

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Jesus helps us look at life differently.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 5:3,4

Matthew 5:5,6

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 5:8

Matthew 5:9

Matthew 5:10-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What does Jesus mean when He says, "Blessed are...?"

Who does our society consider blessed?

What would we have to give up or let go of to become poor in spirit, brokenhearted, meek, and starved for righteousness?

Describe the actions of someone who is merciful, pure in heart, or a peacemaker.

Why are followers of Christ frequently persecuted? What does the amount of persecution we receive on account of Jesus tell us about our relationship with Him?

Which of the beatitudes is the most difficult for you to accept? Why?

Which of these beatitudes is most important to you right now? Why?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for truth.

Tell God how much you need Him.

Thank God for the joy you experience in Him.

Ask God to show you where you need to give yourself to His Spirit.

FAMILY RESOURCE

Big idea: Jesus helps me look at life differently

READ MATTHEW 5:1-4

What do you think of when you hear "poor"?

What do you think of when you hear the word "kingdom"?

Look up the word "mourn" in the dictionary, then have a family hug & snuggle session.

READ MATTHEW 5:5-6

Look up "meek" in the dictionary.

Why does it take a strong person to be meek?

Make up & act out a skit

about a hungry person entering the kitchen.

What does verse 6 say we are to be hungry for?

READ MATTHEW 5:7-8

How can you help others be kind?

How does being honest help me see who God is?

Tell each other one thing

that someone else did for you today.

READ MATTHEW 5:9

Calmly and patiently work through one family problem until you all agree on the solution.

How long did it take?

As needed, remind each other of your agreement.

READ MATTHEW 5:10-12

How should we feel if people tell us about the things we've done wrong?

Who can make the best sad face?

How should we feel if people don't like the things we've done right?

Who can make the biggest smile?

MEMORY VERSE:

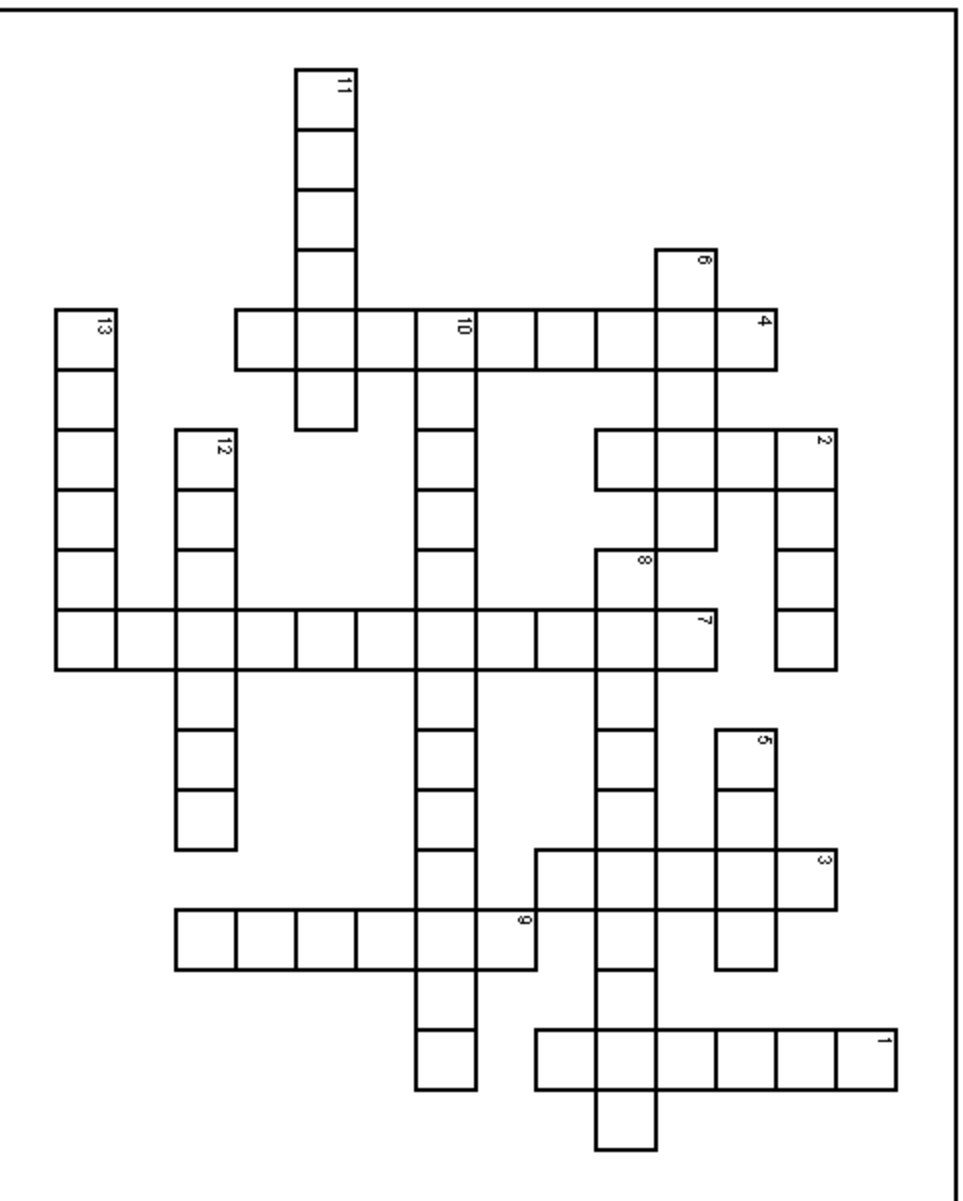
"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:30-31

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The Beatitudes

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



Across

- not rich (Matthew 5:3)
- gentle (Matthew 5:5)
- are sad (Matthew 5:4)
- wrongfully hurt (Matthew 5:10)
- a pure life (Matthew 5:6)
- satisfied (Matthew 5:6)
- be given after death (Matthew 5:5)
- large group (Matthew 5:1)

Down

- where we'll live with God (Matthew 5:3)
- holy (Matthew 5:8)
- undeserved kindness (Matthew 5:7)
- soothes (Matthew 5:4)
- they bring people together (Matthew 5:9)
- prize (Matthew 5:12)

The Beatitudes

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comforted

righteousness

filled

heaven

reward

mEEK

crowds

poor

mercy

peacemakers

pure

persecuted

inherit

mourn

The Beatitudes

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2. KEMEM _____
3. TDUEPRSC EE _____
4. ILDEF L _____
5. ROOP _____
6. GHSSUERSIT OEN _____
7. CWRDOS _____
8. RUEP _____
9. NHIRTEI _____
10. OMRNU _____
11. RMYCE _____
12. SEECAPREKAM I _____
13. DRWAER _____
14. ENEAHV _____