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# FAMILY SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE: YOUTH EDITION #1

## EXPLANATION:

The “family scripture challenge is a 10 day or 10 week challenge for parents and families. This scripture challenge is about learning about the word “blessing”, based on what are called the “Beatitudes” from Jesus’ Sermon the Mount.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Take as long as you like for you and your child to both memorize the 20 passages below. Each challenge includes 1 verse from Matthew 5 and a connected passage from the book of Psalms. Each of the 10 scripture challenges have been separated and made into easy use “challenge cards”. Make copies for parents and children, so that everyone has there own set of “challenge cards”.

Consider placing cards on a bathroom mirror, refrigerator door, car dashboard, or even use as a bookmark. Each day find a time over breakfast as you start your day, at dinner time, or even right before bed time to challenge each other to see how well everyone knows that day’s or week’s challenge. Take time to also discuss and talk about the idea of each Beatitude and Blessing in connection to your family or everyone’s day.

At the end of completing this full “Family Scripture Challenge”, find a way to celebrate! Take everyone for ice cream or a special meal.

## KEY OVERALL VERSE: MATTHEW 5:3-11

*Context: 1 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.***

***11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.***

### Scripture Challenge #1:

**Matthew 5:3-** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Psalms 51:17-** *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”*

### Scripture Challenge #2:

**Matthew 5:4-** *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*

**Psalms 30: 11-** *“You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy”*

**Scripture Challenge #3:**

**Matthew 5:5-** *“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*

**Psalms 37: 11-** *“But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.”*

**Scripture Challenge #4:**

**Matthew 5:6-** *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

**Psalms 107:9-** *“For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”*

**Scripture Challenge #5:**

**Matthew 5:7-** *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”*

**Psalms 18:25-** *“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless”*

**Scripture Challenge #6:**

**Matthew 5:8-** *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

**Psalms 51:10-** *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”*

**Scripture Challenge #7:**

**Matthew 5:9-** *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

**Psalms 122:8-** *For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”*

**Scripture Challenge #8:**

**Matthew 5:10-** *“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Psalms 119: 161-** *“Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word.”*

**Scripture Challenge #9:**

**Matthew 5:11-** *“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”*

**Psalms 35:10-** *“My whole being will exclaim, “Who is like you, Lord? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.”*

**Scripture Challenge #10:**

Recite Matthew 5:3-11, back to each other. Here are helpful hints to get you started.

**Verses 3-10,** “Blessed are \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 11:** “Blessed are you when

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