Home Learning Pack 2021 <u>Year 5</u> <u>Pack 3</u> 'ear 5 e incredibly hard times, it is important to look after yourself rers around you. Stay positive, remember everything will rd we will all be together again soon. I am missing you d look forward to seeing you all very soon! Enjoy the time ve at home and get creative with your learning!
Studying "The Beatitudes" is an important part of our religious education at St Mary's in the past, back when we were allowed to have gatherings of people, Year 5 would learn the Beatitudes song on YouTube to present to their parents in the curriculum assembly. Please feel free to listen, watch and sing along to the clip below, you may even remember it from assemblies gone by. The Beatitudes Song - YouTube
YouTube ^{GB} beatitudes song
Blessed are the poor in spirit those who see the sin in their hearts

The Beatitudes

Know that the Beatitudes show us the way to live. Think of ways they can help us to be true followers of Jesus.



Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-11)

As usual, a large crowd was following Jesus eager to hear his teaching. He went up a hill, so that he could see the crowd and they could see him. Jesus sat down and taught the people about the **blessings** they will have if they follow his teaching.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The poor in spirit are those who know that they need

God's help every day in order to be good.

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

The meek are those who are thoughtful and want to help people who are in need of love and kindness.





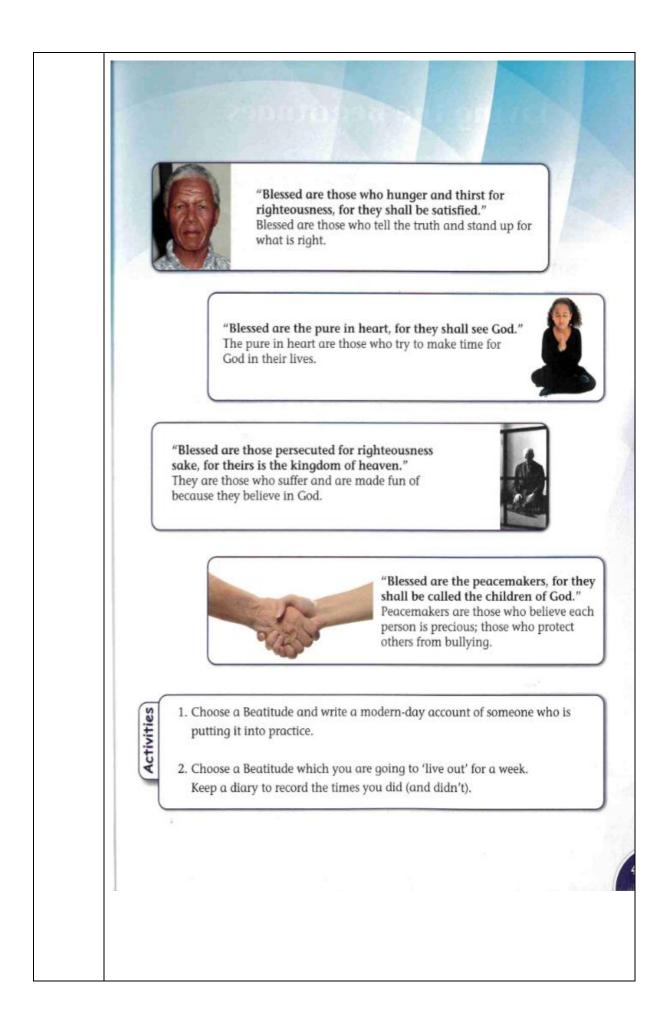
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

We mourn when we have been very upset by what someone has done to us. Also, we mourn when we are very sorry because we have hurt someone.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Blessed are those willing to forgive those who hurt them.



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Living the Beatitudes



Understand why Jesus blessed the merciful. Think about what this means for us.

Beatitudes

We are going to learn how some people have lived the beatitudes. These people are usually very courageous and are aware of their need for God and trust in Him to help them.

St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947)

One of the beatitudes is 'Blessed are the Merciful'. The merciful are people who are willing to forgive those who hurt them. Jesus has told us that if we forgive others, we will receive his forgiveness when we have done something wrong. Let us learn about the early tragic life of Bakhita and see how, in the end, she was greatly blessed.





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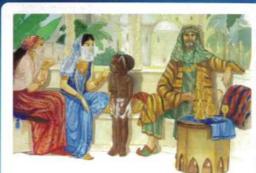
Pause to listen: 'My first great suffering'. (TB p.47)



When Bakhita was a girl in the Sudan, a country in Africa, her village was attacked and she was kidnapped, along with the women and children. She said: "They took hold of me, threatened to harm me, and carried me off. When we reached their village, they kept me locked up. I was alone, in the dark, crying for my mummy."

Some days later, the kidnappers took the children to a slave market and sold them like animals.





A rich Arab bought Bakhita. At first, his family was kind to her. However, one day she accidentally dropped a precious vase. Her master was furious. He hit her so badly that it took ages for the wounds to heal.

Bakhita was then sold to a Turkish general. She describes what happened: "One day, my

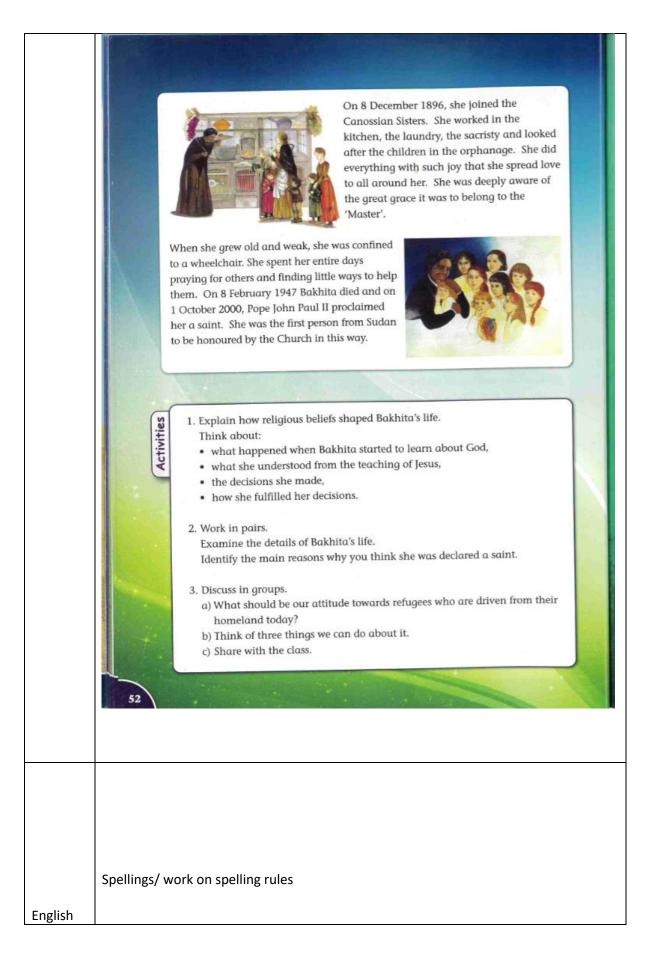
mistress decided that it was my turn, like all the other slaves to undergo the cruel process of tattooing. This consisted of making hundreds of cuts with a razor on my chest, stomach and arms. But when this was done they poured salt into the wounds so that the scars, instead of healing up, became inflamed and stayed visible forever.... The pain was indescribable. I can truly say that the only reason I didn't die was that the Lord had better things in store for me."

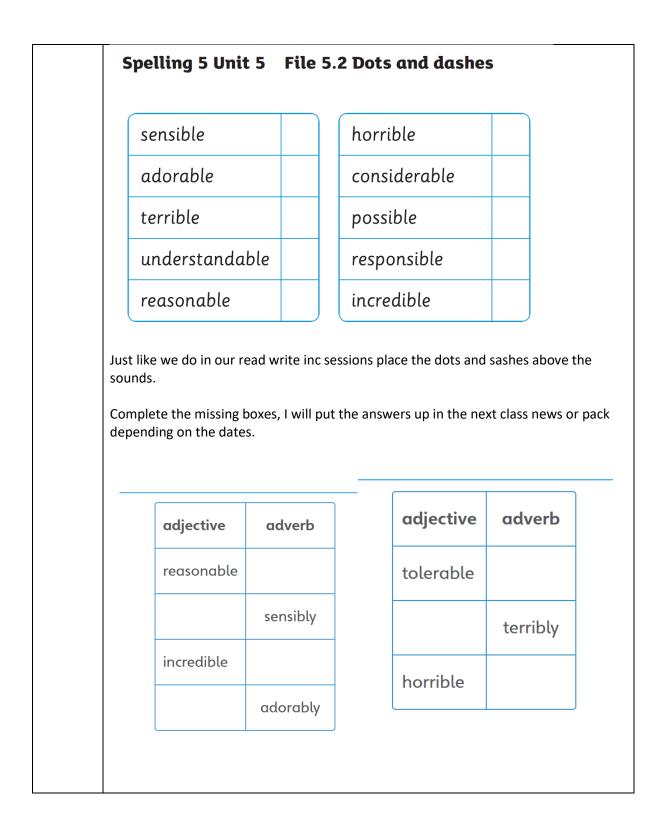
In 1883, when Bakhita was still a teenager, she was sold to an Italian family. They were kind and treated her well. When they returned to Italy from the Sudan, she went with them, and was given the job of looking after their daughter, Mimmina. Eventually, Mimmina was sent to a boarding school in Venice and Bakhita went with her. That was where she was introduced to the Canossian Sisters. She started to learn about God who created her and loved her. She wanted to live her life for Him.



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Bakhita decided to become a Christian. On 9 January 1890, she received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and made her first Holy Communion. In studying the teaching of Jesus, she understood that she had to forgive the people who treated her badly and to pray for them. Her one desire now was to hand over her life completely to Jesus whom she called the 'Master'.





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