

THE BEATITUDES

Matthew 5:1-16



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Message	Jesus introduced the rules of the kingdom of God.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jesus is the teacher of the new covenant.■ We should also follow the teachings Jesus gave His disciples.■ With God's help and grace, we strive to live according to the Beatitudes.
Bible Text	Matthew 5:1–16

The Beatitudes



While Jesus taught His disciples, He was surrounded by a great multitude.

He went up on a mountain in Galilee and when He was seated, His disciples came to Him.

Jesus, as the new Moses or lawgiver, introduced the teaching of the new covenant.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Jesus continued to teach the multitude and said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

To conclude, Jesus said to the multitude, "Blessed are you when they hate you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Be joyful and happy. Your reward in heaven is great, for this is how the prophets who came before you were treated as well."

Jesus wanted the multitude gathered to follow Him, to embody the teaching of the new covenant, and to be examples to others. "You are the light of the world," He said. "Let your light shine so that other people may see the good things you do."

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress for Jesus. Write down the keywords of the Beatitudes of Jesus.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

Ask the children to explain the Beatitudes in their own words like...

Blessed are

- the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(the people who recognise the need for God. The kingdom of God belongs to them.)
- those who mourn for they shall be comforted.
(the people who suffer and experience painful loss. God will comfort them.)
- the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
(the people who are humble. They will be given the earth.)
- those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
(the people who want to act according to the will of God, for God will help them to do so.)
- the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
(the people who show forgiveness and kindness to others. God will be merciful to them.)
- the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
(the people whose motivations are pure. They will see God.)
- the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
(the people who make peace. They shall be called the people of God.)
- they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(the people who suffer for doing the right thing even when it is not popular. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.)
- you when they hate and persecute you, and say evil against you falsely for My sake.
(the people who are treated poorly for confessing Jesus.)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus is the teacher of the new covenant.
- We should also follow the teachings, which Jesus gave His disciples.
- With God's help and grace, we strive to live according to the Beatitudes.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ask for an example of every Beatitude in our real live.

**Repeat the Message
In the Beatitudes
Jesus introduced the rules of the kingdom of God.**