Matthew 5:1-12

Youtube Link for Teachers: <u>https://youtu.be/-qJZvB4cm7M</u>

Children's Bible Story Video: <u>https://youtu.be/rvweW3ILVd4</u>

## Worship Theme: A humble heart pleases God.

**Memory Verse:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. I Know That https://youtu.be/ywt-KvGIQcE
- 2. It's a Great Day https://youtu.be/Z91SULEHfho
- 3. Be Humble Before the Lord https://youtu.be/7WO74xMesGU

### Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: «Counting fruit»

Materials Needed: papers and pencils



Divide the children into 3 or 4 groups and give paper and pencil to each group.

Ask each group to write down all the names of the fruit they can think of in 2 minutes.

After, teacher collects the papers from each group and select the group with the most names of the fruit. This group wins the game.

After this game, explain to the children that we

cannot remember all the fruits that God created. In the same way, we cannot count all the blessings that God gives us.

### Introduction:

What do you do when you meet your teacher? When you go to visit your grandparent's house? or when older people visit your house? What kind of attitude do you have when you speak to your friends? Do you act like you're the boss or are you kind to them? What about when you speak to your grandparents? Are you humble to them or rude to them? Today, we will learn about important attitudes that we must have to be rewarded in heaven!

### Bible Story:

(Print and use the craft to tell the bible story)

Our Bible story today comes from the part of the Bible called the Beatitudes. In these verses, Jesus talks about the kinds of attitudes that we must have in order to please God. God also teaches us that if we have these good attitudes, we will have rewards in heaven. So, it is important for us to understand these eight attitudes.

- 1. Have the children cut out the circle that says "Blessed are..."
- 2. Cut out "Poor in spirit" and explain this means being humble by putting others first and not brag. Now glue this to the circle.
- 3. Cut out "Those who mourn" and explain that when you are sad, God will comfort you. This is especially true when we are sad for people who do not believe in God. Now glue this to the circle.
- 4. Cut out "Meek" and explain that this means being patient without being angry at others. Now glue this to the circle.
- 5. Cut out "Righteous" and explain that this means doing things that are right with God which pleases him. Now glue this to the circle.
- 6. Cut out "Merciful" and explain that this means showing kindness to others instead of judging them. Now glue this to the circle.

- 7. Cut out "Pure in heart" and explain that this means having a heart that only wants to make God happy. Now glue this to the circle.
- 8. Cut out "Peacemakers" and explain that this means doing your best to be at peace with everyone without fighting or being selfish. Now glue this to the circle.
- 9. Cut out "Persecuted" and explain that we can be mistreated for loving and serving God, but we will continue to love God. Now glue this to the circle.

### Now you have a flower!

When we are humble before God, we can follow the beatitude. Part of being humble is understanding what Jesus is really like and understanding our relationship to him. The Bible tells us that Jesus created the world, that he is God, and that he reigns as King in heaven. Jesus is holy and righteous.

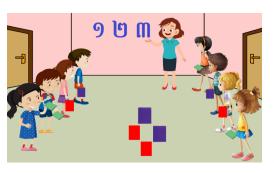
If we see examples of other people, it's easy to become proud and not humble. But if we see examples of Jesus, it's easy to be humble because Jesus is kind and humble even though he is almighty God. When we are kind and loving and full of mercy, we are not so concerned with our own importance. We are concerned about others. That's an example of humility, or being humble. If our hearts are humble, our attitudes are right, and we can love each other.

## **Questions to discuss:**

- 1. How many blessings are in the beatitudes? (Eight)
- 2. Who is the best example to help us be humble? (Jesus who was kind and humble even though he is the almighty God)
- 3. Look at your Beatitude flower. Which one do you think is the hardest to keep? (Let the children answer)

# Game: «Grab the color papers»

Materials Needed: 3 or 4 sheets of the color paper



1. Teacher needs to cut each color paper into small pieces and place them in the center of the classroom.

 Then the teacher will say, "ready, set, go," and all the children will run to grab 1 piece color paper.
After getting the paper, the children who have the same color will run to each other.

4. The group with more children will win the game.

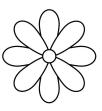
- 5. The children from the winning team have to go around and say "You did well" to children who lost the game.
- 6. After this game, explain to the children that some people face more persecutions and some face less persecution, but we need to continue to be humble because this pleases God.

### Memory Verse:

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

### Craft: "Beatitude"

Materials Needed: Print the craft sheet, crayons Follow the instruction in the bible story to make a flower of beatitude. Let the children decorate and color the beatitude flower.



Song: Select songs from the list above

## Pray

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)** Jesus preached in front of a large crowd, but he directed these blessings to his followers. Following Jesus has its price, but it also has great rewards. Reread Matthew 5:1-12. Which of these blessings seem most true in your life? Which ones do you need Jesus to make more real in your life? Jesus wants this passage to describe you. He will give you all the help you need.

