



The Beatitudes Messy Church At Home

A Note for Leaders:

The attached resources can be copied and mailed to your Messy Church participants and families, or you may find it easier to email the resources. If you don't have contact details at home, consider putting a message on your Messy Church Facebook page and ask people to privately message or email you with their postal addresses.

Resources to send are:

- **Colouring sheets**
- **Bee Attitude Game**
- **Messy Church at Home with the Bee Attitudes**

Extra's:

- **Consider sending a packet of 'bee friendly seeds' with resources. These can be purchased online in lockdown – In NZ from Kings Seeds and possibly other outlets**
- **Bee-Attitude Bookmarks are available at some Christian bookshop**
- **Include a personal message from your Messy Church and word of encouragement. Maybe ask people to let you know if they need support.**
- **In NZ September is Bee-Awareness Month – check out their Facebook page for extra resources**

The Beatitudes

Beatitudes may seem like a strange word. It comes from word 'beatitude', meaning 'blessedness'. The beatitudes that we are blessed in so many ways, even when things tough. They come from the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus was teaching about how to be true followers of Christ. They are important to us today as we learn how to live Christian lives and have 'Christ like attitudes' in all we do.



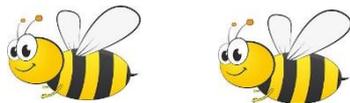
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Bible Reading:

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- ⁵ God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.
- ⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,^[b] for they will be satisfied.
- ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.
- ⁹ God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.
- ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Bee-Attitudes



For Messy Church at Home today we are going to think about 'Bee – Attitudes'. I wonder why we would think about 'Bee's and Attitudes'? What do you think?

Maybe it's because we can learn so much from bees! Did you know:

- Bees are nature's amazing team-players. Honeybees have to work and live together – just like people do.
- They do good! They do amazing work pollinating all types of flowers including fruit and vegetables. They are essential for our survival!

Can you find out more about why bee's are so important?

At Home Activities:



Play the Bee-Attitudes game together. Think about how our attitudes help us to be the people God wants us to be.



Learn more about the Beatitudes by colouring in the activity sheets



Look after the bees. Plant some bee friendly flowers in your back yard. Remember not to use sprays that might harm bees.



Paint your own beatitudes on stones -



Make your own bee puppets using paper bags



Make your own bees using cardboard rolls and paper wings. Write some thank you prayers on the wings.

Watch on Youtube:

- the Sermon on the Mount and learn more about the Beatitudes: You Tube video link: <https://youtu.be/Ze7w3-BL3OM>
- Messy Church at Hilton Methodist Church UK – The Beatitudes (44 mins) <https://youtu.be/COij-Cpnp0I>

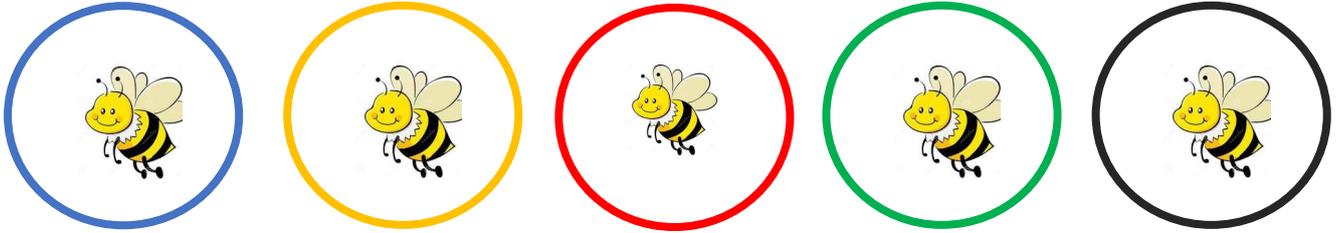
Bee-Attitude Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us to buzz like the bees, bee beautiful in our attitudes, care the world and all the animals, the bees, and insects you have created. Help like you. Amen!



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<p>The bible says: "Listen to my instruction and be wise...." Move forward 1 space</p> <p>Proverbs 8:33 Bee Wise</p> 	<p>2. Players return to this square</p>  <p>if they need to be reminded to be kind during the game.</p>	<p>You are blessed for being a peacemaker, move forward 1 square</p> 
<p>Bee Caring</p> <p>Blessed are those who care for others ...move forward 2 spaces</p> 	<p>Bee Grateful</p> <p>Talk about 1 thing you are grateful for before your next turn.</p> 	<p>Bee Faithful</p> <p>Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. Psalm 37:5</p> 
<p>Bee Thankful</p> <p>...think of 3 things you can be thankful for today</p> 	<p>Bee prayerful and know that God is with you.</p> 	<p>Read these words out loud from Proverbs 16:4 Move forward 1</p> 
<p>Buzz with the Bee-Attitudes!</p> <p>Flap your wings and buzz while you wait for your next turn.</p> 	<p>I can BEE HUMBLE</p> <p>by showing respect to others and putting their interests before mine.</p> <p>It's being humble to let others go past you. Miss a turn and pray for those who might go ahead of you...</p> 	<p>Bee strong and courageous! Joshua 10:25</p> <p>Sometimes things don't work out the way we hoped for. Move back to square 2. Kia kaha</p> 
<p>Bee Respectful</p> <p>...move back 3 spaces</p> 	<p>Bee Friendly ...especially to Bees!</p> <p>Bee patient as you wait to throw the right number to finish</p> 	<p>Bee Happy</p> 



Bee – Attitudes Game Instructions

You will need:

- Bee-attitude counters as above - copy, paste onto firm cardboard and cut shapes (or you can use buttons)
- Dice and cup (if you don't have a dice, draw numbers on buttons and place in a cup, Each player then takes 1 number out of the cup for each turn and returns it to cup)
- Printed copy of game

How the game works:

- 2-5 players
- take turns throwing the dice and moving counters
- Read and follow the instructions on each square you land on
- **Players** must throw the correct number to land on the last square! For example, if you are on square 14, you must throw a 1 to finish.

Talk about:

Jesus talks about the Beatitudes in the Bible. Read this together before you start the game. I wonder how the 'Bee Attitude's help us to be the person God wants us to be?

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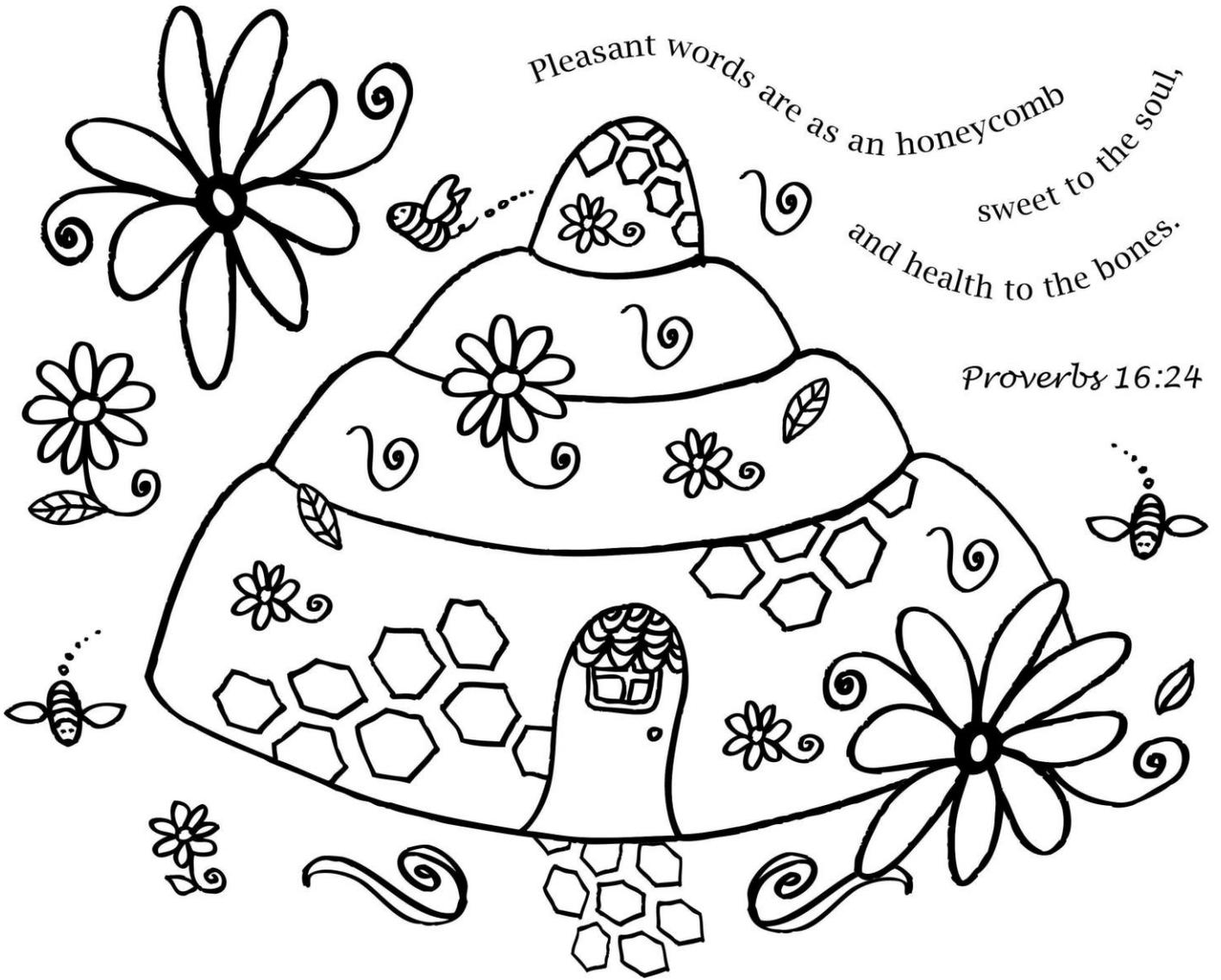
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The "Bee" Attitudes

Jesus' sermon on the mount begins with 8 blessings called the Beatitudes. Have fun learning the Beatitudes by coloring each stripe on the bee.





Pleasant words are as an honeycomb
sweet to the soul,
and health to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24