



**DAILY READING:**  
Matthew 5:10-12

**Tyrone took a** deep breath before walking out the door to go to school. He knew what would happen. The other boys would tease him and say mean things because he went to church and told others about Jesus. He prayed before he ate lunch, too. Tyrone knew he was doing what God wanted him to. But the other kids kept teasing him about being a Christian.

**MATTHEW 5:10-12** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



**THINK ABOUT IT!**

To be persecuted is to be treated in a hateful way because of what you believe. Persecution is painful. Did Jesus say people who loved Him would be persecuted for doing wrong or for doing right?

It doesn't sound fair to be hurt for doing right things! Why does verse 12 say you should be glad when you are persecuted?

When people laugh at you or try to hurt you for doing right, think about the good days to come in Heaven. Troubles may last for a while but Heaven will be forever!



**PRAY**

Ask God to help you have a good attitude even when others persecute you.