

CTS Sunday School

Bible Story: Luke 6:17-26

Bible Verse: *“A large crowd of his disciples were there... because power was coming from him and healing all.”*

Luke 6:17-19

Lesson: This Gospel lesson tells of Jesus and his ministry. Large crowds often followed him and this is one of his most famous messages. The version of the story that is most familiar appears in Matthew 5:1-12, and is called the *Beatitudes*. The word beatitude means blessed. So Jesus is telling us who among us is blessed. When you read the passages from Matthew or Luke, it does not seem like you would feel blessed if you were poor or hungry or sad.

Do you think Jesus wants us to be poor or hungry or sad?

Why do you think Jesus says these people are blessed?

Also, at the end of the passage of Luke, Jesus seems to condemn people who are rich or well fed or who laugh.

Do you think that Jesus is wishing us ill or wants us to suffer?

Or does Jesus mean that there could be times when we all have trouble?

One of Jesus' most important teachings was to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . and love your neighbor as yourself.”

If we follow Jesus' teaching, we can try to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves, knowing that we also may need God's love and the help of others.

Activity:

What can we do to show God's love to each other? Based on the troubles that Jesus mentions, think about how you can help.

Who needs help?	How can we help?
Blessed are the poor	Donate to programs that supply Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas presents
Blessed are the hungry	Support a local food bank
Blessed are those who weep or are suffering	Offer sympathy; Let someone talk to you about why they are sad
Blessed are those who suffer because of their religion	Understand other religions; Remind people of God's love

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Make a chain of hearts to remind us of God's love and use it as a bookmark for your Bible to be able to find the passage about blessings and woes in Luke.

1. Cut out four hearts
2. Attach them to ribbon
3. On each heart, write a concern and how to help

