

Year A - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:17-23

Beatitude Sticks



Background

In the gospel today, we hear about when Jesus went onto a mountain and taught his disciples. Jesus told them about the kind of person who is blessed by God. Jesus taught these Beatitudes to show us a way to live and to come closer to God.

You will need

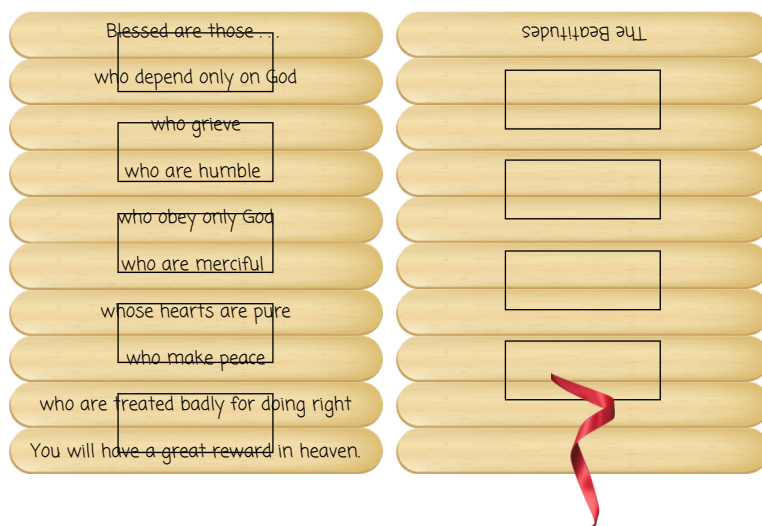
- 10 craft sticks for each person
- Fine tipped gel or permanent coloured pens
- Clear tape
- Length of ribbon for each child

Instructions

1. Give each child 10 craft sticks and ask them to write the relevant words on each stick. They can also decorate them. (See next page for poster for children to copy.)
2. Place first sticks 1&2 side by side with writing facing up, and and tape together
3. Tape sticks 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, and 9&10 together. You should now have 5 sets of craft sticks.
4. Keeping the 5 sets of sticks in order, turn them over and tape sticks 2&3, 4&5, 6&7, 8&9 together.
5. Tape a length of ribbon across the back of the bottom stick. Use a concertina fold and then tie the ribbon.



Tape & Ribbon placement





Blessed are those ...

who depend only on God

who grieve

who are humble

who obey only God

who are merciful

whose hearts are pure

who make peace

who are treated badly for doing right

You will have a great reward in heaven.