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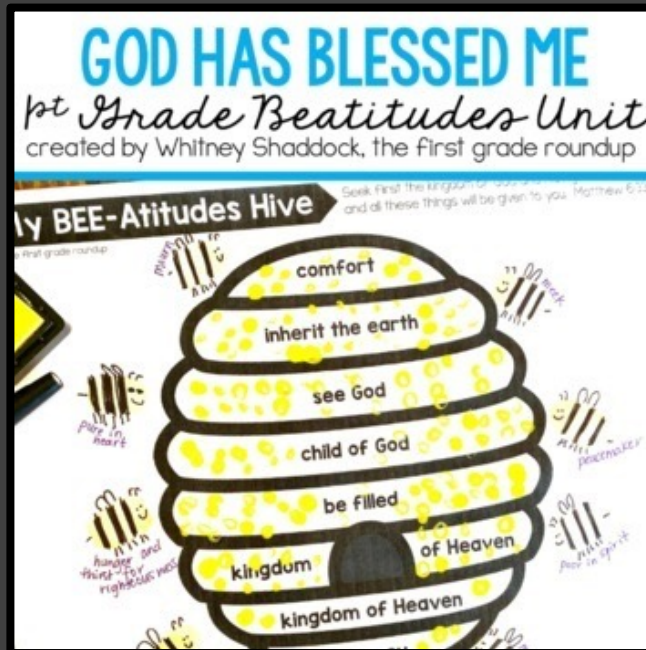
8 1st grade lessons

8 exploration stations

Bible Story booklets

interactive Anchor chart

Bible Verse activities



lesson plan scripts

activity pages

whole group GAMES

unit posters

unit outline

UNIT OUTLINE + 8 LESSON SCRIPTS

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Lesson 1: Blessed Are the Poor

Exploration Stations – coloring, book nook, anchor chart, puzzles, play-doh spell, hopscotch, fill

Bible Story Time – *Matthew 5:1-10, John 3:1-17* – We are learning about the beatitudes. When Jesus was on the mount, he listed out attributes that blessed people have and the gifts God gives them because of these the beatitudes. When we seek God's will and righteousness first, he blesses us with all that we need.

The first beatitude Jesus taught is, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." What does it mean to be poor in spirit? It actually has nothing to do with money. When Jesus used this phrase, he was talking about people who are humble, or understands that they can't do everything on their own—they need God's help.

Today we learn about Nicodemus and his encounter with Jesus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee. One evening he came to Jesus and asked him many questions. Nicodemus had heard about and maybe even seen Jesus' miracles and he wanted to know more. Jesus said, "Unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of Heaven." Nicodemus asked, "What do you mean by that? Can I be born a second time?" Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with the Spirit. Those who are born of the Spirit will live forever." All Nicodemus had to do was believe in Jesus, God's son, and he would live forever. Jesus asked Nicodemus to, like us, believe that he needs the help of a Savior and can't do everything on his own. Nicodemus chose to believe in Jesus, but we have the choice to do that now!

Comprehension Questions – 1. What does poor in spirit mean? (humble) 2. What blessing does Jesus promise for those who are poor in spirit? (Kingdom of Heaven) 3. Who talked to Jesus about how to enter the kingdom of Heaven? (Nicodemus) 4. What did Nicodemus believe? (That Jesus was the Son of God) 5. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (Unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of Heaven.) 6. What did Nicodemus ask Jesus? (How can I be born again?) 7. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.) 8. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (The Spirit gives life.) 9. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (Those who are born of the Spirit will live forever.) 10. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the light of the world.) 11. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the good shepherd.) 12. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the resurrection and the life.) 13. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the way, the truth, and the life.) 14. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the vine.) 15. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the true vine.) 16. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the bread of life.) 17. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the light of the world.) 18. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the good shepherd.) 19. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the resurrection and the life.) 20. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? (I am the way, the truth, and the life.)

Prayer Time – When we seek God first, he give us what we need. How can we pray for you?

Class Craft – Paint the Bee-Attitude hive and add the poor in spirit bee thumbprint.

Independent Activities – complete the activity (maze, mystery word boxes, word find, secret code)

Bible Verse – Go through the verse match routines found here: www.thefirstgraderoundup.com/2020/04/bible-verse-match-routines/

The Beatitudes Unit Outline

Week 1: The Poor in Spirit

Week 2: Those Who Mourn

Week 3: The Meek

Week 4: Those Who Seek Righteousness

Week 5: The Merciful

Week 6: The Pure In Heart

Week 7: The Peacemakers

Week 8: Those Who Are Persecuted

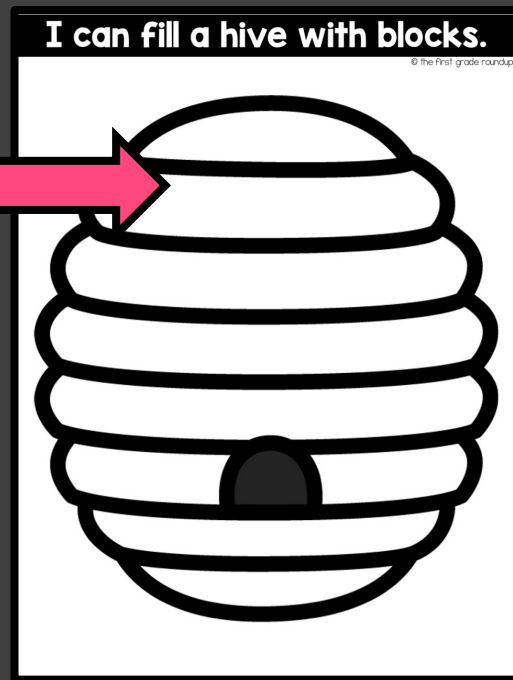
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8 EXPLORATION STATIONS + PAPER MATERIALS

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Play doh spell * fill a hive * bible puzzles * bible verse hopscotch * coloring * book nook * bible match * build a bee



Post the I Can cards at each station with the objective and picture help.

BOOKS & WRITING PROMPTS FOR EACH LESSON

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Nicodemus Talks to Jesus



The first beatitude Jesus teaches is, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of

**Half page booklets
6-8 pages each**

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Staple to read during Bible story time, or cut apart as posters to retell the story.

God parted the **RED SEA!**



writing prompts

ACTIVITY PAGES FOR EACH LESSON

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Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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L V M L A F S T R Y U W F C T
S P I R I T U A L B I R T H M
J W N I C O D E M U S I B Y W
B V G S I Y K Z B Y V V L P E
U A Y
V N P
W S B
B O R A
B E R A
H L R P
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Nicodemus
Pharisee
Jesus
Born again

Beatitudes I Spy

Circle the 10 mourning emojis you spy in the picture

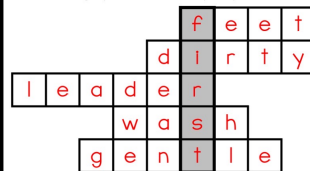


Seek First the kingdom
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these things will be
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Matthew 6:33

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Mystery Crossword Puzzle

Fill in each row with one of the words below to discover the mystery word in the gray box. Write the mystery word in the sentence below.



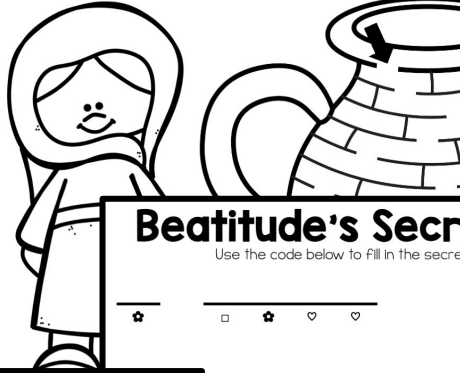
gentle
dirty



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Woman At The Well Maze

Help the woman get the water from the well into her jar.



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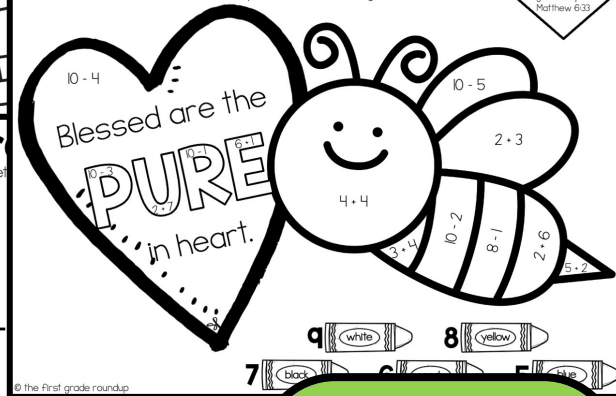
Beatitude's Secret

Use the code below to Fill in the secret



The Beatitudes

Solve the math facts. Color the picture below using the code below.



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plus answer keys

6 activity
types, but
1 activity
per lesson

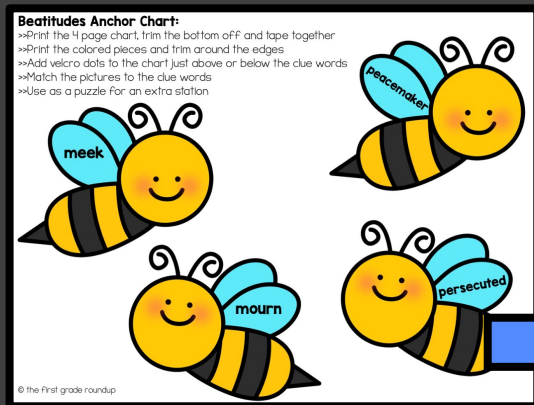
A meek leader puts others first.

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INTERACTIVE UNIT ANCHOR CHART

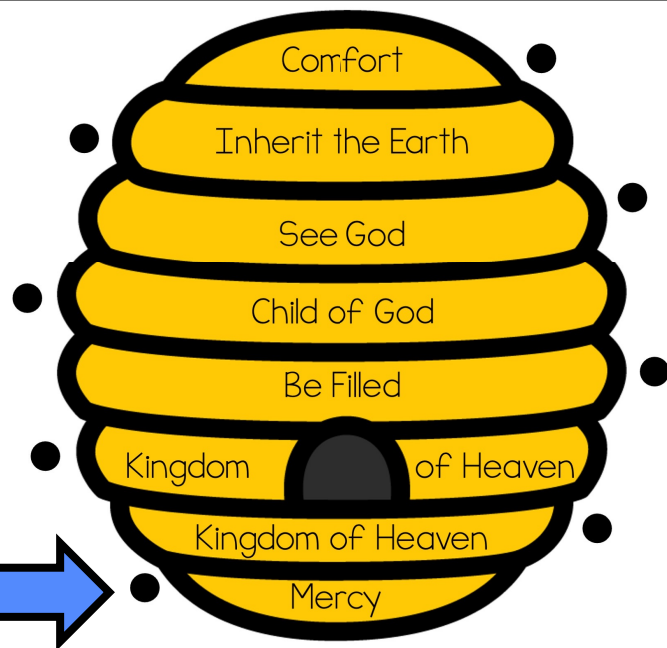
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Add each piece to
the anchor chart
as you teach that
lesson.



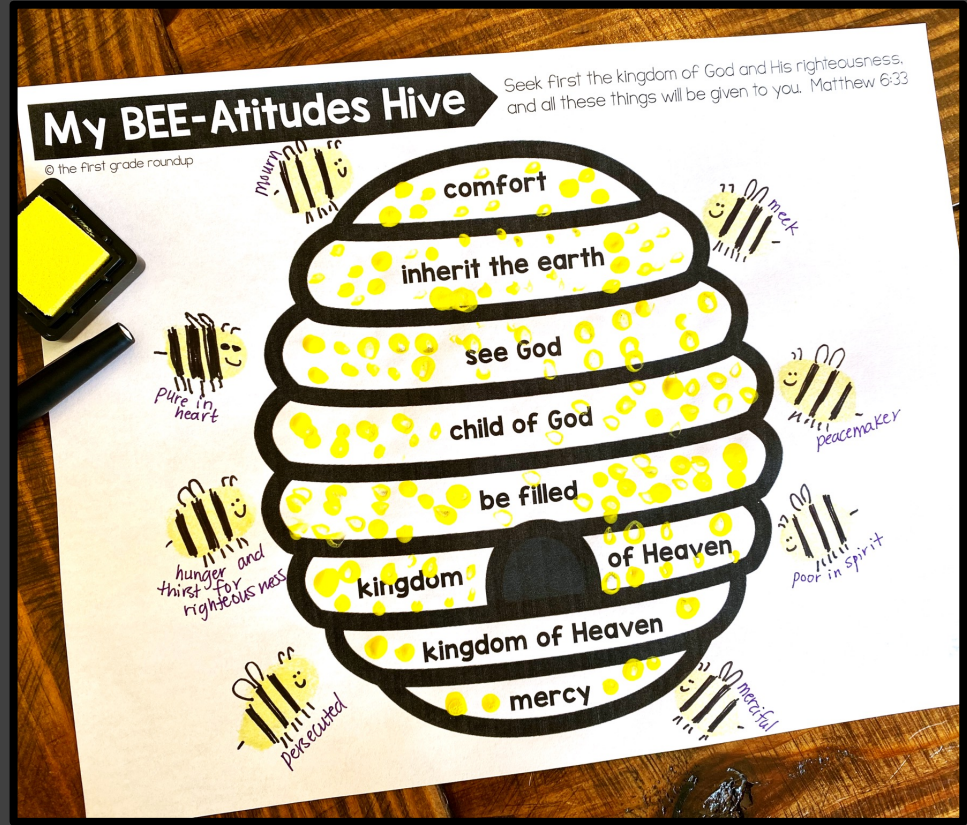
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WHOLE GROUP GAMES & CRAFTS

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BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION

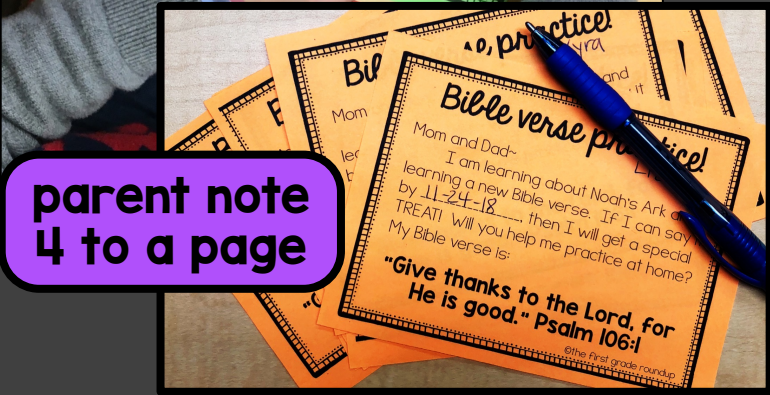
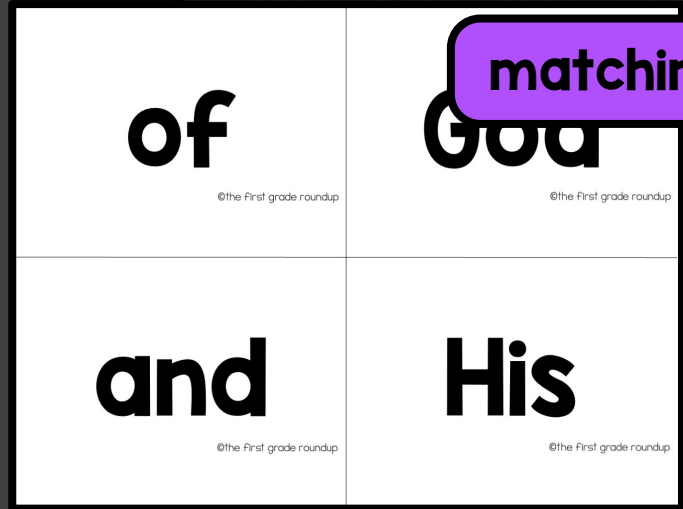
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matching
cut & paste



matching cards



parent note
4 to a page

WHAT OTHER TEACHERS ARE SAYING

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This is the best Sunday school curriculum I have ever used. I am on year 2 with my preK kids, and it has been perfect. We will use it until there are no more left to use!

~Megen

I am using this as a resource at home to spend more time on Bible truths and stories. Love that I can use for my younger and older. Thank for a wonderful resource.

~Thanh

I am blown away with how amazing this resource is! I'm using for 2-6yr olds at our church and am combining lessons for the 2hr chunk we have the kiddos in 2 classes. I love how much time it's saving me and how enriching it will be for these kiddos.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What version of the Bible do you use?

I use both the NLT and the NIV translation, depending on the one that reads the most kid-friendly! 😊

How do you keep the units organized?

I keep the plans and materials for each unit in their own manilla folder labeled with the unit. All of the folders are kept in a square crate in my room. The booklets stay in our classroom library.

Are these units based on any particular Christian affiliation?

I am an evangelical Christian. All of the units are written straight out of the bible and the bible story scripts are kid-friendly verse by verse accounts of the story.

1ST GRADE CLASS SCHEDULE

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This is based on my 45 minute Sunday School class at church with 3-5 year olds.

9:00-9:10 Exploration Stations

9:10-9:30 Bible Story, Questions, & Prayer

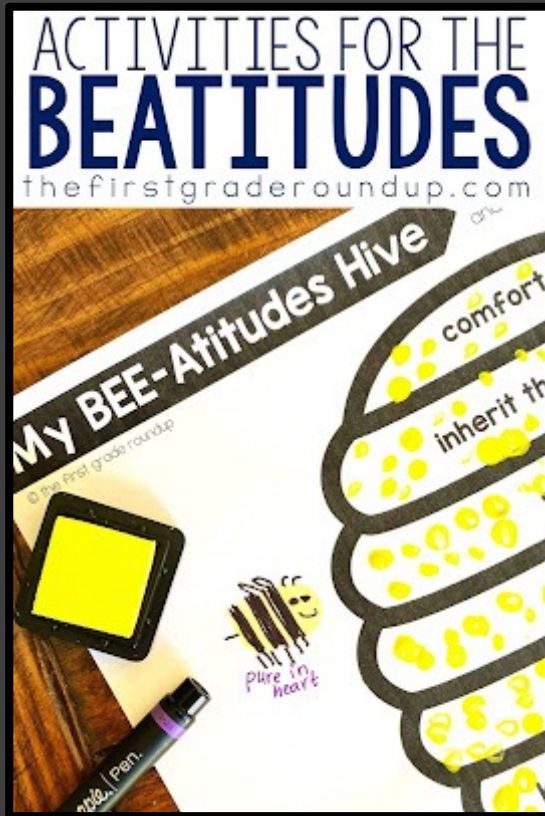
9:30-9:40 Games & Activities

9:40-9:45 Bible Verse Practice

9:45 Dismissal

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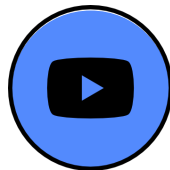
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Hey y'all! I'm Whitney Shaddock, the teacher author and blogger at the first grade roundup. I'm a National Board Certified teacher with my Masters Degree and have over 10 years of first grade experience in both high poverty and high wealth public schools. I've taught PreK Sunday School for over 17 years. I married my high school sweetheart in 2006. We were blessed with a beautiful boy in 2012 after years of infertility. In 2019, we adopted premie twins.

In 2011, I opened my TPT store. I love sharing real, practical resources I've tested and used in my own classroom. I am passionate about resources that align with the science of reading and full lesson plans and units to use in my classroom. Oh, and color coding is my love language! ☺

I love meeting new teachers, so let's connect!



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Other

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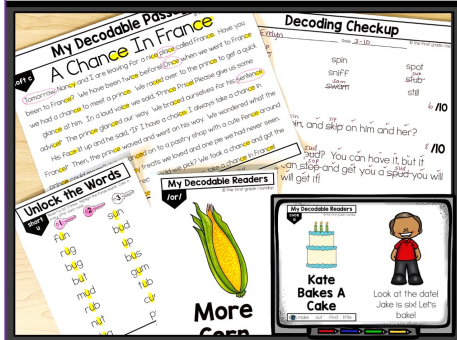


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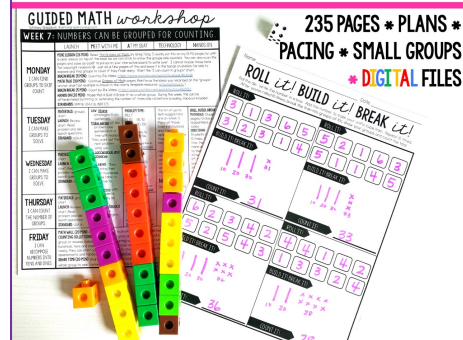
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