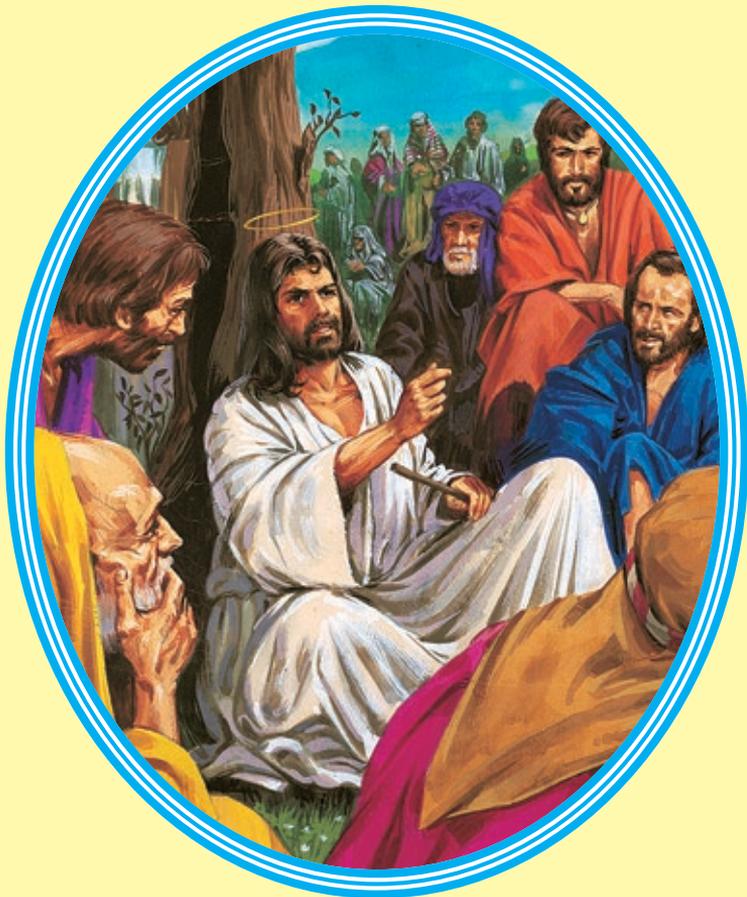


# THE EIGHT BEATITUDES



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## Jesus began to teach the crowds:

▲ **H**OW blest are the poor in spirit:  
the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;  
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted  
for they shall see God.

Blest are the peacemakers; they shall be called sons  
of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake;  
the reign of God is theirs."

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# THE FIFTH BEATITUDE

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**“Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.”**

*—Mt 5:7*

**J**ESUS, You came to this earth  
to show us God’s mercy  
by giving Your life on the Cross  
to take away our sins  
and bring us to eternal life.

You said:

“God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son  
that all who believe in Him  
may have eternal life.”

In this Beatitude You teach me  
to be kind and merciful to others.

You said: “As often as you did it  
for one of my least brothers,  
you did it for Me.”



**A peacemaker is one who tries to keep peace at home or after school. Marie wants to be a good child of God by helping her playmates and her brothers and sisters to love one another.**