

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 August 2024 - Year B

“Be watchful that you may know the will of God.”

Something to Think About

Spend a moment thinking about the wonderful gifts God has given you. What would you most like to thank God for today?

The Story

In today's reading, St Paul is telling the people to be sensible and use every moment of their lives to do good things. He encourages them to come together to sing songs of praise to God and to thank God for everything with all their heart.

The Scriptures

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians **5:15-16, 19-20**

Brothers and sisters:
Act like people with good sense and not like fools.
These are evil times,
so make every minute count.

When you meet together,
sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,
as you praise the Lord with all your heart.
Always use the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
to thank God the Father for everything.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [You are Good](#)



Group Discussion

People gather at church on Sundays to praise God together. They sing songs and share in the eucharist. The word 'eucharist' means 'thanks'. Invite the children to be quiet and silent and name in their minds, the things for which they would like to thank God. After a few minutes invite sharing. Leaders may wish to have a large chart with the heading 'We thank God for . . .' for recording the children's suggestions.

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 priests and bishops who lead our worship at church. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we will fill our days with kind words and actions. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will thank God for the wonderful things in our lives. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will learn to be sensible and wise. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will take care of our beautiful Earth. 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,
We praise and thank you for
everything you have given us.
Help us to do and say good things
to spread your love in the world.
Amen.

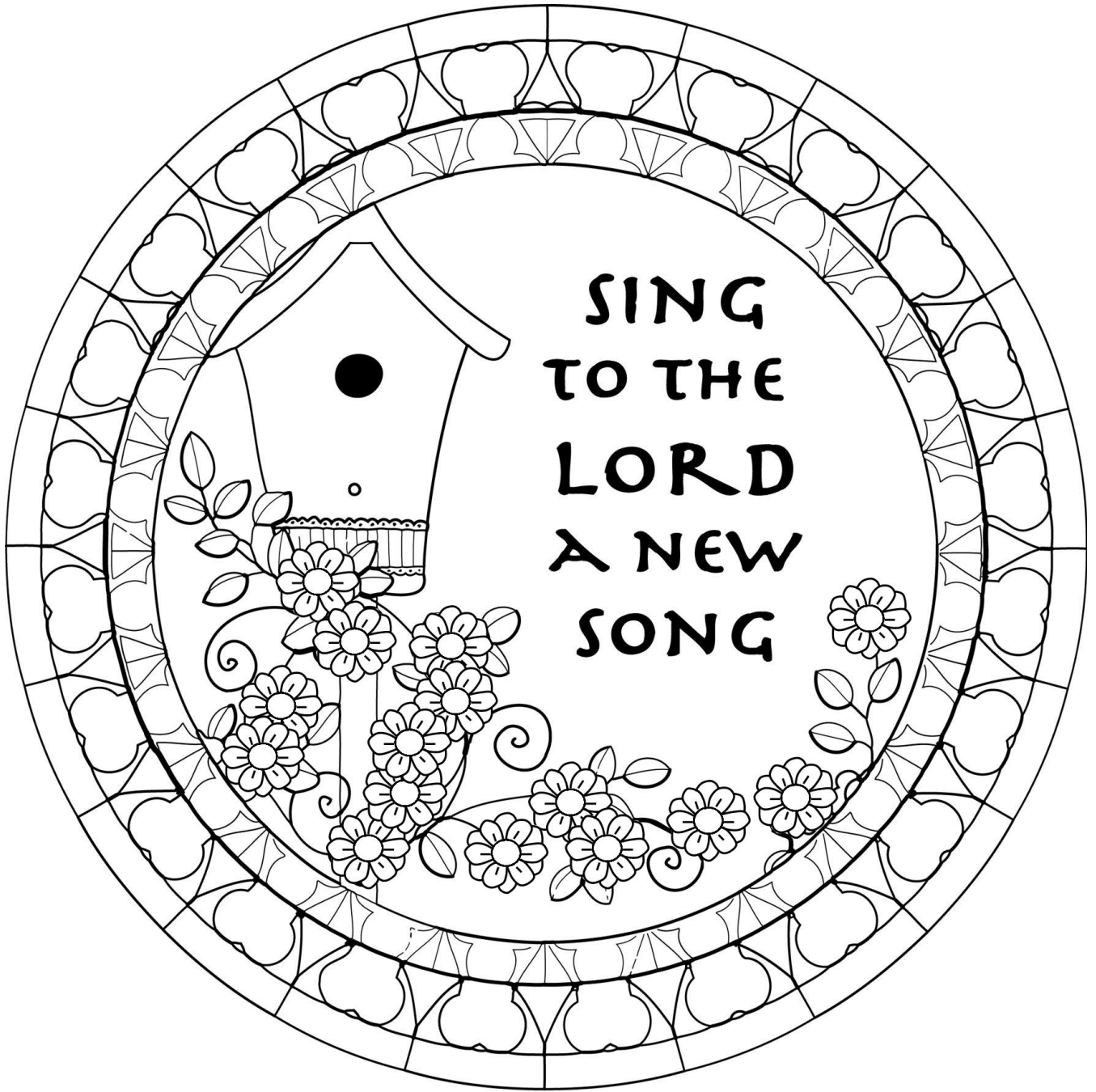
Group Activity

PRAISE THE LORD WITH MUSIC!

You will need: paper plates, templates, coloured markers or colouring pencils, glue, scissors, stapler and staples. Optional: hole puncher and ribbons

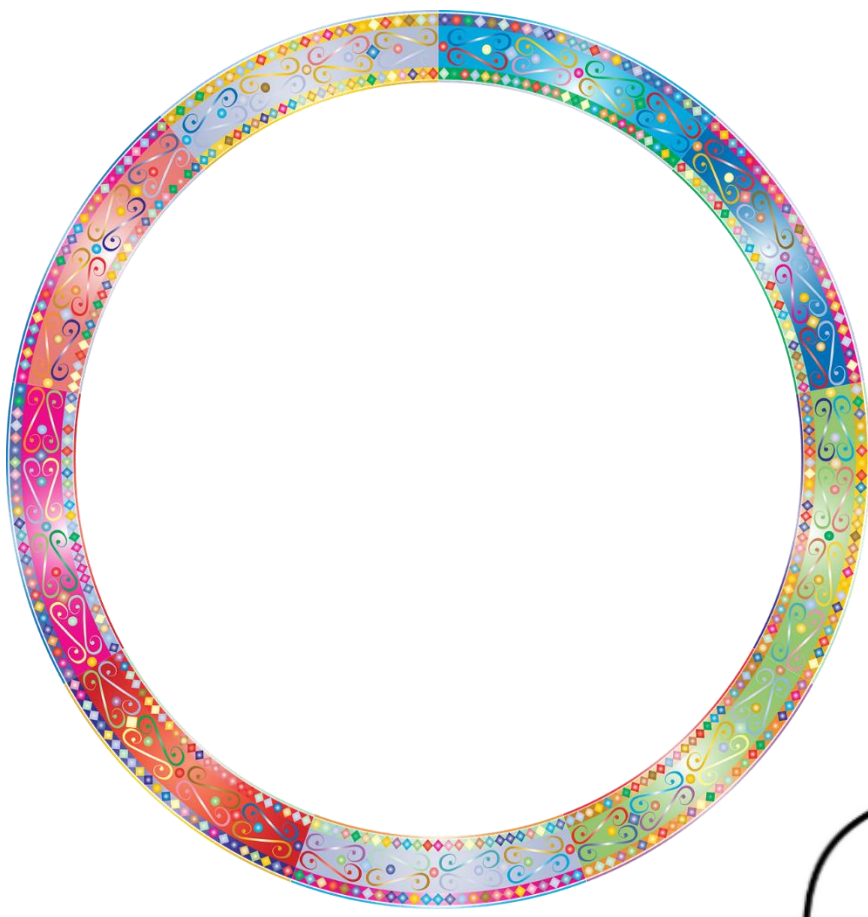
1. Print out the template and colour it. You will need two circles.
2. Cut out the circles.
3. If the paper plates are stiff enough you will only need two - one for each side of the tambourine. If they are thin, then use four, gluing two together for each side.
4. Glue one template to each side.
5. Lay one side down fill it with dried beans or pasta.
6. Lay the second plate on top. Staple it shut so that the filling does not come out.





**GOD HAS DONE
SO MANY
GREAT THINGS!**

**DRAW A PICTURE OF
ONE THING GOD HAS
DONE FOR YOU.**



**HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT
ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU?**

DRAW IN YOUR FACIAL EXPRESSION!