

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12A

Jesus and his disciples went up on a mountain, and they sat down so Jesus could teach them. Jesus said to his disciples,

“Blessed are people who know they need God, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Blessed are people who are sad now, for later God will comfort them.

Blessed are people who are humble, for God will give them everything.

Blessed are people who work for justice, for God will give them all they need.

Blessed are people who show mercy to others, for God will have mercy on them.

Blessed are people who have hearts that are pure, for they will see God.

Blessed are people who make peace, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are people who suffer for doing what is right, for the kingdom of heaven will belong to them.”

“And you are blessed when people hurt you and say bad things about you because you believe in me. Be happy and glad, for God will reward you in heaven.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



*This Gospel is also known as the Beatitudes. Do you know why?*



*Does God's ways seem different from what you would normally think and do?*

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# CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel is also known as the Sermon on the Mount, or the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes means 'very happy'.

One simple way of looking at it is they are instructions on how to live closer to God. Jesus' words remind us that even if everything seems wrong in our lives, God's comfort is nearer than we think!

# WHAT WOULD JESUS DO

Jessie was having a bad day. She had an argument with her best friend, and she was having trouble in school. She was especially jealous of her neighbour Mae, who always seemed happy.

'Be happy and glad,' Mae would say. 'Things will always change for the better.'

Jessie was always wondered if things will always get better. They sure didn't seem so in her life.

Thinking about today's Gospel, if you were Mae, what would you tell Jessie? How would you comfort her and give her hope and help?

# COLOUR IT IN

Colour in the phrases that reflect the Beatitudes in today's Gospel:

PEOPLE ARE MORE  
IMPORTANT THAN  
THINGS

SHOP TILL YOU  
DROP

I DO WHAT I CAN  
AND I TRUST GOD  
FOR THE REST

BE LIKE JESUS

NO ONE LOOKS OUT  
FOR ME

GOD LOVES  
EVERYONE