



# Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

## "Beatitudes - Introduction"

01/13/08

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
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- Worship Leader
- Father (two characters)
- Mother (two characters)
- Kid #1 (two characters)
- Kid #2 (two characters)
- Joe (puppet)
- Christy (puppet)
- Cat (puppet)
- Dog (puppet)

### Prop List:

Kitchen table	Pans	Brief case
4 Chairs	Dish cloth	Block heads
Stove area	Wooden spoon	2 Different aprons
Toy truck	"Gameboy" type toy	Stuffed animal

### SFX / Music List:

Think About These Things	BG: exciting (Foster Piano Concerto)
The Attitude	BG: tense
A Cheerful Heart (chorus only)	BG: (Foster Conscience)
Happy	
No Worries (Pray A Prayer)	

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"





OPENING SONG: Think About These Things

Joe and Christy are playing with their toys they got for Christmas.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: exciting (Foster Piano Concerto)

WORSHIP LEADER: Hey, Joe, Christy! Guess what?

JOE & CHRISTY: (Look at each other and then at Jim and say together) What?

WORSHIP LEADER: It's a new year and here at rock the world, Sunday morning kids' worship service, we're going to talk about something new, starting today!

CHRISTY: That's cool! I'm excited! What is it? Are we gonna talk about heaven?

JOE: Or maybe God's promises, about heaven?

WORSHIP LEADER: Wow, you guys got a one track heaven bound mind. But that's not exactly what we're talking about today.

CHRISTY: Okay, then what is it?

WORSHIP LEADER: It's the beatitudes!

JOE: The bee-what-a-toods?

WORSHIP LEADER: You know, when Jesus went up on the hilltop and said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the gentle..."

CHRISTY: Oh, yeah, and He would add: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven, or, for they shall be called sons of God. (Hangs her head, kind of sad) Hmmmm..."

WORSHIP LEADER: Aww, what's wrong, Christy?

CHRISTY: I don't think I understand what these, bee-attitudes are all about.

JOE: Me neither.

WORSHIP LEADER: Well, I think I can help with that...it's about "our attitude"...our be-happy attitude...you see, the word "blessed" means "happy"...it's about our joy in God... maybe this song will help.

CUE SONG: The Attitude

JOE: That helps, but I need something I can really relate to, so I can understand what you mean by: "Be-happy" attitude.





**WORSHIP LEADER:** Okay, here's something you can relate to. I'm going to introduce you to two different families that have the same problems and trials in life. Let's look at the attitude of the first family. (Calls out to the back of the room) Let's bring out the "Blockhead family."

**JOE & CHRISTY:** (Look at each other) The Blockheads?

**JOE:** (Whispers to Christy) I have a feeling this is how we shouldn't be!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** In our story today, a blockhead is someone who won't listen; someone who's attitude shows that he only cares about his own feelings. Notice that the Blockhead family is wearing "blocks" on their head. You tell me what kind of attitude this family has, (To the kids) and kids, you watch too, and let me know what you think.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: tense

Blockhead mom, kids and pets enter from stage left. Kids sit at table and play with hand held gameboys and stuffed animals. Mom is bustling about kitchen setting table. Pets are resting near each other not interacting happy. Dad comes griping up center aisle, briefcase in hand, he's in a bad mood, drags along.

**DAD:** (Walking up center aisle, say this before reaching stage left stairs) **What a lousy day, I should have stayed in bed.** (Moans as he walks up stairs) **Oooohargh!**

**MOTHER:** **Hi, honey,** (Tries to reach out to give hug, no hug from husband, instead he hands her his briefcase!)

**DAD:** (Hands on hips pacing slowly) **Don't "honey" me! My boss hated my new ideas, told me I better come up with something good, then he cut my pay by 10% and, to top it all off,** (Touches top of cube) **I told the barber to take a little bit off the top of my block, but nooo! He completely leveled me, look at this** (Points to head, begins to sniff the air and with a "yuk" look on his face he walks over near the stove and says in an accusatory tone) **What's for dinner?**

**MOTHER:** (With lack of enthusiasm) **It's beef stew, I...**

**DAD:** (Angrily cuts her off) **You know I hate beef stew I'm goin' over to Taco Bell, some wife you are!** (Storms out of room and down stage left stairs to back of room to get ready to be the "other" dad.)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC DOWN SLIGHTLY

**CHRISTY:** **Wow!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** **Kids, does Mr. Blockhead have a good attitude?**

**KIDS:** **No!**



**WORSHIP LEADER:** What kind of attitude would you call it?

**KIDS:** A bad attitude.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Watch how his bad attitude affects the whole family.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC BACK UP

**MOTHER:** (Grumpy, stomping around and rough with the stir spoon and pans) **You kids stop playing at the kitchen table. I've told you a million times not to bring toys to the table...put the toys away and go wash your hands.** (Leaves stage with dishtowel, she wipes her hands, very upset)

**KID #1:** What did we do? (Takes his toy as he gets up)

**KID #2:** (Walks into sibling) **Get out of my way** (Leaves stuffed toy on the table)

**KID #1:** I'm not putting that toy away!

**KID #2:** Oh, yes you are! (Runs off stage left without toy)

**Kid #1** (Looks at dog) **You put it away, Snoopy!** (Throws toy at dog, exits stage left, very angry)

**DOG:** (Cries out and ducks) **Ooooww!** (Very slowly turns and looks at sleeping cat and growls) **Grrrrr!** (Slowly sneaks up on cat and barks a mean bark) **Woowoof!**

**CAT:** (Jumps up shocked and squeals) **Eeeeeeeowwww** (Runs off stage right and down and dog chases after dog)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

**JOE:** Wow!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Kids, what kind of attitude was that?

**KIDS:** Bad!

**CHRISTY:** One bad attitude can take away everyone's joy.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Yeah, it's like a bad cold; one person sneezes and everybody gets it!

**JOE:** (Sneeze in the direction of the Worship Leader) **Ahhchoo!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** (Wiping off arm where sneeze hit) **Bless you, Joe. As we've seen, anger can be contagious. But the Lord says, "That a cheerful, joyful heart is like a good medicine."**

CUE SONG: A Cheerful Heart (chorus only)

**CHRISTY:** What would it be like if the Blockheads didn't act like blockheads?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Oh, you mean, if they were a family who loves God and puts him first?

**JOE:** Yeah.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Let's watch and see. Here they come again. Only a lot different.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Foster Conscience

Setting stage left family #2 will re-enact the same story but with a different attitude. Mother is tending the stew and kids are at table with gameboys.

**DAD:** (With briefcase in hand, he comes up center aisle humming a little of "a cheerful heart", he greets wife with a hug) **Hi, honey, hey, kids!** (They smile at Dad)

**MOTHER:** Hi, love, what's wrong?

**DAD:** Oh, it's been a hard day; my boss didn't like my ideas, said I better work harder and, he cut my pay by 10%.

**MOTHER:** Oh, honey, that is bad news, but I know you'll come up with some great ideas.

**DAD:** You know what, honey, let's pray, we need to pray, we need God's help. I need God's help, oh, I forgot to tell you, to top it all off, (Touches top of head) the barber leveled my hair and now, I look like a blockhead.

**MOTHER:** No you don't, err, you look fine.

**DAD:** At least it'll grow back...come on, let's pray. (They go to the table)

**MOTHER:** Kids, I said no toys at the table.

**KIDS:** Sorry, mom. (Put toys down off table and onto floor while they pray)

**DAD:** Hey, (Sniff, sniff) **What's that smell?**

**MOTHER:** Oh, honey, I'm trying to save money at the store and beef stew meat was on sale. I know it's not your favorite.

**DAD:** No, but that's okay, sweetheart, I'm just thankful we have food on our table, and I'm thankful to be with my favorite people. **Let's pray.**

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

**CHRISTY:** Now that was better!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Kids, what kind of attitude was that? A good one or a bad one?



**KIDS:** A good one!

**JOE:** Even though they had the same problems as the Blockheads, they acted differently. They still have God's joy!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** They chose to have God's joy, they chose a "be - happy" attitude and treated each other with love and respect.

**CHRISTY:** But what does all of this have to do with the beatitudes, like the one that says: Blessed are the poor in spirit, what does Jesus mean?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** I'm glad you asked that! We're going to find that out next week.

**JOE:** (Cheers) All right! I can't wait to know what these beatitudes are all about.

**CHRISTY:** Yeah, I want to learn about having a be-happy attitude, 'cuz there's nothing better than the joy of the Lord.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Since it's a new year, let's bring out the "New" King James Bible and repeat today's verse.

**JAMES:** Happy New Year, everyone. Repeat after me:

**KIDS:** After me!

**JAMES:**

Happy are the people  
Whose God is the Lord.  
Psalm 14:15

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Let's pray, repeat after me:  
Father in heaven  
I need a Jesus attitude  
So I can love others  
And please You  
Please help me  
To choose a "be happy" attitude  
In Jesus' name we pray  
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONGS: Happy / No Worries (Pray A Prayer)

