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**BOGNOR REGIS AND SLINDON**

We are followers of Jesus, on fire with his love,  
sharing that love with each other and with the world.

## Can we fix it?

**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!**

**Dan McNamara**

**Resolving Conflict and Fixing Friendships is what Jesus is talking about in today's reading from Matthew 18:15-20.** Remind your children that sometimes we need outside help to fix things. It might take effort, but we want to do everything we can to fix friendships and be friends with each other.

*You could read this together, or you could paraphrase this. With older children you could talk about what you think Jesus is saying here. With younger ones focus on the last few lines: God answers those who talk to him, and when we gather together to pray He is with us.*

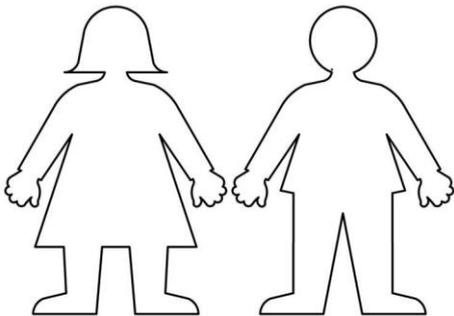
'If your brother or sister does something against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the he or she listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the she or he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'



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



**Make mini people**, you could draw them, use the junk from your recycling, or there's a download on the kids church page on the parish website you could download and print.

Decorate them, and while you are doing this carry on your conversation on who are friends are, how to deal with conflict, and how we can ask for help, and who we might go to for help.

Once you're done, display these somewhere they'll be seen, maybe their bedrooms or the kitchen fridge. When we see these they can remind us of Jesus' message.

**Make a sock puppet**, use anything you have in the house (recycling junk, tin foil etc). And like above use the time to talk about the reading.



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

God,  
Please help us to resolve our arguments  
To remember your grace  
And to have good relationships  
Thank you for your forgiveness  
Help us pass it on to others  
Thank you for your love  
We love you, God!  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen!