

Family Faith Guide for CHILDREN

The Beatitudes – Week 8

Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted!

Matthew 5:10-12



*Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

— Matthew 5:10



Big Idea

Following Jesus is not always easy. Sometimes people will be mean to us or make fun of us because we love and obey Him. But Jesus says we are blessed! When we stay faithful, we belong to God's kingdom, and He is always with us.



What Does Persecuted Mean?

- It means people are mean to you, hurt you, or treat you unfairly because you follow Jesus.
- It can be teasing, being left out, or worse.
- Jesus experienced this, and He tells us to expect it too.
- We can stay strong because Jesus is with us!



Remember Jesus

- Jesus was perfect and did only good things, but people still treated Him badly.
- He was made fun of, accused unfairly, and even died on a cross.
- Jesus didn't give up. He trusted God. We can trust Him too!



Why It Matters

- It shows we belong to Jesus.
- God sees what happens, and He cares.
- We are part of something bigger—God's kingdom!
- Even when life is hard, we can have joy because Jesus is with us.



How to Be Faithful

- Love God and do what is right, even when it's hard.
- Be kind, even to those who are not kind.
- Pray for people who treat you badly.
- Remember that Jesus is with you, and He will give you strength.



Bible Examples

- Jesus was persecuted and still trusted God. (*Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26–27*)
- The early believers were persecuted but kept sharing about Jesus. (*Acts 4:1–31*)
- Paul was beaten and put in jail, but he kept following Jesus. (*2 Corinthians 11:23–27*)



Talk About It

1. What does it mean to be persecuted for doing what is right?
2. Why do you think Jesus says we are blessed when this happens?
3. How can you be faithful to Jesus at school, at home, or with friends?



Family Challenge

This week, do one brave thing for Jesus. It might be standing up for what is right, being kind when someone is mean, or praying for someone who is hard to like.



Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for being with us, even when life is hard. Help me to be brave, kind, and faithful. Give me joy that cannot be taken away. Amen.