

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



Christ the King

26 November 2023 – Year A

**“The Son of Man will sit upon his seat of glory and he will separate all into two groups.”**

### Something to Think About

What do you think God’s kingdom is like?  
How do people treat each other in God’s kingdom?

### The Story

Jesus tells us that an important quality for people in God’s kingdom is a compassionate care for others. Jesus wants us to show our care for other people in real and meaningful ways. He says that when we show kindness to another person, it’s just as if we were showing that kindness to Jesus himself! This is what is most important in God’s kingdom.

### The Scriptures

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.'

"Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask,

'When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?'

"The king will answer, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.'

"Then the king will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me! You are under God's curse. Go into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry, but you did not give me anything to eat, and I was thirsty, but you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, and I was naked, but you did not give me any clothes to wear. I was sick and in jail, but you did not take care of me.'

"Then the people will ask, 'Lord, when did we fail to help you when you were hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in jail?'

"The king will say to them, 'Whenever you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me.'"

Then Jesus said, "Those people will be punished forever. But the ones who pleased God will have eternal life."

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

## Video

Click to watch the video: [Kindness Boomerang](#)



## Group Discussion

'I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink'. Discuss what it is that people hunger and thirst for - food, respect, shelter, a job, peace, happiness, a word of encouragement, forgiveness, belonging, love. Think about the many ways in which you can respond to people's needs e.g. a smile or a friendly word.

## 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 our leaders will be people of compassion. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader 2:** We pray for those who are hungry or thirsty. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader 3:** We pray for those who are sick or in prison. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader 4:** We pray for those who have nobody to care for them. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader 5:** We pray that we will show kindness to those we meet. 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 Jesus,  
Help us to notice the needs of  
those around us, and show us how  
we can help them through our  
words and actions.

Amen.

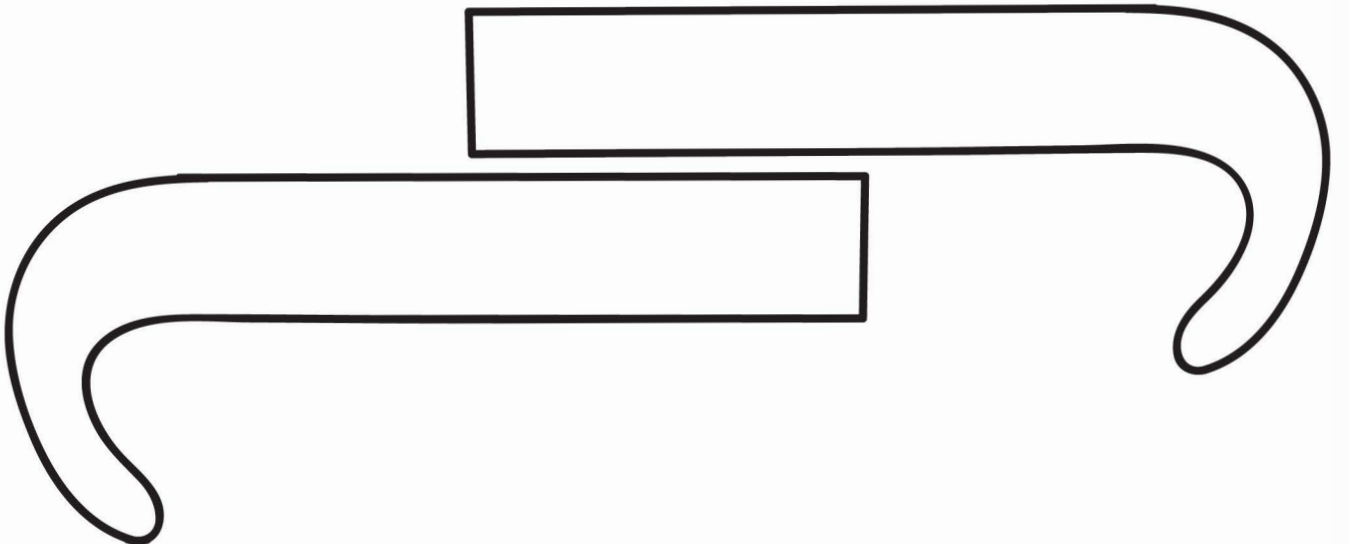
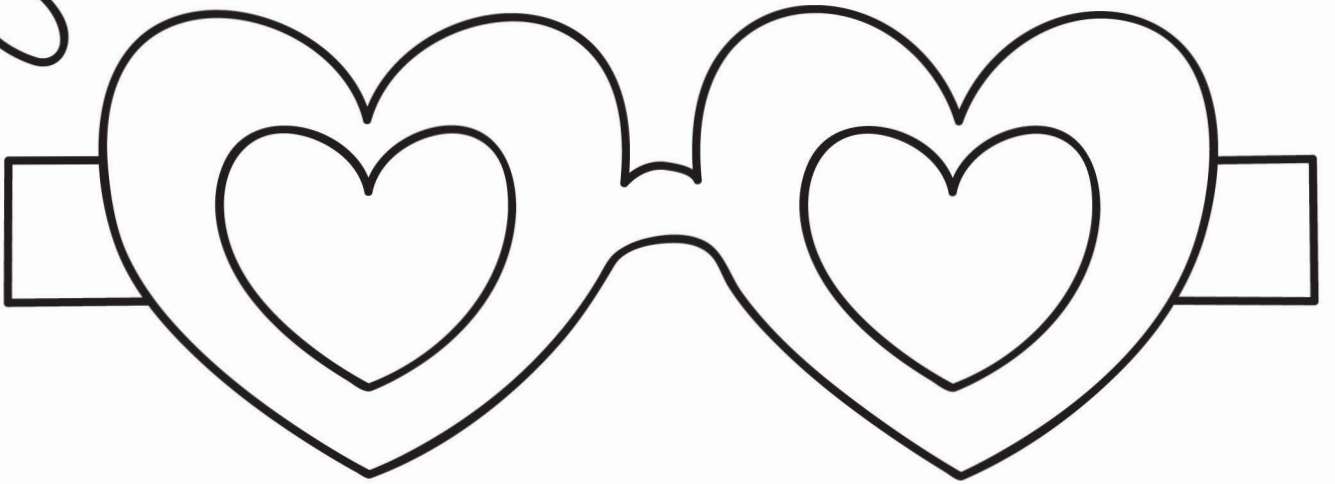
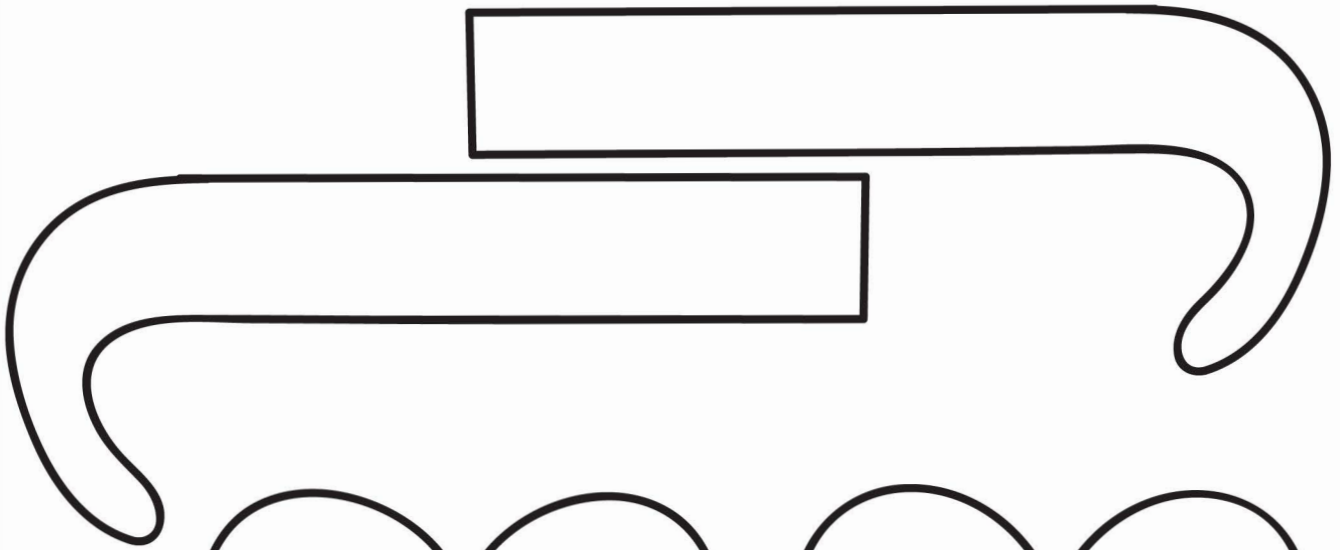
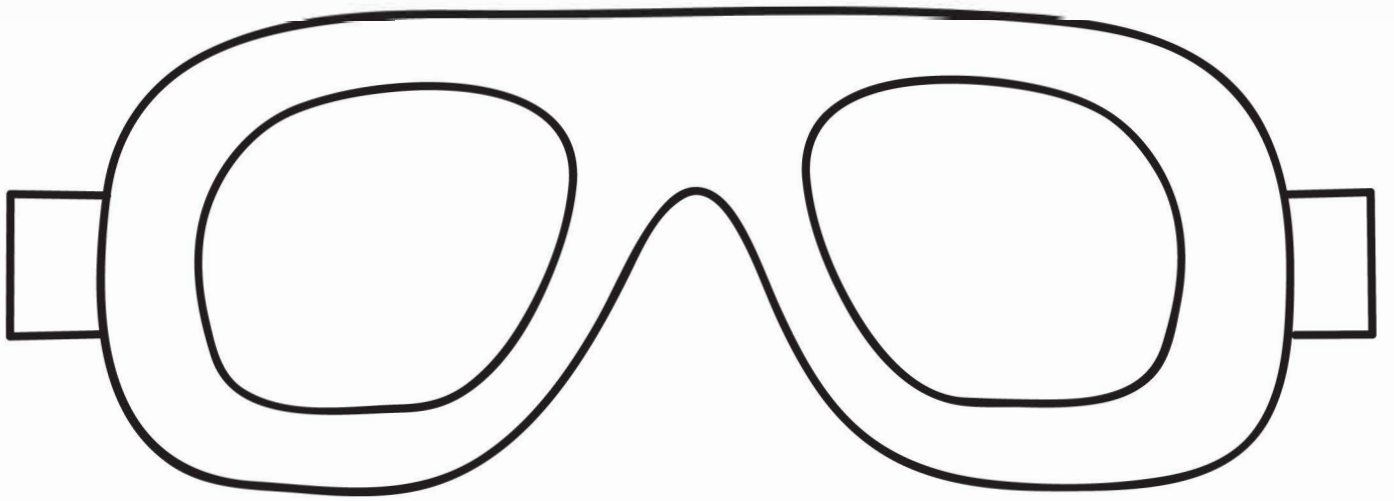
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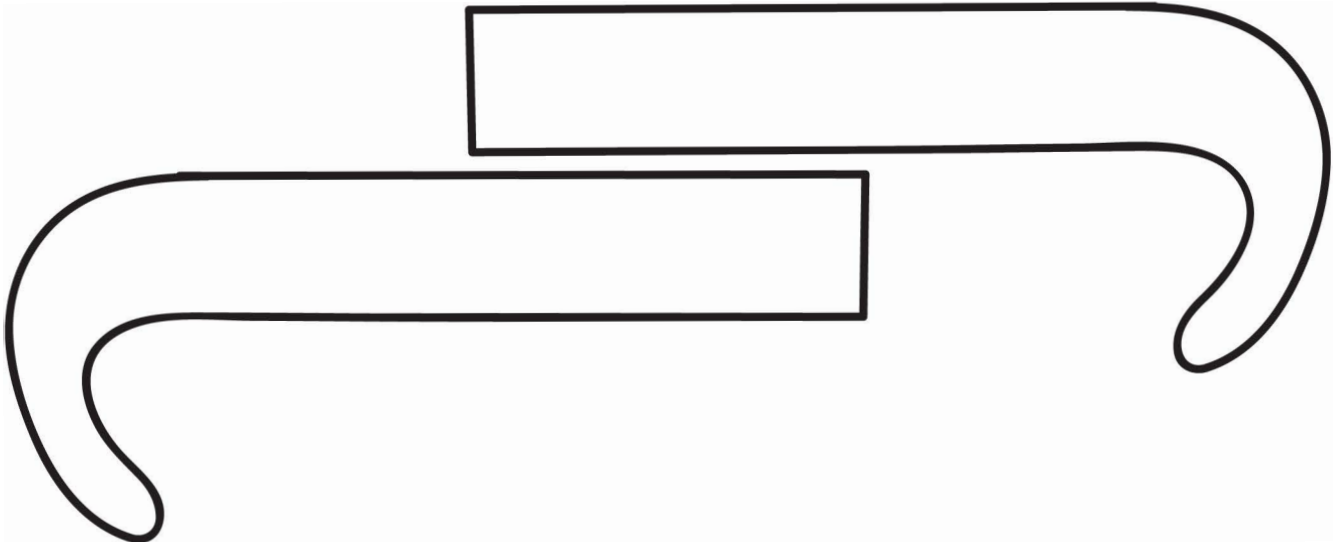
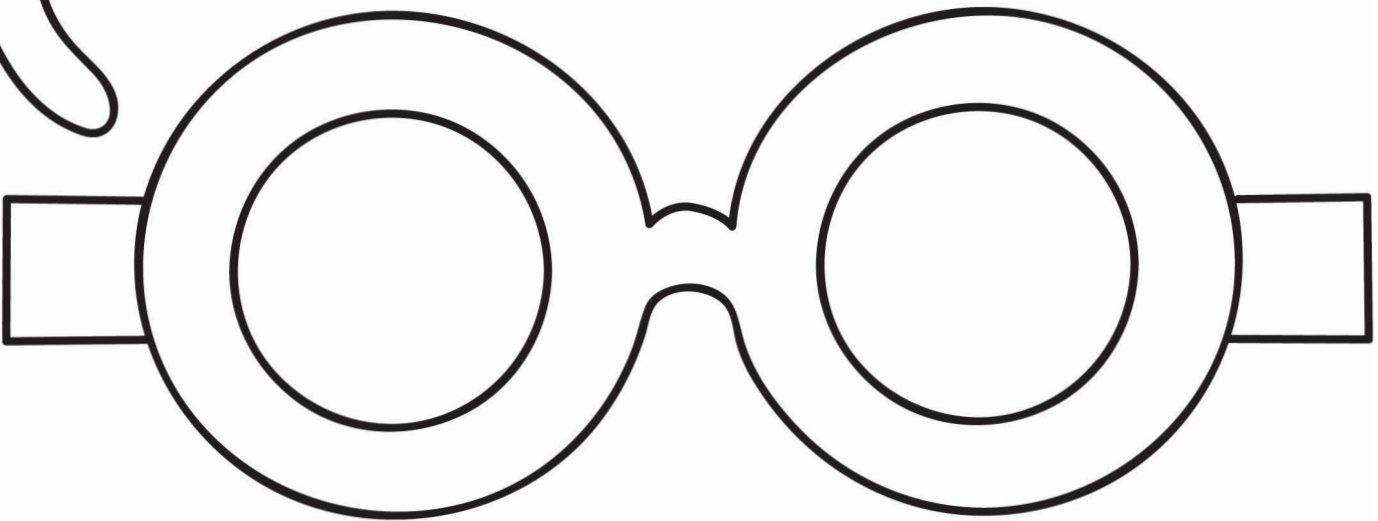
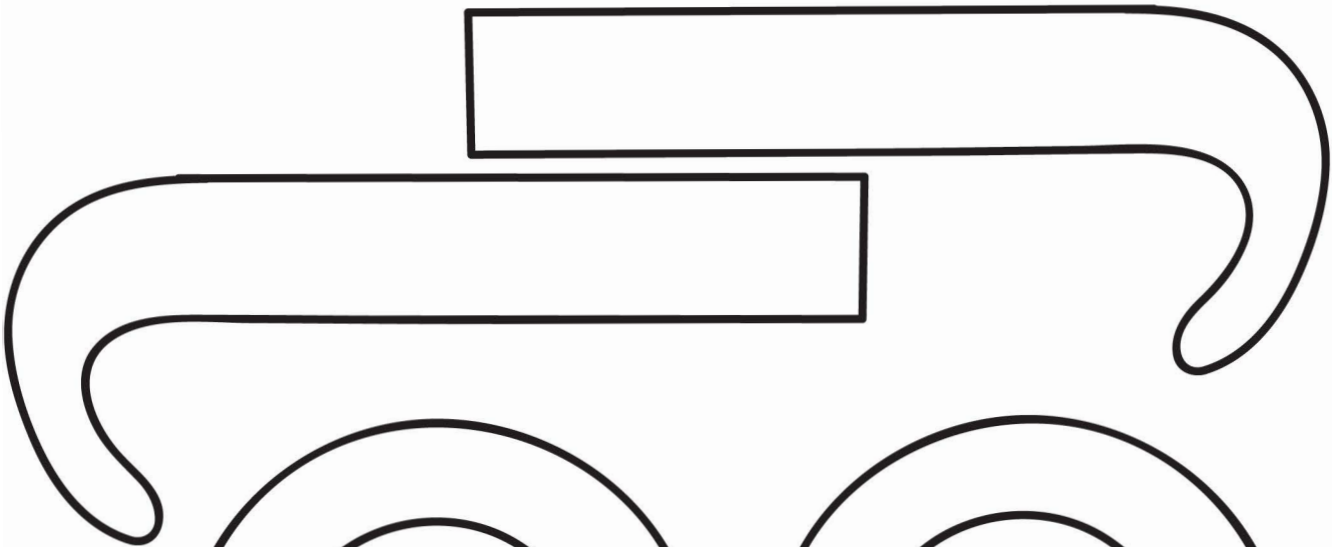
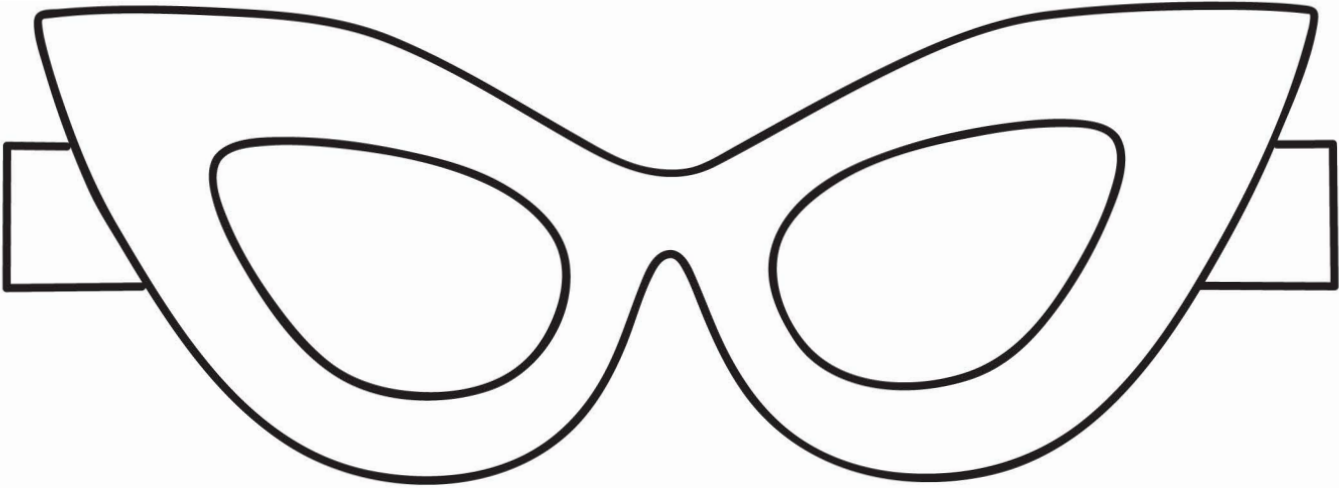
### **Give us Eyes to See**

*You will need: a glasses template for each child, coloured markers, optional extras for decorating (e.g. small stickers), scissors and glue or sticky-tape.*

- 1) Remind the children that they need to look carefully to see the needs of others around them and then act to help those people.
- 2) Children select a glasses template and decorate.
- 3) Adults assist children to stick the wings onto the glasses.
- 4) As children wear the glasses, remind them to look carefully throughout the week for people who need a smile, a kind word or some physical help.







**MARY SEES A BOY OUTSIDE  
HER WINDOW. HE SEEMS  
LOST AND LONELY.**

**WHAT WOULD SHE  
SAY TO HIM?**

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**"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME, HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT..."**