

A script from



## **“The Be Attitudes”**

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**What** Buddy has everything he could ever want...except for joy. So he sets out to find how others have joy despite their lack of material possessions.  
**Themes:** Joy, Peace, Wealth, Kid's Ministry

**Who** Buddy  
3 friends  
Narrator

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** Paper chains with links labeled PROUD, DESERVING, RICH  
3 helium filled balloons labeled BE A MOURNER, BE POOR IN SPIRIT, BE HUNGRY/THIRSTY  
3 helium filled balloons labeled JOY-FILLED  
Bible

**Why** Matthew 5:2-12

**How** Keep the energy and pacing up and be careful not to drag. Keep a weight on the end of the balloons strings so that (just in case) the balloon doesn't fly away.

**Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Narrator enters and addresses the audience.*

**Narrator:** Once upon a time there was a man who had everything he had ever wanted. He had cars, houses, and enough money to buy whatever he wanted, and yet, he was still sad.

*Buddy enters wearing paper chains draped around him.*

This man looked around and saw that there were others who had so much less in the world and yet were so much happier, and he was puzzled by their joy

*Friend 1 enters holding two balloons labeled MOURNER, JOY-FILLED.*

**Buddy:** Excuse me, could you help me? I see you have joy and I have been searching and searching, trying to find some. What is your secret?

**Friend 1:** Why wouldn't I be joyful? I'm the child of a King and I'll be going to heaven to see Him someday.

**Buddy:** But your clothes are cheap, you drive a VW, you shop at Walmart and you live in a dump. Look at me, I am successful, I wear designer clothes, and I drive a Ferrari. That's what the child of a king should look like.

**Friend 1:** *(changing subject)* Tell me about this *(lifts chain link labeled PROUD)*.

**Buddy:** I'm proud because I'm a self-made man. I started with nothing and I worked my fingers to the bone so I could have everything I want. If everyone worked as hard as me the world would be a better place.

**Friend 1:** Sounds like you think you are better than everyone else around you.

**Buddy:** No...but I'm better than a lot of people.

**Friend 1:** Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." As long as you think you are better than everyone else you can't mourn your sinfulness. Let me take this from you *(takes chain labeled PROUD)* and give you this instead *(hands him balloon labeled BE A MOURNER.)* Everybody sins, so you need to stop being proud and be a mourner. Mourn your faults and admit them to God. Then you will begin to know the meaning of true joy.

**Narrator:** Buddy tried mourning his sins, but he still didn't feel particularly happy, so he kept walking, hoping someone would come along who could help him.

*Friend 2 enters holding 2 balloons labeled BE POOR IN SPIRIT, JOY FILLED.*

**Buddy:** Tell me friend, what is the secret of your joy?

**Friend 2:** *(picks up the chain labeled DESERVING on Buddy's chest and looks at it)*  
I'll tell you after you tell me what it is that you deserve?

**Buddy:** Oh that? Well, I go to church every Sunday, teach Sunday School, and tithe 10% of my income to the church. In fact, they've even named the new Sunday school building after me. I set the example for other Christians to follow, if you know what I mean, so I certainly deserve to go to heaven. After all, it's the place reserved for the very best of us.

**Friend 2:** If you think that, then why aren't you already full of joy?

**Buddy:** To tell you the truth, lately I've been wondering if I've done enough.

**Friend 2:** Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they will inherit the kingdom." In other words, you can't do enough, so quit bragging and start begging.

Be poor in spirit so you will ask God for His forgiveness and then you will know true joy. *(removes DESERVING from Buddy and replaces it with a balloon labeled BE POOR IN SPIRIT.)*

**Narrator:** Buddy did feel lighter. Whenever he started to feel proud and deserving, he stopped and asked God to forgive him, but he still wasn't full of joy.

*Friend 3 enters holding 2 balloons labeled BE HUNGRY/THIRSTY, JOY-FILLED*

**Buddy:** Tell me friend, what is the secret of your joy?

**Friend 3:** I'll tell you in a minute, first tell me about this... *(picks up chain labeled RICH)*

**Buddy:** Let's see...that's my big house, my big car, my boat, my two computers, my three cell phones, my flat screen TV, my ski and beach vacations...I have everything I'll ever need to make me happy.

**Friend 3:** That's a lot of stuff to lug around. Don't you get tired of carrying it all.

**Buddy:** The vacations are supposed to help me rest and relax, but I do spend most of the time worrying about how I'm going to pay for them.

**Friend 3:** Here, let me help you. *(takes away chain labeled RICH and ties on the balloon labeled BE HUNGRY/THIRSTY)* Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled." You are hungry for things. You need to be hungry and thirsty for God. Then, you will know God, and know that He loves you. That's when you will have true joy.

**Buddy:** How do I get to know God?

**Friend 3:** *(hands him a Bible)* A lot of what you need to know is in here. You own about five of these, but you've never really read one, have you? And you go to church, but do you listen to the sermon, or are you too busy thinking about your busy week ahead?

**Buddy:** *(ashamed)* I guess I just figured if I went to church and gave a lot of money, then that made me into a Christian.

*First and Second Friend enter*

**Friend 1:** Buddy, here is the true secret to joy. You need the Be Attitudes. First you need to be mournful of your sins

**Friend 2:** Be poor in spirit so you'll want forgiveness

**Friend 3:** And be hungry and thirsty to know God.

**All:** Then you will be full of joy

*Hands Buddy their JOY-FILLED balloons.*

**Buddy:** I feel lighter already!

*Lights out.*