

Children's Church – Sunday 1st November
Matthew 5: 1-12
The Beatitudes

Jesus went up a mountainside and began teaching his followers about the **Beatitudes**. This means he was teaching them about the **blessings from God for all sorts of people**. It was also a way of showing us **how he would like us to live our lives**.



A blessing means something good in our lives that we feel lucky to have. To us it can mean being lucky enough to have a home, a school, food to eat and toys to play with, etc. But there is another sort of blessing, too – **God's love in our lives!**

Can you think of any blessings in your life that are not "things"…?



Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRQVj39WkDE>



Craft:
Find Your Hidden Blessings!

On a piece of white paper draw things that you feel are blessings in your life – but in white crayon! Then use a wash of water-based paints to brush across the picture...and see your invisible blessings appear! This is like the blessing of God's love in your life – you sometimes feel you can't see it but when you really look for it, it is always there!



Prayer:

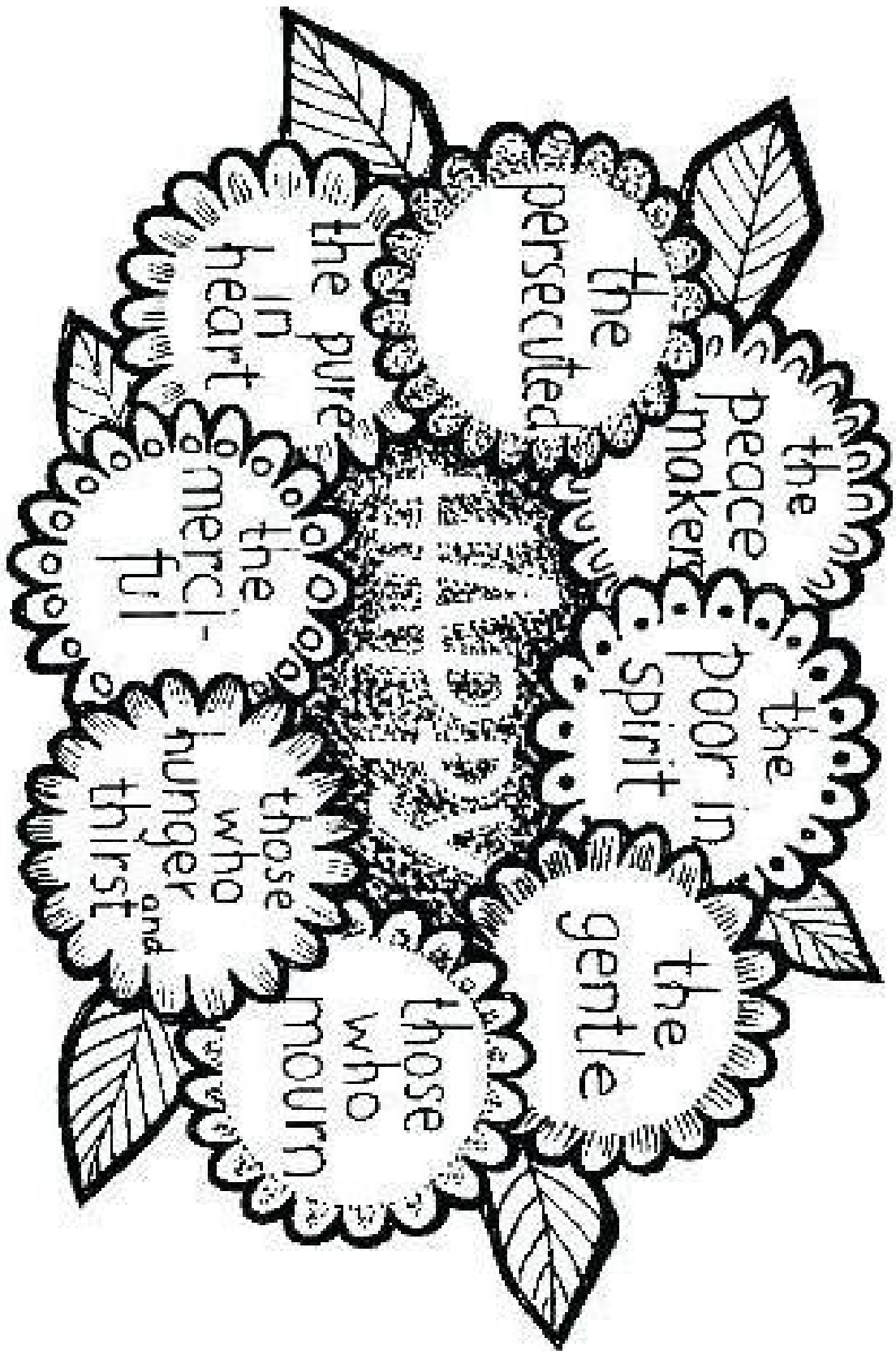
Dear Lord



Thank you for teaching us so wisely and for reminding us of your blessing upon us. Please help us to live our lives in the ways you teach us about and to think of others as often as we can.

Amen

Jesus told us that all these people would be blessed. Have a chat with a grown-up and see if you can work out what some of these mean.

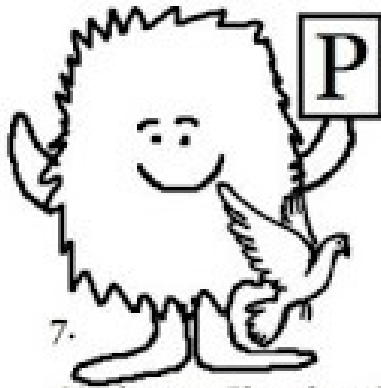




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Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.



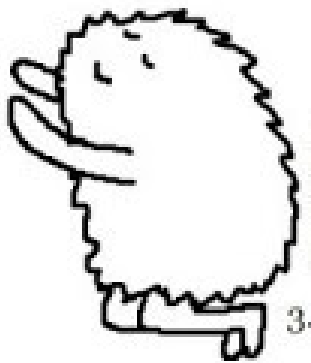
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Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.



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Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.



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Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.



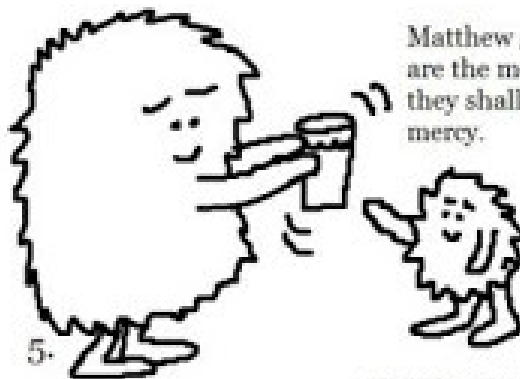
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Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

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