TEACHING THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Beatitudes
(Lower Elementary)

November 1, 2020 – Solemnity of All Saints

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage Jesus teaches Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes provide a road map to sainthood for the faithful follower of Jesus. Though we may gain little reward in this life by following Christ's teaching, our victory comes in the end and is nothing short of the Kingdom of God itself. Students will learn about sainthood and how to look to the saints of Heaven as examples of holiness.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Then, read aloud to your students, or have them read on their own, the Solemnity of All Saints.
C. Next, arrange students into groups of three or four. Have each group complete the Lives of the Saints Activity. Each group should choose a saint and look up his or her story either online or in a lives of the saints book. A list of saints' biographies can be found at the following link: SophiaOnline.org/SaintCards.
D. Afterwards, you may choose to have each group choose one of the saints they studied and briefly present their findings.
E. Conclude by praying a litany of the saints, such as the one found at the following link: SophiaOnline.org/LitanyOfSaints.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. From a mountain. This is the beginning of Jesus' most famous teaching, the Sermon on the Mount.
2. Blessed.
3. A Saint.
4. By living according to Jesus' teaching (such as the Beatitudes that He teaches us in this Gospel).