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# Called to Act Like Jesus

*Jesus serves as a model for us and how God calls us to act as Jesus did.*

**Directions:** Imagine that the spaces below are a page from your own personal photo album and that each of the photos on this page are examples of how you act like Jesus. Draw and color four “pictures” of yourself living one of the Beatitudes or performing one of the works of mercy.

# ***The Language of Truth and Works of Mercy***

**Estimated Time: 20 minutes**

## **Faith Connection**

Young people will review their understanding of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–12) and the works of mercy, and identify them as ways to serve God’s Kingdom.

## **Materials**

- Slips of paper with one Beatitude or work of mercy written on each

<b>Corporal Works of Mercy</b>	<b>Spiritual Works of Mercy</b>
feed the hungry give drink to the thirsty clothe the naked shelter the homeless visit the sick visit the imprisoned bury the dead	counsel the doubtful instruct the ignorant admonish sinners comfort the afflicted forgive offenses bear wrongs patiently pray for the living and the dead

- Box
- Prize (optional)

## **Directions**

1. Explain to the young people that you will be playing charades to identify the Beatitudes and the works of mercy.
2. Divide the young people into two teams.
3. Have a volunteer from one team draw a slip of paper from the box and pantomime the title. Decide on the length of time (such as two or three minutes) that each team has to guess correctly.
4. If someone from the other team guesses the answer, the team gets two points. If the opposing team gives up, the pantomiming team may guess and receive two points for a correct answer.
5. Decide if there will be a prize for the winning team.

# Prayer Service

*Ask for a volunteer to be the reader or read this section yourself.  
Ask for eight volunteers to read the petitions and lead the prayers.*

**Leader:** In the eight Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to the greatest happiness—joy in the Lord. He and his blessed Mother have shown us the way. The saints who followed their example found happiness in this life and in heaven. Jesus wants us to be happy now and always.

**Reader:** A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

**All:** Glory to you O Lord.

**Reader:** When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.  
(Matthew 5: 1–13)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we be poor in spirit and be happy to share with others . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we help those who are sad. . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders:** May we gentle and willing to serve people in need. . .

## *Prayer Service, continued*

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we become holy by loving God with all our hearts . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we be forgiving and show mercy to those in need . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we be clean of heart by loving God and others . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we be peacemakers for God and for others . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leaders of Prayer:** May we be strong enough to always do what is right . . .

**All:** Lord, hear our Prayer.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you called on us to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. As we live the Beatitudes, let be heralds of God's merciful love during this Year of Mercy. We ask this in your name.

**All:** Amen.