The Bee Attitudes Kid-Zone Lesson Sun Am 5/29/2022

# Memory Verse: Matthew 5:8 NKJV

# 8Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Target Thought: Obeying Jesus keeps safe and happy

We all want to be happy, don't we? Does it surprise you to know that God wants you to be happy? Well, he does, but you might be surprised to find out that what Jesus said about happiness is quite different from what you and I might expect. Most of us think that to be happy means having a lot of money, having plenty to eat, having someone to take care of us, or being well-liked by everyone. That isn't what Jesus said.

One day Jesus went up onto the side of a mountain. He sat down, gathered his disciples around him, and began to teach them about happiness. Jesus loves us, knows all things and only has good plans for us.

Even though these are not the exact words Jesus used, I think they will help us to understand what he taught. He said things like:

Be happy when you are poor in spirit, because then you will find that your riches are in the kingdom of heaven.

Be happy when you feel you have lost what is most dear to you, because it is then that you will feel the love of the One who is the most dear to you.

Be happy with what you have, because then you will find that your heavenly Father provides everything that you need.

Be happy when you are hungry for the things of God, because then you will find that only He can satisfy.

Be happy when you are caring for others, because it is in caring for others that you will find that you have a heavenly Father who cares for you.

Be happy when your heart is right with God, because it is then that you will see that God is at work in the world around you.

Be happy when you help others to get along peacefully with one another, because it is then that you will know the peace that comes from being a part of the family of God.

Be happy when others treat you badly because you follow me, because your reward will be great in heaven.

Things in this life won’t always go our way or the way we had them planned, but we can always trust to guide us, help us, an d protect us.

You see, happiness is not a feeling that is brought about by the things that happen to us. It is an attitude, some say a beautiful attitude, that we have because of what we have in our heart.

We can always know and believe that when we live for Jesus He will always protect, provide, and cause us to know His good plans. When we live for Jesus we can “bee” happy and have a beautiful attitude because He loves and cares for us.

Dear Father, help us to have the happiness that you want for us. Happiness that comes, not from what happens to us, but from what happens inside of us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Does Jesus love us, know all things, and have good plans for us?

Can we always trust God?

When can we be truly happy?