

Making a Book about the Ten Blessings

Matthew 5:3-12

The Ten Blessings give us beautiful teachings about following the Lord so that He can give us the blessings of eternal life in heaven. Because the blessings can be difficult to understand when taken literally, each page of the book has one of the blessings quoted and then a paraphrase of how one might explain it to children. Under each paraphrase or explanation, we have suggested one way to illustrate this blessing. But children should feel free to come up with their own ideas.

Suggested materials:

one set of printed booklet pages for each child
cover stock paper or construction paper to make front and back covers
colored pencils, markers, or crayons
optional: glitter, metallic marking pens
stapler or hole puncher and ribbon

Suggested procedure:

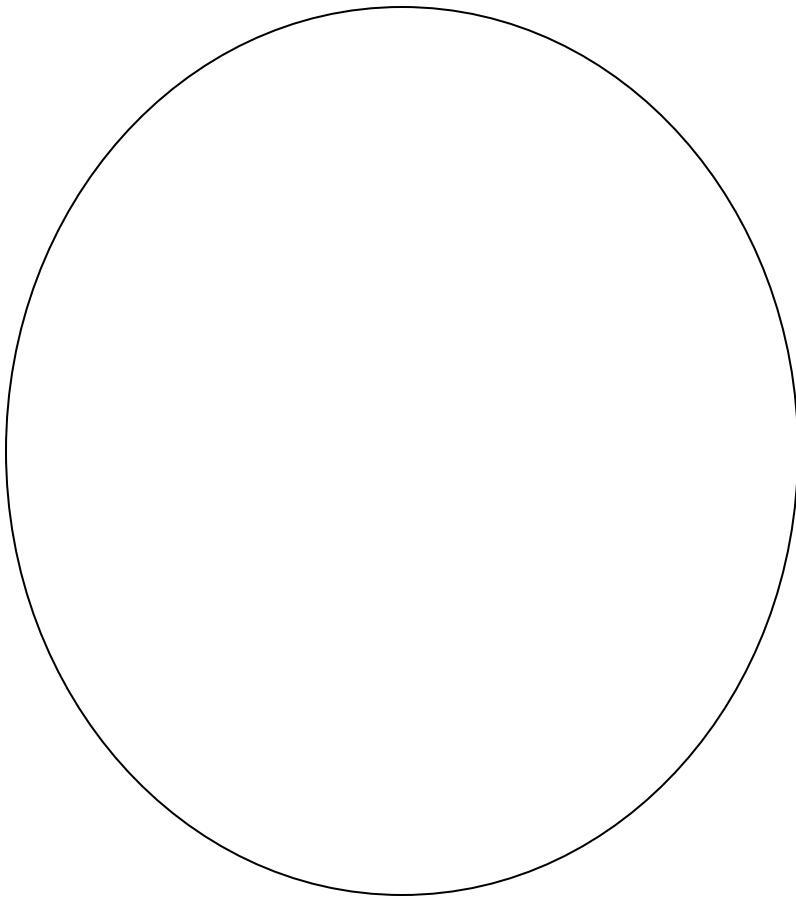
1. Illustrate each page of the book using colored markers, pencils, or crayons.
2. Fold the pages in half, creasing the folded edge.
3. Make a front and back cover out of construction paper or cover stock.
4. Assemble the booklet so that the blessings are in the right order.
5. Fasten the pages together by using a stapler along the left side of the booklet.

OR

Use a hole puncher to make 2 or 3 holes along the left side. Put a piece of ribbon or yarn through one hole and tie so that the pages are held together, but not too tightly. (You want to be able to open the book.) Repeat for each hole.

Alternate Procedure: Follow the directions as given above except have each child illustrate a different picture.

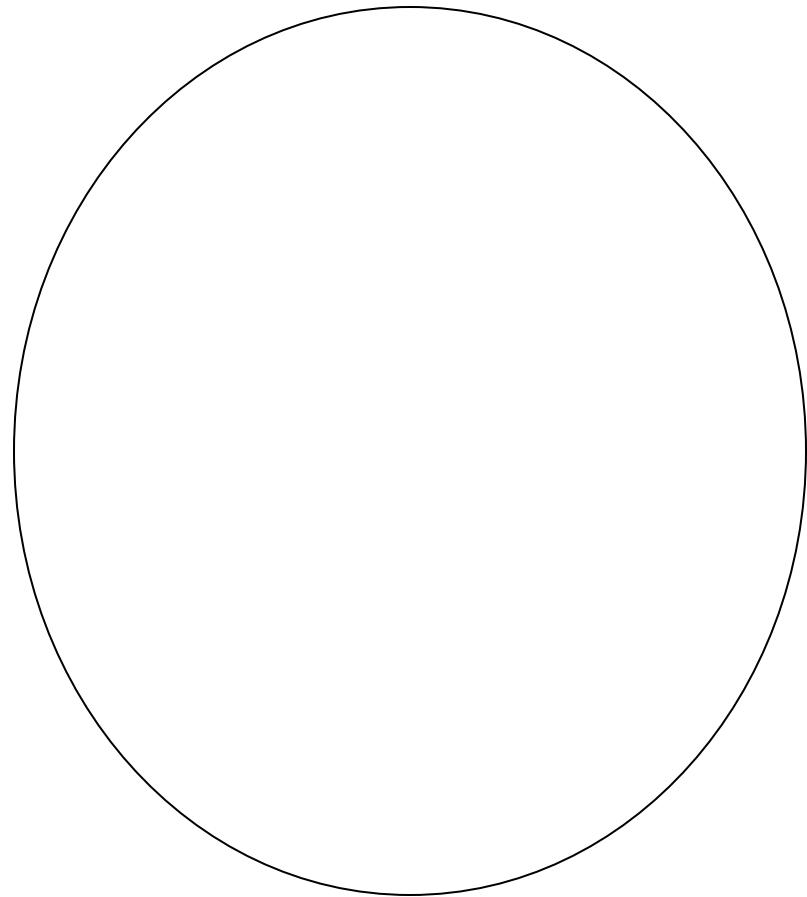
Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



*Happy are those who realize that they
need what the Lord teaches in His Word.*

Make a picture of a person reading the Word
or the open Word with lit candles on either side.

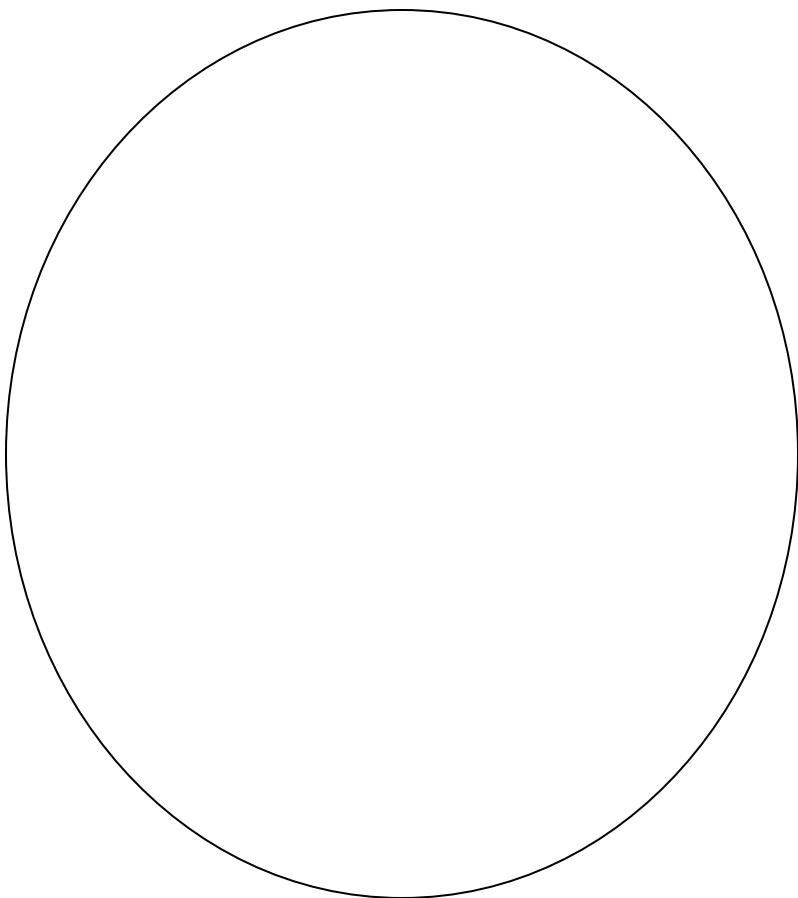
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.



*Happy are those who are sorry when they do
something wrong, then try to do what is good.*

Make a picture of someone who is sad after doing
something wrong—like making a young child cry.

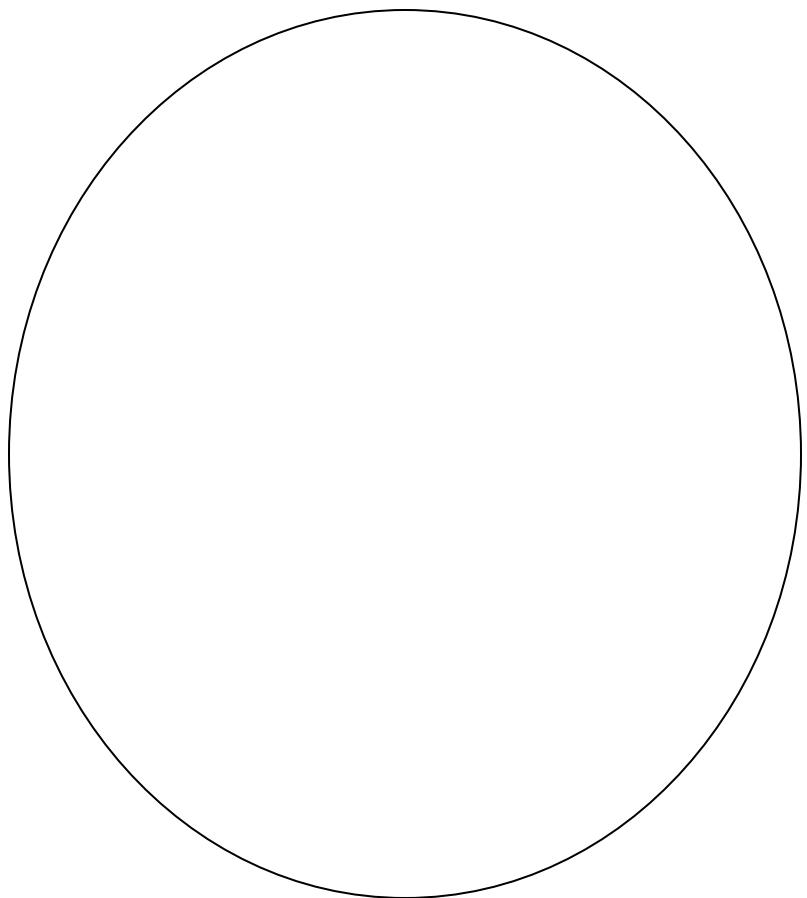
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.



Happy are those who are gentle and kind with others, but stand firm against evil.

Make a picture of a lamb and a lion to illustrate being gentle like a lamb and also strong like a lion.

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

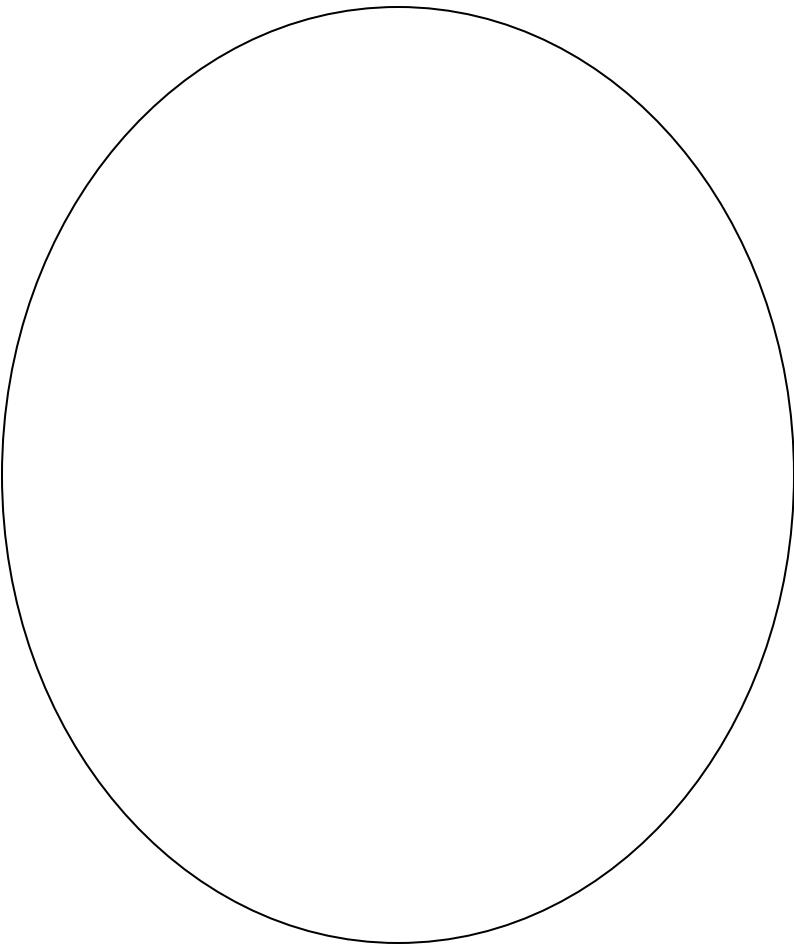


Happy are those who want what is good for all people.

Make a picture of the world (globe) or a group of people to illustrate having charity toward everyone.

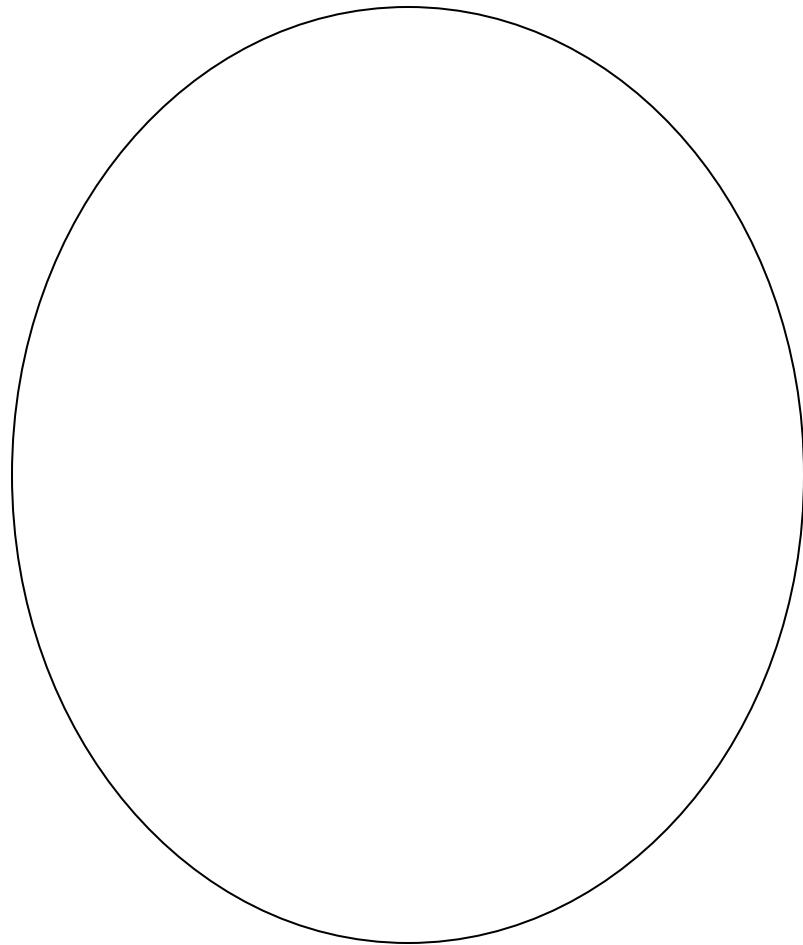
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

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



*Happy are those who are compassionate
for those who are in need.*

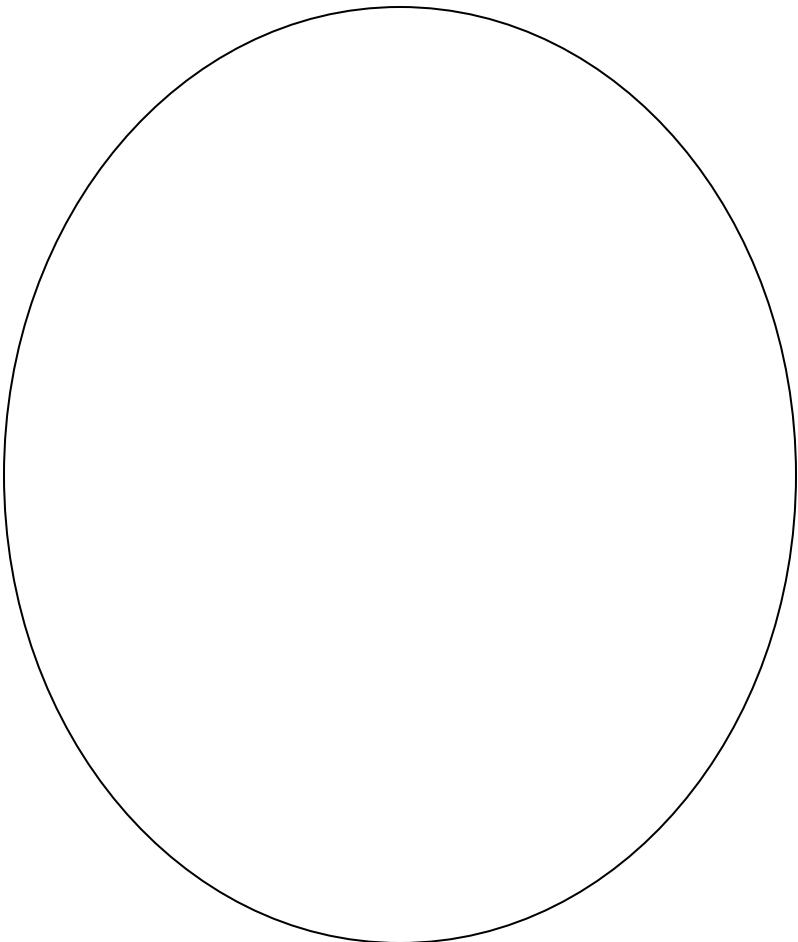
Make a picture of you doing something to help a friend or someone in your family.



Happy are those who love the Lord with their whole heart.

Make a picture of beautiful golden heart. You may want to use glitter or metallic pens to decorate the heart. You may also want to add the words from Deuteronomy 6:5.

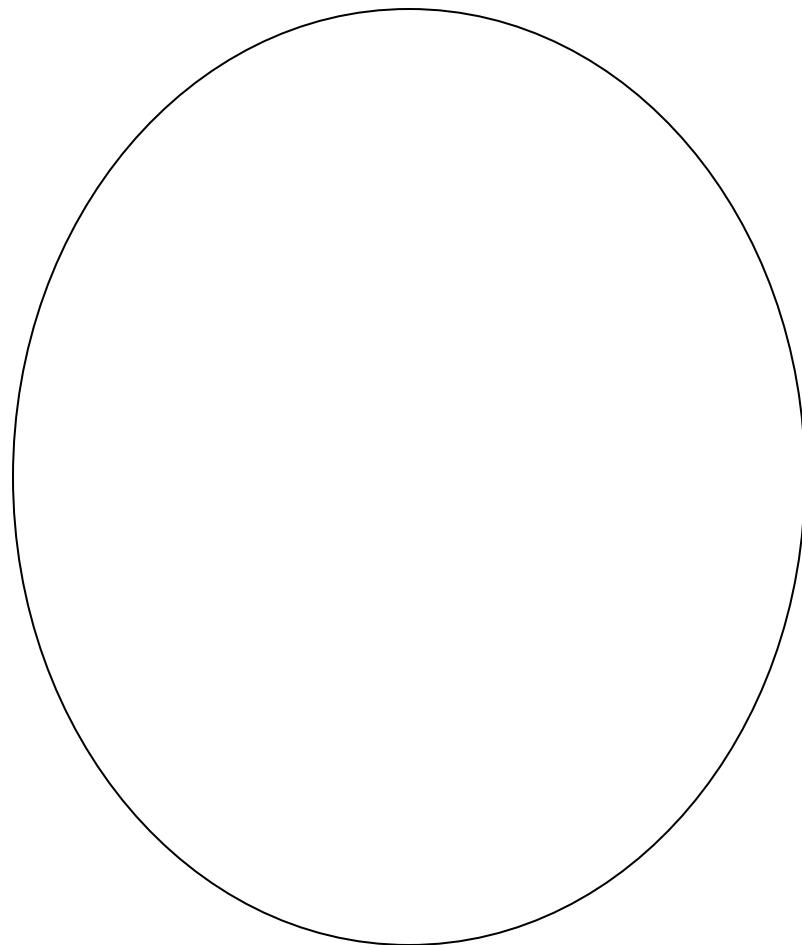
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.



*Happy are those who do what the Lord teaches
in His Word.*

Make a picture of someone who is doing something
good or who has guardian angel nearby.

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

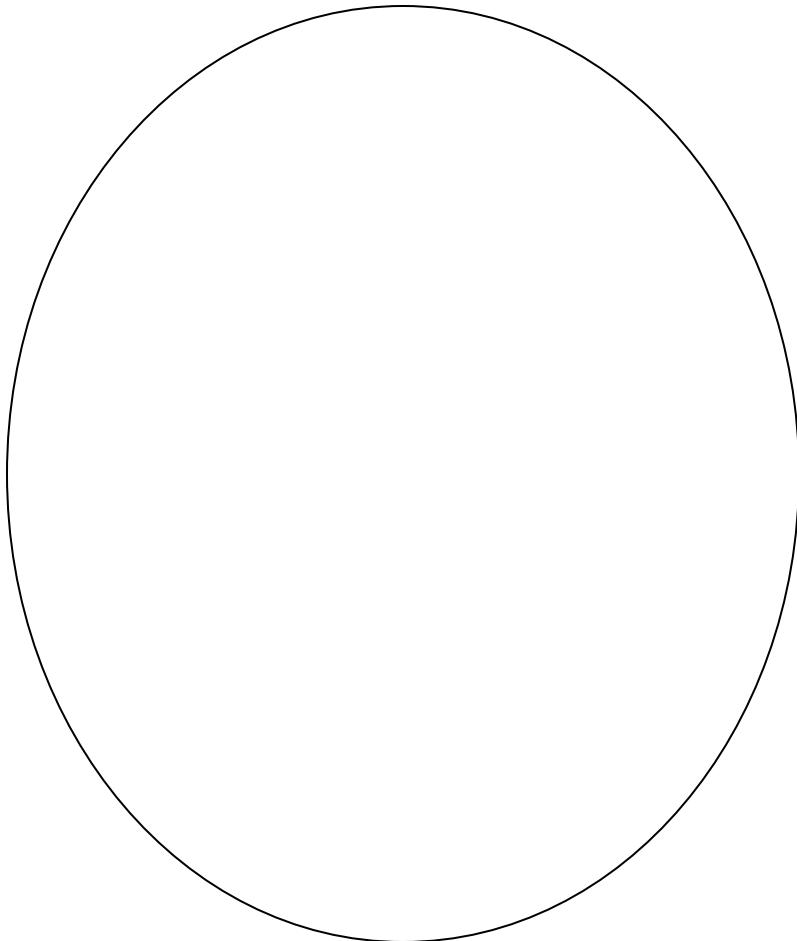


*Happy are those who are attacked by evil spirits because
the Lord can help them turn away from evil.*

Make a picture of an evil spirit who is unhappy because a
person chose to follow the Lord instead of him.

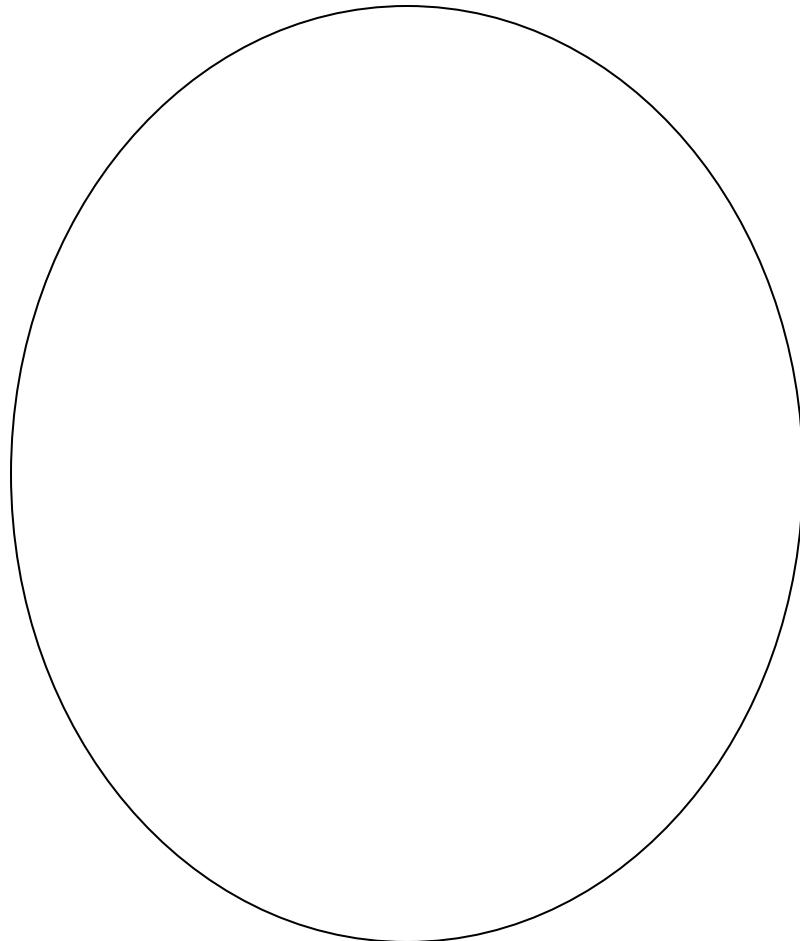
Blessed are you when they ... persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven....



Happy are those who are walking the path toward heaven.

Make a picture of the Lord holding you by the hand and leading you on a path toward heaven.



The Lord gives us the ever-lasting happiness of life in heaven if we look to Him.

Make a picture of yourself as an angel in heaven. Remember that the Lord sees you as a potential angel!