

## BEATITUDE MATCHING GAME

## Matthew 5; Luke 6

We read about Christ's "beatitudes" in Matthew 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20-26. A "beatitude" is a blessing, and to be blessed means to enjoy happiness. What Jesus teaches in his Sermon on the Mount is meant to lead us to lasting happiness. Here is a fun game to get more familiar with the beatitudes:

Materials: printed set of matching cards, scissors, scriptures

- 1. Print a set of matching cards (found below) and cut them out.
- 2. Read Matthew 5:3-12 and/or Luke 6:20-26 as a family. Discuss what beatitudes are and how they will lead us to lasting happiness.
- 3. Place all of the matching cards face down and scramble them. Then line them up in four rows with five cards in each row.
- 4. Take turns overturning one card and then another to see if they are a match. A match is two cards that complete a beatitude verse in Matthew 5 (for example, a match would be one card that says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" and another that says, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven").
- 5. If it is a match, the person gets to keep the two cards. If it's not a match, they have to turn both of the cards back over in their spots.
- 6. Continue taking turns until all of the matches are made. Whoever has the most matches wins the game.

<sup>\*</sup>Keep a set of scriptures on the table so you can check to see what's right.

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.