

Beatitudes Bingo Questions

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Finish this sentence:

Beatitude is a really old word that means _____.

Answer: **blessing**

Discuss: *Beatitudes are blessings.*

Blessing means a gift or favor given by God that brings us happiness even when we don't deserve it. Because God loves us, He wants to give us good things. Sometimes blessings don't look like what we think they will look like. We don't always get the gifts we expect from God, but we always get what we need from Him.

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Finish this sentence:

The Beatitudes are blessings we receive when we have certain _____.

Answer: **attitudes**

Discuss: *The Beatitudes are blessings we receive when we have certain attitudes.*

These attitudes we have been learning about the past couple of months are the attitudes of people who follow Jesus. We call them the "be" attitudes because they are what our attitudes should "be". These are the opposite of the "me" attitudes, which are what we have when we choose to make ourselves more important than Jesus.

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Answer this question:

Who sat on the mountainside and taught the Beatitudes? _____

Answer: **Jesus**

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Answer this question:

Does God bless everyone? _____

Answer: **No**

Discuss: *God does not bless everyone.*

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3)

Do you see that? "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him." Do you see those words after poor? "Realize their need for Him". When we realize how poor we are and how much we need God, He blesses us.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those people who mourn. They will be _____.

Answer: **comforted**

Discuss: "⁴*God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*" (Matthew 5:4)

What does it mean to mourn? Mourn means to be really, really sad. The original Greek word for mourn is a word used for grieving for the dead. There is no sadness as deep as the sadness felt when someone you love dies. That is the kind of sadness Jesus means when he says, "God blesses those who mourn." He means the kind of grieving that makes your heart and your stomach hurt.

He also might have been talking about people who were sad about all the things that are wrong with the world and all the ways in which people don't act as though they're living in the kingdom of God.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit _____.

Answer: **the whole earth**

Discuss: ⁵ *God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.*
(Matthew 5:5)

What does humble mean? The word humble means, “not being proud or feeling deep pleasure or satisfaction as a result of one’s own achievements, qualities or possessions.” How many of you are proud of something you have done lately? How many of you think you are better at doing something than all of your friends or classmates? The world that we live in teaches us that we can be great all on our own, but the Bible teaches us that when we rely on God we can achieve all things through Him. Someone who is humble is led by God in all things he does. We cannot be great on our own. You are being humble when you realize that you are a great football player because God made you that way and that you are a gifted piano player because God gave you that gift. Try to see God in everything you do. Someone who is humble may also be described as tenderhearted, patient, slow to anger, controlled, moderated, not self-seeking, and self-less.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be

_____.

Answer: **satisfied**

Discuss: ⁶ *God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.*

We know what it means to be hungry and to be thirsty when it comes to our bodies. Our tummies start to growl, our mouths get dry and we may get a little grumpy. Those are signs that we need to eat and drink something to take care of our bodies. But Jesus isn’t talking about being physically hungry and thirsty. He’s talking about being spiritually hungry and thirsty. When our hearts are hungry and thirsty, we need to fill them with the justice and righteousness of God.

The word justice, in the bible, means doing what is right according to God’s laws. So when you let His word set the standard for your life, you are being just.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those who are the merciful, for they will be shown _____.

Answer: **mercy**

Discuss: *God blesses those who are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*
(Matthew 5:7)

What does mercy mean? *(Being kind, forgiving, compassionate, sometimes even toward people who have done something wrong and don't deserve kind treatment.)* We all need mercy sometimes both from other people and from God. Therefore, we need to show mercy ourselves.

“How can I become merciful?” We become merciful when we realize we are sinners, humble ourselves, and ask Him to be merciful to us.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those whose hearts are pure for they will see _____.

Answer: **God**

Discuss: ⁸ *God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.*
(Matthew 5:8)

What do you think a “pure heart” is? *(Loving God and other people, wanting to do what's right)*

This is the most significant of all the beatitudes because you cannot be poor in spirit without having a pure heart. You cannot mourn for things that displease God without having a pure heart. You cannot be humble, hunger and thirst for justice, and be merciful without having a pure heart. What does pure mean? “Pure” means not contaminated or mixed with any other substance.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called _____.

Answer: the children of God

Discuss: ⁹ *God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)*

What is peace? (*Not fighting or arguing*) Sometimes we need to make peace with people we're mad at, and sometimes we can make peace by helping other people get along with each other.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses those who are persecuted for _____, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Answer: doing right

Discuss: ¹⁰ *God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs. (Matthew 5:10)*

What does it mean to be persecuted? To be persecuted means to be teased, bullied, harassed, or treated poorly because of what you believe. At some point in their lives, every Christian will face persecution of some sort. If you never in your life are teased, left out, made fun of, or get in trouble for standing up for what Jesus stands for, then chances are you can more boldly follow Jesus.

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Finish this verse:

God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient _____ were persecuted in the same way.

Answer: prophets

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What does mock mean? (to say something mean, to hurt somebody's feelings to tease someone.)

What's a prophet? (somebody who brings a message from God.) The Bible tells lots of stories about prophets who brought messages from God telling people what they were doing wrong. The people didn't want to hear the truth and they punished the prophets for speaking the truth.

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Answer the question:

In what book of the Bible do we find the Beatitudes?

Answer: Matthew

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Answer the question:

The Beatitudes are the beginning of a much bigger teaching, by Jesus, in the book of Matthew. What is that teaching called?

Answer: The Sermon on the Mount

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Answer the question:

How many Beatitudes are there?

Answer: Eight