

# BEATITUDE ATTITUDES

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## PURPOSE

To use the Beatitudes as a guide for young people and to assist the youth in utilizing the characteristics as God desires.

Set up the easels and art supplies.

## OPENING

Several minutes before the meeting, play "Chameleon" on the **Never Say Die** album. As the song ends, seat the youth.

Dim the lights and turn on the spotlight. That will be the actors' cue to begin the play.

After the play, turn on the lights and introduce the focus of the evening—attitudes.

## THE "MEAT" OF THE MEETING

Divide into groups of seven or eight and assign each group to a drawing board. Explain that for the next 1,800 seconds they will be tested on their "ARTitudes."

Call the name of one representative from each group and show them a word. They are to draw an image of the word on their artboards—non-verbally coaxing their group to guess the word first. Keep score on which team guesses the most words. Following each of the illustrations, give a brief message on the meaning of that Beatitude.

Following are illustration ideas for the Beatitudes and points you can use in your brief message:

- Verse 3: Draw a hobo to illustrate "poor in spirit." Humility, meekness and godliness.

- Verse 4: Draw a tear to

illustrate "mourn." Empathy and compassion.

- Verse 5: Draw a lamb to illustrate "meek." Gentleness, kindness and submission.

- Verse 6: Draw a hungry baby bird to illustrate "hunger and thirst after righteousness." Pursuit of Christlikeness and spiritual nourishment.

- Verse 7: Draw a judge to illustrate "merciful." Forgiveness and grace.

- Verse 8: Draw a bar of soap to show "pure in heart." Purity, holiness and innocence.

- Verse 9: Draw policemen to represent "peacemakers." Ministry of reconciliation, cooperation and winsomeness.

- Verse 10: Draw a soldier to show "patience through persecution." Long-suffering and perseverance.

Award the prizes to the winning team.

## RESPONSE (OR CLOSING)

Choose a discussion leader for each group and give that person a copy of the Attitude Review sheet.

Allow the groups to separate, discuss the questions and record their observations. After 10 to 15 minutes, gather everyone to share the conclusions.

For the final minutes of the meeting, pair and read Matthew 18:20 and James 5:16. Ask the youth to admit to their partners a

## Attitude Review

What attitude do you have that your parents most dislike?

What do you not like about your parents' attitudes?

In what ways can our friends affect our attitudes?

What attitudes need to be changed in your life for you to get in line with the attitudes Christ taught?

How do your attitudes affect your characteristics?

characteristic or an attitude they have that they know is wrong. Then, encourage them to pray for each other, asking God to impart the right attitudes and characteristics into their hearts and lives.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

**Jeremiah People, Sketch Books, Vol. IV**, Continental Ministries, P.O. Box 1996, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

**Never Say Die**, by Petra, Star-Song Records, Word, P.O. 1790, Waco, Texas 76796.

**Scripture in Song**, Benson, 365 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37228.

**Christian CounterCulture**, by John R.W. Stott, InterVarsity Press, P.O. Box F, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

**Improving Your Serve and Strengthening Your Grip**, by Charles R. Swindoll, Word, 4800 W. Waco Drive, Waco, Texas 76710.