

# Digging Deeper

## Family Devotions



As we continue to study the Sermon on the Mount, this week's 'Digging Deeper' Family Devotions has three Bible passages to read. This will take you all the way through Matthew chapter 6. There are a couple of ways you can do this. You could have three smaller discussions reading one passage at a time. Or one big discussion, reading each passage as it comes up. There is no right or wrong way, simply whatever works best for your household.

### Memory Verse

Miriam has made another video to help us! You can find the video in the "Treasures in Heaven" Google Drive Folder. Or you can view it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/LeX4gyqe50c> or search 'Sermon On The Mount Memory Verse week 3' on YouTube.

### Something to remember

As we keep looking at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is going to show us the way that we are to live if we follow Him.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) How is the way Jesus saying we should act, different to the way the world acts?
- b) The Bible says Jesus acted this way perfectly. How do we see that?
- c) How can we reflect Jesus?

### Passage 1 - Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18 Giving and Giving Up for God

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to not be 'show offs' or do good things to try to impress other people. For instance, Jesus says that when we give money, and when we fast from eating food (as a reminder to pray), our focus shouldn't be on ourselves, to make ourselves look good, but rather our focus should be on God.

#### *Read together Matthew 6:1-4 then Matthew 6:16-18*

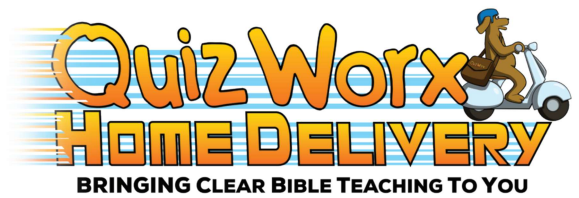
1. Instead of 'showing off', what does Jesus want his followers to do?
2. Why should we do good things for God in secret, rather than showing off to people in public?
3. Jesus talks about using our money to help the poor. How can we as a family use our money and things to help people?
4. How can we make sure that we are doing good things for God rather than to show off to others?

Enjoy this bonus video: **Montague McBrain - Do Good in Secret**. Find it in the Google Drive folder for this week, or type this into your browser <https://youtu.be/GXrm7vZCunY>

Pray together.

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### Passage 2 - Matthew 6:5-15 Talking to God

Praying is simply talking to God about anything, anytime and anywhere (remember our 'Talking to God' kids' talk). In the first part of this section, Jesus tells us not to be 'show offs' when we pray. He then teaches us how to pray, using 'The Lord's Prayer.'

#### Read together Matthew 6:5-15

1. Jesus doesn't want his people to 'show off' when they pray. What two things does Jesus tell his followers to do when they pray so that they aren't showing off? What do you think this means for us?
2. In 'The Lord's Prayer', Jesus covers three areas we can pray about. List in the table below what Jesus teaches us to pray about.

How should we pray to and about God (Verses 9 - 10)?	How should we pray about physical things (Verse 11)?	How should we pray about spiritual things (Verses 12 - 13)?

3. Isn't it amazing?! Jesus tells us that we should speak to the God who made everything as "Our Father". How does that make you feel?
4. Spend some time as a family praying about the things Jesus tells us to pray about. Encourage everyone to spend time alone praying at other times during the week.

### Passage 3 - Matthew 6:19-34 Love God and Focus on His Kingdom

In Matthew 6:19-34 Jesus teaches us about loving God first, focussing on God's kingdom and God's provision for all our needs.

#### Read together Matthew 6:19-34

1. What does Jesus tell his followers not to worry about?
2. What kind of things do you worry about?
3. What does Jesus want us to do instead of worrying? Why?
4. How would loving God and focussing on him above everything else help you each day?

Enjoy this bonus video: **Do Not Worry**. Find it in the Google drive folder for this week or type this into your browser <https://youtu.be/J9BXayJMMJw>

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# Memory Verse

## Sermon on the Mount

### Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus said, "If you hear these words of mine and put them into practice, you're like a person who built their house on the rock.

The rain came down (*swoosh*), the streams rose (*bubble, bubble, bubble*), and the winds blew (*whoosh*); but it didn't fall (*NO!*), 'cause it was built on the rock.

But if you hear these words of mine and don't put them into practice, you're like a foolish person who built their house on sand (*oohhh*).

The rain came down (*swoosh*), the streams rose (*bubble, bubble, bubble*), and the winds blew (*whoosh*); and it went crash, 'cause it was built on the sand (*oohhh*)."

