

## Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> and 6th Class) Based on Term 2 Lesson 1 Fit for Life

### Jesus a good teacher

The assembly gives scope for integration with Gaeilge/ English as it begins with words of wisdom or proverbs. It then moves to look more closely at the Beatitudes which were famous sayings of Jesus. Art work completed on interpreting these 8 sentences can be displayed on slides or posters.

The assembly is written for minimum 8 parts - it can be extended so larger classes all have a speaking part.

**You need:** 1) To have taught the lesson Jesus a good teacher (Term 2 Lesson 1) Fit for Life

2) Proverbs (illustrated / on slides)

3) Illustrations of Beatitudes

**Songs:** Suggested songs that talk of Jesus or things he said e.g. Jesus hands were kind hands, Seek ye first etc.

Narrator 2	Are there things your teacher has said that you always remember?
Narrator 1	We brainstormed some sayings or proverbs. Here are some of our favourites.
Group of pupils	Pupils can say some proverbs (Irish/ English) These could be illustrated in art or on powerpoint slides.
Narrator 1	Then when we read our Follow Me books we found that Jesus said lots of wise sayings too.
Pupil 3	Don't judge others and they won't judge you
Pupil 4	Do for others what you want them to do for you
Pupil 5	Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it
Pupil 6	If you love money then you can't love God as well.
Narrator 2	We thought about some of these sayings too and decided they made sense to us today.
Narrator 1	Then we read some of the most famous sayings of Jesus
Narrator 2	They are called the Beatitudes
Storyteller 1	Jesus was on a hillside, higher than everyone else who was listening to him. He told the listeners all about God's kingdom a place of happiness.
Storyteller 2	He gave the listeners eight sentences to think about and to change the world.

Narrator 1	We made up pictures to explain them. <i>(Illustrations done in class)</i>
Storyteller 1	You are happy if you rely on God, not yourself God's kingdom belongs to you
Storyteller 2	You are happy if you wish things were better You will be comforted
Storyteller 1	You are happy if you think you are low down God will give you the earth
Storyteller 2	You are happy if you long for justice One day you will be satisfied
Storyteller 1	You are happy if you are full of mercy Others will then show mercy to you
Storyteller 2	You are happy if your heart is pure You will see God
Storyteller 1	You are happy if you make peace You will be known as a child of God
Storyteller 2	You are happy if you are picked on for doing good God's kingdom belongs to you.
Narrator 1	Some of those sayings are hard to understand but they are all about having a positive attitude towards life.
Narrator 2	Today we told you about some of the wise things Jesus said. They are still wise sayings today, 2000 years later.
Prayer 1	Let us pray (pupils may have written some prayer on the theme)  Christ be with me, Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, Christ at my right hand, Christ at my left hand, Christ be with me wherever I go, Christ be my friend for ever and ever. Amen.  Day by Day