

Redeemer Lutheran Church

“At-Home” Sunday School Packet

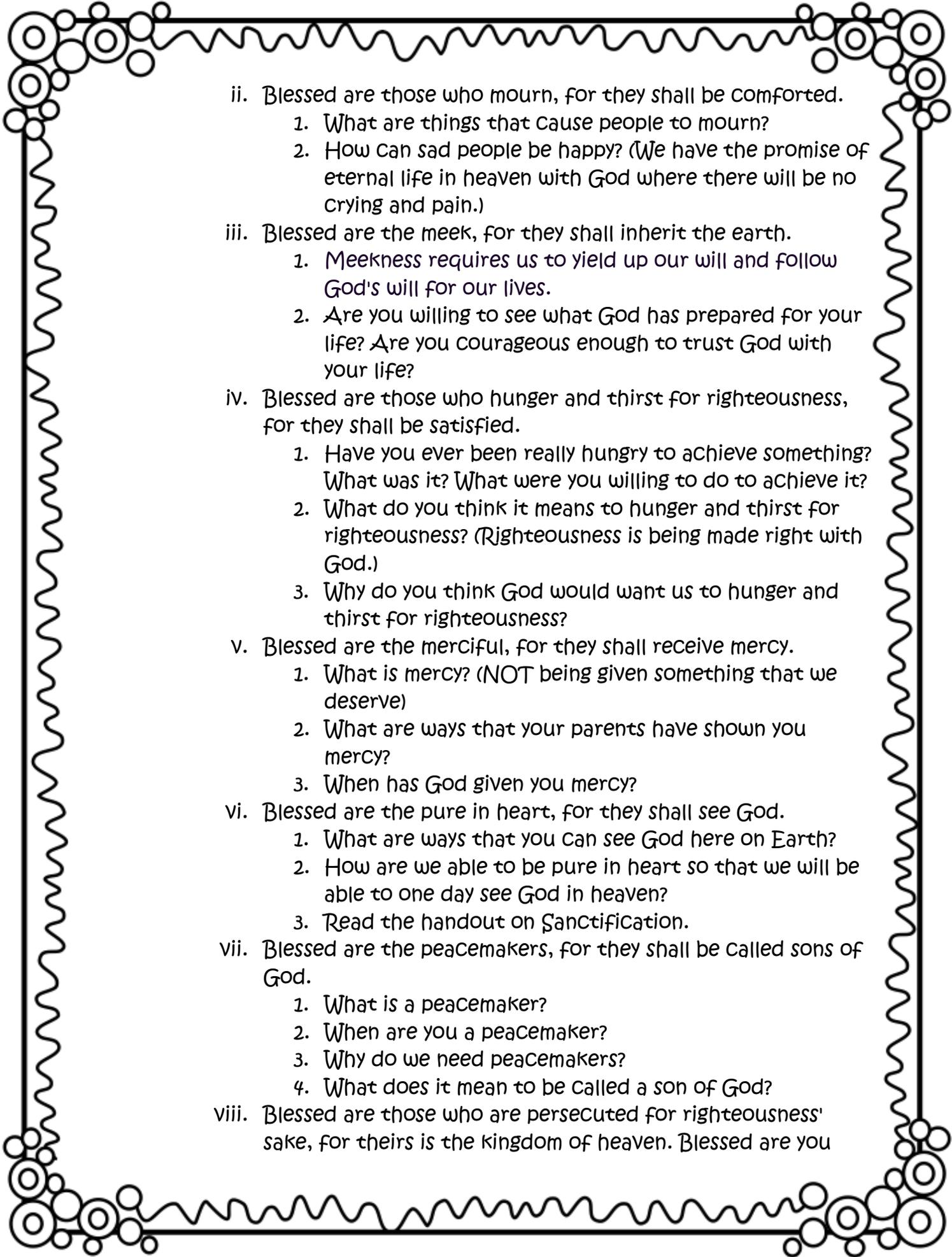
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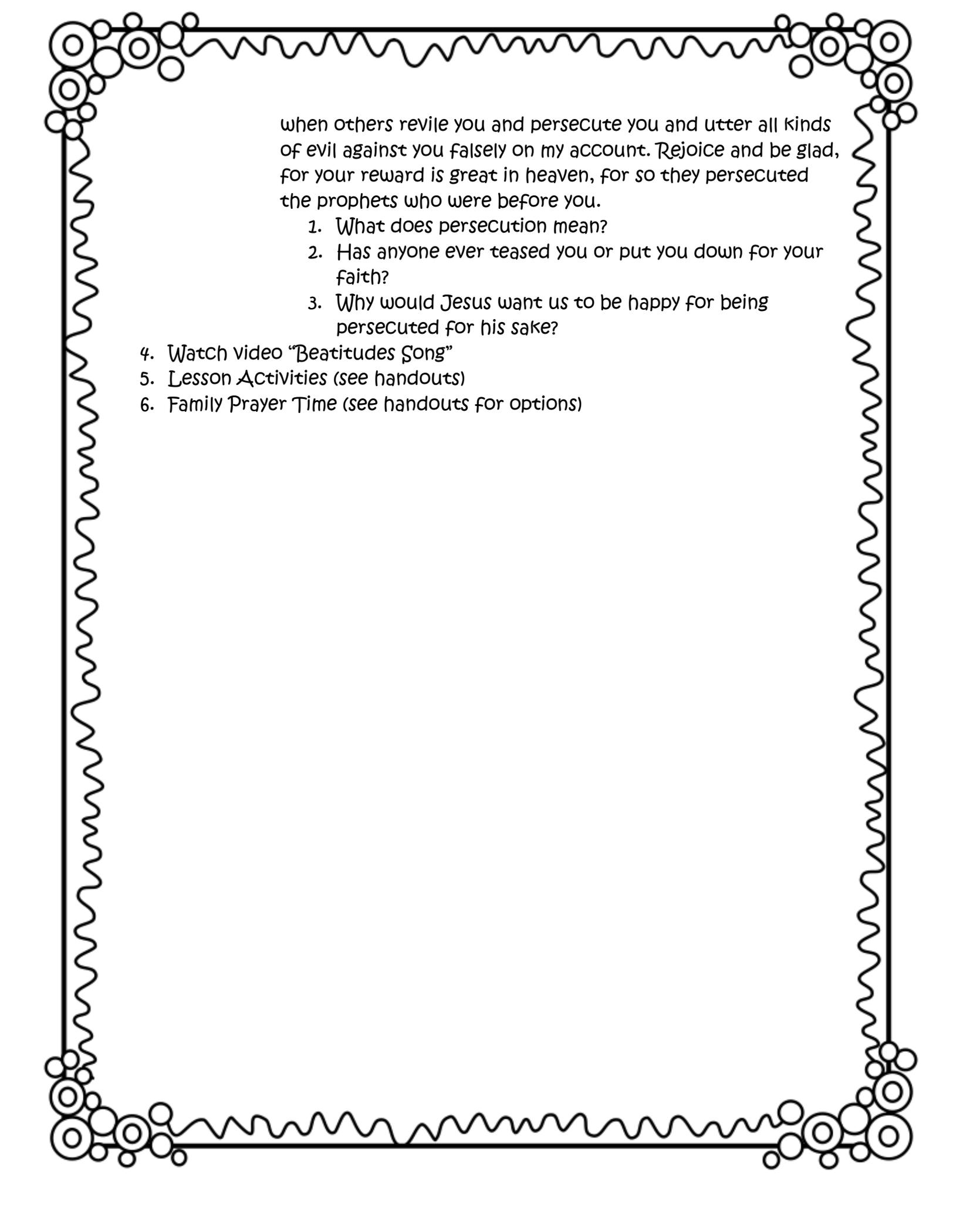
Today's Bible Lesson: “The Beatitudes” Matthew 5:1-16

Among the special sections of the Bible are the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are called such because of their first word “blessed,” in Greek *makarios*. The saints of God are blessed; we have received the name of God in our Baptism and fed on Jesus’ body and blood in Communion. We are called to live a different life; a life of being blessed to be a blessing.

*To find links to the videos mentioned, go to the church website (redeemerlutheran.us). Under Ministries, go to Youth and then Children’s Ministries.

1. Begin with Luther’s Morning Prayer (see handout)
2. Family Sing-A-Long videos – Pick 3 of your favorites from the videos online.
3. Today’s Lesson
 - a. The Lutheran church teaches that saints are holy people. As forgiven children of Christ, we are holy. That’s what we celebrate on All Saints’ Day. Read the handout on saints.
 - b. Read the Bible reading from the handout.
 - c. Discuss each of the sections of the Beatitudes using the following
 - i. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 1. What does blessed mean? (happy)
 2. What makes you happy? What kind of happiness do you think Jesus was talking about?
 3. When people are poor in spirit, they are ready to listen to God. They are willing to give up on “their own will” and trust God’s will for their lives.
 4. Who are people from the Bible who yielded to God’s will?

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- ii. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 - 1. What are things that cause people to mourn?
 - 2. How can sad people be happy? (We have the promise of eternal life in heaven with God where there will be no crying and pain.)
 - iii. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 - 1. Meekness requires us to yield up our will and follow God's will for our lives.
 - 2. Are you willing to see what God has prepared for your life? Are you courageous enough to trust God with your life?
 - iv. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - 1. Have you ever been really hungry to achieve something? What was it? What were you willing to do to achieve it?
 - 2. What do you think it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness? (Righteousness is being made right with God.)
 - 3. Why do you think God would want us to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
 - v. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 - 1. What is mercy? (NOT being given something that we deserve)
 - 2. What are ways that your parents have shown you mercy?
 - 3. When has God given you mercy?
 - vi. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - 1. What are ways that you can see God here on Earth?
 - 2. How are we able to be pure in heart so that we will be able to one day see God in heaven?
 - 3. Read the handout on Sanctification.
 - vii. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
 - 1. What is a peacemaker?
 - 2. When are you a peacemaker?
 - 3. Why do we need peacemakers?
 - 4. What does it mean to be called a son of God?
 - viii. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you



when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. What does persecution mean?
2. Has anyone ever teased you or put you down for your faith?
3. Why would Jesus want us to be happy for being persecuted for his sake?
4. Watch video "Beatitudes Song"
5. Lesson Activities (see handouts)
6. Family Prayer Time (see handouts for options)



Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



The Sermon on the Mount

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Do Lutherans honor and remember the saints?

Yes. Remembering and honoring the saints is very “Lutheran.” God’s Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.



Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, which explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that we honor the saints for three reasons. ① Thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we thank God for “showing (his people) examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church.” ② Strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives the saints, we are “encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin.” (Do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the Apostles sinned and received forgiveness.) ③ “the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues ...” We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as they were!



Parents: Explain to your children that we are not praying to the saints; we are simply honoring them on a special day in the Church Year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!



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Another great big word of love

In the Bible we hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus and all He has done for us. We hear about how He has saved us from our sins through His perfect life, death and resurrection. What you may not know is how the Holy Spirit fits into the picture. "Sanctification" (pronounced sank-ti-fi-KAY-shun) is the word used by the Church to describe this.



What does "sanctification" mean?

"Sanctification" comes from the root word "sanctify" which means "to make holy." The Holy Spirit sanctifies, or makes us holy, by giving us faith in Jesus and enabling us to do good works. All of this He does for us through the wonderful Gospel, and the Gospel can be found all wrapped up in the Word and Sacraments. Wow! The Holy Spirit is really at work in our lives!

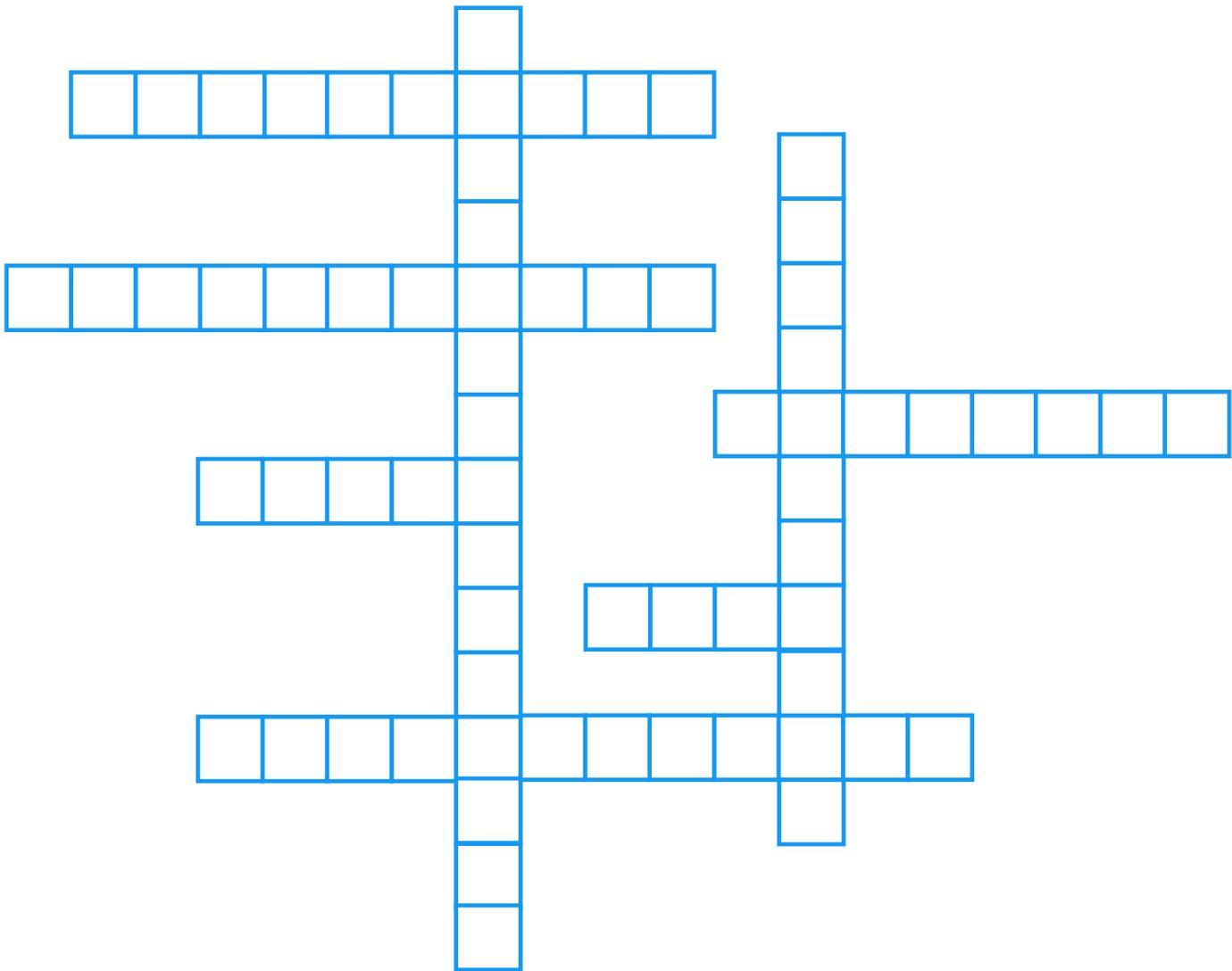


Parents: Our Savior paid the price, and the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts! What a great combination and promise. Before or after the service, visit the baptismal font with your children and remind them that this is where the work of sanctification began. In Baptism we are washed clean and made holy before God!



Beatitude Crossword

Jesus' Beatitudes from his Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5: 3-12, are written below.
Read the Beatitudes and place the **blue words** in the correct boxes in the puzzle.



Blessed are the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that **mourn**: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall inherit the earth.

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

Blessed are the **merciful**: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are **persecuted** for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

What Does it Take to be Blessed?

Instructions: Answer the following questions, then copy your answer into the corresponding blank space below to complete the first four beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-6.



1. What is the opposite of more? 1. _____
2. What is the opposite of rich? 2. _____
3. When playing tag, after tagging someone you say, "You're ____." 3. _____
4. What do you call a Queen's husband? 4. _____
5. Same answer for question 1 above. 5. _____
6. What is another word for the "world"? 6. _____
7. What is the feeling you have when you have not eaten for a while? 7. _____
8. What do you quench with a cool drink? 8. _____
9. If one hand is your left, what is the other hand? 9. _____
10. What is another word for sick? 10. _____



B _____ed are the _____ in spir_____, for theirs is the _____dom of heaven.
(1) (2) (3) (4)

B _____ed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
(5)

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the _____.
(6)

Blessed are those who _____ and _____ for _____eousness, for
(7) (8) (9)

they will be f_____ed.
(10)

What Does it Take to be Blessed?

Instructions: Answer the following questions, then copy your answer into the corresponding blank space below to complete the second four beatitudes found in Matthew 5:7-10.



1. What two letter word do you use to call yourself? 1. _____
2. In school, you sometimes have _____ and tell. 2. _____
3. What object would you draw on Valentines day? 3. _____
4. Who is the Creator of all things? _____. 4. _____
5. What do we have when there is no war? 5. _____
6. If the girls are daughters, what are boys? 6. _____
7. What is the opposite of more? 7. _____
8. In an argument, if you are not wrong, you are what? 8. _____
9. What do you call a place with a castle, a king, a queen and many people? 9. _____
10. Where is Jesus waiting for us? 10. _____



Blessed are the _____rciful, for they will be _____n mercy.
(1) (2)

Blessed are the pure in _____, for they will see _____.
(3) (4)

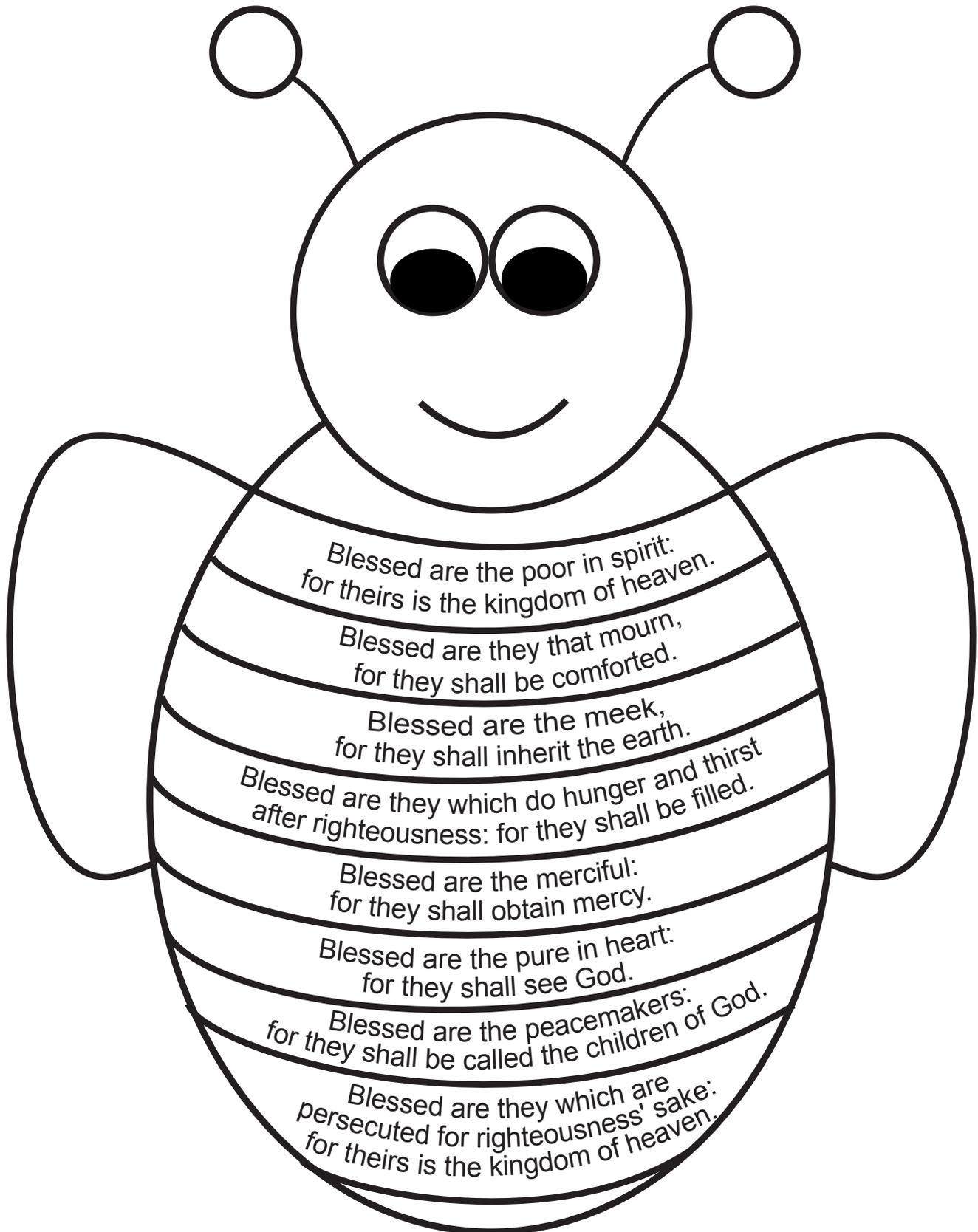
Blessed are the _____ makers, for they will be called _____ of God.
(5) (6)

B_____ed are those who are persecuted because of _____eousness,
(7) (8)

for theirs is the _____ of _____.
(9) (10)

The "Bee" Attitudes

Jesus' sermon on the mount begins with 8 blessings called the Beatitudes. Have fun learning the Beatitudes by coloring each stripe on the bee.



The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



MY WORLD:

MONDAY

This month, I will pray for the country of _____

These are some of the things I will pray about:

MY COMMUNITY:

WEDNESDAY

This is what I will pray about for my community:

WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS MONTH:

SATURDAY

MY COUNTRY:

TUESDAY

I will pray for my own country! These are some of the things I will pray about this month:

MY FRIENDS:

THURSDAY

This month I will pray for _____

These are the things I will pray about:

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT GOD THIS MONTH:

MY FAMILY:

FRIDAY

This month I will pray for:

SUNDAY