Draw & Color

Draw a picture of a time you felt blessed by God.



January 29, 2023 **Epiphany 4**Matthew 5:1-12

You Are Blessed

Jesus stood and taught a huge crowd of people.

"You are blessed if you are poor, if you are hungry, if you are sad, if people are mean to you, especially if they're mean to you because you believe in God."

The people were shocked.

"What do you mean?" a woman asked. "I've always been taught that I couldn't walk because God is mad at me for something."

Jesus shook his head. "God doesn't treat people like that. God loves everyone no matter what. If you are different, if other people reject you, remember that God sees you and loves you. You are wonderful as you are."

The woman's eyes filled with tears of gratitude. "Wow," she said. "God really does love me."

Everyone was amazed about the new things Jesus taught about God.



REMEMBER THIS

BLESSED

Having God's love and attention, and being called by God to share that love with others.

*CRACK THE CODE

This secret message uses a Pigpen Cipher. Use the key to decipher the first "beatitude" in the book of Matthew. The first two letters are done for you.

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Did You Know?

In Jesus time, people
believed that if you were
poor or sad or having a
hard time, it was because
you had done something
wrong and God was
punishing you. Jesus said,
"No way. That's not how
God works." Jesus helps us
understand God in a new
way, even now.





TRY IT AT HOME!

Find a way to be a blessing to someone who is having a hard time.

