

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2024 - Year B

“The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.”

Something to Think About

Can you think of a story about people wanting to be great and important. Do you remember the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, where the Queen kept asking 'Mirror, mirror on the wall who is the fairest of them all?' Maybe you can think of other examples too.

The Story

In today's story, James and John want to be more important than the other disciples and to have special privileges given to them. Jesus says that the way to true greatness is not to be powerful or important, but rather to be a servant of others. Jesus says, 'If you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave'.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, will you do us a favour?"

Jesus asked them what they wanted, and they answered, "When you come into your glory, please let one of us sit at your right side and the other at your left."

Jesus told them, "You don't really know what you're asking! Are you able to drink from the cup that I must soon drink from or be baptised as I must be baptised?"

"Yes, we are!" James and John answered.

Then Jesus replied, "You certainly will drink from the cup from which I must drink. And you will be baptised just as I must! But it isn't for me to say who will sit at my right side and at my left. That is for God to decide."

When the ten other disciples heard this, they were angry with James and John. But Jesus called the disciples together and said:

You know that those foreigners who call themselves kings like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over the people they rule. But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others. And if you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave. The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people."

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

Video

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[How can we be of service to others?](#)



Group Discussion

A servant is not meant to be a doormat but someone who is aware of and responds to the needs of others. Discuss with children who the 'weak ones' might be. Are there children in your school or parish who may need a friend or a helping hand or a listening ear or a word of encouragement or affirmation? There is so much we can do to 'lift up' 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 that leaders will work to end all wars. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who are lonely. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for the willingness to be a cheerful servant and bring joy to others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for wisdom to hear what Jesus is saying to us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will be patient and calm with others. 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,
Open our eyes to see the needs of those around us.
With cheerful hearts, let us do what we can to help other people.
Amen.

Group Activity

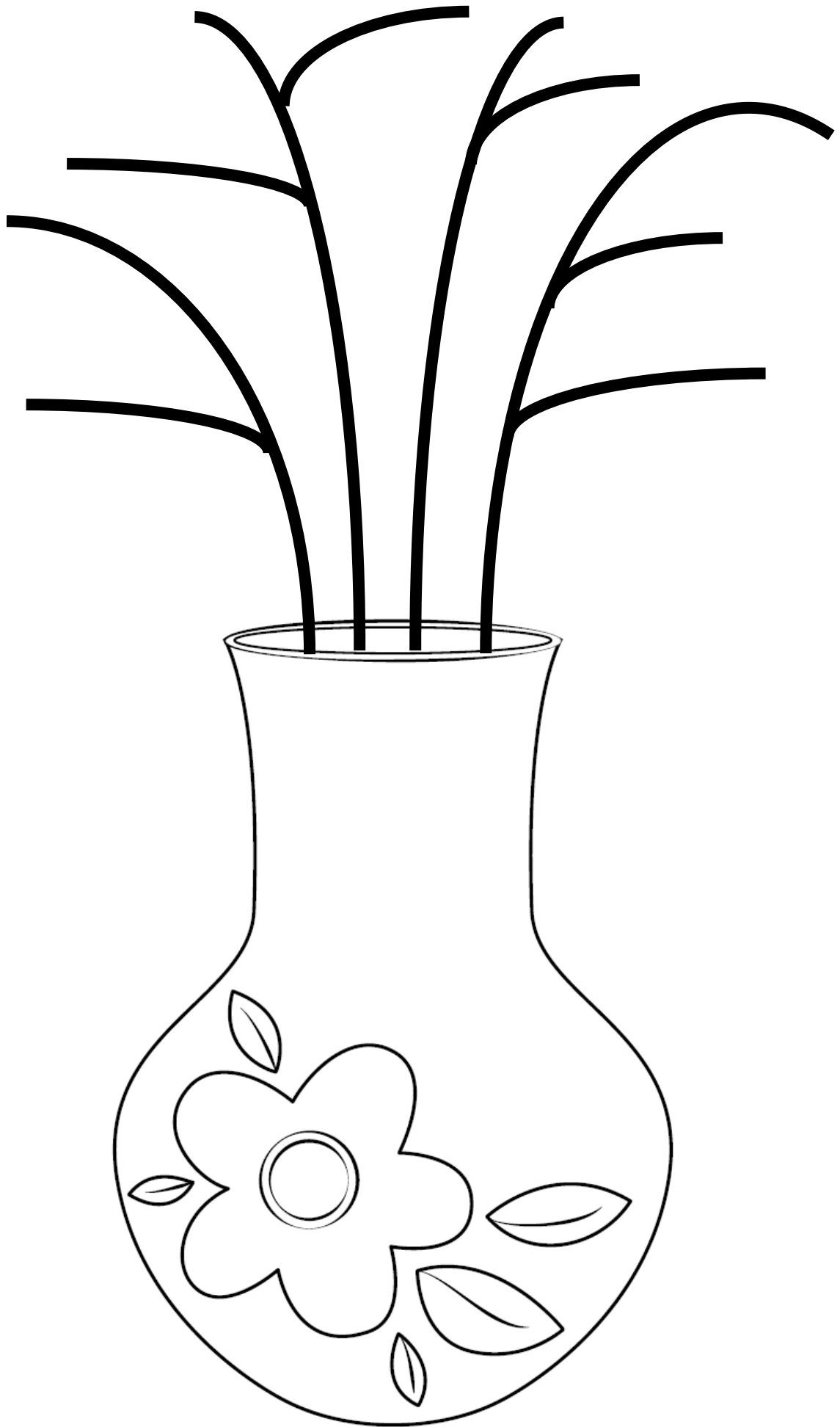
BRIGHTENING SOMEONE'S DAY

You will need: a flower vase template for each child, pieces of coloured tissue paper, craft glue, coloured markers

Ask the children to think of someone they would like to make happy today.

1. Choose coloured pieces of tissue paper, and scrunch up small pieces to form flowers.
2. Glue the tissue paper flowers one at a time onto the flower stems.
3. While the glue is drying, colour the vase.
4. Older children might like to add a personalised message.





For You



THE BOSSY BOSS



THE HAPPY BOSS

WRITE OR DRAW
A STORY TO SHOW
WHAT KIND OF LEADER
YOU WANT TO BE

JESUS SAYS:

"GREAT LEADERS ARE GREAT HELPERS"