

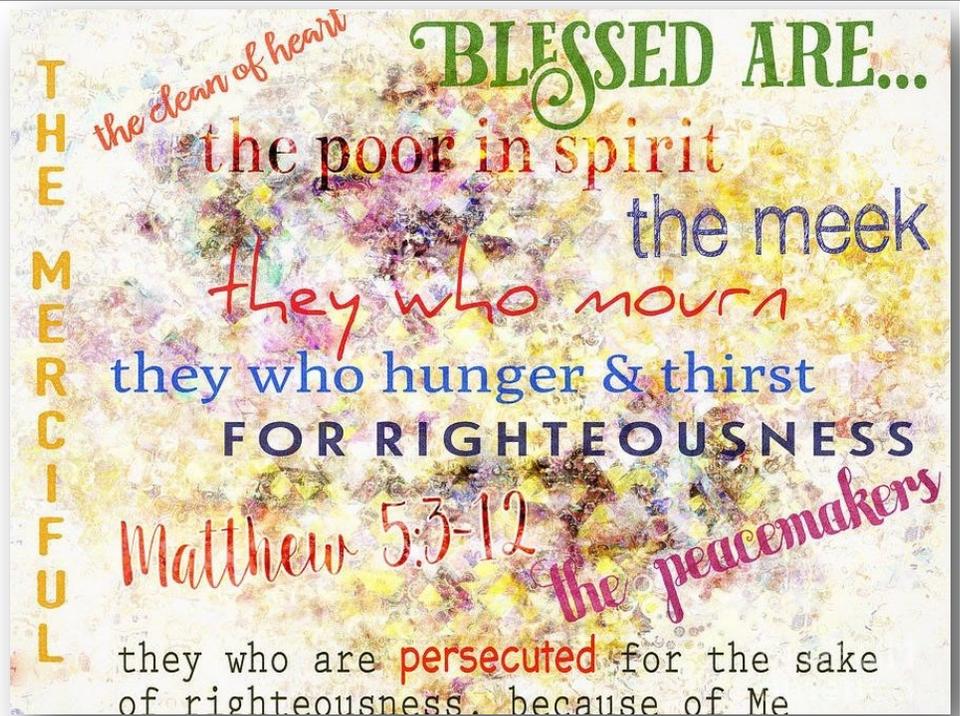
Our next topic of study will be the Beatitudes that Jesus taught us Matthew 5. Each week we will look at one new beatitude and we will learn about a person who shows us how to live by that beatitude.

As before, there will be a brief "lesson plan" of what each age level should learn from the lesson and then activities for each

age/grade. At the end of each lesson will be a cumulative activity to "build" our beatitudes.

My hope is that these lessons help you and your children grow in the Lord.

Michelle Mott



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^[a] 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.

Lesson Plan

Key Verses: *Matt 5:3, Acts 4:32-37, Acts 11:21-27*

Objectives:

 2's&3's -

- To learn how Barnabas shared with others.
- To learn that Barnabas told others about Jesus.

 4's&5's -

- To learn how Barnabas shared with others.
- To learn that Barnabas told others about Jesus.

 K & 1st -

- To know what Poor in Spirit means.
- To learn how Barnabas was Poor in Spirit by sharing, helping and spreading the gospel.

 2nd & 3rd -

- To know what Poor in Spirit means.
- To learn how Barnabas was Poor in Spirit by sharing, helping and spreading the gospel.
- To read the verses from the bible and know how to be Poor in Spirit.

 4th & up -

- To know what Poor in Spirit means.
- To learn how Barnabas was Poor in Spirit by sharing, helping and spreading the gospel.
- To read the verses from the bible and know how to be Poor in Spirit.

Application:

 2's&3's -

- I can share with others too.
- I can tell others about Jesus too.

 4's&5's -

- I can share with others too.
- I can tell others about Jesus too.

 K & 1st -

- I can be Poor in Spirit
- I can share and help others.
- I can spread tell others about Jesus.

 2nd & 3rd -

- I can be Poor in Spirit
- I can read bible verses on how to be Poor in Spirit.
- I can spread the Gospel.

 4th & up -

- I can be Poor in Spirit
- I can read bible verses on how to be Poor in Spirit.
- I can spread the Gospel.

Activities:

 2's&3's - I can share, too. color page (page 6)

 4's&5's - I can share, too. color page (page 6)

Poor in Spirit Color the Happy Face (page 7)

 K & 1st - Poor in Spirit Color the Happy Face (page 7)

Barnabas' Actions (page 8)

 2nd & 3rd - Barnabas' Actions (page 8)

Poor in Spirit Look-up (page 9)

 4th & up - Poor in Spirit Look-up (page 9)

 All Ages - Bible Journal Template (page 10-11)

The Beatitudes

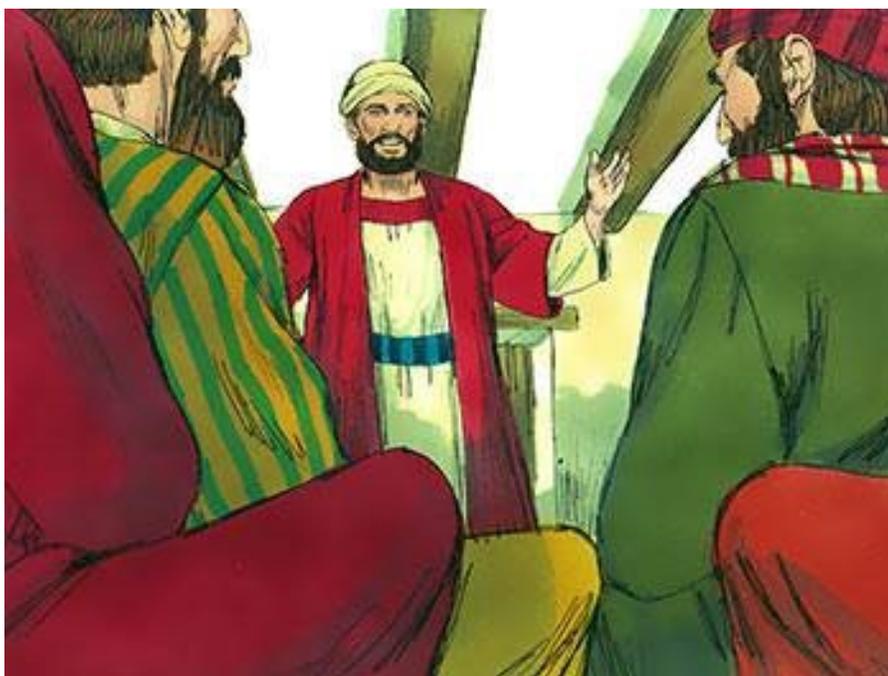
When the people gathered to hear Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matt 5), He began by telling them the Beatitudes or attitudes that they should live by and how they can be blessed.



The first Beatitude is *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* Let's take a few minutes and learn what poor in spirit means and how I can be poor in spirit like Barnabas and receive the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit... (Matt 5:3, Acts 4:32-37, Acts 11:21-27)

Someone who is *Poor in Spirit* is someone who knows they need God in their life and seeks to learn more about Him and share Him and His blessings with others. They put others ahead of themselves, love to do things for others quietly without others knowing, share willingly with others, and wants to do God's will at all time. When we are Poor in Spirit Jesus says we will receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

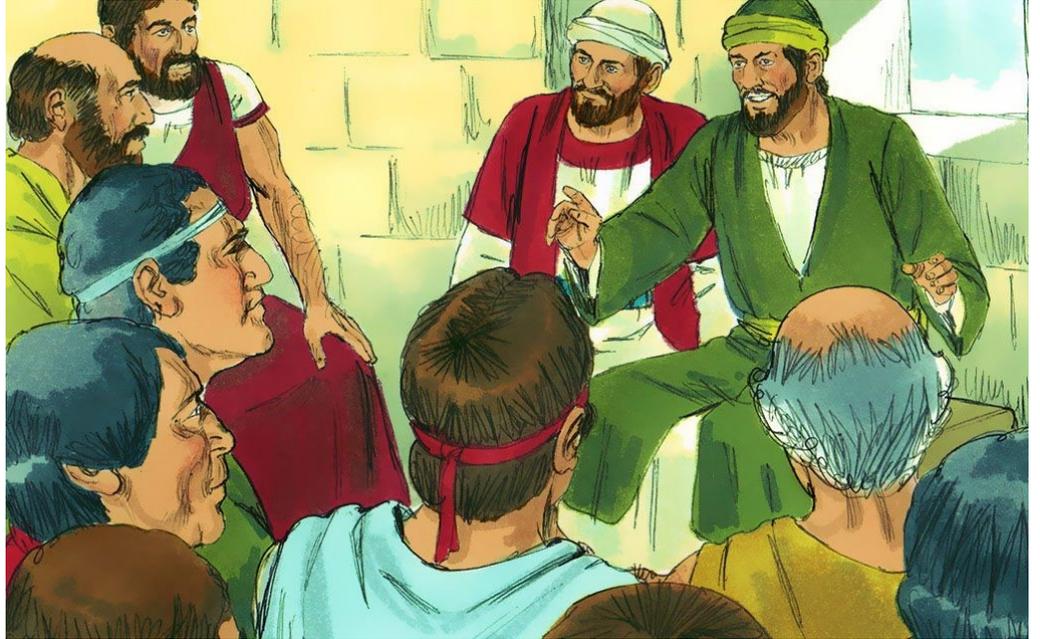


Barnabas was definitely a man who put God and others before his own needs. We read in Acts 4:32-37 about him. When the church began, many of the Christians who were in Jerusalem were far from home and did not have much money, so Barnabas, who's name means Son of Encouragement, sold some land he had and brought it to the apostles to share with others.

Later, in Acts 11:21-27 we learn Barnabas was sent by the apostles to the city of Antioch to teach and encourage them to continue with the Lord. The bible says Barnabas "was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of Faith" (Acts 11:24) Barnabas continued to teach the people in Antioch the word of God with Paul and eventually travelled with Paul to several cities sharing God's word with others.

Barnabas didn't do these things to be seen by others. He did them because he knew it was what was right, what God wanted him to do and how he could help others.

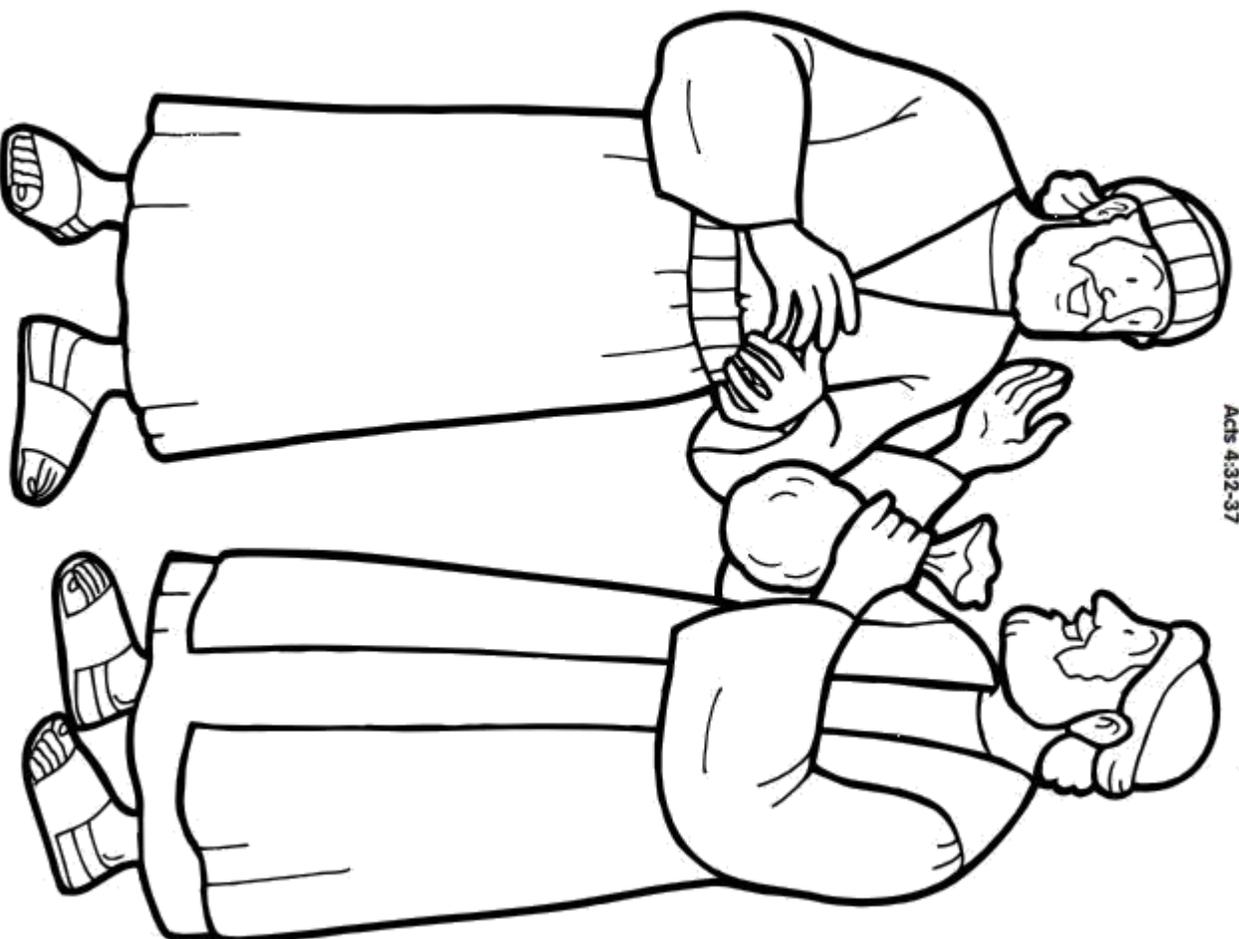
By following God, sharing the gospel and helping others like Barnabas did we become part of the Kingdom of heaven, the church and one day will be in heaven with God.



Barnabas Shared with others.

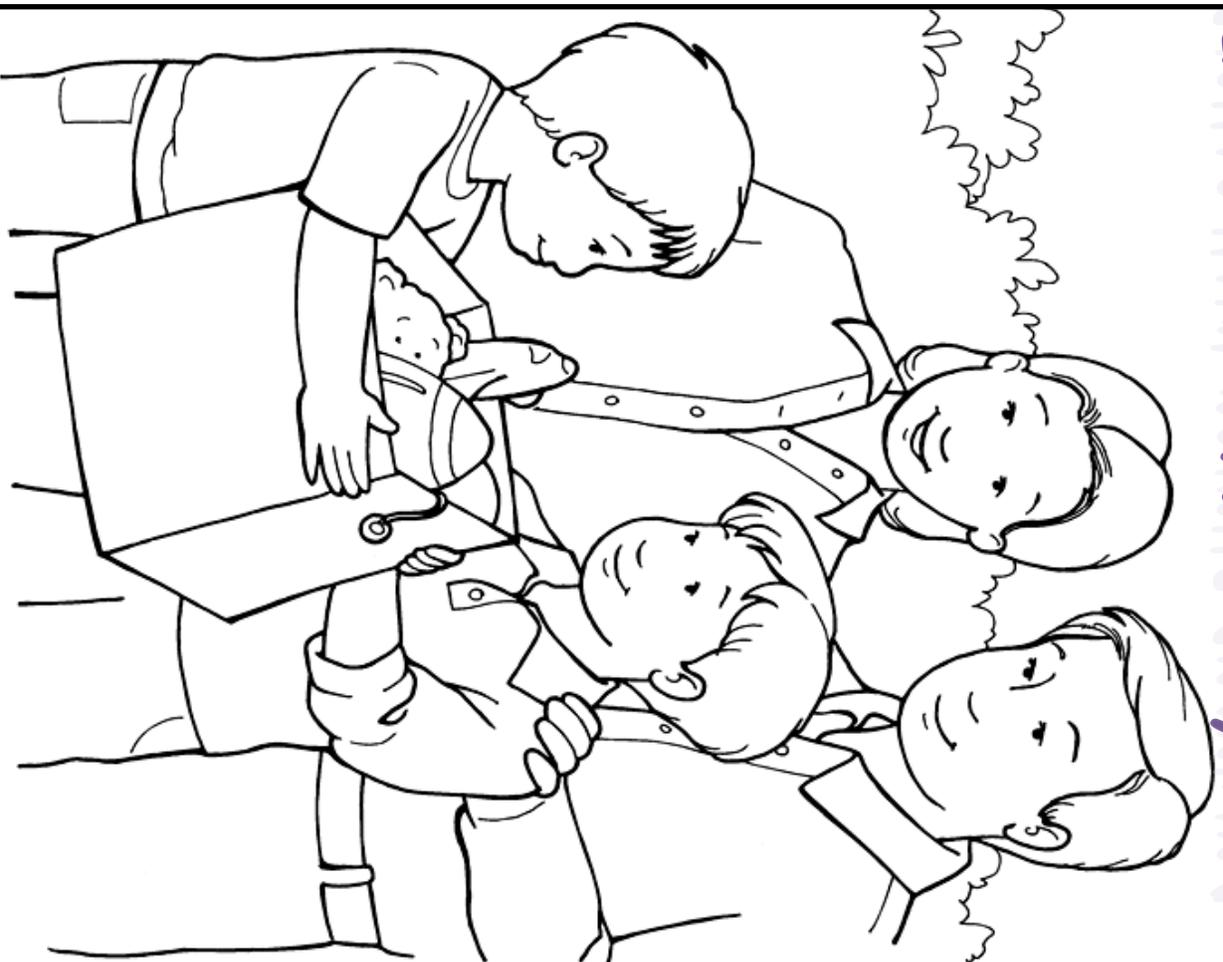
Barnabas shows his love for Jesus by sharing.

Acts 4:32-37



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I can share, too.



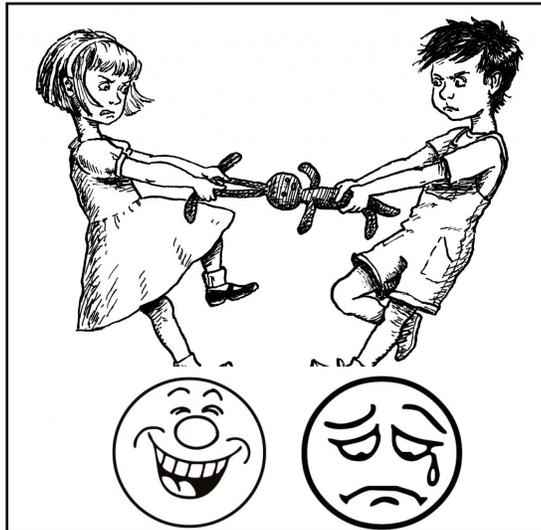
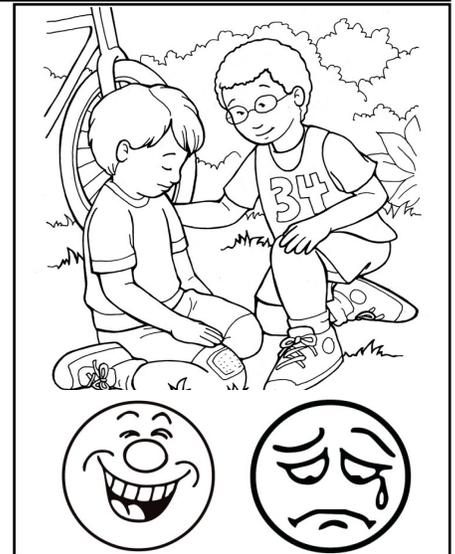
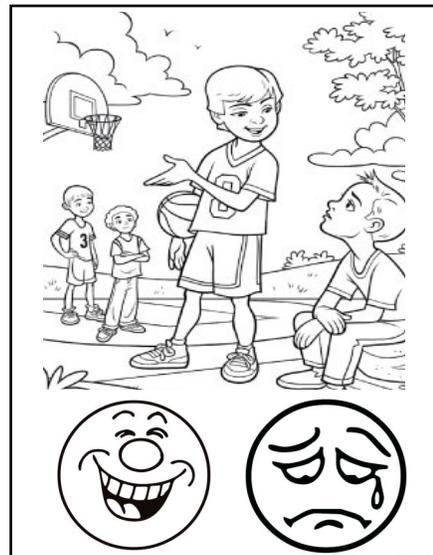
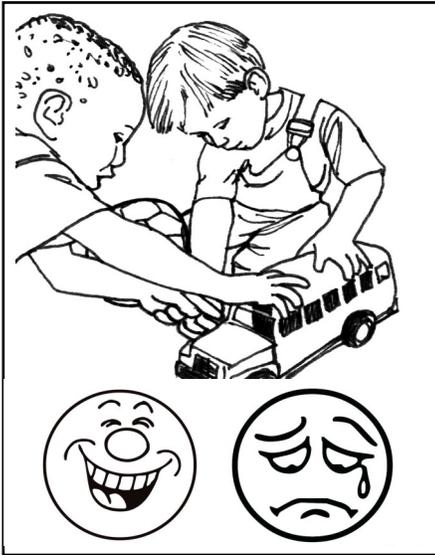
I can show my friends that Jesus loves them.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Remember someone who is Poor in Spirit shares and helps others.

Color the Happy Face if the kids are being Poor in Spirit.

Color the Sad Face if they are not.

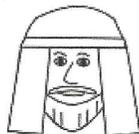
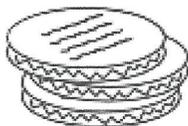


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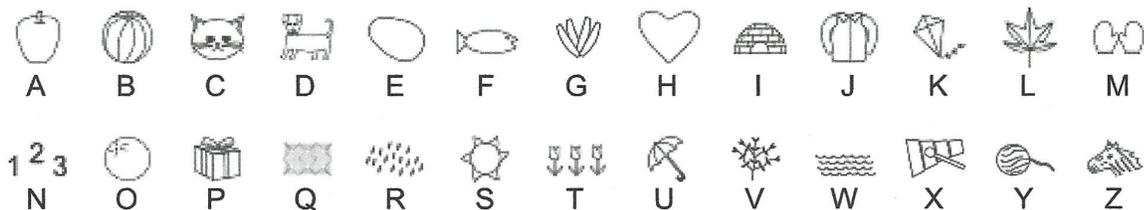
Bible Puzzle

Barnabas' Actions List in Code

Barnabas, a Christian in the early church, did many things to help and encourage the other Christians. Use the code to learn about his actions.



How can you help and encourage other Christians?



Blessed are the Poor in Spirit



Look up the following verses and write how to be Poor in Spirit.

Acts 4:34-35

Nor was there anyone among them
who lacked; for all



1 Peter 5:6

under the mighty hand of God...

Matt 6:1-4

Take heed that you do not do

Philippians 2:3

...in lowliness of mind let each

I Corinthians 9:19

I have made myself



1 Timothy 4:16

Take heed to yourself and the doc-
trine

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look out



Theirs is the
Kingdom of
Heaven

They will be
comforted

They will
inherit the
earth

They will be
filled

They will be
shown Mercy

They will see
God

They will be
called sons of
God

Theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven

Blessed are
Poor in Spirit

Blessed are
those who
mourn

Blessed are
the Meek

Blessed are those
who hunger and
thirst for
righteousness

Blessed are
the Merciful

Blessed are
the Pure in
Heart

Blessed are
the
Peacemakers

Blessed are those
who are
persecuted for
righteousness

Building our Beatitudes

- * Cut on solid lines
- * Fold into middle on dotted lines
- * Add picture of Barnabas
- * Draw or Write ways you can be Poor in Spirit



We will be adding a picture and how we can show the beatitude each week. Activity page only needs to be printed once. A new picture to put on will be sent each week. See samples below.

Folded

Blessed are Poor in Spirit	Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn	They will be comforted
Blessed are the Meek	They will inherit the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	They will be filled
Blessed are the Merciful	They will be shown Mercy
Blessed are the Pure in Heart	They will see God
Blessed are the Peace-makers	They will be called sons of God
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Folded and Filled

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