

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show the way to true happiness and to tell how us to live in God's Kingdom now and always.

Scripture



Read **Luke 11:27–28** to find out who Jesus says is blessed and why.

Catholics Believe

- The Beatitudes are eight teachings that describe the Reign of God that Jesus announced when he lived on Earth.
- The Beatitudes show you how to live and act as a follower of Jesus.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1716–1724 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Yi Sung-hun, a Korean martyr who placed God first and is remembered for sacrificing his life for his belief in Jesus.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Beatitudes Your child is probably beginning to understand that morality, in the Catholic life, is not just about what is not allowed. It is about being something, and specifically *following someone*, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers us a pattern in the Beatitudes, which involve both outward actions and inner dispositions of the heart. Children your child's age are growing in their ability to perceive what is inside their hearts, so this is a good time to use the Beatitudes to talk about who God would call us to be.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever felt a blessing in the midst of suffering?

Even in times of suffering, we can count the blessings of those who care for us, listen to us, and share God's love with us. As Catholics, we know that "the Church carries forward Christ's healing ministry in a variety of approaches. Catholic families in countless ways care for family members who are ill. There are numerous inspiring stories of an aging spouse who personally ministers to an ailing spouse in cases of Alzheimer's and other illnesses. Caregivers find that faith and prayer mean a great deal to them in these situations" (*USCCA, p. 252*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the Beatitudes.
- Share how God has blessed your family and how your family members are a blessing to one another.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Yi Sung-hun, pray for us that we may put God first in our lives, and always be a blessing for others. Amen.



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