**Step into the Story**

**Part 4**

*One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”*

Matthew 5:1-3 (NLT)

*“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!”*

Matthew 5:20 (NLT)

*“But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”*

Matthew 5:48 (NLT)

**Jesus’ teaching is an invitation to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”*

Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)