

there must be  
more to **life...**



*Discover  
Jesus.*

## **For the Young and the Young at Heart**

### 21<sup>st</sup> October - Mark 10:35-45

We are reminded that Jesus us to a radically different way of living.

Prepare by writing out a set of questions and answers on different pieces of card. I.e. what is the capital of England? How fast can kangaroos hop? What are the colours of a rainbow? Hand them out to members of the congregation and play a game to match.

When all are matched...note how in today's Gospel Reading, a question is asked that shows the disciples just didn't 'get' what Jesus was talking about when he said "if you want to be my followers, you must serve."

Follow up activity....in pairs or small groups, make a list of things they can do to serve others...(note this involves them acknowledging their gifts and talents...an opportunity for encouragement!)

### 28<sup>th</sup> October - Mark 10: 46 -52

We are reminded that Jesus gives us hope. He will never give up on us and longs to gather all people to him.

This Gospel is ideal for acting out...have a few key people prepared (note this is not a big production...just get them to pre-read and know the part they are to mime). The reading could be done with different voices. Involve everyone by turning the centre aisle into Jericho Street, with the people standing there, crowding around the action as it happens.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> November - Celebrating All Saints day - Mark 5: 1-12a

We are all called to be saints in God's kingdom

Give everyone a wrapped lolly and say they can eat it whilst listening to the Gospel, but keep the wrapper. Check that the wrappers you buy are both colour full and slightly transparent.

After the Gospel, ask the people to straighten out the wrapper. As they do, remind them that what makes a saint is someone who tastes the sweetness of God's amazing love and savours it.

Now look closely at the wrapper....it can be just like life...a bit sticky and wrinkled. When we hold it up and look through it we can see beyond the marks - just as saints of God look through the crushed and messy parts of life and see beyond...our faith in God's provision helps us understand that not everything in life is lovely, but in all circumstances we know there is more to come, and we can savour the trust of God's perfect love.

Follow up activity....cut a shape out of a largish piece of card (maybe a sun or a cross). Place some clear contact over the cutout and use the wrappers to stick to it (so that the shape is made colourful) display it against a window for the light to shine through.

#### OR Mark 12:28- 34.

Teach this summary of the law to the tune of *London Bridge is Falling Down*.

'You shall love the Lord with all your heart; all your mind and all your strength!  
Yes love the Lord with all your heart. And love your neighbour.'

This could then be used to sing as a round.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> November - Mark 12: 38- 44

This week we are reminded that God is interested in our attitude to giving.

Prepare 'Jesus taught about giving hidden pictures' worksheets from Sunday School Zone, Download from the link below.

[www.sundayschoolzone.com/activity/hidden-pictures-jesus-taught-about-giving/](http://www.sundayschoolzone.com/activity/hidden-pictures-jesus-taught-about-giving/)

Work in pairs to find the hidden objects in the picture. Then watch the YouTube video by Steve Chan, 'The Poor Widows Offering'

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhcqURSxPs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhcqURSxPs)

18<sup>th</sup> November - Mark 13: 24- 32.

This reading is often read in Advent and can be a good time for making preparations for the forthcoming season.

We can prepare for Advent, the time of waiting, by making a list of things we can do or collect for others.

Prepare by finding out about some need in the local community. For example, pay a visit to the local ac.care office to find out if there are any needs i.e. in their foster care programme, for cleaning equipment for their subsidised housing clients etc.

Cover boxes with purple paper and make lists of items to collect during Advent (include the making of cards and notes of encouragement).

or Daniel 7:9-14

Together make a large picture of the dream described in this reading. Add cotton wool for the clouds and coloured tissue paper for some of the colour

25<sup>th</sup> November - John 18: 33- 37. Rev 1: 4- 8

We remember that Jesus is King.

If you didn't use the idea from last year, please look it up on the Diocesan web site as it works very well with all ages.

Another activity that has proven to be useful is to prepare a long length of paper with all of the letters of the alphabet written clearly and large enough to see from the back of the church.

Claim that on this sheet you have the whole Bible written. Prearrange a person to call out something like "I thought you were supposed to say the truth?" ...then ask them to find the letters of their name and then some short sayings.

State that...Our God is like A to Z...the beginning and the end of everything, all thoughts, feelings, and ideas and will be for ever.

Conclude with singing 'He's got the whole world, in his hands'