"Accept Lord's presence in each other" Children's Liturgy Activity July 4th, 2021



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. - Luke 4:18

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

In the gospel today, we see Jesus coming to his hometown, where he grew up as a child. The people over there knew him as a carpenter, Son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon, whose sisters still living in the town. But to their amazement, they saw Jesus teaching in the Jewish meeting place on the Sabbath day. They found it very hard to accept and believe that Jesus, who was a simple boy is teaching great wisdom to the learned ones. They asked to themselves, "How can he do all this? Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles? Due to their attitude that they knew everything, they were not able to humble themselves to accept the presence of Lords spirit in Jesus and failed to put faith in the heavenly wisdom that He was revealing to them.

Jesus realised the block that prevented them to recognise as the son of God. He said, "Prophets are honoured by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their relatives and their own family." Due to their unacceptance, the had no faith in what Jesus was telling and so Jesus could not work any miracles there, except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them. Jesus was surprised that the people did not have any faith just because they focused on his fleshly nature and belongings.

Have we faced similar situations in our life? We might find it hard to accept the wisdom revealed to us by someone who is so close, especially younger to us. We find it hard to humble ourselves in front of them to accept them. This is because we only focus on their physic. We fail to recognise the presence of Gods Holy spirit in them, who helps us by using them. Or sometimes we might have felt rejected despite speaking the truth because of our young age or less knowledge. We must realise that we all are baptised in the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit and that His Holy spirit is living in each of us. Each baptised person is the living temple of God, housing living Jesus. It is not flesh or physical appearance or abilities that matters but the Spirit. At all times we must realise that it is lord's power and grace that help us and everyone to do everything. So, no one can boast of their own or feel rejected or can reject anyone.

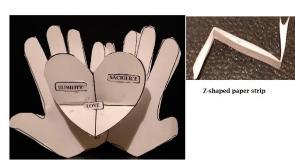
Through todays Gospel Jesus asks us to change our attitudes from fleshly to spiritual. He points us to a great danger of being proud without humility. That we might miss the real wisdom of heaven revealed to us through the one whom God send, a close relative or a younger fellow being. Because of our lack of faith in God's revelations through his humble messengers, lord will not be able to accomplish His plans in our lives. So, Jesus asks us to acknowledge and accept the presence of Living Jesus and his Holy spirit in each other. Let us humble ourselves and acknowledge the power of God working through each of us and allow His power to work in everyone's lives as we put our faith in Lord's revelations through His humble messengers.

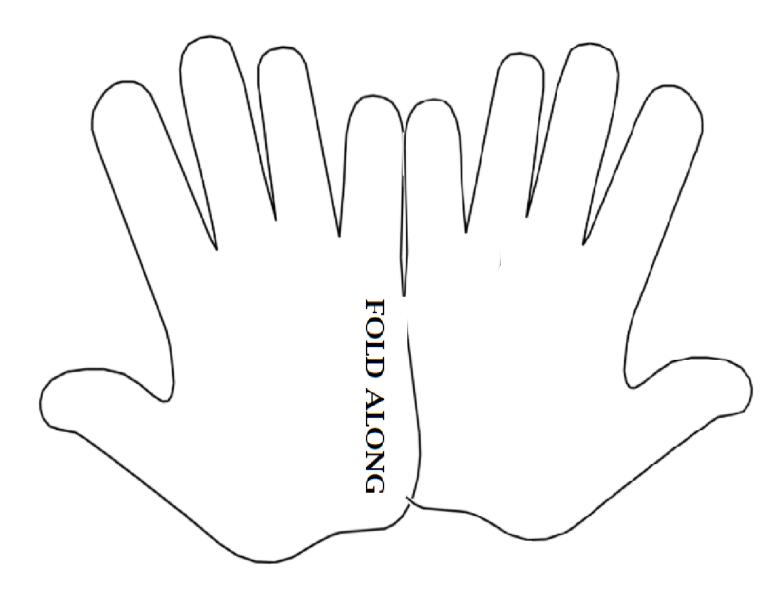
Cut and paste the right virtues for the Heart of Acceptance. Decorate your heart too.

<u>Materials needed:</u> Heart template, Hand template, glue, scissors, colours, paper

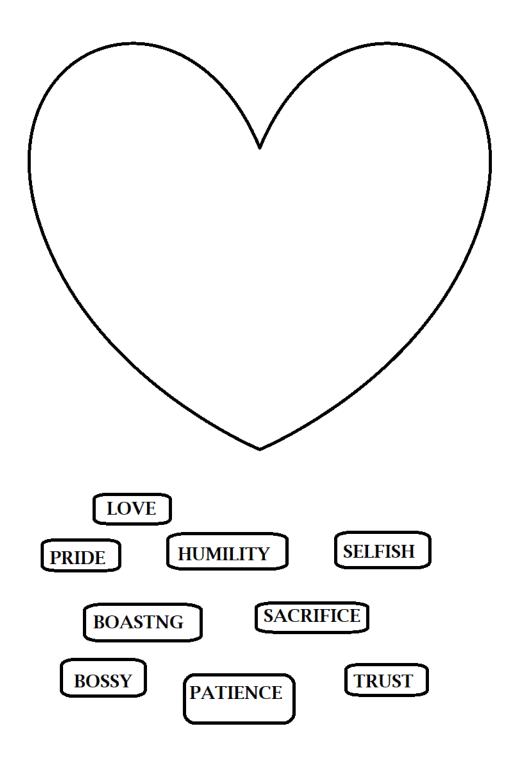
Method: 1. Cut out the heart and hand templates.

- 2. Colour the hand template and stick onto a card. Fold along the line.
- 4. Color and decorate the heart template.
- 5 Cut and paste the right virtues in the heart.
- 6. Now take a paper strip of an index finger length and fold like Z-shape.
- 7. Glue the 2 bases of the Z, one to the heart template and the other on to the middle of the hand template.
- 8. your pop-up acceptance heart is ready in your hands.





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Can you unscramble the following word of God?

'My best is enough for grace you:

my weakness is at its in power.'

-2 Corinthians 12:9

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Prophets are messengers proclaiming the will of God.

Can you name the messengers send by God using the clues from the bible given below?

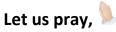
- 1. This lord's servant was asked by the lord to built an ark and inform all people to enter the ark in-order to be saved from the on-coming flood. —------
- 2. This servant of the lord was asked to help the lord in releasing Israelites from Egypt. —-----
- 3. Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Can you identify this prophet?------
- 4. This prophet prophesied message from God that 'I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.-----
- 5. A raven fed this prophet. He was taken up in a whirlwind. Do you know the name of this prophet?-----
- 6. This prophet was the voice from the desert, who prepared the way for the lord. Who is he?-----
- 7. This prophet refused to eat the king's food? He revealed and interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream. He was thrown into the lion's den. Who was this prophet?-----

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Dear Jesus, we thank you for saving us by humbling and emptying yourselves to the will of the Father. Give us grace to acknowledge your living presence in each other and to humble ourselves to accept each other. We thank you for your humble messengers whom you send to us to reveal the heavenly wisdom to lead us to eternity. Help us to put faith in your revelations through them so that all your plans are accomplished in each of us.

We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.