

# Sermon on the Mount – the Beatitudes

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## –Beatitudes–

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**2. Blessed** are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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**4. Blessed** are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**5. Blessed** are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

**6. Blessed** are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

**7. Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**8. Blessed** are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**9. Blessed** are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**Rejoice** and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.



1. We need to realize that without God in our lives, we are all poor.
  2. We have to be sorry for our sins and bring God back into our hearts.
  3. We must be gentle, kind while living with the firm conviction of God's teachings.
  4. We will only find happiness through God, so we must always search for ways to get closer to Him.
  5. We must have compassion and help those who don't have God in their hearts realize that there is only one path to happiness, and that is with God.
  6. It is best to live with a clean heart as this will bring us closer to God.
  7. If we help others find peace in their lives, we will have peace in our hearts.
  8. No matter what others may say, we must always follow the path towards God.
  9. Sometimes it is difficult to do the right thing, but this is the only way to find true peace and happiness with God.
- ✦ If we follow God's wishes, we will find inner peace, joy and happiness, and be truly blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven.



*“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ...the Beatitudes...”*  
*“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Matthew 5:1-19**

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Follow the instructions Jesus gave us to find true happiness and succeed at getting from earth to the Kingdom of Heaven.



### PRAYER – the Beatitudes

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## {Teacher's Edition}

**Lesson Objective:** To have children understand the meaning of Jesus' guidelines to achieve happiness and be truly blessed.

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### Bible Reading:

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### Highlights:

With the Beatitudes Jesus teaches us to be sorry for our mistakes, to be gentle and kind, compassionate and helpful, and to live with clean hearts.

We must follow God's teachings no matter how difficult, regardless of what others may say. Without God in our hearts and lives we are all poor.

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### Activity:

**Have children complete the maze.**

### Prayer: The Beatitudes

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