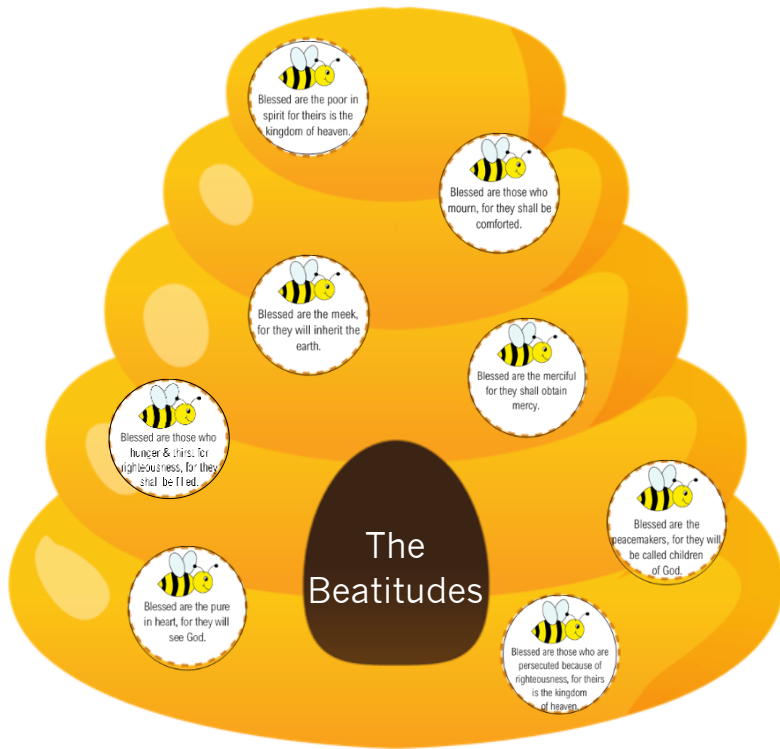


# Jesus Teaches Us How to Bee



## The Eighth Beatitude – Matthew 5:10

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

**Read:** Psalm 9: 7-14

**Discuss:** A place like Chuck E. Cheese can be a lot of fun. And after playing all the games you get to go home with some small prizes. But how nice are the prizes, really? Think of a gift you received that you were really excited about. If you could only have one item, would you choose that gift or the restaurant prizes? Why?

This week's Beatitude is all about making a choice. Thankfully, most of us will never face physical harm by standing up for our faith. However, you may be made fun of. What other ways could you be persecuted? You can choose to make people happy or God happy. Having God as your best friend forever will always be the best gift.

When choosing Jesus is hard, today's psalm tells us God will help us. He doesn't expect you to ever face something difficult alone. Just like the best friend He is, He'll always stand by you.

**Pray:**

Ask for God for strength to stand up for your faith. Pray for those who are harmed for their beliefs. You may wish to look up Methodist missionaries and pray for their work, too.

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