

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs."

We have jeans day at school once a month.

We can wear jeans if we bring a quarter.

I remembered to wear my jeans, but I forgot to bring my quarter.

My friend gave me a quarter.

She didn't want it back. She just liked being my friend.

How blest are the poor in spirit.

"Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled."

When my grandma died I couldn't really pay attention at school.

My friends knew I was unhappy and they spent extra time with me.

They couldn't bring Grandma back, but they made it easier for me.

Blest too are the sorrowing.

"Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land."

It seems like my best friend can do everything.

She shoots baskets, she dances, and scores well on every test.

Still, she doesn't talk about herself.

She thinks everybody else is as important as she is.

No wonder she's so happy.

Blest are the lowly.

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

One of my classmates isn't a Catholic.

One day she told us she wanted to be one.

We told her that being a Catholic was fun and that we were happy she wanted to take communion with us.

I never saw her smile like that.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness.

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

At the bake sale my mom told me we couldn't buy anything else, but they had these awesome donuts.

My friend bought the donuts and shared one with me.

Good friends are like that.

Blest are they who show mercy.

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

I saw this really cool watch at the mall and asked my friend to help me steal it.

It would have been simple, but she told me no way.

I have to admit it's better to have a friend like that than any watch.

Blest are the single-hearted.

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

I was real mad at one of my classmates because she always made fun of me.

I wanted to get in a fight with her, but usually I just made fun of her too.

My good friend told me if I really tried I could make friends with her too.

She was right.

Now I have two good friends.

Blest are the peacemakers.

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

Boys are stupid.

I know that because they think girls are stupid.

Sometimes we hurt each other, and then we're all stupid.

But God loves us all, whoever we are, especially when we feel hurt.

So we try to be kind, even when people insult us.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake.

"Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.