



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 7

Jesus Teaches: The Beatitudes

Lesson Aim: To know the blessings of the heart
God provides for those in His kingdom.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best blessing you have ever been given?

GAME: Blessing Card Symbols

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 5:3.

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS TEACHES THE BEATITUDES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus was transfigured on the mountainside; God said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

Today, we will listen to Jesus as we read His nine blessings for people in the kingdom of God. These kingdom blessings are called the Beatitudes. Jesus taught about the Beatitudes and more when He spoke to a crowd on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. Show the hills surrounding the Sea of Galilee.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:1-12. Find it First.

Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 5:12. Pray. Read.

THE WAY REMEMBER THE BEATITUDES

As we read the blessings, did it seem strange to hear Jesus say that someone who is poor, sad, or hungry is blessed and happy?

How do the blessings Jesus described differ from rewards we earn or the good things we are given? Kingdom blessings are very different from other blessings we find in this world. Some are received on earth and some in heaven. They are blessings of the heart that come to those who put God first and treat others with great respect. Kingdom blessings describe Jesus; how He treated others and how He was treated. Whenever His followers do what Jesus would do, they are blessed in a very big way. Read each Blessing Card including the Beatitude and description.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus knows the needs of our hearts. He knows if we are sad. He knows if our hearts are pure or gentle. He knows if our hearts long to do what is right. He knows if our hearts are merciful and if we are peacemakers. Jesus knows our hearts and blesses them. Let's check out what the Lord told Samuel about our hearts more than one thousand years before Jesus taught us about these blessings. Reveal 1 Samuel 16:7. Find it First. Highlight. Pray. Read.

These blessings are important to remember because they may describe a blessing in your life now or in your future.

Play Match-Up Mountain.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Beatitudes Bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus teaching the crowd on the hillside
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Mountain of Pudding

GAME: Blessing Buddy Charades

CRAFT: Take Home Blessing Cards

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Come, Follow Me; The Wave

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