

**THE BEATITUDES**

New Testament Lesson #20

The Beatitudes (be-AT-i-tudes) are a part of Jesus' teachings in Matthew 5, 6 and 7, which have become known as "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' popularity had grown rapidly, and he had already selected his 12 apostles. Many people were coming to him. He went to a mountainside with his disciples and began to teach them. He said:

- 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 be shown mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Then Jesus said to his followers that when people insult them and persecute them and falsely say all kinds of evil against them because of Jesus, they should feel blessed. When those things happened, his disciples were to rejoice because they had a great reward coming and because the prophets before them had been persecuted in the same way.

Jesus re-emphasized the blessing for those persecuted for righteousness' sake by describing types of persecutions, like insults and false accusations.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- "Blessed" means "happy." The Beatitudes refer to the inner qualities of the heart that God's servants should display.
- Being "poor in spirit" means to humble oneself to God's Word. Compare with David's words recorded in Psalm 51:16-17.
- Being "meek" refers to being teachable. This attribute is found only in the strongest characters (Moses, for example, in Numbers 12:3). See Psalm 25:9. In this verse, the word "meek" in the KJV is translated "humble" in the NIV. In both instances, the meek or humble person is receptive to learning God's way.
- The word "pure" means "unmixed."

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- I. Jesus taught his disciples how to live.
  - A. He explained eight different blessings.
  - B. Each blessing has a reward.
- II. Jesus said that when people are persecuted, they should rejoice.
  - A. They will receive a reward.
  - B. They will know how the prophets felt many years ago.

**ANSWER KEY:**

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8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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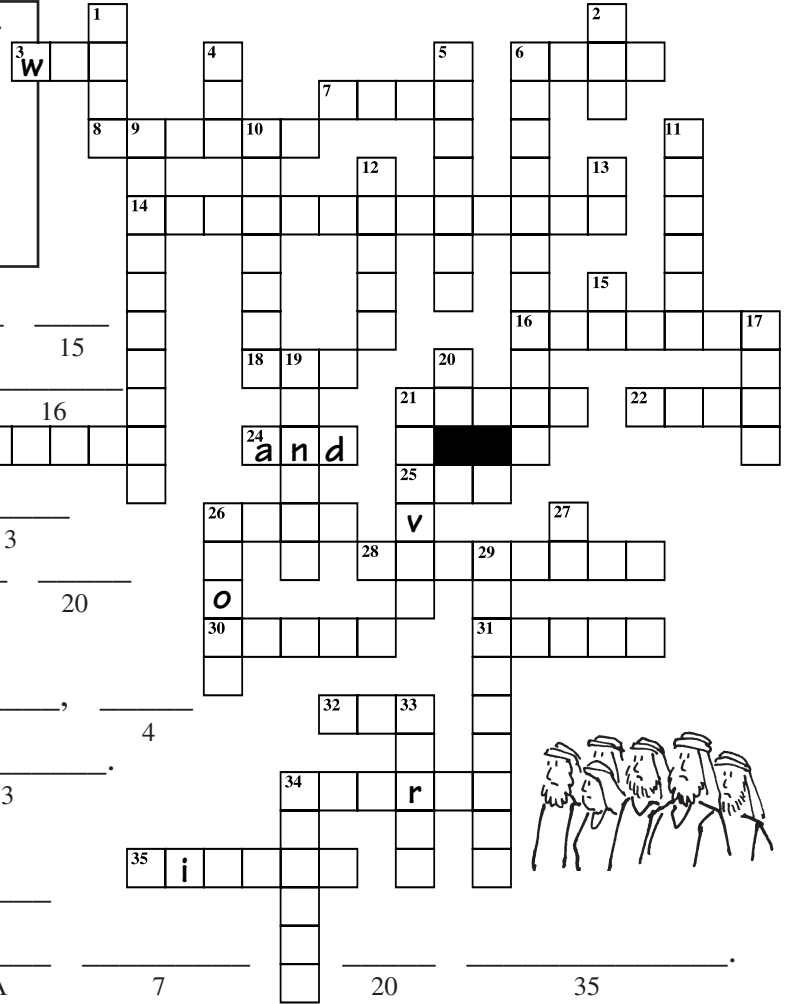
ACTIVITY SHEETS



**B**lessed means to be happy. Jesus taught that happiness comes to people in different ways.

Fit these words into the puzzle. Transfer them to the lines below.

be	for	sons	spirit	Blessed
in	the	those	theirs	kingdom
of	are	mourn	heaven	because
is	will	earth	hunger	merciful
see	poor	mercy	thirst	comforted
who	they	heart	filled	persecuted
God	meek	shown	inherit	peacemakers
	pure	called		righteousness



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said His followers are blessed. They should rejoice and be glad because their reward in heaven will be great.

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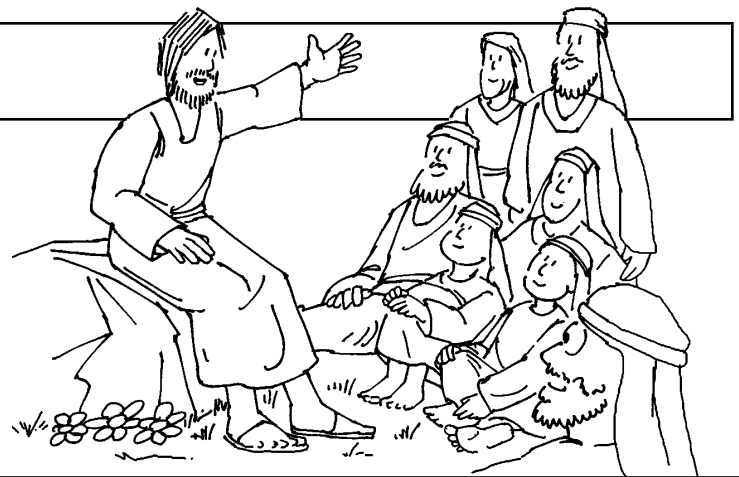
**ANSWER KEY:**

poor in spirit, who mourn, meek,  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers,  
who are persecuted because of righteousness

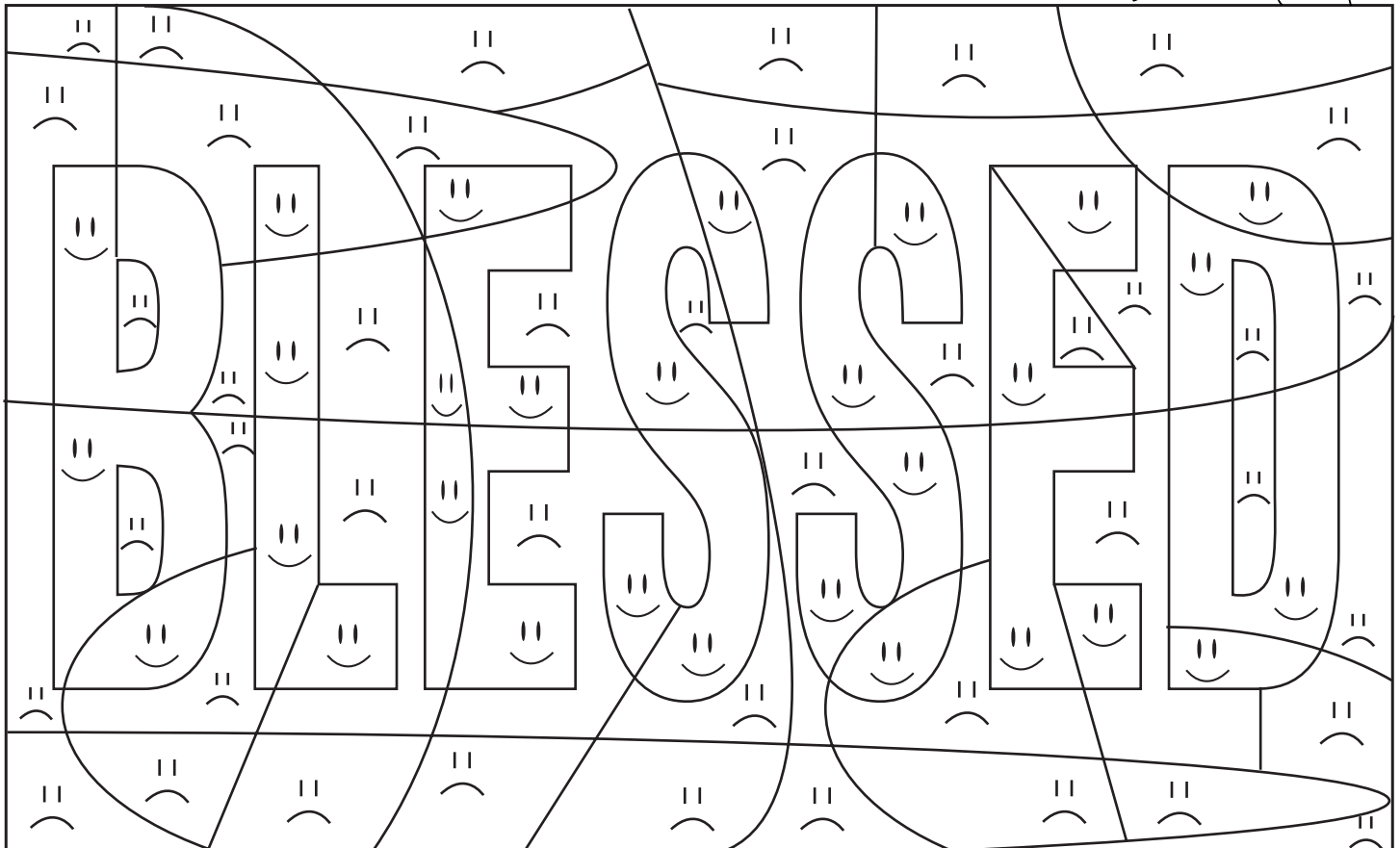
“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in  
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.”

Jesus taught His disciples and us how to live.

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Jesus said it  
will not be easy in life  
when we follow Him,  
but we will be ...



Name \_\_\_\_\_