Hidden Blessings

MMM! I'M SO HUNGRY!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!

JESUS, I OFFER THIS UP TO YOU!

Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3.who 5.trusts 8.cursed 10.year 11.that 13.barren 14.but 17.beings 19.roots 21.heat
Down: 1.green 2.is 4.his 6.stream 7.human 9.distress 11.tree 12.he 14.beside 15.Lord 16.from 17.bush 18.in 20.it

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Just for us!

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

Blessed are you when people hate you because of me...

Blessed are you who are poor...

for you will be satisfied.

for the kingdom of God is yours.
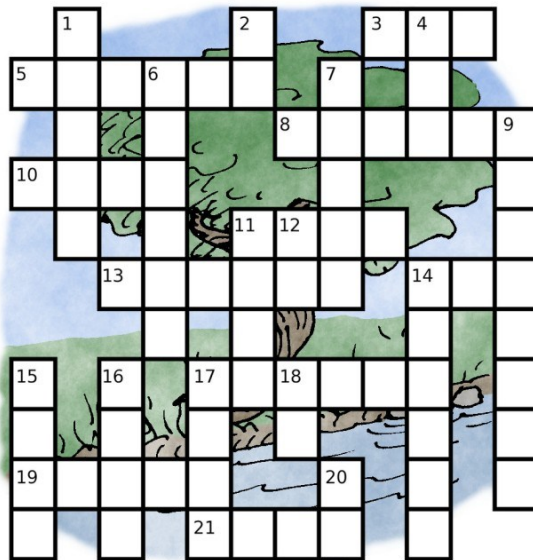
Blessed are you who are now hungry...

your reward will be great in Heaven.

for you will laugh.

Blessed are you who are now weeping...

Luke 6:20-26

Trust in the Lord
Cross-Word

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*Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit
them into the puzzle.*

Thus says the Lord:

____8a____ is the one who trusts in ___7d___ ___17a___,
___3a___ seeks ___4d___ strength ___18d___ flesh,
whose heart turns away ___16d___ the Lord.
___12d___ is like a ____13a____ ___17d___ in the desert
___11a___ enjoys no change of season,
___14a___ stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who ____5a____ in the Lord,
whose hope is the ___15d___ .
He ___2d___ like a ___11d___ planted ___14d___ the waters that
stretches out its ___19a___ to the ___6d___ :
it fears not the ___21a___ when ___20d___ comes; its leaves stay ___1d___ ;
in the ___10a___ of drought it shows no ___9d___ ,
but stll bears fruit.

Happiness Hive