

FEBRUARY 13: BLESSED CHARM BRACELET SCAVENGER HUNT 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INCLUDED:

Bracelet
4 Charms



USE YOUR OWN:

Scissors Pliers



LUKE 6:17,20-26



Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”



Question to discuss together: How does this activity/craft help us grow in patience and perseverance?

PART 1: ADULT HELPING WITH SCAVENGER HUNT: (Child finding pieces of bracelet)

One of the themes of this week's Gospel is attaining eternal life with God in heaven, even through suffering and setbacks here on Earth. Jesus encourages us to grow in patience and to persevere through trials to be with Him in Heaven. Help your child to persevere by solving clues to find the pieces of the charm bracelet and assemble it for a fun reward!

DIRECTIONS: Parents/Adults

1. Following directions below, hide the 4 charms.

KEY CHARM - please hide on/near a wallet, purse, or child's piggybank; some place where you have money.

BOOK (BIBLE) CHARM - please hide in the kitchen or pantry, somewhere that food is stored/prepared.

"LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE" CHARM - please hide near/in tissue box Kleenex.

CLOUD CHARM - please hide in/near a corner or closet. Alternatively, hide on or near a crucifix or image of Jesus.



2. Allow your child to solve clues to find the charms. Read aloud or have child read the verse and clues:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

- Luke 6:20

Where would you go to find money? Look there now for your reward, which represents the key to the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”

- Luke 6:21a

Where would you go if you were hungry and looking for food? Look there now for your reward, which represents the bible/word of God, that fulfills spiritual hunger.

“Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.”

- Luke 6:21b

Where would you go if you needed to wipe your eyes if you were crying? Look there now for your reward, which represents laughter.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

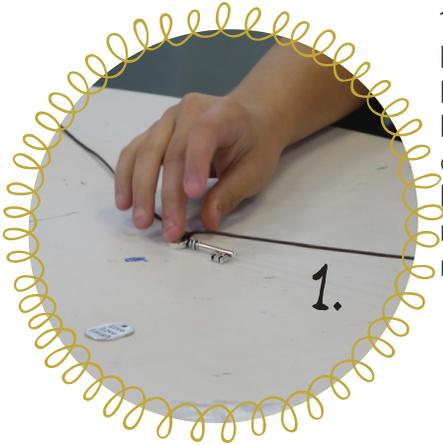
- Luke 6:22-23

Where might you go if you were being excluded or hiding? Alternatively, where would you go to see an image of Jesus? Look there now for your reward, which represents heaven.



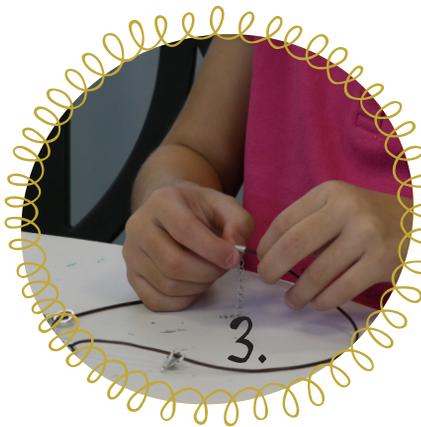
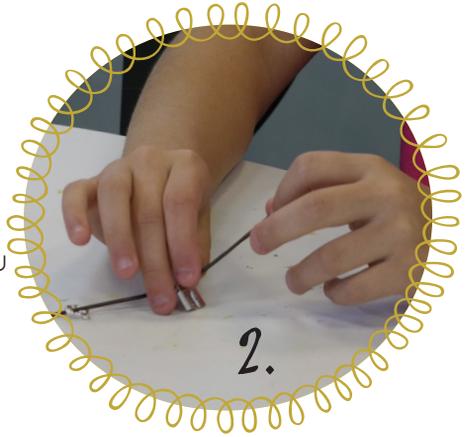
Searching for our charms for our bracelet on a scavenger hunt helps as a reminder that we are seeking the kingdom of God!

PART 2: ASSEMBLING THE BRACELET:



1. String 4 charms on the bracelet. Remember: the key represents the key to the kingdom of heaven, the book represents the bible/word of God that fulfills our spiritual hunger, the 'live, laugh, love' charm represents laughter, and the cloud represents heaven.

2. With scissors, adjust the length of bracelet by cutting it to the desired length. Optionally, you can also leave it as necklace length.



3. Hook one end piece into the tiny hole on the clasp piece. Tighten the small hook so that it won't pull loose, using your pliers. Then, insert a cord end inside of the end piece, clamping the metal around the cord with pliers.

4. Insert the other end of the cord into the remaining end piece, and clamp it tight. You can tug on the cord a little to make sure it's snug! Have a parent help you with the pliers. Now, your clasp can clip onto the other small hook to secure your bracelet/necklace!

