

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 October 2024 - Year B

“Go, sell everything you have and come follow me.”

Something to Think About

What does it mean to be wealthy? We are all wealthy in some way eg good health, happy relationships, having enough food to eat. Spend a moment to thank God for your 'wealth'.

The Story

A man asks Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. Jesus reminds the man of the commandments, and the man proudly states that he has always followed God's laws. Jesus told the man that he should sell his possessions and give them to the poor so that he would have riches in heaven.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

10:13-16

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'"

The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!"

The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again,

"It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom."

Jesus' disciples were even more amazed.

They asked each other, "How can anyone ever be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything."

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

Video

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Group Discussion

The rich man had asked Jesus, 'What must I do?' Jesus told the man to sell all that he had and give it to the poor. Perhaps he wanted the man to separate himself from his possessions. Perhaps he was also asking the man to think, not of what he had not done (not killed, not stolen, not cheated) but to think of what he could do for others. He was a man of considerable wealth. How could he use his wealth to benefit others?

How might you use your gifts to help 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 the strength to follow God's laws. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for generosity to share what we have with others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for wisdom to listen to Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those who find it hard to make good choices. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for understanding and faith that God can do anything. 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,
Thank you for the many blessings
you give us.
Help us to follow your ways and
treat others with love and respect.
Amen.

Group Activity

WHAT IS YOUR TREASURE?

You will need: a treasure chest activity sheet for each child, scissors, glue, coloured markers, glitter.

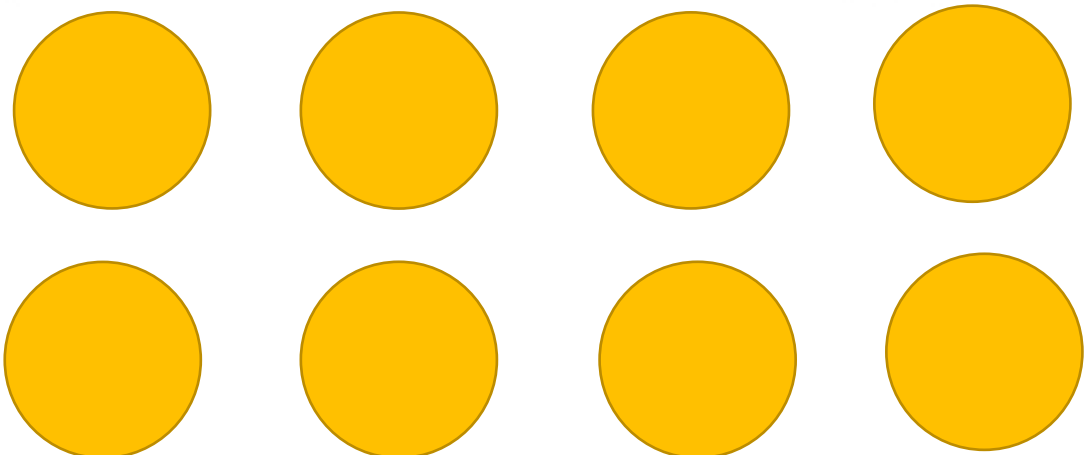
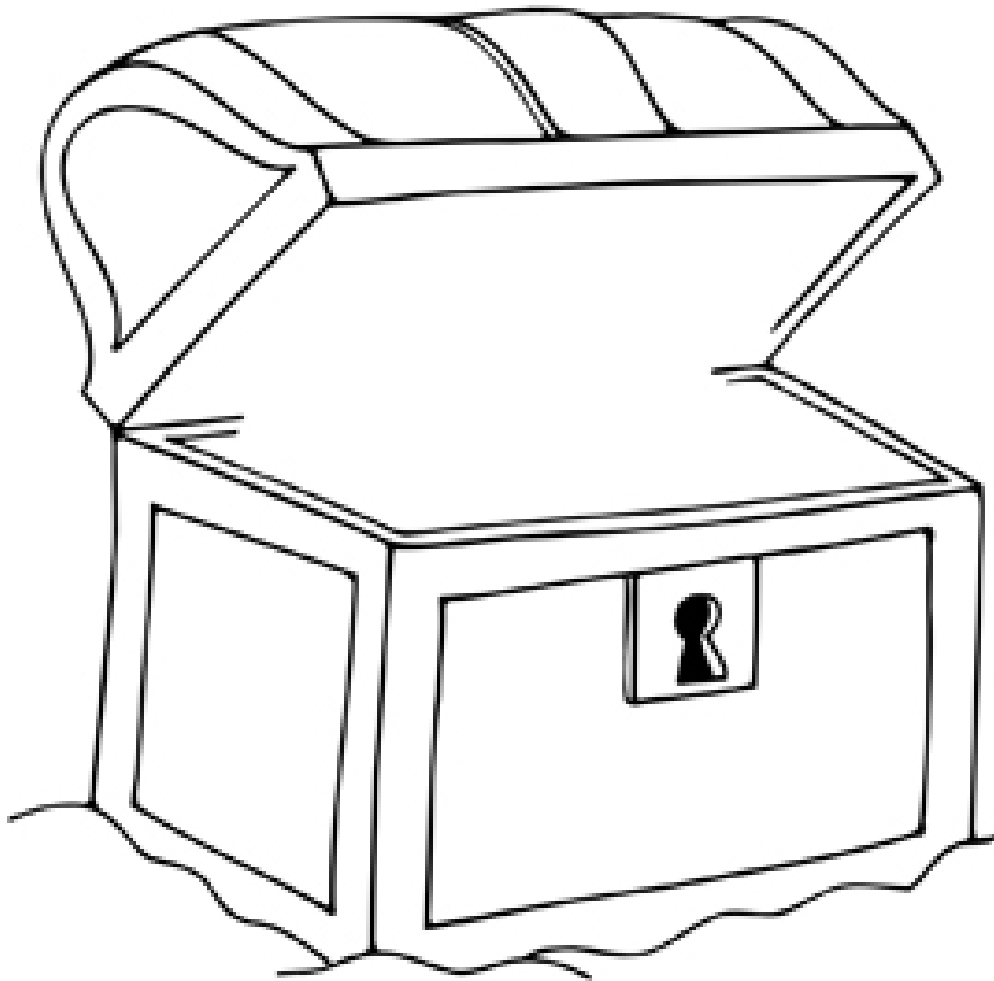
Talk with children about what they really value, what is important to them.

1. Children write or draw something they value on each of the coins. (family members, friends, Jesus, their home, free time...)
2. Children add colour to the treasure chest.
3. Children cut out the coins (perhaps with assistance) and paste them into the treasure chest.
4. You may like to add glitter to make the treasure sparkle!



WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

1. Write or draw something you value on each of the coins below.
(family members, friends, Jesus, your home, free time...)
2. Add colour to the treasure chest.
3. Cut out the coins and paste them into the treasure chest.
4. You may even like to add glitter to make your treasures sparkle!



FIND JESUS' WORDS IN THIS GRID

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**"GIVE YOUR MONEY TO THE POOR
AND COME, FOLLOW ME"**



JESUS LOVES THE POOR