

Beatitudes: + Treasures + of the Heart





Introducing the Beatitudes

Blessed Are the Losers?

In His first sermon Jesus promised that losers are the real winners when it comes to God's Kingdom.

Everyone wants to be blessed. We want to be blessed with money, with fame, with power, and with importance. The world teaches us that to get these things, we have to fight for them.

Many people in Jesus' time thought the same way. When Jesus taught the Beatitudes, He turned their understanding (and our understanding) of what it means to be blessed upside down!

The Beatitudes are a new attitude. They are a new way of looking at the world. If we live by the Beatitudes, we will be blessed!

The name "Beatitude" comes from the Latin phrase for being blessed. Each Beatitude is a statement about being blessed. People who are humble are blessed. People who mourn are blessed. People who are persecuted are blessed.

Power Point

How to Live
the Blessed
Life.

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (NIV)

The Beatitudes for Kids

- 1) "Happy are the humble kids, because they'll get to be in charge of everything one day!"
- 2) "Happy are the kids who feel sad, because they'll get lots of comforting hugs."
- 3) "Happy are the gentle kids, because they'll inherit the whole playground."
- 4) "Happy are the kids who always want to do what's right, because they'll be super full of good stuff."
- 5) "Happy are the kind kids, because they'll get kindness back."
- 6) "Happy are the kids with pure hearts, because they'll see really cool things."
- 7) "Happy are the peacemaker kids, because they'll be like superheroes."
- 8) "Happy are the kids who get picked on for doing the right thing, because they're part of God's special team!"





Object Lesson

ITEMS NEEDED:

A cereal box with a free toy inside

How many of you have convinced your Mom and Dad to buy you a box of cereal like this? You could have gone for the regular box of cereal, the brand you always get and the one you love the most. But what made you want to persuade them to buy this one instead?

Three words: Free. Toy. Inside.

This cereal box has a promise. If you buy this cereal, you're going to get a prize. It

could be one of several prizes, but make no mistake: buying this cereal will get you a prize.

The Beatitudes come with a prize of their own. They promise us the blessings that God

has reserved for those who follow him. It may not mean earthly riches and treasures,

and there's certainly no free toy in the Beatitudes, but they are blessings that will last for eternity.



Group Game

DUCK POND

ITEMS NEEDED:

A small tub of water

A number of rubber ducks (Amazon)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Mark one duck with the word "WIN" on the bottom. Set all the ducks afloat in the water.

Choose four kids to come up on stage. Each one will take a turn trying to find the duck

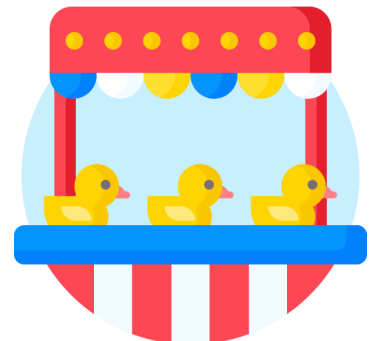
that says, "Win." The kid who finds the word "WIN" gets a prize.

VARIATION:

Instead of just giving prizes to individual kids, make it a team competition. Each kid gets one chance to pull a duck from the water. Players from each team will take turns pulling a duck. The first team to pull the "WIN" duck wins.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

If we follow the Beatitudes, we will be blessed.





Craft: “Beatitude Bouquet”

You will need *(craft supplies)*



Construction paper or notecards

Scissors

Paper bags or baskets

Markers or crayons

Decorating materials

Glue or tape

Popsicle sticks

Procedure :

Cut the paper into geometric shapes or flower shapes.

Decorate the paper with the words of the beatitudes, adding a picture for reminder reference. If space allows, write the starting line on one side of the paper (“Blessed Are”), and the conclusion on the other side.

Glue or tape the papers onto popsicle sticks.

Decorate a basket, bucket, or bag to hold the beatitudes; or merely cut slits into a large sheet of construction paper.

Place the “flowers” into the container. Use as a reminder of the words of Jesus!

