

## TEN BLESSINGS VOCABULARY DISCOVERY

The Ten Blessings has a number of words that you may not yet know. Some of those words are underlined here. Read over these words. If you aren't sure of what any of them mean, look them up in the vocabulary list below and read the sample sentence.

Do this with all the words you don't know. Then read over all of the blessings carefully, thinking of the meaning of the words.

Now you can better understand what the Lord is saying!

Extension Activity: Choose one or two of the blessings and rewrite them using your own words.

“**Blessed** are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who **mourn**,  
For they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the **meek**,  
For they shall **inherit** the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**,  
For they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall **obtain mercy**.  
Blessed are the **pure** in heart,  
For they shall see God.  
Blessed are the **peacemakers**,  
For they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' **sake**,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they **revile** and **persecute** you,  
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.  
**Rejoice** and be **exceedingly** glad, for great is your reward in heaven,  
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

(Matthew 5:3-12)

**Blessed** – happy

He felt blessed to have such nice friends.

**Mourn** – to be sad

When my dog died, I mourned for many days.

**Meek** – gentle, willing to be led

The baby looked so small and meek in the arms of its loving father.

**Inherit** – to be given something that is passed down, usually from a parent to a child

The prince inherited the kingdom from the king.

**Righteousness** – goodness or justice

Reading the Word teaches us how to live a life of righteousness.

**Obtain** - get

My family obtained a brand new car today.

**Mercy** – to feel sorry for someone and forgive them

The thief begged the judge for mercy.

**Pure** – clean, not mixed with anything bad

The water was pure so we could drink it.

**Peacemakers** – a person who tries to stop others from fighting or arguing

Sometimes when my brothers fight, I try to be the peacemaker.

**Sake** – because of, the reason or cause

He worked hard for the sake of supporting his family.

**Reville** - insult

The bullies reviled the boy who stood up to them by calling him names and saying untrue things about him.

**Persecute** – bully, hurt

The slaves were persecuted by their cruel masters.

**Rejoice** – be glad

When she won the contest, she rejoiced with her family.

**Exceedingly** – very

Sarah's mother was exceedingly disappointed in her for getting in trouble at school.