

**(New) Normal**

Choose the format that works with your family:

Pick a few questions and ask casually during the week, Have a small group discussion at lunch, or Have a small group with your teen and their friends.  
*Take what your teens give you, don't force it. Slowly create a culture of authentic conversation.*

**MATTHEW 5:1-12 | May 16 | Week ONE**  
**BEATTITUDES**

**THE TEXT** | *Matthew 5:1-12; Isaiah 66:1-2*

**PLAY** | SPICY UNO | Play this classic game, but with new rules.

Plan normally, with the following exceptions:

1. When a '7' is played, no one can talk until another 7 is played.
2. When a 5 is played, the last one to slap the table gets two extra cards.
3. A player can 'Jump In' by playing an identical card (color and number), skipping everyone's turn.

**Discussion Lead In:** How do you like these new rules?  
 How did it change the game?

**SHARE** | Share about a time where you felt left out. How did you feel?  
 How did it change what you did in the future?

**DISCUSS** | Read **1 Corinthians 6:13b-20** and discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

*Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.*

**PRAY** |

As a family, pray through Matthew 5:1-12, asking God to create these realities in you. God, help me be...a peacemaker, etc....

*Talk about these definitions |*

**BLESSED** = GOD'S FACE LOOKING MY WAY

**GRACE** = GOD'S BLESSING COMING BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE

- Where do you struggle with this?
- Is it difficult for you to see God as being pleased with you? Why or why not?
- What would it look like for you this week to live with a KINGDOM mindset?

**THE HAVES & THE HAVE NOTS**

*Discuss what it means to be a HAVE or HAVE NOT using the questions below:*

- How would you define "THE HAVES"?
- Have you ever felt like a 'throw away person?' If so, when and why?
- Read Matthew 5:3, what does it mean to be 'poor in spirit?'
- How is Jesus creating a NEW normal here?

**DO SOMETHING VS BE SOMETHING**

**AGREE OR DISAGREE**

**"Blessed is the person who gets to the place in life where they realize they are spiritually bankrupt."**

**PARENT CHECK I**

*Life and priorities are easily flipped upside down in life. Find some time this week to slow down. Read Matthew 5:1-12 slowly and reflect on Jesus' statements of blessings. Align you life and priorities with Kingdom priorities. Choose one aspect to be intentional about modeling it in front of your kids.*