



God's happy people

This true story can be found in Matthew 5:1-12

think

What things make you most happy?

You may like to draw these.



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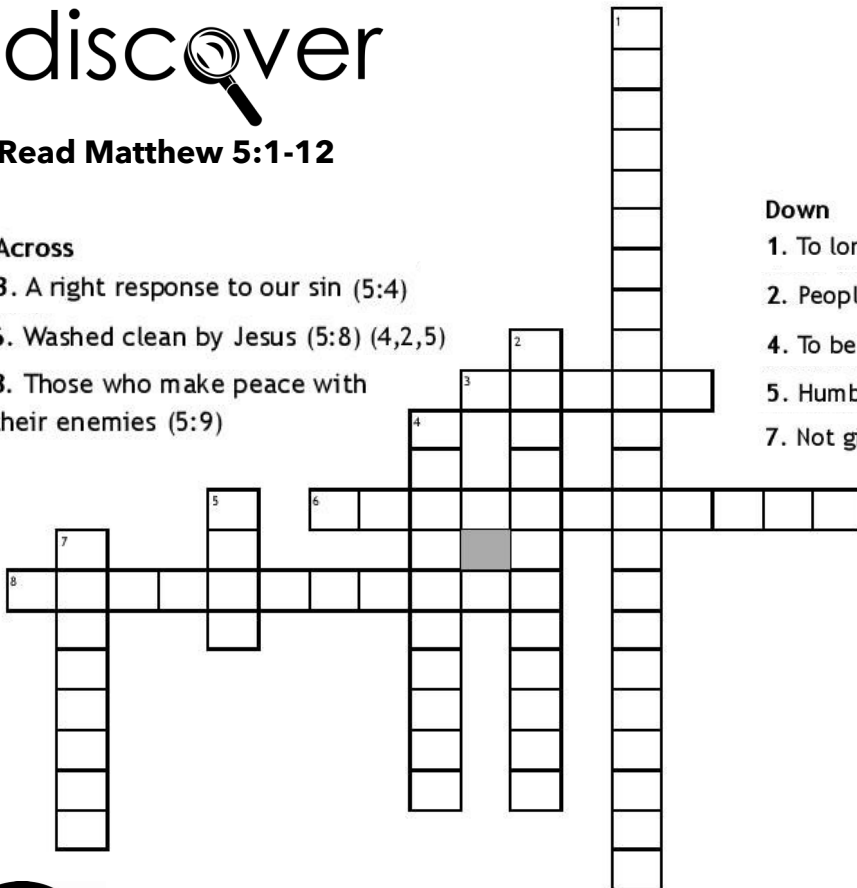
Read Matthew 5:1-12

Across

- 3. A right response to our sin (5:4)
- 6. Washed clean by Jesus (5:8) (4,2,5)
- 8. Those who make peace with their enemies (5:9)

Down

- 1. To long to be made good by Jesus (5:6) (5,3,13)
- 2. People who admit they are totally sinful (5:3) (4,2,6)
- 4. To be treated badly because of faith in Jesus (5:11)
- 5. Humble before God (5:5)
- 7. Not giving others what they deserve (5:7)



discuss



Does anything surprise you about how those who are truly happy are described?



Being 'poor in spirit' (v3) means knowing that you are completely sinful and can't please God by your own efforts. Do you think this describes you? Why or why not?



What does v8 say is the result of having been made clean ('pure in heart') by Jesus?



What are the good things that happen to those who belong to the kingdom of heaven?



How does the happiness that Jesus is describing here compare with the happiness we can have from enjoying the good things of this world?



What would you like to talk to God about in prayer, from what you've learnt?