

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

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

Due: **MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026**

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:**

1. **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*).
2. **The Eight Beatitudes (10 points):** Write out the **8 Beatitudes** (from Matthew 5:1–12).
3. **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.*
4. **Symbols or Drawings (5 points):** Add a **symbol or drawing** to match each Beatitude (e.g., a heart for "pure of heart," a dove for "peacemakers," etc.).
5. **Faith Reflection (10 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?
6. **Memorization Practice (40 points):** Memorize the **8 Beatitudes**
 - Practice saying them out loud with family
 - You will be quizzed at the beginning of the school year!

IV. Grading Rubric (Total: 100 points)

Category	Points
Creative Title	5
8 Beatitudes Written Out	10
Meaning of Each Beatitude	30
Symbols or Drawings	5
Faith Reflection	10
Memorization	40
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 17, 2026

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 18):** -5 points
- **2 days late (Aug 19):** -10 points
- **3 days late (Aug 20):** -20 points
- **4 days late (Aug 21):** -30 points
- **After Friday, August 21: 0 point (no credit will be given)**