

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people 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, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Activity: The "Bee-Attitudes"

Theme: We find true happiness in Jesus.

Supplies: A flower or a toy bee

Lesson:

If I were to ask you to tell me what makes you happy, what would your answer be? Would it be something like "happiness is scoring the winning goal in a soccer game" or "happiness is being the most popular person in my class?"

We all want to be happy, don't we? Does it surprise you to know that God wants you to be happy? Well, he does, but you might be surprised to find out that what Jesus said about happiness is quite different from what you and I might expect. Most of us think that to be happy means having a lot of money, having plenty to eat, having someone to take care of us, or being well-liked by everyone. That isn't what Jesus said.

One day Jesus went up onto the side of a mountain. He sat down, gathered his disciples around him, and began to teach them about happiness. Even though these are not the exact words Jesus used, I think they will help us to understand what he taught.

He said things like:

Be happy when you are poor in spirit, because then you will find that your riches are in the kingdom of heaven.

Be happy when you feel you have lost what is most dear to you, because it is then that you will feel the love of the One who is the most dear to you.

Be happy with what you have, because then you will find that your heavenly Father provides everything that you need.

Be happy when you are hungry for the things of God, because then you will find that only He can satisfy.

Be happy when you are caring for others, because it is in caring for others that you will find that you have a heavenly Father who cares for you.

Be happy when your heart is right with God, because it is then that you will see that God is at work in the world around you.

Be happy when you help others to get along peacefully with one another, because it is then that you will know the peace that comes from being a part of the family of God.

Be happy when others treat you badly because you follow me, because your reward will be great in heaven.

You see, happiness is not a feeling that is brought about by the things that happen to us. It is an attitude that we have because of what we have in our heart. We need to be like the bee, buzzing happily through life because of what God has done for us.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, help us to have the happiness that you want for us. Happiness that comes, not from what happens to us, but from what happens inside of us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Thanks to www.sermons4kids.com

Video: Crossroads Kids: Sermon on the Mount

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ze7w3-BL3OM>

One of Jesus' sermons is called the Sermon on the Mount. He talked all about God's love; then he went right out and showed us what God's love looks like.

Duration: 4:44

Craft: Blessing Flower

Supplies: scissors, glue, crayons

Have children color the hearts and circles, then cut out. Each beatitude has a number on the heart tip for easier sorting. Add a drop of glue to the tip and attach around the circle center. You can spread them out and make two flowers. Cut loosely around the bee and glue to the outer edge of the hearts, or use a thin craft stick to glue to the back of the hearts and bee to extend it out farther.



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Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

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Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God

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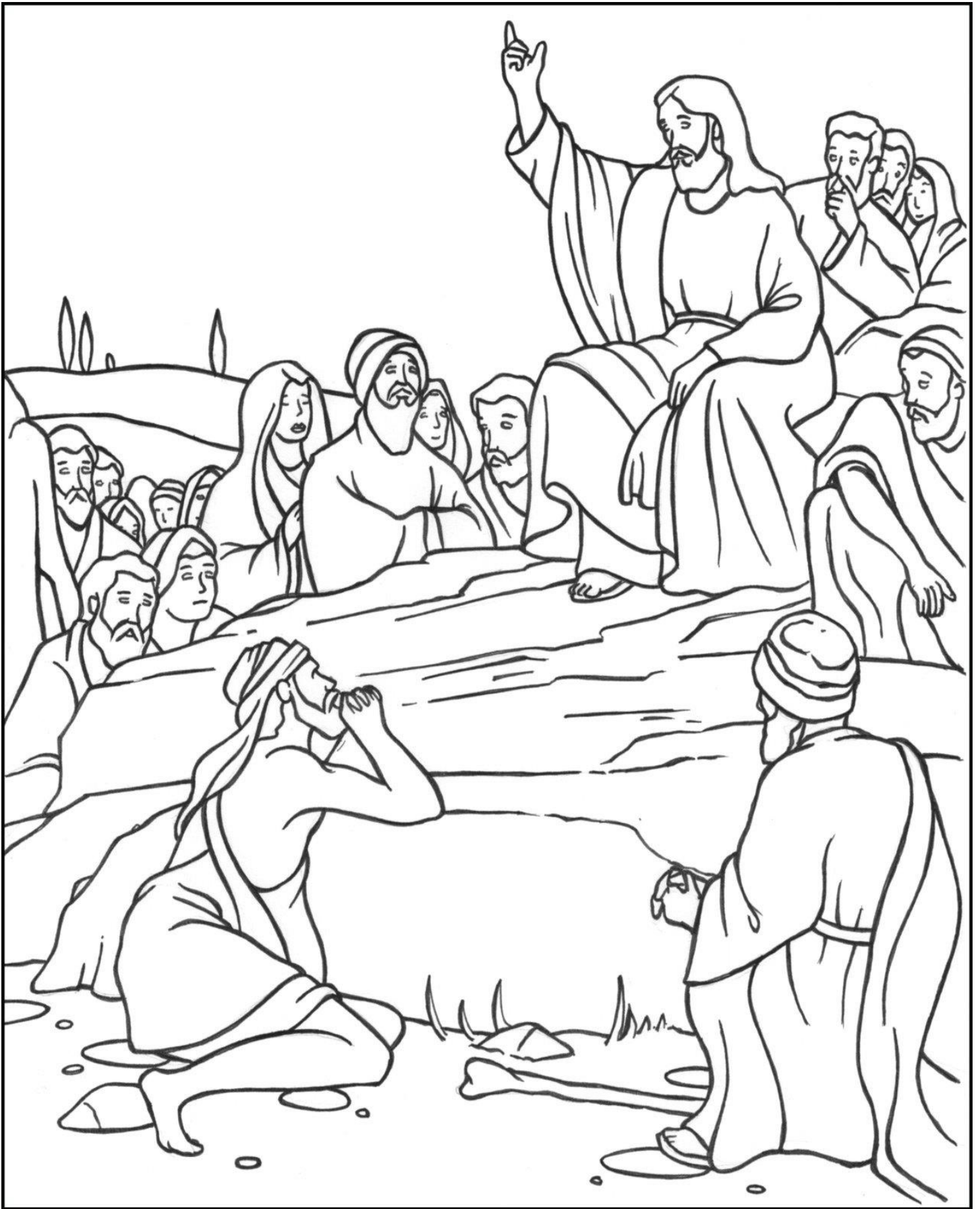
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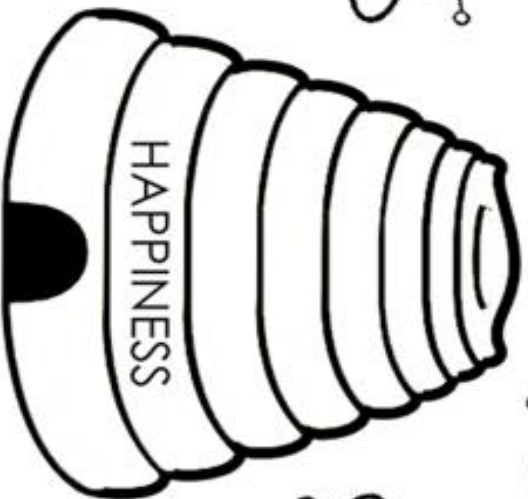
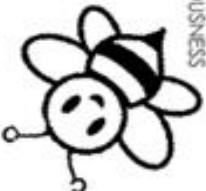


Jesus gave a sermon from a hilltop, so all could hear his words.

One of these bees is different from the rest.
Circle the one that is different.



WANT
RIGHTEOUSNESS



Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to learn why we should be happy in bad times.

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THE BEATITUDES TEACH US HOW TO BE HAPPY.

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