The Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-12)

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

- Have you ever put your love of what you have over your love of God and others?

- Have you ever boasted about what you have hoping to make other people jealous?

2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

- When you see someone who is sad, do you try to help them feel better, even if it's someone you don't like?

- Do you ever make fun of someone who is crying?

- If you are sad, do you get frustrated with yourself?

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

- Are you ever prideful?

- Do you ever put others down to make yourself look better?

- Have you ever bullied someone?

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4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Do you do what is right even when others around you are not?

- Do you stand up for others who are being bullied?

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

- Are you always kind to others?

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- If someone says sorry to you, do you forgive them?

6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

- Do you always put God first?

- Do you avoid things that could distract you from God's love?

7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

- Do you ever start fights for unimportant reasons?

- Do you gossip about friends?

- Do you start rumors?

8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Do you always stand up for what is right, even when others mock you?