

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 August 2021 - Year B

***“Work for food that gives eternal life.”***

### Something to Think About

What is the difference between a ‘need’ and a ‘want’?  
Can you name something that you ‘need’ in your life?  
Can you name something that you ‘want’ in your life?

### The Story

The message of this gospel story, is that God will provide everything we need – and more! Material things alone will not make us happy, but what God gives will satisfy us completely. God wants us to have faith and believe in Jesus.

### The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

6:24-29

The people saw that Jesus and his disciples had left.  
Then they got into the boats  
and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus.

They found him on the west side of the lake and asked,  
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you for certain  
that you are not looking for me because you saw the miracles,  
but because you ate all the food you wanted.

Don't work for food that spoils.

Work for food that gives eternal life.

The Son of Man will give you this food,  
because God the Father has given him the right to do so."

"What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked.  
Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video: [God has given to me](#)



## Group Discussion

The gospel story concludes with a question, 'What exactly does God want us to do?'

What does God want you to do? What does God want your family to do? What does God want the world family to do?

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader:* We pray that our leaders will protect the needs of all people. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who do not believe in Jesus. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray that our own faith will grow. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who don't have enough to eat. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear God,  
Help us to remember that you will  
give us everything we need.  
Thank you for all the good things  
you have given us.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

WANTS or NEEDS

*You will need: worksheet for each child, pens or markers*

God gives us everything we need.

1. Think about the difference between wants and needs as you complete the activity sheet.
2. Older children may like to draw some more examples of wants and needs on the back of the activity sheet.



# Wants or Needs

We need some things to survive!

Some things are nice to have, and we really want them, but we don't need them.

Look at the pictures below and write down whether you think each one is a 'need' or a 'want'.

House



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Ice cream



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Ring



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Teddy bear



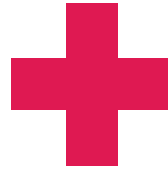
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Lipstick



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Medicine



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Chocolate



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Dinner



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Football



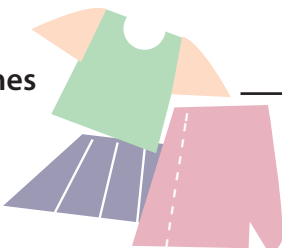
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Necklace



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Clothes



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Water



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# HAVE A LOOK-FOR-JESUS TREASURE HUNT

Find a cross or image of Jesus  
or you can draw one yourself.

Put it in a little box and ask mum or dad  
to hide it. Now, see if you can find it!  
**YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS.**



**THE PEOPLE SAW THAT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES  
HAD LEFT. THEY WENT TO LOOK FOR JESUS!**

**WHY DO WE  
LOOK FOR  
JESUS?**

- BECAUSE HE IS A FRIEND WHO LOVES US
- BECAUSE HE CAN HELP US AND GUIDE US
- BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE CLOSE TO HIM
- ALL OF THESE!