



# PRAISE Pages

## PRAY— Jesus, Help us to behave as your Beatitudes tell us to.

Dear Jesus, We thank you for giving us the Beatitudes that show us the happiness and peace you want for us in living a Christian life. Please help us to follow your beatitudes, even when it is difficult for us. We want to follow you, Jesus, and we need your help to do that. We know you are with us always and we thank you, God, for your salvation. Amen.

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**READ—The “Bee Attitudes”**



Have you ever watched a bee buzzing around in a flower garden? As you watch that bee, you will see that he isn't worried about a thing in the world. He is too busy enjoying all of the beautiful flowers that God has provided for him. He is as busy and as happy as a bee can be.

If I were to ask you what makes you happy, what would your answer be? Would it be something like "happiness is scoring the winning goal in a soccer game" or "happiness is being the most popular person in my class?"

We all want to be happy, don't we? Does it surprise you to know that God wants you to be happy? Well, he does, but you might be surprised to find out that what Jesus said about happiness is quite different from what you and I might expect. Most of us think that to be happy means having a lot of money, having plenty to eat, having someone to take care of us, or being well-liked by everyone. That isn't what Jesus said.

One day Jesus went up onto the side of a mountain. He sat down, gathered his disciples around him, and began to teach them about happiness. Jesus' sermon taught from the mountainside is referred to as The Sermon On The Mount.



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## Read—The Beatitudes

During the Sermon On The Mount, Jesus gave us the eight Beatitudes. Each of the beatitudes tells us something about what our ATTITUDE should BE.

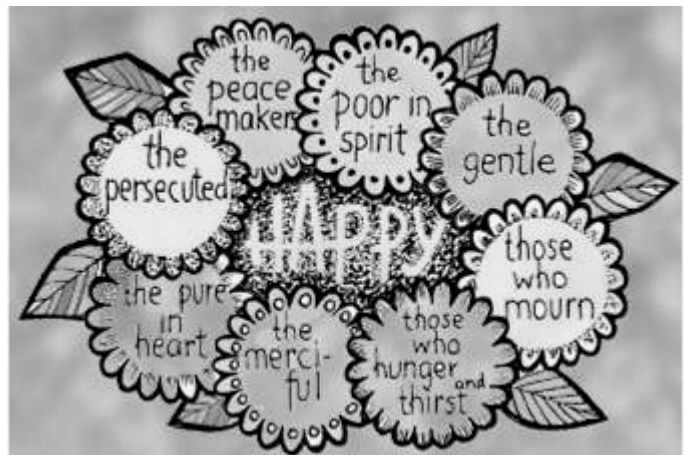
Even though these are not the exact words Jesus used, I think they will help us to understand what he taught.



He said things like:

-  Be happy when you are poor in spirit, because then you will find that your riches are in the kingdom of heaven.
-  Be happy when you feel you have lost what is most dear to you, because it is then that you will feel the love of the One who is the most dear to you.
-  Be happy with what you have, because then you will find that your heavenly Father provides everything that you need.
-  Be happy when you are hungry for the things of God, because then you will find that only He can satisfy.
-  Be happy when you are caring for others, because it is in caring for others that you will find that you have a heavenly Father who cares for you.
-  Be happy when your heart is right with God, because it is then that you will see that God is at work in the world around you.
-  Be happy when you help others to get along peacefully with one another, because it is then that you will know the peace that comes from being a part of the family of God.
-  Be happy when others treat you badly because you follow me, because your reward will be great in heaven.

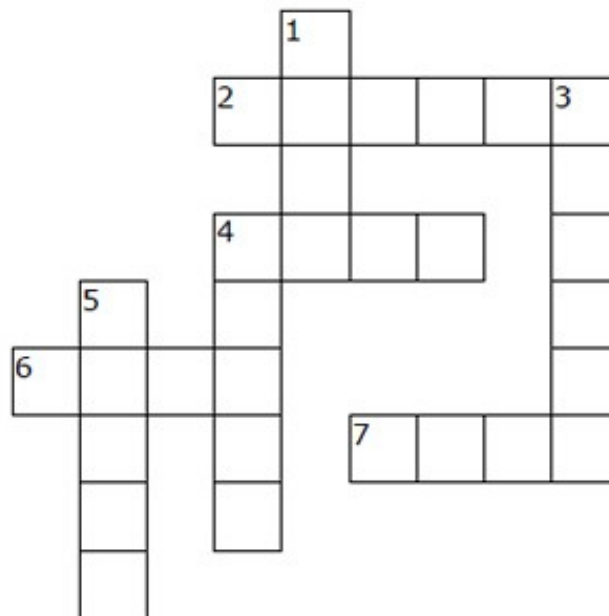
You see, happiness is not a feeling that is brought about by the things that happen to us. It is an attitude that we have because of what we have in our heart. We need to be like the bee, buzzing happily through life because of what God has done for us.



# The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.  
Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



## ACROSS

- 2. A need for food
- 4. To be humble in spirit or manner
- 6. Having little money or few possessions
- 7. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

## DOWN

- 1. To be without any faults; without sin
- 3. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- 4. To show great kindness toward others
- 5. To feel sadness

PURE	MOURN	REWARD	HUNGER
POOR	GLAD	MERCY	MEEK

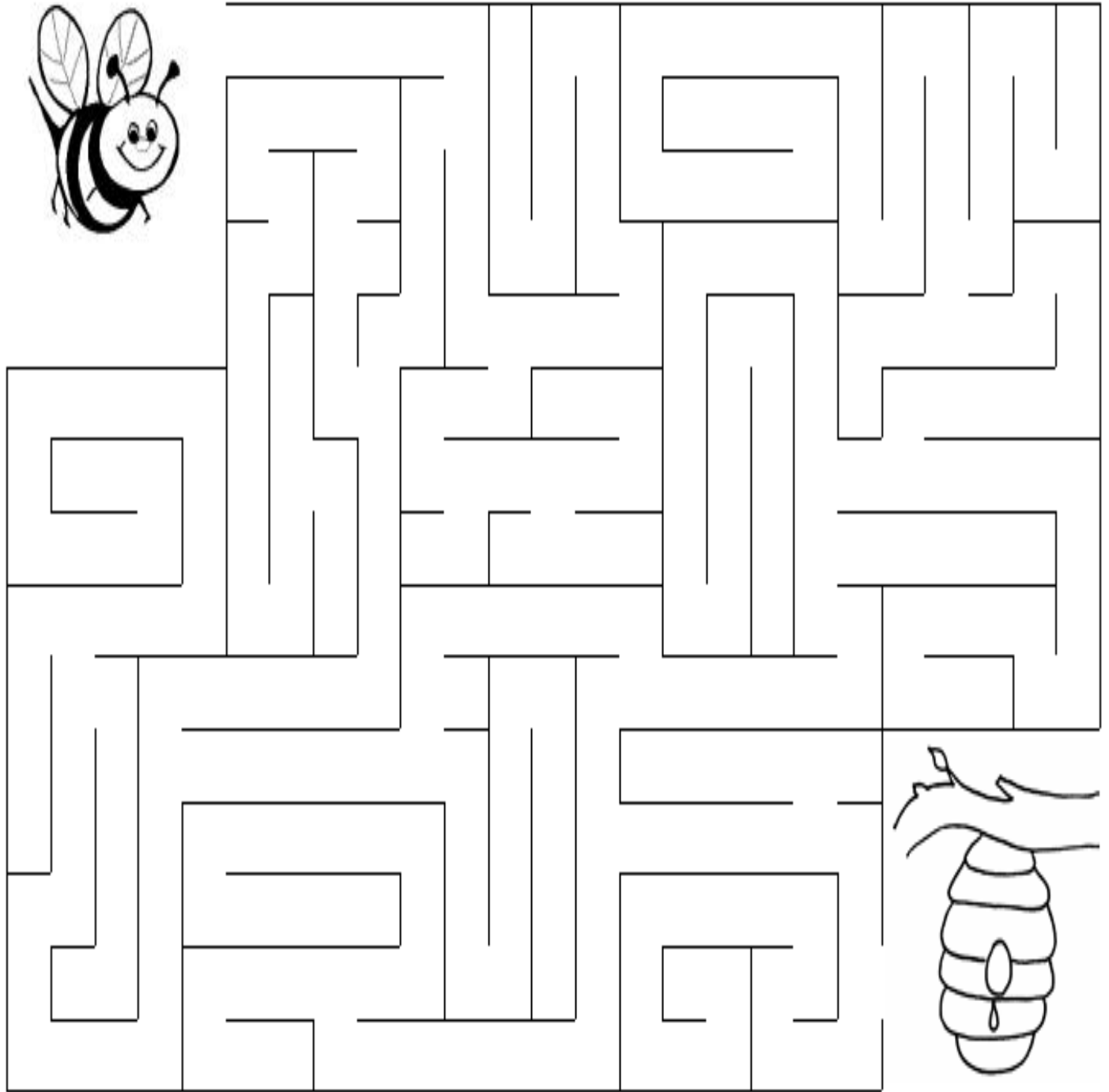
**ACTIVITY PAGE—**

The Sermon on the Mount  
Mathew 5:1-12

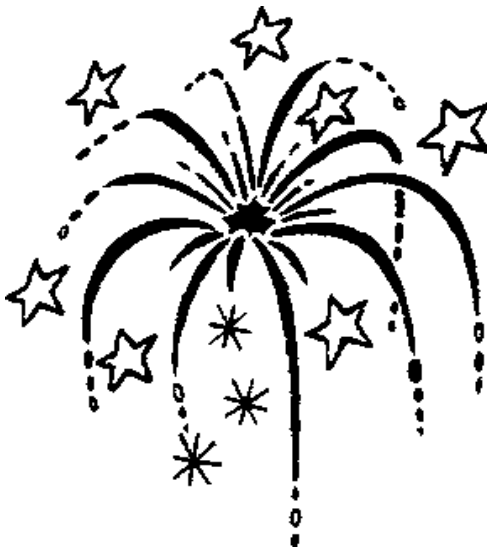


ACTIVITY PAGE— Don't Worry — "Bee" Happy!

Can you help the bee find its way to the hive?



## INTERESTING FACTS—Fourth of July



Did you know that on **July 4th** in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, starting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. This holiday is usually celebrated with parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country. The men and women who fought for this country, for our freedom, should also remind us that Jesus fought for our freedom from sin by dying on the cross in our place. What do you do to celebrate Jesus and the sacrifice he made for you?

## SCRIPTURE—Matthew 5:3-12

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 be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## EVENTS—Vacation Bible School



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VBS

If you missed the first session of Bible School this year we missed you, and if you were able to join us at Main

Street, we have another exciting opportunity for you!

From Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> we'll be having a **second session** of Bible School at the Buffalo Run Church.

This year's theme is In The Beginning. So call up your friends and invite them to come along for a fun-filled time from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you have any questions, call Roxanne at 237-4707 or Pastor Duane at 355-2208. Hope to see you there!!



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 25-29  
BUFFALO RUN CHURCH  
6:30-8 PM

## Buffalo Run Charge Fillmore, Valley View and Buffalo Run Churches

### Fillmore UMC

Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.

The Fillmore United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Route 550 and Fillmore Road.

### Valley View UMC

Sunday Worship &  
Children's Church  
9:30 a.m.

The Valley View United Methodist Church is located on 1070 Valley View Road.

### Buffalo Run UMC

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

The Buffalo Run United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Route 550 and Rock Road.

**If you'd like to request a newsletter be sent to a brother, sister or friend, please call 355-2208 with their name and address.**