

Jesus Begins His Ministry

The Sermon on the Mount: Part 1

The Beatitudes

Read: The Holy Bible, KJV, Matthew 5:1-12. Be sure to explain what “beatitude” means prior to reading, and remind them afterwards. (Definition below).

Discuss: Go through the beatitudes one by one and discuss their meanings. Ask the kids to give an example of each and how they will use these teachings to follow Christ.

Some words will need explanation. Here are some definitions to help you:

Meek- humbly patient or docile, as under provocation from others. 2. overly submissive or compliant; spiritless; tame. 3. Obsolete. gentle ...

Mercy: -compassionate or kindly forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person in one's power; compassion, pity

Reville: to assail with contemptuous or opprobrious language; address or speak of abusively.

Persecute: to oppress, harass, or maltreat, esp because of race, religion, etc:

*Beatitude: Supreme blessedness or happiness. 2. Beatitude Any of the declarations of blessedness made by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Activity: #1: (Activities to be run simultaneously).

Create a wall hanging of the beatitudes as a decoration for the church or your Sunday school area.

Materials: Blank canvas, craft paint, varying sizes of paintbrushes, cup of water, paper towels, pencil, straight edge, **extra adult volunteer!**

Directions:

1. Use your straight edge and pencil to make straight lines, dividing the canvas into 10 sections. Leave more space for the first section because this is the space for your heading where the kids will paint “The Beatitudes.”
2. Take turns with the kids painting the beatitudes. If you wish, choose alternate colors for each beatitude, as long as they are dark enough to show. Ask your volunteer to guide their spelling. Tricky words!
3. Let your project dry, and hang!

Activity #2:

In this activity we will be illustrating each beatitude. It can be a project to take home, or if your students do an extra special job it could be used for a display. This activity is meant to run simultaneously with the previous one, since the painting can only be done one student at a time.

Materials: white paper, thin black marker, pencil, erasers, colored pencils

Directions:

1. Each child chooses one or two beatitudes, depending on how many kids are in your class.
2. Draw an example of the beatitude, and write it out somewhere on the picture in black marker.