

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 October 2022 - Year C

“If you had faith!”

Something to Think About

Why do you do good things?

Is it because you think you will be rewarded, or because it is the right thing to do?

The Story

In today's gospel story, Jesus tells the disciples that faith is powerful. He tells them that if they even had faith as tiny as a mustard seed, then they could tell a tree to pull itself up and plant itself in the ocean! Then he tells them that they should be happy to serve others without needing any thanks. God wants us to do things out of love, not because we have to.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith stronger!"

Jesus replied:

"If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed,
you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up, roots and all,
and to plant itself in the ocean.

And it would!

"If your servant comes in from ploughing or from taking care of the sheep,
would you say, 'Welcome! Come on in and have something to eat'?

No, you wouldn't say that.

You would say, 'Fix me something to eat. Get ready to serve me, so I can have my meal.
Then later on you can eat and drink.'

"Servants don't deserve special thanks for doing what they are supposed to do.

And that's how it should be with you.

When you've done all you should,
then say, 'We are merely servants,
and we have simply done our duty.' "

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

Video

[Ordinary Time 27C - Seeds of Faith](#)



Group Discussion

This gospel passage begins with the disciples saying to Jesus, 'Make our faith stronger'. Discuss with children the meaning of 'faith'. As a leader, share your ideas about faith with the children. Tell them what it is that makes your faith strong.

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 1: We pray that leaders will show love and concern for all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who have no-one to care for them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will happily do kind things without needing any thanks. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that God will increase our faith. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will show our love for God through our love for people. 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,
Teach us to serve others cheerfully,
without expecting anything in
return, and help our faith to grow
strong.
Amen.

Group Activity

One little seed of faith can do great things!

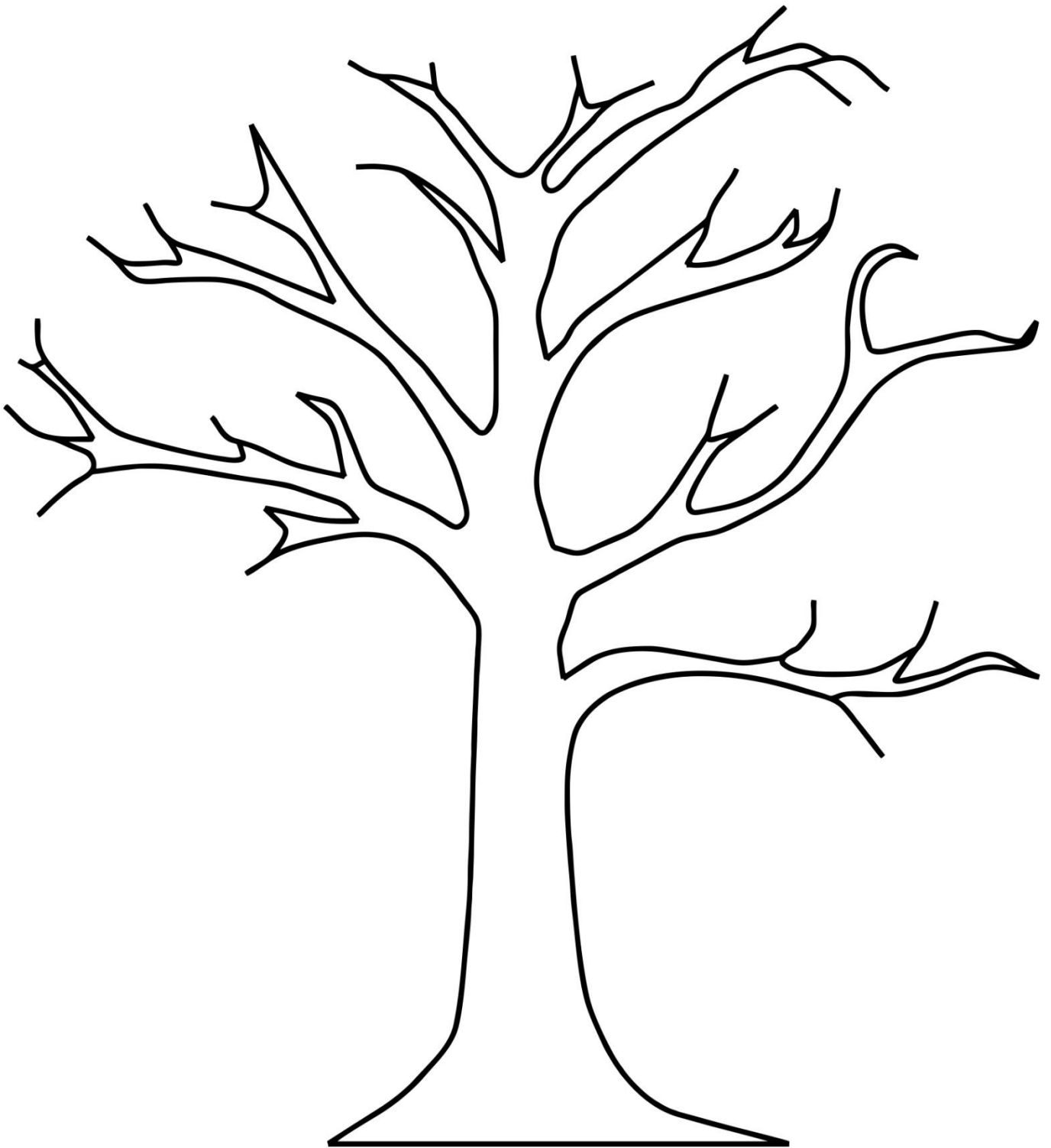
You will need: pumpkin seeds (optionally coloured), a tree template for each child, craft glue.

* Before this activity, you may wish to dye the pumpkin seeds in a variety of colours. This is an easy process that involves placing seeds in a zip-lock bag, adding a few squirts of liquid paint, and shaking up the bag until the seeds are colourful. If needed, add more paint and shake again. Then spread seeds on a tray to dry.

Repeat with different colours.

1. Give each child a tree template and display the coloured seeds in jars or bowls.
2. Invite child to glue coloured seeds hanging from the branches of the tree.





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and all, and to plant itself in the ocean.

And it would!"

Luke 17:5

FAITH = TRUST IN GOD

"LORD,
INCREASE
OUR FAITH"

Organise a TRUST WALK
at home.

One person puts on a
blindfold.

The second person
guides the first
making sure that
the one who is
blindfolded
never stumbles
or trips.

The first person
needs to TRUST
the guide.

