

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025



Coloring Icons



1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brethren of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake?

It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

Matthew 18: 23-35

The Lord said: "The reign of God may be said to be like a king who decided to settle accounts with his officials. When he began his auditing, one was brought in who owed him a huge amount. As he had no way of paying it, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that the official prostrated himself in homage and said, 'My lord, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with pity, the master let the official go and wrote off the debt. But when that same official went out he met a fellow servant who owed him a mere fraction of what he himself owed. He seized him and throttled him. 'Pay back what you owe,' he demanded. His fellow servant dropped to his knees and began to plead with him, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full.' But he would hear none of it. Instead, he had him put in jail until he paid back what he owed. When his fellow servants saw what had happened they were badly shaken, and went to their master to report the whole incident. His master sent for him and said, "You worthless wretch! I canceled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your fellow servant, as I dealt with you?' Then in anger the master handed him over to the torturers until he paid back all that he owed. My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

Caught you Listening

O Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story of forgiveness. He forgives us, and he wants us to forgive each other totally, genuinely, and fully. Fill in the consonants to read how Jesus tells us to behave when someone harms us.

We've added in some clues if you need help.

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1 = F

2 = R

3 = Y

Matthew 18: 23-35

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U T P S F T O R K V T R U J Z
I P C H F C Q F O R G I V E C
L H J O I U K B W O Z I L F V
D O S M C G N I F F O H V S C
P C M A I V E P A F B S J J A
B A J G A H E L T I J E A W C
P W T E L B S E H C U R I L C
I B M I M M B A E I Z V L O O
T Y R F E C A D R A D A H R U
Y G Y O M N I S D L H N Y D N
V O S F T E C H T S E T U Q T
G D X E Q H R E L E A J S Y S
E J D E B T E C K M R W G T W
I J Z H G N D R Y C T S J B J

Officials

Patience

Master

Homage

Father

Accounts

Servant

Knees

Mercy

Plead

Official

Brother

Forgive

Heart

Jail

Lord

Debt

King

Pity

God

Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Items to Remember

Bee-Attitudes

Matching Game

In His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that if you become like the bee, who looks for good things even in bad situations, you will find them!

Match the phrases to create the Bee-Attitudes that Jesus talked about in Matthew 5:3-12.



Blessed are the poor in spirit:

For they shall be filled

Blessed are they that mourn:

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the meek:

for they shall see God.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Now cut out the Bee-Attitude Bookmark and see how many you got right!



The Bee-Attitudes

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Blessed are ye, when men
shall revile you, and persecute
you, and shall say all manner
of evil against you falsely,
for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding
glad: for great is your reward
in heaven: for so persecuted
they the prophets which were
before you.