

4th Grade Summer **One-Pager Assignment** – Religion Class

Topic: *The Beatitudes – Jesus' Way to True Happiness*

Due: **MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2025**

Total Points: 100

I. Why This Assignment?

In 4th grade, you'll grow in your understanding of **how to live as a follower of Jesus**. One of the most important teachings Jesus gave us is the **Beatitudes**—eight beautiful promises found in the **Sermon on the Mount** (Matthew 5:1–12). They teach us how to love, trust, and live as children of God.

This summer, you'll explore the **meaning of the Beatitudes**, create a one-pager to help remember them, and begin **memorizing their names**. This will help you prepare to live like Jesus and recognize what true happiness really means.

II. Instructions for Students:

Create a **one-page visual and written project** that explains the **8 Beatitudes** in a way that makes sense to you. Add symbols, colors, and reflections to make it creative and meaningful.

III. Your One-Pager Must Include:

- Title (5 points):** Choose a creative title for your one-pager (e.g., *"The Way of Jesus"*, *"Happy Are They"*, or *"The Beatitudes: God's Blessings" or Ways to Heaven"*).
- The Eight Beatitudes (10 points):** Write out the **8 Beatitudes** (from Matthew 5:1–12). You can use a children's Bible or the simplified version provided here:
- What Each One Means (30 points):** For each Beatitude, write **1 short sentence** in your own words explaining what it means.
Example: *"Blessed are the merciful" means I should forgive others and be kind to those who make mistakes.*
- Symbols or Drawings (10 points):** Add a **symbol or drawing** to match each Beatitude (e.g., a heart for "pure of heart," a dove for "peacemakers," etc.).
- Key Phrase Highlight (5 points)**
Choose your **favorite Beatitude** and write it in big letters or decorate it in a special way on the page.

6. **Faith Reflection (20 points):** Write a short reflection (3–5 sentences):
 - Which Beatitude is hardest for you?
 - Which one do you already try to live?
 - Why do you think Jesus gave us the Beatitudes?
7. **Memorization Practice (10 points):** Memorize the **names of all 8 Beatitudes**
 - Practice saying them out loud with family
 - You will be quizzed at the beginning of the school year!
8. **Neatness, Creativity & Effort (10 points):** Use your best handwriting, add color, organize your space well, and show effort in your drawings and writing.

IV. Grading Rubric (Total: 100 points)

Category	Points
Creative Title	5
8 Beatitudes Written Out	10
Meaning of Each Beatitude	30
Symbols or Drawings	10
Favorite Beatitude Highlighted	5
Faith Reflection	20
Memorization Practice Commitment	10
Neatness, Creativity, and Effort	10
Total	100

V. Helpful Resource

To read the Beatitudes and learn more about its meaning, visit:

USCCB – Matthew 5:1–12 (The Beatitudes) <https://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/5>

Learn meaning: <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/beatitudes>

Late Work Policy – Summer Assignment

1. Due Date: Monday, August 18, 2025

All summer assignments must be turned in on or before the due date. Late submissions will receive point deductions based on how many days late they are.

2. Late Work Penalty:

- **1 day late (Aug 19):** -5 points
- **2 days late (Aug 20):** -10 points
- **3 days late (Aug 21):** -20 points
- **4 days late (Aug 22):** -30 points
- **After Friday, August 28: 0 points (no credit will be given)**