

The History Lesson

Key Word: **Blessed**

Key Verse: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...." *Matthew 5:12a*

Joy had been studying about history in school. She always liked learning about how America was like a baby country when it began and how new rules and laws helped it to grow. Her class was studying the United States Constitution.

When she came home that night she began telling her parents about how important it was for the leaders who were writing the Constitution to use just the right words so that everyone would be treated the best possible way in the future.

Her dad reminded her about the lesson they had in church that week. "Do you remember what Jesus said to the people who had gathered around him on the mountains?"

Joy thought. Blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are the pure in heart ...

blessed are the peacemakers. "Dad, I see what you mean," said Joy. "Jesus had to pick his words very carefully, too, to help those people and all of his followers have better lives. He made special rules to guide their hearts just like the Constitution guides our country."

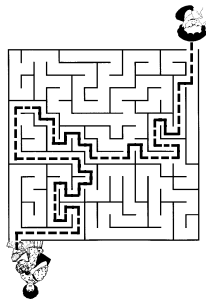
Joy went up to her room and began to read the Sermon on the Mount very carefully again, thinking about how important it was to keep those words in her heart, also.

Questions

1. Why are rules important to have?
2. Who makes the rules at your home? Do you ever get to help?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 5:1-12



Maze

Your reward is
great in heaven.
Cryptogram

Answers

Fallen Letter Puzzle
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story, Matthew 5:1-12. One column has been done for you!

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Cryptogram

Solve the puzzle (a verse from today's Gospel story) by figuring out the code and placing the corresponding letter in the space above that number. Two letters have been done for you.

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Maze

Today's Gospel story teaches us that God would love us to be the kind of people who love one another and who live good lives that honor him. Those who live good lives before God will receive a great reward in heaven. Cindy and her mom are going across town to visit a widow from church and to take her some food. Help them find their way through the maze so they can bring a surprise to their friend.

