

Matthew 5:1-10

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Today we are looking at three of the



They are things Jesus said about what sort of people

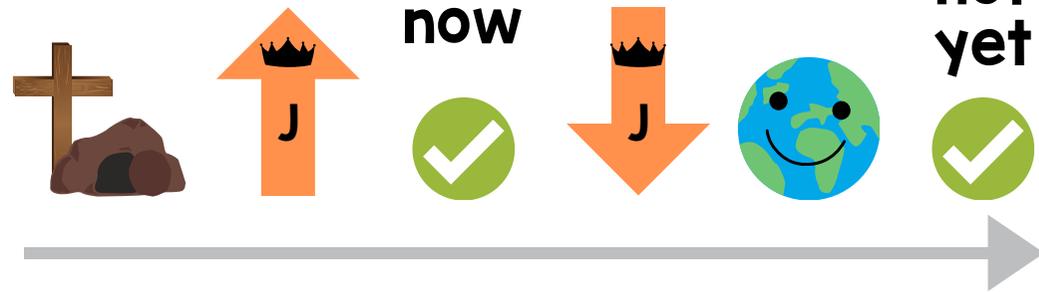


are in his _____

Jesus promises the people in his kingdom will be **bl__ed** by **G__**. That means being approved of by him and receiving **good / bad** things from him.



We get some of those good things **n__**, but we have to **w__** for some.



Can you draw lines to match up the beginnings and ends of the first three Beatitudes?



Blessed are the poor in spirit...

...they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who mourn...

...for...

...theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek...

...they will be comforted.

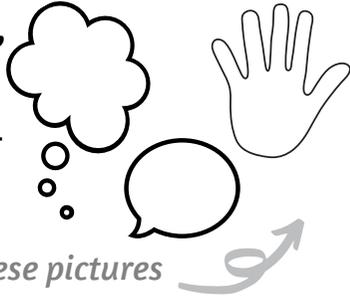
The first Beatitude we are learning about today is:



Blessed are those who **h__g_r** and **th__t** for **r____ousness**, for they will be **f__ed**.



When Jesus says *righteousness* here, he is talking about thinking, doing and saying what is **wrong / right** - living **G__'s** way in God's **w___d**.

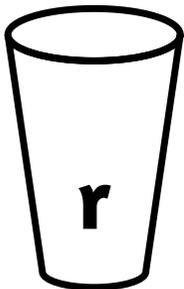


Can you draw a tick in each of these pictures to help you remember that?

Being hungry and thirsty for righteousness means really, really wanting to be more like **J_____** and to **li__** God's good way in what we **d_**, **th__** and **s__**.

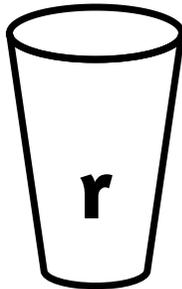
What does Jesus promise for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness? **They will be f___ed.**

It's a **now** promise and a **not yet** promise...



now

Can you colour in what Jesus promises?



not yet

- Will Christians grow to be more like Jesus now? **YES NO**
- Will Christians still struggle with sin now? **YES NO**
- Will Christians ever sin or struggle with sin when Jesus comes back? **YES NO**

The next Beatitude is:
Blessed are the **mer__f_l**, for they will be shown **m___y**.

That means being **l__ing**, **k__d** and **f_rg__ing** to others.

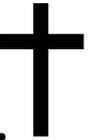


Should we show mercy to people who...

- ..have a difficult life? **YES NO**
- ...have been treated badly by others? **YES NO**
- ...have a difficult life because of their own sin? **YES NO**
- ...have sinned against us? **YES NO**



How can we possibly do that?!



Because we know our own great **n__d** of **m___y**.

The next Beatitude is:



Blessed are the **p___** in **h___t**, for they will **s__ G__**.



Does that mean we have to be sin-free? **YES NO**

But who does it mean is number one in our lives?

You could write your answer on the number 1 spot:



What does Jesus promise if we are pure in heart?

One day we will get to be **w___ G__** forever!