

**T**he Book of Matthew is found in the New Testament of the Bible. It is one of the four books in the Bible known as the Gospels, where we can read stories about the life and teachings of Jesus. The word "Gospel" means "Good News." Jesus preached the "good news" about the kingdom of heaven.

## Jesus Loves You and Wants You To Enjoy God's Blessings

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the crowds and the disciples the way to true happiness. In the Bible, we learn how God wants us to act. In Matthew 5:3-12, Jesus teaches about God's blessings for all people.*

Read the Bible passage below. Underline the words "blesses" and "bless." How many times did you find those words? Match the pictures below with the blessings by writing the Bible verse number in the space provided. When you are finished, color the pictures. (Note: There will be no picture for verses 4, 10, and 12.)

3 God blesses those people who depend only on him.  
They belong to the kingdom of heaven!

4 God blesses those people who grieve.  
They will find comfort!

5 God blesses those people who are humble.  
The earth will belong to them!

6 God blesses those people who want to obey him  
more than to eat or drink.  
They will be given what they want!

7 God blesses those people who are merciful.  
They will be treated with mercy!

8 God blesses those people whose hearts are pure.  
They will see him!

9 God blesses those people who make peace.  
They will be called his children!

10 God blesses those people  
who are treated badly for doing right.  
They belong to the kingdom of heaven.

11 God will bless you when people insult you,  
mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you  
because of me. 12 Be happy and excited! You will  
have a great reward in heaven. People did these same  
things to the prophets who lived long ago.

