

**Lesson Plans that Work**  
**Year C – Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**  
**Lesson Plans for Younger Children**

**Scripture: Luke 6:27-38**

Epiphany: Shimmering glimpses of the abundance of the Kingdom of God. Perhaps we, too, noticed a star and followed it. Or maybe someone led us to the gift of faith. Now we take the Light — the Good News — out into the world. Will others see the light shimmering in us? Will they risk taking a journey into faith with us?

**A Notation for this Week's Gospel**

Jesus continues his teaching with disciples from last week. Instructing them on what this new way of life, this new way of being means. These are reversals and things that flip the current way of life on its head. As we near the end of Epiphany, I wonder what these reversals say to us.

**Theme: Love, Bless, Give**

**Before:** Look at the activities listed below and decide which one/ones you will do with the children. Gather the supplies needed.

**Beginning:** Invite the Children to gather together. Ask them if they have heard of the Golden Rule. Discuss with them what it might mean.

**Opening Prayer:** Gracious God, thank you for sending Jesus to teach us, guide us, and impart your wisdom to us. May we love, bless, and give to the world as you have shown us. Amen.

**The Scripture: Luke 6:27-38**

Read the lesson from a Children's Bible.

**Reflection Questions:**

- I wonder what your favorite part was?
- I wonder what questions you have?
- I wonder if you have heard Jesus say these things before?
- I wonder what Jesus' words can teach us about how to treat each other??

**Activities:**

Invite the children to brainstorm what love means, what bless means, what give means. Write their answers up on an easel or white board.

**Love, Bless, Give**

Once they are done brainstorming, invite them to make a picture about how they want to love, bless and give.

**Mural**

Take the brainstorming ideas and invite them to create a mural of how they can love, bless and give. You can have them cut things out of magazines, draw, write, whatever they would like to contribute to the mural. Hang it up in the classroom or hallway so that others can see the mural.

**Song**

Invite them to sing “Love, love, love, love, Christians this is your call.”

**Getting Closure:** Gather in a circle and invite people to share what they have created.

**Closing Prayer:** God Our Teacher and Redeemer, thank you for all you have given us. Help us to leave this place, remembering your words, honoring what you have asked us to do, and living how you have instructed us. Help us to love and be loved, to bless and receive blessings, to give and receive that we may know you through each other. Amen.

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