

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 September 2022 - Year C

“Good things came to you and bad things to Lazarus; now he is comforted while you are in agony.”

Something to Think About

Have you heard the saying, ‘Do to others as you would have them do to you’?
What do you think this means?

The Story

Today’s gospel story can be difficult to understand. It is a story about how things sometimes get reversed in God’s kingdom – the rich become poor and the poor become rich. The rich man is not welcomed into the kingdom, not because he was rich, but because he showed no kindness, no welcome and no compassion to the poor man.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

16:19-31

Jesus told his disciples this story:

There was once a rich man who wore expensive clothes and every day ate the best food. But a poor beggar named Lazarus was brought to the gate of the rich man's house. He was happy just to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them.

The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honour next to Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell and was suffering terribly. When he looked up and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side, he said to Abraham, 'Have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and touch my tongue. I'm suffering terribly in this fire.'

Abraham answered, 'My friend, remember that while you lived, you had everything good, and Lazarus had everything bad. Now he is happy, and you are in pain. And besides, there is a deep ditch between us, and no one from either side can cross over.' But the rich man said, 'Abraham, then please send Lazarus to my father's home. Let him warn my five brothers, so they won't come to this horrible place.' Abraham answered, 'Your brothers can read what Moses and the prophets wrote. They should pay attention to that.'

Then the rich man said, 'No, that's not enough! If only someone from the dead would go to them, they would listen and turn to God.' So Abraham said, 'If they won't pay attention to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even to someone who comes back from the dead.'

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

Video

[10 Random Acts of Kindness](#)



Group Discussion

As Jesus' disciples, we need to listen to the cry of the poor and find ways to share what we have. Talk about the different organisations that respond to the needs of the poor. Ask children to think of ways they could share their good things with others.

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 for leaders who listen to the needs of poor people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for countries suffering drought or flood. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those people who have nowhere to live. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those who rely on the kindness of others. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for generous hearts to share our wealth with everyone. 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,
Thank you for all the gifts you have given to us.
Make us generous people who share our things with others.
Amen.

Group Activity

Kindness Matters

You will need: a paper plate for each child, coloured paper cut into 12 petal shapes, black marker for writing, green coloured paper for 2 leaves and stem, glue.

1. Write 'Kindness Matters' on each paper plate.
2. Ask children to think of qualities about themselves that make them a kind person eg. loving, smart, helpful, brave, sweet...
3. Assist children to write one word on each petal.
4. Glue on each petal around the outside of the plate.
5. Then glue the green stem to the back of the plate and glue the leaves to the stem.
6. When it is dry, children could hang their plate on the wall, or give it to someone to spread kindness.

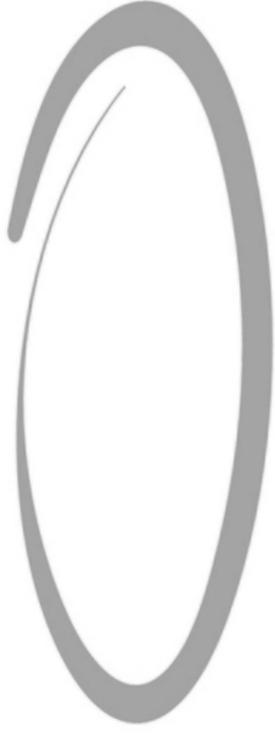


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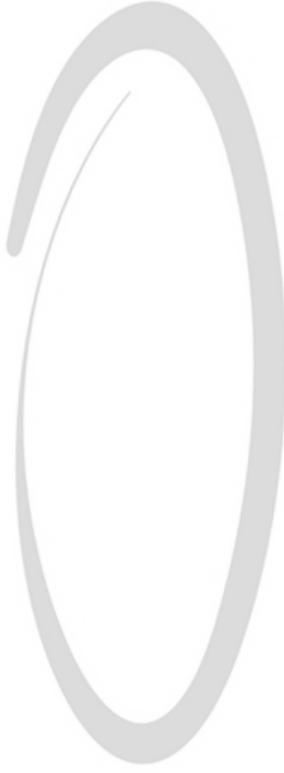
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



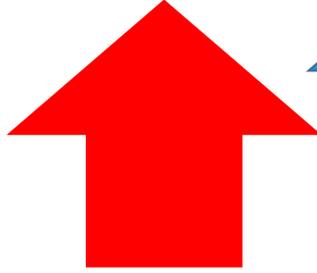
There is only one brownie left when you and your sister get home from school.



The person sitting next to you in school needs a blue pencil for his project.



You get a big bag of lollipops from grandma for your birthday.



You are building with lego and your little brother wants to make something too.

