

The Beatitudes

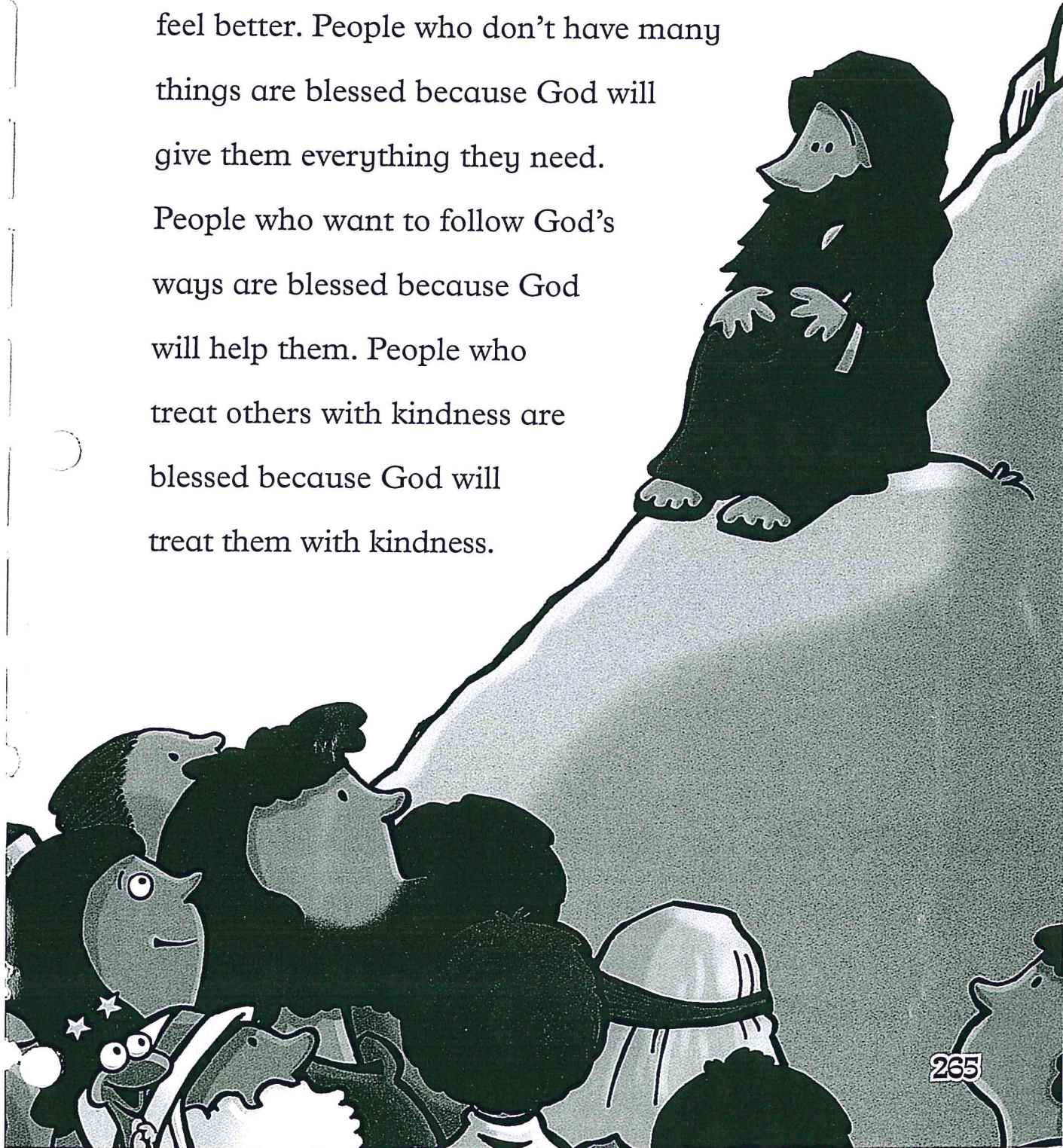
News that Jesus was coming had spread all over the town. “Maybe he will make sick people well!” some people thought. “Maybe he will make hurt people walk!” thought others.

Everyone wanted to see Jesus. There were so many people, how would they all be able to see him? Jesus knew. He climbed part way up a mountainside and sat down. Now all of the people could see Jesus. Everyone waited. Someone yelled, “Quiet, I want to listen!” “Sh-h-h,” mothers told their children. Then Jesus began to teach the people.

Jesus said, “People who feel hopeless are blessed because God will give them heaven.



Sad people are blessed because God will help them feel better. People who don't have many things are blessed because God will give them everything they need. People who want to follow God's ways are blessed because God will help them. People who treat others with kindness are blessed because God will treat them with kindness.



People who know what is right in their heart are blessed because God will be with them. People who make peace are blessed because they will be called God's children. People who are hurt because they try to do what is right are blessed because God will give them heaven."



Wow! So many blessings! Did Jesus have anything more to tell the people? He did. Jesus told the people, "If other people don't like you and they hurt you, say bad things about you, or tell lies about you because you are my friend, you are blessed! Be happy because God has a special place for you in heaven!"

The crowd became noisy. People were smiling. Jesus had blessed the people. What a happy day!

★ Think of a time when you have been sad. How did God help you feel better?

