

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Beatitudes

from Matthew 5:1-12.



Epiphany 4

Jesus blesses many people the world does not bless.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Blessed
- Persecute
- Mourn
- Revile
- Meek
- Utter

Rabbis taught sitting down.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 264-267

Spark Bible page 1062

Family Prayer

Dear God, when we remember the Beatitudes, we can hope for relief from what seem like impossible problems and overwhelming suffering. Thank you for sending Jesus as a teacher and example of how to live in your kingdom while on this earth. In Jesus' name, we ask for your blessing. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What will people be like in the kingdom of God?
- 2 If Jesus gave this talk to your school, which groups would he comfort by saying, "Blessed are..."?
- 3 What other groups or people can you think of to add to Jesus' list and what would be their comfort? (i.e. Blessed are those who work with unwanted animals, for they will be with the lovely creatures in heaven.)
- 4 Together, write a blessing for someone who could use some comfort or strength. Offer the blessing to this person by giving him or her the card or reading it to him or her.



Eye Spark

Who do you see that you would describe as meek? Remember that they will inherit the earth.



Ear Spark

Do you hear anyone making peace?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

What food and drink might symbolize righteousness? Prepare a meal together and remember that those who thirst and hunger for righteousness will be filled.

For younger kids

Each day, spend some time thinking about someone who could use your prayers. When you talk to God, remember to ask for blessings for that person.

For older kids

Select a blessing to memorize. Once it's in your memory, you will always have it with you and can remember it when you need comfort or want to comfort others.