

JESUS GIVES HOPE



Theme/Value Beautiful attitudes

Notes:

Intro

Appendix B

Countdown from 10 - Goodbye!
Doing things backwards can be good.

Game

Appendix B

Getting people up to do different tasks backwards.

Story

Ref: Matt 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-23
Beatitudes - See Appendix A

- Story of someone with a beautiful attitude
- Breaking down the word
- Jesus' examples
- A backwards way of thinking
- Beautiful attitudes bring hope
- What are yours? Reflective moment

Reflection
Appendix B

It's Jesus, who is He to you?

Hopes, brings out beauty, loves the world, is desperate for change?

Song suggestion The Upside Down Song by Jessica-Ann Jenner

Prayer

**Thank you for all the beauty and goodness in the world.
Help us to share it around with everyone and learn the
beautiful attitudes you have put in us to make it happen.
When something feels a bit backwards, help us to remember
that good can come from it. Amen.**

Equipment

Letter cards for game

Suggested Entry Music

Beautiful - Christina Aguilera



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Appendix A: Story

Beatitudes

Wherever Jesus went, people followed him; sick people who wanted to be well, sad people who wanted hope, scared people who wanted comfort. "It's Jesus!" people would whisper, as he passed in the streets, and bigger and bigger crowds would grow. Jesus climbed up one of the high hills around the sea of Galilee. It was quiet and peaceful away from the busy streets and markets, but even here a crowd had followed him. They sat all around in groups to listen and to watch - what would Jesus do next?

"I can see that some of you are sad," Jesus told them. "I can see that some of you are sick, that some of you are scared. But I want you to know that there is hope for all of you, that you can have a beautiful attitude in spite of your circumstances."

"Jesus knows so much about God," a mother turned and spoke to her child. "We can learn from him."

Jesus heard her. "You might not think you know much about God, but God has amazing gifts for you. God loves those who want to learn more about who He is," he said.

A young girl was crying nearby. Jesus went to her next. "Why are you sad?" he asked her. "My grandfather died this week," the girl explained. "It has made me feel very upset." Jesus put his arm around the girl. "God sees your sadness," he explained. "He will send his comfort."

"What about you?" Jesus turned to the man who stood beside him. "What do you need?"

"Who? Me?" the man shook his head. "Oh, no, I'm nobody, I don't need anything."

"God loves those who are humble, who don't put themselves first. God will trust you with great things," Jesus explained.

"What are you going to do about the Romans?" a voice shouted from the back of the crowd. "They tax us unfairly. When will we rise up and get rid of them?"

"I haven't come to start a war," Jesus explained. "But God loves your hunger and thirst for justice. He does hear your prayers."

Jesus moved slowly through the crowd. One by one, he spoke to each person; giving hope to the sad, comfort to the scared, teaching and encouraging everybody. The crowd did not get any smaller, in fact it got bigger and bigger. More and more people came. They were learning so much... what would Jesus teach them next?

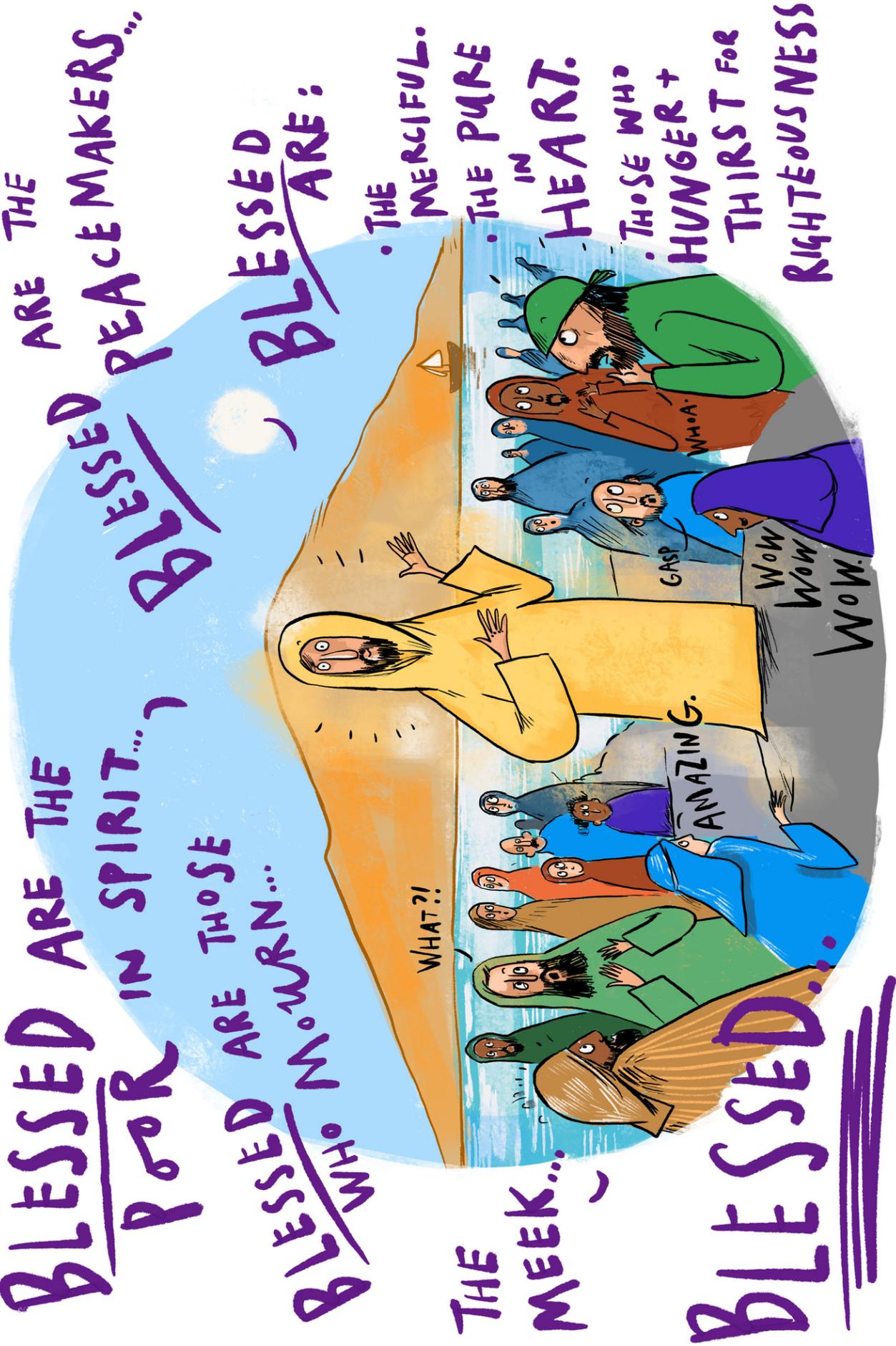


BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT... BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS...

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO MOURN... BLESSED ARE:
THE MERCIFUL.

THE MEEK... BLESSED ARE:
THE PURE
IN HEART.

THOSE WHO
HUNGER +
THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS





Game cheat sheet

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Star little twinkle, twinkle
are you what wonder I how!
High so world the above up,
Sky the in diamond a like.
Star little twinkle, twinkle,
Are you what wonder I how!