suggestions: Print out this [picture of a boy praying](#), cut into puzzle pieces for students.

Sing along to this favorite Christian video [“Jesus Loves Me.”](#)

Here are two great resources for Christian books for children:

<https://www.christianbook.com/page/kids?navcat=Kids> <https://bravebooks.us/>

## DISCUSSION AND QUIZ

Discuss: Why do we do things that are good? (to please God, because it is right, to make others happy) Is it possible to do a good thing in a bad way? Yes, it is. Sometimes people do good things just to gain popularity or to look good in front of others. Has anyone ever seen someone do that in school – helped the teacher only to look important in front of their friends? Jesus said that if we do that, we will not be pleasing to God. We must not be good just to show off. Jesus said that if we do good and no one knows about it, God will reward us Himself. Isn't it better to please God than to please men? So how do you do good secretly? You can do a chore without announcing to everyone that you did it. You can send an unsigned note to cheer someone up. Adults can donate money to people or causes without signing their name. Sometimes people will find out, and that's OK. The point is that you help others without caring whether anyone else knows you did it. Jesus always helped others. If you do as Jesus did, God in heaven will know and He will be pleased with you.

True or False quiz:

1. God knows everything we do. True
2. We should think more about others than about ourselves. True
3. Jesus said He would reward those who help others secretly. True
4. All good works can be done secretly. False
5. I will know every good work that others do.