God's People Put Their Trust in Him

GRADE 4

CHAPTER 21 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 21****.*

Jesus showed us that true happiness is not found in owning many things or in having only good things happen to us. It comes from being with God and living as his children.

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The true source of Jesus' happiness was sharing in his Father's life and love. Jesus wants us all to share in this happiness, and he promises us we can.

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Jesus gave us the eight Beatitudes to help us know how to think and act as his followers. They lead us to true happiness and God's kingdom, where we will share in God's life forever in heaven.

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In the first beatitude, Jesus taught that to be poor in spirit, we need to depend upon the Father, not let possessions or desires become more important than God, and love him above everything.

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We are poor in spirit when we pray to God, are content with what we have, are grateful for God's gifts, serve those in need, and are generous with others.

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Saint Francis of Assisi was poor in spirit when he left behind his riches. He did not miss his wealth because he loved God above all things. Saint Francis wanted to share God's love with others. Most of all, he wanted to share it with people in need. He wanted to bring them happiness by sharing his food, clothing, and joy with them. God wants us to do the same.

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