

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Epiphany 4A

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MAIN POINT

God blesses us

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

ADDRESS

Jesus used to teach his followers. He used lots of stories to help people understand what he was teaching. There is a special sermon he preached called the Beatitudes. He said that God blesses people who are humble, those who stand up for what is good and right, those who are forgiving, and those who work for peace.

What does being humble mean?

e.g. doing things for other people and not needing to be thanked or noticed, using the gifts God gave you and thanking God for them.

How do we know what is good and right?

e.g. God gave us the Ten Commandments to help us and two extra commandments about loving your neighbour.

What does it mean to forgive?

e.g. when someone does something to hurt us and they are sorry for what they did, we can accept their apology.

How can we work for peace?

e.g. we can help people to agree on things, meet halfway if you don't agree, accept our differences.

PRAYER

God, help us to live in peace with one another, and to be a blessing to each other. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home* or another resource before the children return to their seats.



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