

## Hearing God's Word:



Our Gospel lesson today tells us about Jesus teaching and healing many people in **Luke 6:17-26**. The topic of Jesus' teaching is happiness. Other scriptures this week include Psalm 1 and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

### *Jesus Teaches & Heals*

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<sup>17</sup> Jesus and the apostles came down from the mountain. Jesus stood on level ground where there was a large group of his followers. Also, there were many people from all around Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast cities of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They all came to hear Jesus teach and to be healed of their sicknesses. He healed those who were troubled by evil spirits. <sup>19</sup> All the people were trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming from him and healing them all! <sup>20</sup> Jesus looked at his followers and said, "Poor people, you are happy, because God's kingdom belongs to you. <sup>21</sup> You people who are now hungry are happy, because you will be satisfied. You people who are now crying are happy, because you will laugh with joy. <sup>22</sup> "You are happy when people hate you and are cruel to you. You are happy when they say that you are evil because you belong to the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> At that time be full of joy, because you have a great reward in heaven. Their fathers were cruel to the prophets in the same way these people are cruel to you. <sup>24</sup> "But how terrible it will be for you who are rich, because you have had your easy life. <sup>25</sup> How terrible it will be for you who are full now, because you will be hungry. How terrible it will be for you who are laughing now, because you will be sad and cry. <sup>26</sup> "How terrible when all people say only good things about you. Their fathers always said good things about the false prophets.



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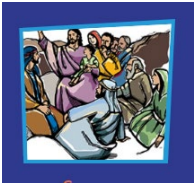


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## Children's Moment: In Search of Happiness

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I am sure that everyone has experienced the joy of blowing bubbles. Isn't it funny how something so simple can make so many people happy? It isn't just for kids either! I have even seen teenagers and adults laughing and having fun blowing bubbles and trying to catch them. There is just one problem with the happiness that comes from blowing bubbles -- it doesn't last! The minute you reach out and touch one of the bubbles, it will burst. (Blow bubbles and try to touch them, if you some at home.) Many times, we chase the bubble, but it is always just out of reach and as soon as it touches the ground, the bubble is gone. Isn't this true for so many people today? A lot of people are chasing after happiness, but like the bubbles, happiness is always just out of reach. Or, just when we think we have it, our bubble may burst. *What are some of the things that people believe will make them happy but may fall flat?*

**Money:** Many people think that money will bring them happiness, but it doesn't. Once you spend it, it is gone, and you still don't have happiness.

**Food:** Some people seek happiness in food. They eat because they are sad or depressed and they think that food will make them feel better. It doesn't. After they eat, they are still unhappy.

**Entertainment:** Many people think that doing fun things is the same thing as being happy, but it isn't. Oftentimes, people who are laughing on the outside are crying on the inside.

**Popularity:** Some people think that being popular with other people will bring them happiness. They will do anything or say anything to make other people like them, but popularity doesn't last. It is here today and gone tomorrow. There is no lasting happiness in popularity.

Jesus knew that people often look for happiness in the wrong places. He even said we might be happier if we were poor, hungry, crying, and disliked by others. *Why would Jesus suggest such a thing?*

When we are poor, we can trust in God to supply everything we need instead of depending on our own wealth. When we are hungry for God and God's righteousness, we realize that only God can satisfy our hunger. When we are crying, we can trust in God to comfort us and ease our pain. When we think we have no friends, we have a friend in Jesus. Jesus is the friend who will never leave us.

*We all want to be happy, don't we? Don't spend your time chasing bubbles. Look to your Heavenly Parent, God. God is the source of true happiness.*

## Activity Pages Answer Key (Ages 7+)

**Blessings and Woes**

Jesus spoke to a large crowd of people. What happened to the people there?

Connect the dots and read what happened.

Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

**What did Jesus say?**

Circle the word in each set that doesn't belong. Write it on the numbered line below.

"Blessed are you who are 1) poor , for yours is the 2) kingdom of God. Blessed are you who 3) hunger 4) now . for you will be 5) satisfied . Blessed are you who 6) weep now, for you will 7) laugh . Blessed are you when 8) men 9) hate you, when they 10) exclude 11) you and 12) insult you and 13) reject your 14) name as 15) evil , because of the 16) Son of 17) Man ."

**What else did Jesus say to the crowd?**

Write the first letter of each picture on the line. What did Jesus say?

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in that  
day  
and  
leap  
for  
joy!"

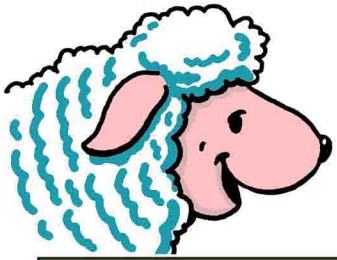
**Some other words of Jesus to the crowd are hidden below.**

Cross out the word that fits the definition in each line. The word that remains fits in the blank below.

C	O	M	F	O	R	T
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S	E	V	E	L	A	U
M	O	U	R	N	I	N
O	L	T	A	W	E	E

- precipitation
- a superior grade
- a mass of vapor in the sky
- to depart from a place
- fasten with needle and thread
- work done for pay
- happy

"Woe to you who are 1) rich , for you have already received your 2) comfort . Woe to you who are well 3) fed now, for you will go 4) hungry . Woe to you who 5) laugh now, for you will 6) mourn and 7) weep ."



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R	A	I	N	R	I	C	H
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H	U	N	G	R	Y	G	O
S	E	W	L	A	U	G	H
M	O	U	R	N	J	O	B
G	L	A	D	W	E	E	P

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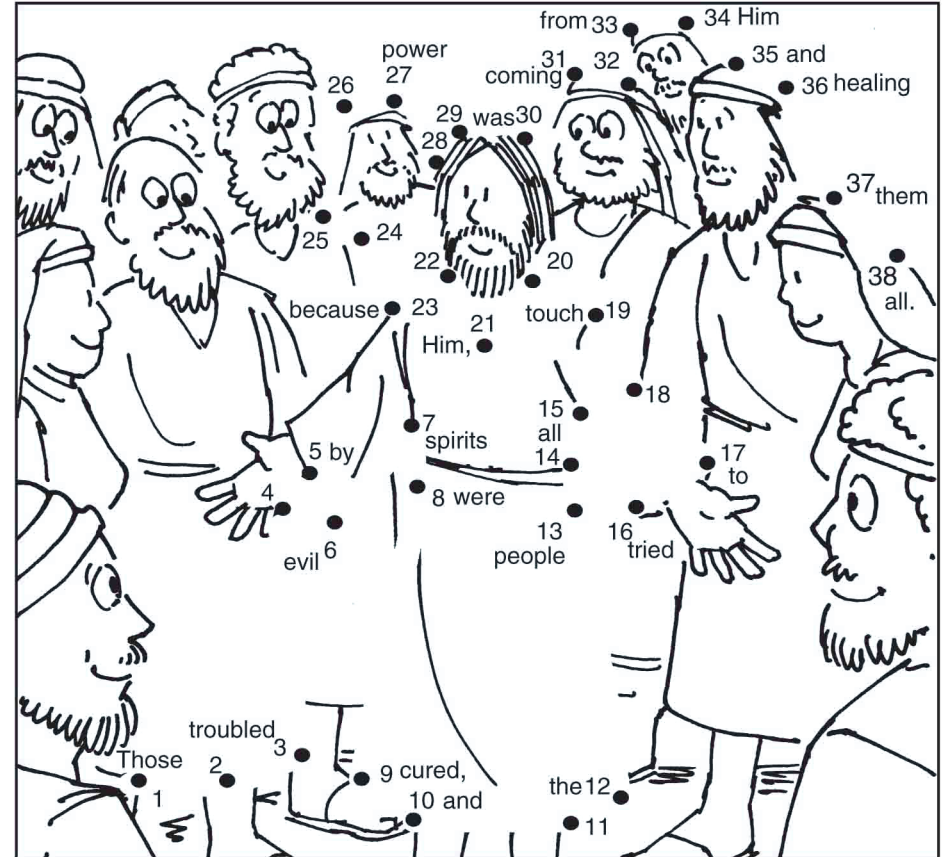
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