

Lesson 10

Jesus Talks About Attitudes

Luke 6:17-23

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Created for use with young, unchurched learners - Adaptable for all ages including adults



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Younger Verse	When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.	Jeremiah 29:13
Older Verse	When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.	Jeremiah 29:13
Bible Story	Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teac Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do <b>NO</b> piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to Bible.	<b>T</b> read from this

Many people heard about Jesus and wanted to listen to all that He had to say. They followed Him to the bottom of a hillside where they sat down to hear Him talk and to ask for help with their sicknesses. Everyone who touched Jesus was healed.

Then Jesus began teaching His disciples. Some people call these teachings the "Beatitudes," which is a big word meaning "happy or blessed."

First, Jesus said that God blesses those who are poor, because God's kingdom is given to them. Next, He said God blesses those who are hungry now, for they will be satisfied. Then, He said God blesses those who are sad and cry now, because later they will laugh with joy. Finally, Jesus said that God blesses those who are treated badly because they follow Him. He said to be very glad when that happens, because they will receive a great reward in heaven.

Ask: What does it mean to be blessed by God? When God blesses a person, He gives them extra strength, comfort, joy, and peace. Jesus wanted His disciples to be blessed by God. And He wants US to be blessed by God, too. Let's look closer at each blessing Jesus mentioned here and what it means for us.

1. *God blesses those who are poor:* If someone is poor, it means they are in need of something. Jesus said that He will bless those who recognize their need for Him. When a person tells God that they need Him to come into their life and forgive their sins, He gives them eternal life. They belong to the Kingdom of God.

#### **Lesson Goals**

Learn what it means to be blessed by God Learn that Jesus blesses us when we seek Him Understand that we need God's help to obey His teachings

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- 2. *God blesses those who are hungry:* That might be physical hunger, like when your belly is empty, or it could be spiritual hunger. If a person is hungry spiritually, it means they know they need God in their lives. God's Word says that if you seek God you will find Him. He will satisfy our need for Him.
- 3. *God blesses those who are sad:* Jesus wants us to know that He cares about us. We can cry out to God and He will hear us. He will comfort us and help us to have peace even when life is hard.
- 4. *God blesses those who are treated badly because they follow Jesus:* If we believe in Jesus and we tell others about Him, some people may not like us. They may say mean things and try to hurt us. Jesus says we must love them, pray for them, and not try to get them back. Then God will bless us.

Do these teachings sound hard to follow? They are! And guess what?!? We CANNOT follow them without God's help!

Like the first beatitude says, we have to admit we need God. We must confess that we have sinned and ask God to forgive us. Then we can invite Jesus to come into our heart. And THEN He can help us obey the things he taught us!

#### **Review Questions**

- 1. What does it mean to be blessed by God? (Answer: He gives extra strength, comfort, joy, and peace.)
- 2. What kind of people does God bless? (Those who are poor, hungry, sad, and mistreated for following Jesus)
- 3. Do we need someone to help us follow these teachings? (Answer: yes) Who can help us? (Answer: God)

#### Life Application

Ask: Is it hard to admit that we need help? It is hard for some people to admit that they need God in their life. But to be a follower of Jesus, we must tell God we need Him to help us.

We cannot save ourselves from sin. But God can. So we all need God!

Planning for Lesson 11 Journey to the Cross: Jesus Enters Jerusalem Luke 19:28-38

### Preschool Lesson for Jesus Talks about Attitudes

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### Hands-on Activities for Jesus Talks About Attitudes

Sing the song "Seek Ye First." Talk about what it means to seek God before anything else.

Try this object lesson. Bring paper, pencils, and wipes. Ask the kids to write the word "Attitude" on the paper and color it in with pencil very darkly. Now ask the kids to rub their finger over the letters. The dark lead will come off on their fingers. Share how bad attitudes rub off on others. Explain that Jesus wants us to have pure, clean attitudes that are good and helpful to others. Challenge the group to practice good attitudes this week.

Play Hide-and-Seek. Explain that unlike the game, God does not hide from us. He promises that if we seek Him, we will find Him.

Let the kids draw smiley faces on paper plates. Talk about how to have good attitudes and help others instead of hurting them. Share how God will help with all our needs. Write one of the be-attitudes on the plate.

Sing "Oh Be Careful Little Eyes What You See." Other verses are "Oh be careful little ears what you hear," "Oh be careful little feet where you go," "Oh be careful little mouth what you say." Another song you can sing is "If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands," stomp your feet, say amen, etc.

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