

Christ the King

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of our prayers for your family and you this coming week!

Love and God bless you all. Linda.

Today is the feast of Christ the King. It is a special celebration because it shows God is creator and redeemer of all the world, the universe, heaven and earth and especially us- you, me, all humankind.

Please ask a grown-up to read the words on your worksheet to you. As you listen, close your eyes and think what Jesus is asking us to do. Think of helping those about us who are in need, by our prayers 🙏.

This is the end of the Churches liturgical year. Next week we start a new one beginning with Advent.

Happy Sunday and take care of yourselves and others!

MATTHEW 25:31-46

31"When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. **32**Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33**and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. **34**Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35**for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36**I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' **37**Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? **38**And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee,

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or naked and clothe thee? **39**And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' **40**And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' **41**Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; **42**for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, **43**I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' **44**Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' **45**Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' **46**And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Some conversation pointers, when talking at home about this –

How many of you think you can tell a sheep from a goat? Wait a minute! It may not be as easy as you think. I have some pictures to show you and we will see how well you can tell a sheep from a goat. Here we go. (Hold up the picture sheet provided with this lesson and let the children see if they can tell the sheep from the goats. Print the answer page on the back side so that you can see it.)

Wow! That wasn't as easy as we thought it would be, was it? Here are a few hints that might help. The easiest way to tell a goat from a sheep is that a goat's tail usually sticks up in the air but a sheep's tail hangs down. If sheep have horns, they are usually curved. A goat's horns are less curved. Sheep usually have fluffy wool that must be sheared, while goats have flatter hair.

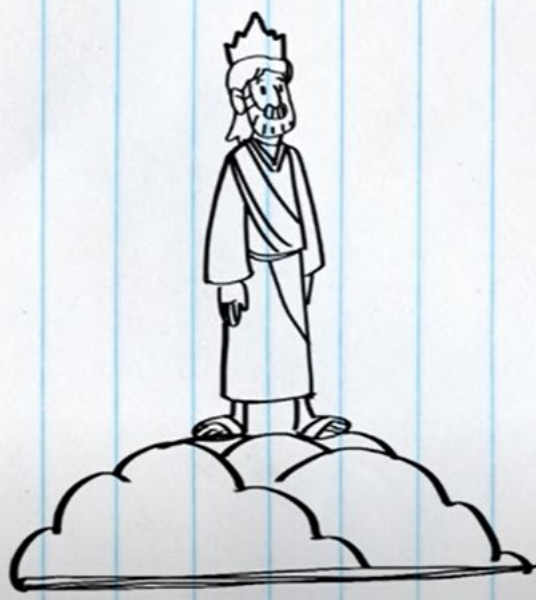
Do you think Jesus can tell the sheep from the goats? Well, that's what our Bible lesson is about today. One day Jesus was speaking to a group of followers about the day when the Son of Man would come in all his glory. (Son of Man was a title Jesus used for himself.) He said, "He will sit on his throne and all of the nations would be gathered before him. He will separate the people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." How did he know the sheep from the goats?

Jesus went on to explain, "He will say to those on his right, 'I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

"When did we do that?" the righteous ones will ask.

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"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

"Then he will turn to those on the left and say, 'I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

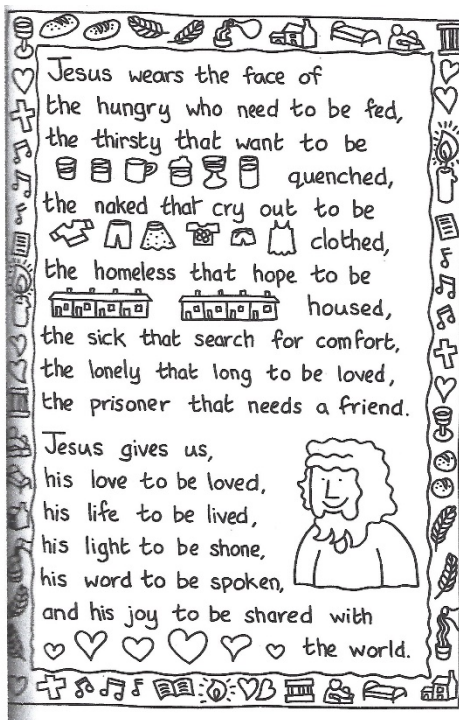
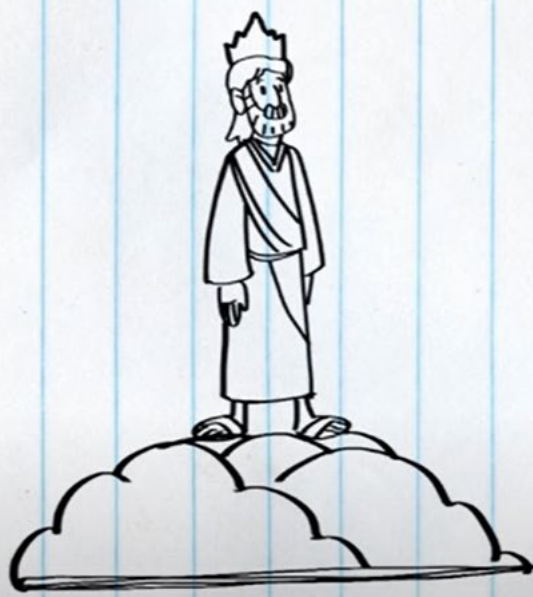
"Then they will ask, 'When did we refuse to help you?'

"He will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'

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**Activities to remind us about this message
from Jesus**

Read as you colour and decorate how we
see the face of Jesus. When you're done
put your colouring somewhere you'll see
it everyday: maybe the kitchen fridge or
your room?

Finish your time together focusing on this piece of scripture with prayer

Here is a prayer to help you.

Loving Father.

Open our eyes to see your loving face in places we have not looked before. Help us to be reflections of your love in the world around us. We ask this through Jesus Christ your son. Amen.