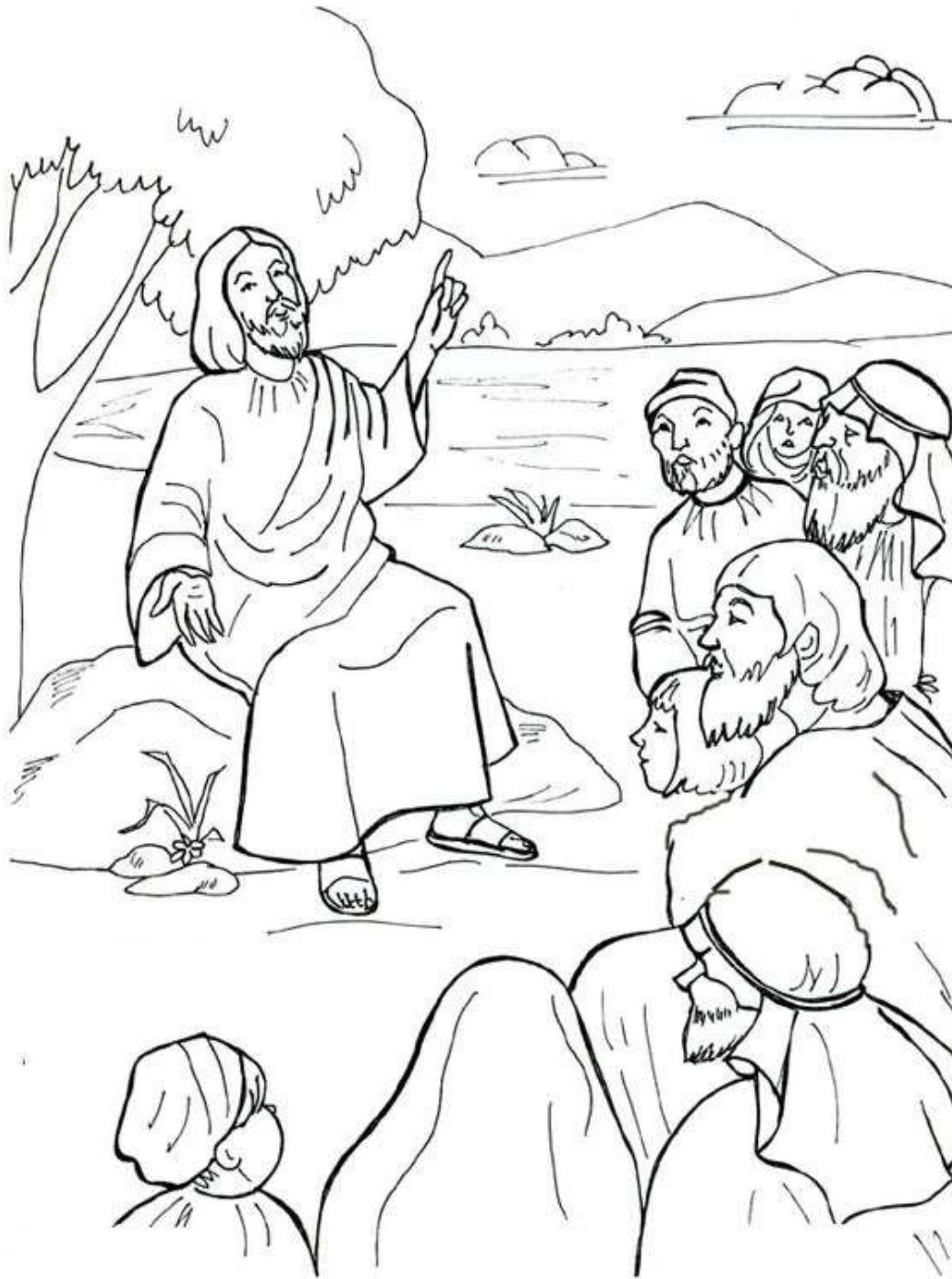


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
JANUARY 29, 2017—THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HAVE A BEATITUDE ATTITUDE!



Jesus taught the people, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12

The word “beatitude” is from the Latin word that we have translated as “blessed” It can also mean “happy”, “in a privileged circumstance”, “well-off”, or “fortunate”. Jesus gave the Beatitudes to show us a better way to live and to show us that God is always with us. Sometimes we feel poor or lonely--God wants to give us his Kingdom and his love. Sometimes we are hungry--God wants to give us not only delicious food, but also Jesus, the Bread of Life. Sometimes we are sad--God will bring us joy, laughter and will wipe away every tear. Sometimes we feel like life is hard, that it will never get better--God wants us know that his love for us is unending and we should live our lives responding to that love.

Here is my interpretation of what the Beatitudes tell us:

- You are fortunate if you are humble and know that you need God and other people, for you are already in the Kingdom of heaven.
- When you are sad, God is with you.
- When you give up worldly power to follow God’s way, you can see clearly the riches that God has for you.
- When you work for the will of God, you will see the goodness of God in the world today.
- Acting with mercy to other people will make you aware of God’s mercy for you.
- When you focus on God, you will see, find, and experience God’s love for you and everyone.
- Jesus is the ultimate peacemaker. Work with him in acts of mercy, compassion and reconciliation and be identified as a child of God.
- When you are hurt for doing the right thing, you know that God is with you and that you are showing people God’s love.

I have a Beatitude Attitude Word Search

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Disciple	Heaven	Peacemaker
Kingdom	Children	Blessed
Merciful	Jesus	Beatitude

Dinner Table Conversation:
What do you think it means to be blessed?
How did you feel God’s love today?
How did you share God’s love today?