

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 July 2022 - Year C

"Who is my neighbour?"

Something to Think About

Have you ever done something kind for someone you didn't know?

The Story

Jesus tells us that we have to love God with all our heart and soul and strength and mind.

We also have to show this same great love to our neighbours.

Jesus doesn't mean the people who live next door so which people are our neighbours?

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what he would say.

"Teacher," he asked, "What must I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What is written in the Scriptures? How do you understand them?"

The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.'

They also say, 'Love your neighbours as much as you love yourself.' "

Jesus said, "You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life."

But the man wanted to show that he knew what he was talking about. So he asked Jesus, "Who are my neighbours?"

Jesus replied: "As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead.

"A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper came to the same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also went by on the other side. A man from Samaria then came travelling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

"The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said,

'Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.' "

Then Jesus asked, "Which of these three people was a real neighbour to the man who was beaten up by robbers?"

The teacher answered, "The one who showed pity."

Jesus said, "Go and do the same!"

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

Video

Watch the video which retells the gospel story.

[The Good Samaritan](#)



Group Discussion

Where do we find our neighbours? Jesus tells us that we are supposed to show our love with actions. It's not enough just to wish them well. How can you get involved in helping 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 our leaders will show care for all people in need. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for doctors, nurses, ambulance workers and all those who bring help and healing to those who are suffering. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who have no one to care for them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will reach out to those who need our help. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. 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,
Teach us to be generous and kind as
we reach out to show love and care
to others.
Amen.

Group Activity

Helping Hands

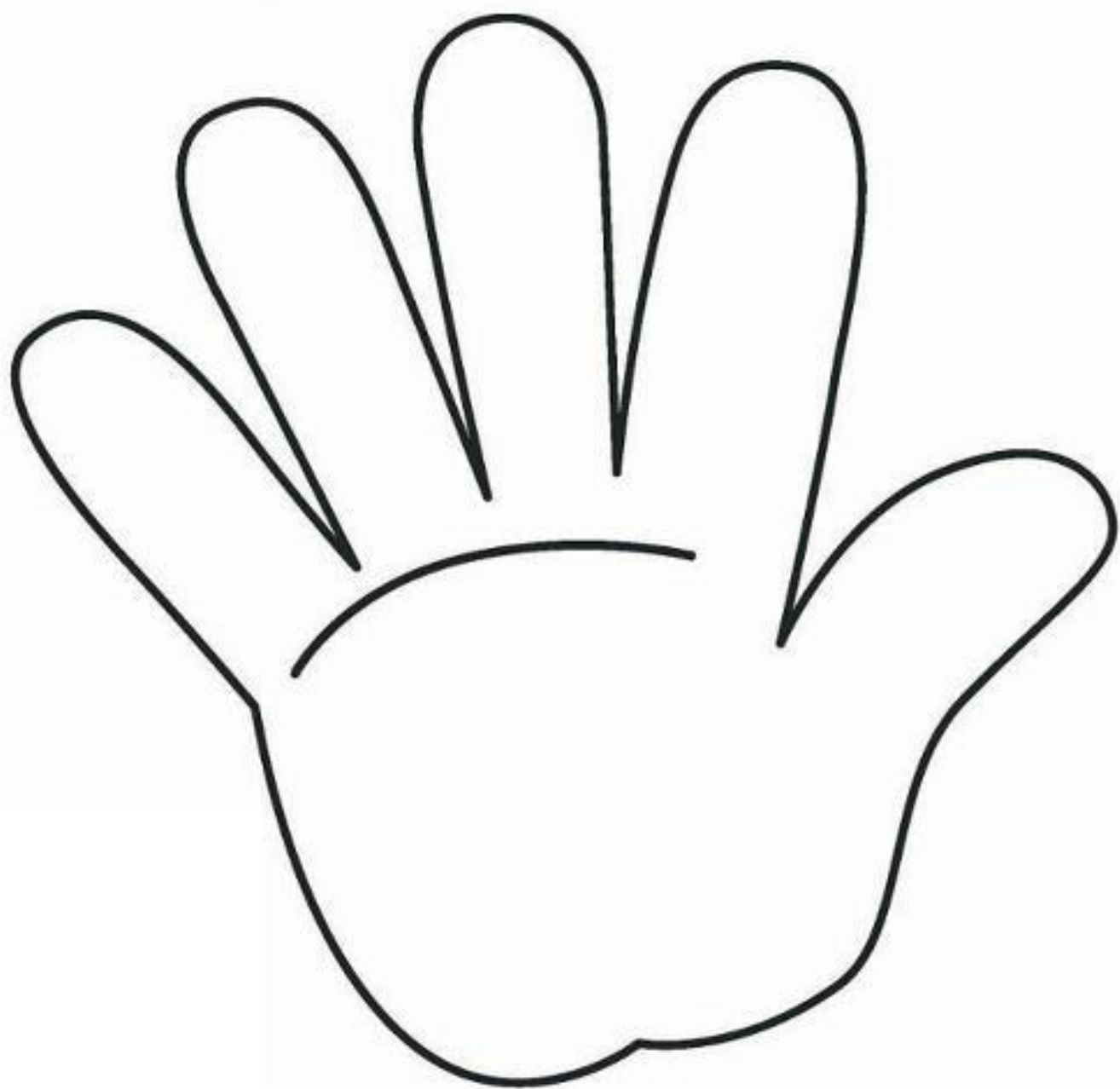
How could you be helpful to people in your family, or in the places you go each week?

For each child you will need: one activity sheet, coloured markers, other decorative items if desired.

1. Lead children in a discussion to brainstorm the sorts of helpful things they might do for others.
2. Children draw or write their chosen action inside the 'helping hand' on the activity sheet.



Helping Hands!



How can you help someone today?
Draw or write what you will do in the hand shape
and decorate with colours!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR ♥ WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?



IMAGINE WHAT THE MAN WHO IS BEATEN UP AND THE GOOD SAMARITAIN ARE SAYING TO EACH OTHER