

# Lesson 6 – The Beatitudes

## Teen Handout

### THE BEATITUDES

- 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- 2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.**
- 3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.**
- 4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**
- 5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**
- 6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.**
- 7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**
- 8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. I AM THE LORD THY GOD: THOU SHALT NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.**
- 2. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.**
- 3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.**
- 4. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.**
- 5. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.**
- 6. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTRY.**
- 7. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.**
- 8. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.**
- 9. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.**
- 10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.**

*What are the differences between these two?!*

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# The Seven Deadly Sins in Pop Culture...



The most well known example is *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, or the 2005 remake – *Charlie and Chocolate Factory*. Each main character displays traits of the 7 deadly sins. Can you guess which is which?

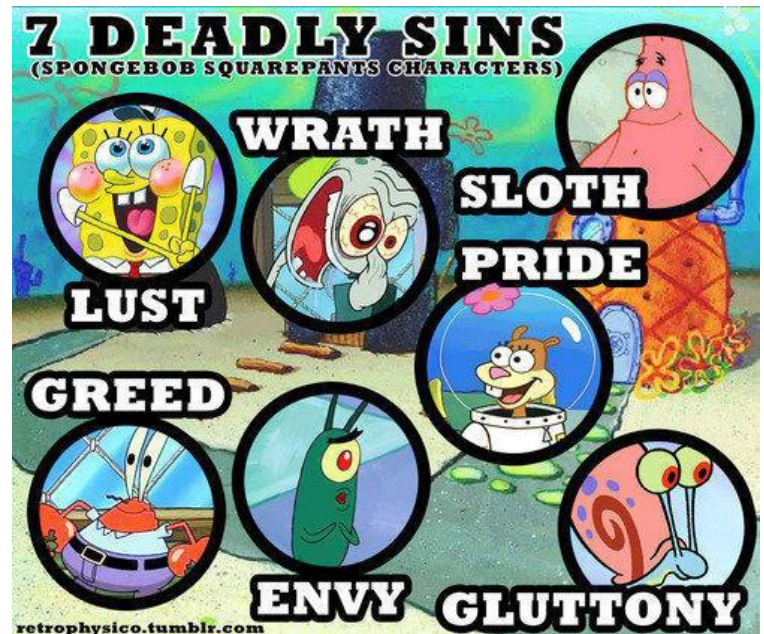
- Charlie:
- Mike Teavee:
- Augustus Gloop:
- Veruca Salt:
- Violet Beauregarde:
- Willy Wonka:
- Grandpa Joe:

## The Seven Deadly Sins can also be seen in characters of *Spongebob Squarepants*

Where else...?

- In the *Dungeons & Dragons* third-edition fantasy role-playing game, the seven deadly sins and the seven heavenly virtues each made an appearance as the philosophical cleric Domains.

- In the Paradox Interactive game, *Crusader Kings II*, various events and actions cause the player character to gain or lose one of the 7 virtues or vices. Having many virtues holds strategic interest and helps to further the player's ambitions.

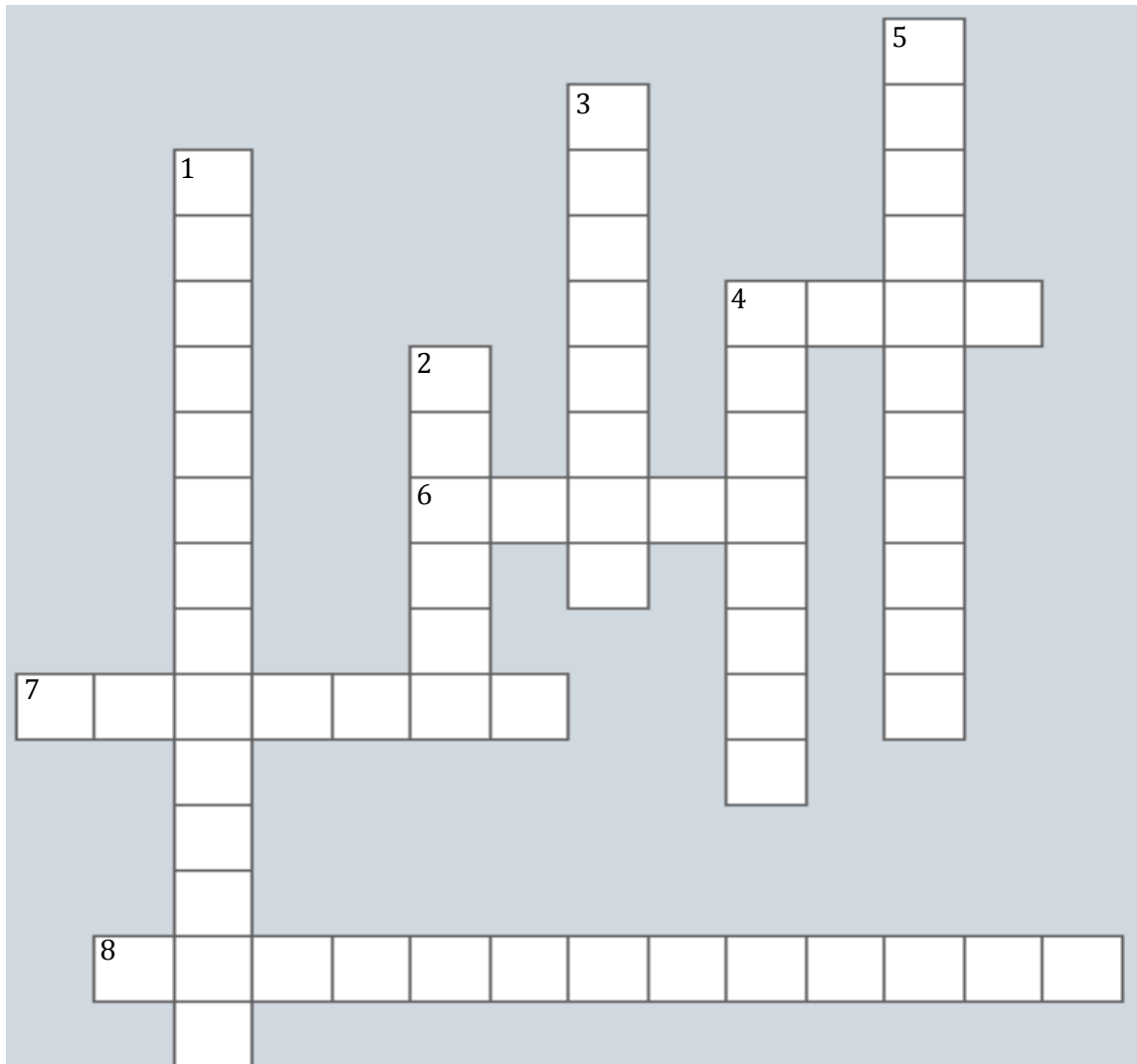


### Match the Sin to its Opposite Virtue

- 1) Pride
- 2) Greed
- 3) Envy
- 4) Anger
- 5) Lust
- 6) Gluttony
- 7) Sloth

- 1) Love
- 2) Self-control
- 3) Fortitude
- 4) Faith and temperance
- 5) Humility
- 6) Generosity
- 7) Kindness

# THE BEATITUDES



## Down

1. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (3 words – include spaces)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ person will be the greatest in the kingdom.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall obtain mercy.
4. Jesus taught his disciples on the side of a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall be called the sons of God.

## Across

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall inherit the earth.
7. We make God sad when we \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ will be comforted.
8. We should hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Challenges for the week: The Eight Beatitudes**

- 1) **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn to put our trust in God rather than in material possessions.*
- 2) **Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn not to expect perfect happiness on earth. Grow in hope and confidence that God can and will provide us with perfect happiness in his kingdom.*
- 3) **Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that happiness does not come from self-promotion and gaining control over others. It comes from treating one another with gentleness and patience.*
- 4) **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that being upset with the injustice and evil we see around us is a result of God's grace and an invitation to strive to promote a just society.*
- 5) **Blessed are the merciful, for they will show mercy.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that the very foundation of God's kingdom rests on our being willing to forgive those who wrong us. Refusing to forgive and seeking revenge only continues the cycle of hatred and violence.*
- 6) **Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that growing in friendship with God is our single most important task on earth.*
- 7) **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that as children of God we have the responsibility to help others forgive each other and live in peace together.*
- 8) **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**CHALLENGE:** *Learn that persecution is inevitable whenever we are truly working to promote God's kingdom. Rather than being surprised and discouraged, we should be reassured that we are on the right track.*

### **I learned Statements—complete one or two of the sentences below:**

- 1) I learned.....
- 2) I relearned.....
- 3) I discovered.....
- 4) I wonder if.....
- 5) I was surprised...