

Memory Work
2020-2021
2nd Marking Period

This marking period we will be memorizing the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in **Mathew 5:3-12**. We will start with verse 3, and each week students will memorize and recite an additional verse until they can recite all ten verses at the end of the marking period. Also, each week you will need to write a short journal entry about that week's verse (more information on the back of this page).

November 12

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

November 20

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

November 25

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.

December 3

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

December 11

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

December 18

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

January 8

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

January 15

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

January 22

¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Journal Entries

Each week you will be required to write a short journal entry about the verse for that week. Below are some ideas of what to write about. You can choose write about any or all of these ideas:

- Explain what you think the verse means in your own words.
- How does this verse apply to you and your life?
- Share how God is working in your life right now. What else is he teaching you? What do you want to improve on as a Christian?

Answer these questions if you have trouble thinking of things to write:

- **Nov. 12:** What do you think it means to be "poor in spirit"? Have you ever felt that way?
- **Nov. 20:** What does it mean to mourn? Have you ever mourned someone/something? What does it mean to be meek? Why do you think they will inherit the earth? Do you view yourself as meek?
- **Nov. 25:** What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? Do you think you do that?
- **Dec. 4:** What does mercy mean? Have you ever shown mercy to someone? Has someone else ever shown you mercy?
- **Dec. 11:** What does it mean to be pure in heart? Do you want to be like that?
- **Dec. 18:** What is a peacemaker? Do you consider yourself to be one? How could you be a peacemaker this week?
- **Jan. 8:** What does it mean to be persecuted? Have you ever been persecuted? Do you think you ever will be?
- **Jan. 15:** Why do you think this verse says you are "blessed" when bad things happen to you? Do you have any examples from your life?
- **Jan. 22:** Why can we rejoice? Are you looking forward to heaven? What do you think it will be like?

Other Directions

- Journal entries are due when you come to class on the dates listed on the front of this page.
- Entries must be written in YOUR JOURNAL or typed and submitted online.
- The journal entries will be worth 1/3 of your memory work grade.

Minimum Length Requirements

6th Grade: 50 words

7th Grade: 65 words

8th Grade: 80 words