

THE BEATITUDES: HOPE-FILLED BLESSINGS

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Matthew 5:1-12



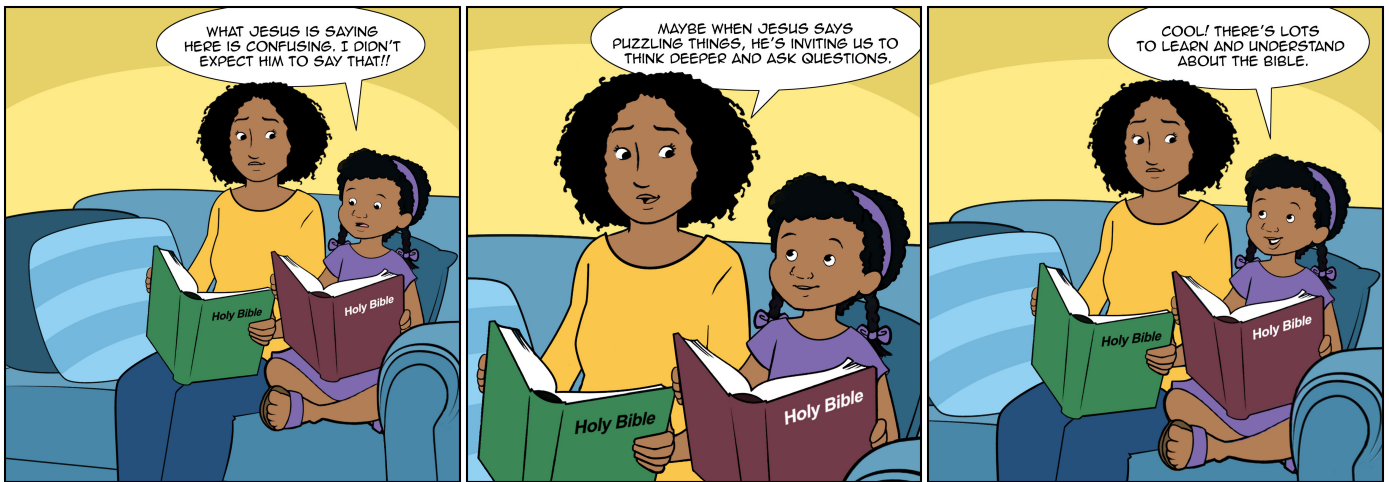
Memory Verse

¹⁰ A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so everyone would have life, and have it fully.

John 10:10

CASEY'S DAY

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When you read Matthew 5:1-12, maybe you're surprised by the unexpected words that Jesus says. The people listening when he said them the first time sure were!

Take a moment and imagine the scene. It's a beautiful, sunny day, and a large crowd surrounds Jesus, curious to hear what he has to say. He climbs up the hillside and begins to preach the Sermon on the Mount. But instead of starting with big, impressive words, Jesus begins by saying those totally unexpected words. He starts talking about blessings, but not the kind anyone might predict. He says things like, 'God blesses those people who grieve,' and 'God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right.' Some of those might sound strange or hard to hear, but Jesus' point is that even when we might not feel happy, there is still hope.

In these blessings, called the Beatitudes, Jesus flips the idea of blessings upside down and teaches about a better way to live. Each blessing that Jesus talks about has the same promise: *Hope in God will never let*

you down. When you trust in God's promises, even when life is tough, you can find comfort and a place to belong. Isn't that incredible? Maybe when Jesus says things that seem unexpected or puzzling in the Bible, he's inviting you to think deeper, ask questions, and discover the real hope in his words. It's like Jesus is saying, "Come, let's explore together. There's so much more to learn and understand."

Read each Beatitude, and remember that Jesus is showing you a new way to live. It's a way filled with hope, even when things seem tough. Keep seeking, wondering, and discovering the amazing hope and blessing of following Jesus!

Prayer

God, thank you that even in difficult situations, there is still hope in you. Help me to think deeper, ask questions, and discover the real hope in your words. Amen.

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