

KS2 Unit 4, Lesson 8: The Beatitudes

Context: In this lesson we are asking pupils to explore the message of the Beatitudes told through the Bible story Matthew 5:1-12 and 43-46 and to have a clear understanding of what unconditional love means to Christians and non-Christians alike. They will go on to see how Christians live out these beliefs in their everyday lives and to understand that Jesus is love.

Overview:

- Understand what Jesus said about selfless, unconditional love in the Beatitudes.
- Reflect on how Christians live out these beliefs through their everyday lives.

Essential core:

To have a clear understanding of Agape - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love.

Resources: Bibles. Images of The Beatitudes reproduced in a variety of ways including a clear version of the words. Words of The Beatitudes on cards for each group to discuss.

<http://request.org.uk/jesus/teaching/the-sermon-on-the-mountain-introduction>

Vocabulary:

Beatitudes, Agape - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love

INTRODUCTION:

Show illustrated examples of The Beatitudes. Discuss importance of a story document that it is reproduced and sold / widely available on the Internet etc. there are numerous versions of decorated Beatitudes, Church of The Beatitudes, bookmarks etc.

Use KQ to support discussion.

Key Questions:

What are The Beatitudes?

Why are they important to Christians?

What do they mean?

Why were they written?

What is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love?

STORY:

Watch the video of the beatitudes.

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BEATITUDES (Matthew 5:1-12 &43-46) (with background) - see notes

Sermon on the mount- share the story, reading from the Bible passage using same version of The Bible either Good News or NIV (child friendly) read with the children.

Explain/find out/explore meaning of 'blessed' (as a word in its own right) then through the words of the beatitudes. Use resources below to explain and give illustrations of how the messages can be applied today.

Plenary:

Discuss; what does the word blessed mean? What are the key messages from The Beatitudes?

Differentiation: group pupils to support less able learners.

Formative assessment:

Write - what is agape?