

ABC – Arts and the Bible for Children: Love in Action Series with CDs. Lisa

Lesson #3 – “The Beatitudes” (for all ages)

Bible Text: Luke 6:(17-19); (20-23)

17. He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18. They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19. And all in the crowd were trying to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them.

(Summary-Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people from all around the area. People had come to hear Jesus and to have Him heal their diseases. His disciples were also there.)

20. Then He looked up at His disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

(Summary-After Jesus taught the people, He turned to His disciples to teach them more deeply. Jesus is telling us the real way to be happy and live lives following God’s ways. God blesses us for acting with God’s love and trust. Being truly happy often looks very different from what the world says.)

Activities:

- a) Help someone bake cookies to give to other people. It’s ok to eat one yourself!
- b) Make a card for someone who is sad.
- c) Read a book to someone, older or younger.
- d) Helping yourself forgive people who have hurt you: Draw a picture of how they hurt you, then crumple it up and throw it in the trash and ask God to help you forgive them.
- e) Ideas of people to whom you could give things that will help other children: Foster children organizations, homeless shelters, women and children’s shelters, giving some of your allowance to a site like Week of Compassion that help people with great need all over the world.

What is an idea that you have?

Patterns and Ideas:

See completed activity on next page. Your child may copy my idea or come up with one of their own to show how God wants us to act toward others, which is the message of the Beatitudes. Have fun!

The following are the words I chose for each heart flower petal:

Be
generous.

Be
Kind and
gentle.

Be nice,
even when
others are
not.

Be happy
with what
you have.

Be
Forgiving.

God is
Love!



Be Attitudes

