

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 January 2022 - Year C

"Today this scripture is being fulfilled."

Something to Think About

The word 'gospel' is an old-fashioned word that means 'good news'. Jesus tells us that he was sent to tell the 'good news' to all people. Do you know what this 'good news' is?

The Story

Jesus stands in the synagogue and reads aloud from the Scriptures in front of the people. The words of Scripture tell about the work that Jesus will do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will bring good news to the poor, freedom to people in prison, healing for those who are sick, sight for those who are blind, an end to suffering.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit.
News about him spread everywhere.
He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him.
Jesus went back to Nazareth, where he had been brought up,
and as usual he went to the meeting place on the Sabbath.
When he stood up to read from the Scriptures,
he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet.
He opened it and read,
"The Lord's Spirit has come to me,
because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.
The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners,
to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,
and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.' "
Jesus closed the book,
then handed it back to the man in charge and sat down.
Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus.
Then Jesus said to them,
"What you have just heard me read has come true today."

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

Video

Click to watch the video: [God's Story: The Good News](#)



Group Discussion

Jesus responded to the needs of the people around him. He shared his message of God's love and forgiveness with everyone, especially those who were in need. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to help us continue his mission. Every kind thing we do is a way to build up God's kingdom. How can we be kind and helpful to those around us this week?

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 we might see the needs of others, and help them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who need forgiveness. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who need healing. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for grateful hearts to thank God for the beauty of creation. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us.

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 showing us how to love others through our words and actions. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will continue your mission.
Amen.

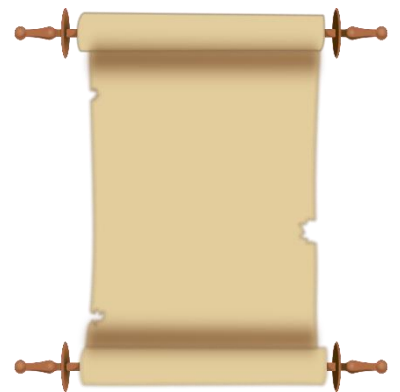
Group Activity

My Work for God

With the Holy Spirit to help us, we continue to do God's work in the world. What do you think God is sending you out to do this week?

For each child you will need: 2 paddle-pop sticks, 1 piece of paper 12cm x 18cm (see attached template), coloured markers, craft glue, scissors, ribbon or string.

1. Cut out the rectangular template.
Glue a paddle-pop stick at the top and bottom of the paper.
2. Invite children to write or draw the things they will do to continue Jesus' work this week.
3. When the glue has dried, use the sticks to roll up the scrolls.
4. Tie the scrolls shut with ribbon or string.



Scripture Scroll Craft

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THE LORD HAS SENT ME TO....

JESUS BRINGS **GOOD NEWS** HE SETS US FREE

**WHEN WE CAME HOME
THE OTHER DAY,
WE FOUND A VISITOR
TRAPPED INSIDE...**

**BE QUIET.
DON'T SCARE HIM...**

HOW DID YOU SET HIM FREE?

