

Living God's Word

Pray that people may understand how Jesus wants them to live.



Almost everything we own comes with instructions.

Instructions tell us how to put things together, how to keep things working, and how to play games fairly. If we didn't have instructions, life would be a big mess!

That's why God gave us the Bible. There are many stories in the Bible about how God wants us to act and how he wants us to treat others. The Pope is asking us to pray this month that people may read the Bible and use it as instructions for their lives.

The Ten Commandments teach us how to behave. The stories Jesus told to the disciples and to the people he met teach us to be kind to others and to work for justice and peace in the world. Even though Jesus lived more than two thousand years ago, the Bible is alive and full of God's love for us.

The most important thing to know about the Bible is that we can't just READ the words - we have to LIVE what they say! Pray that everyone who hears God's word may understand God's instructions for life.

Think about it!

- Why is it important to follow instructions?
- What do the Ten Commandments teach us?
- What can we learn from the stories Jesus tells us in the Bible?

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The Beatitudes for Kids

In the book of Matthew there is a story about a sermon Jesus gave. Many people had come to see him, and he went up the side of a mountain so he could speak to them all. In the sermon, he gave them 8 **BEATITUDES** - different good ways people should behave. Here is what Jesus said:

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

Depend on God. Don't let your possessions get in the way of loving God and others!

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

Share other peoples' sorrows and joys. Don't set yourself apart from others.

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

Learn to be gentle with people and things. Don't try to get your way by violence or bullying.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Work hard to make sure that all people are treated fairly. Do what you can to help people who are in unfair situations.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Forgive others, and ask them to forgive you. Don't let anger rule your life!

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Only do what is good and right. Be faithful to God.

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

Work to bring people together. Don't fight with others. Look for ways to solve problems peacefully.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

In difficult times, keep trusting God and standing up for what is right.

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The Sermon on the Mount

