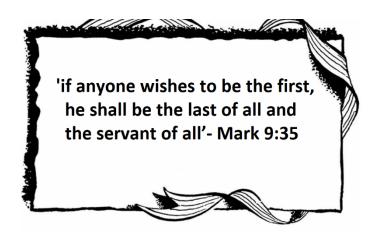
"Be Humble, Serve Others." Children's Liturgy Activity September 19th, 2021





Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus teaching his disciples about his passion death and resurrection on the way to Capernaum. Jesus understands that his disciples were not listening to his words but were arguing. When they got to Capernaum, Jesus asked them why were they arguing? But they remained silent as they were arguing regarding who was the greatest among them? Understanding the intentions of their heart, Jesus revealed the wisdom- the truth to them. Jesus said "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." To make them understand, Jesus took a little child and placed amidst them and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Through the Gospel Jesus teaches us that the real criteria for being great in the eyes of the Lord is to be the last, to serve all and to accept the weak and helpless ones in Jesus' name. This Virtue is called Humility. We sometimes fail to listen or understand the real meaning of Jesus' words. Because we are concerned on our own desires and are not humble. A child represents those who are helpless, immature, or weak. Always humble to depend on and trust their parents.

Are we able to receive or accept others? Do we get angry when we miss a chance for others? or when we are asked to wait to let others? or are we able help the weak? Or do we avoid them? Or do we argue for positions or chances?

Humility is the greatest virtue we must possess to be found worthy in the eyes of the lord. It is the mind to seek Jesus' way every moment of life. To glorify and thank God in all moments of our life. It is the mind to accept and appreciate others, A mind to serve others. A mind to let others have a place or a thing before we have it.

Jesus reveals our actions by his living words. His words are wisdom that heals us and moulds us in truth. Let us examine ourselves:

Why do we follow Jesus? Is it to be great?

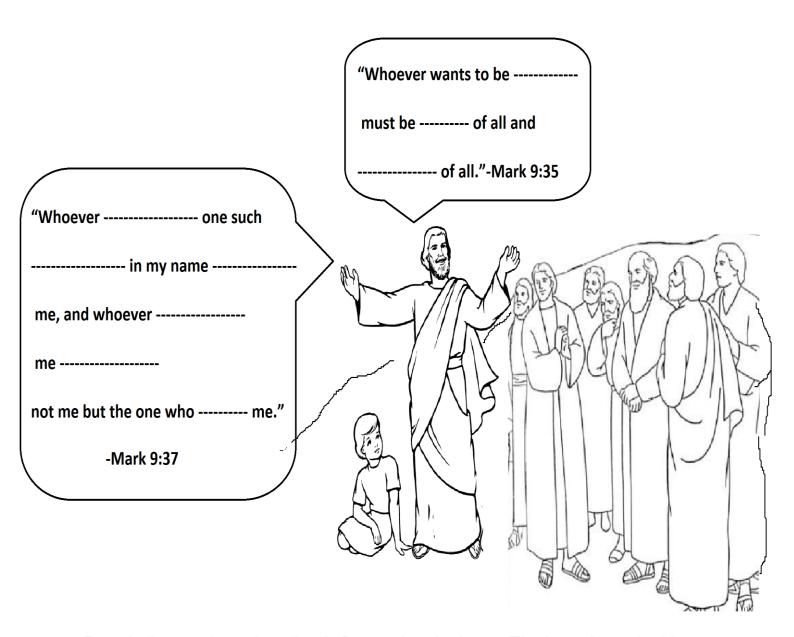
How do we serve others? Is it with selfish ambitions or out of jealousy?

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. Where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions such feelings arise from a heart full of selfishness, jealousy, and pride? - James 3:16-4:1 A humble person is the one who always seek to be instructed by God. He will do everything in wisdom and power from God. The wisdom from above will help us to conquer such emotions. Wisdom of God is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. We can be righteous or bear good fruits in peace only with God's wisdom. So, let us discern our feelings and thoughts. Let us live each moment in God's wisdom.

Through today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to be humble, serve one another, accept one another and not to argue for being the greatest. The greatest among us is the one who humbles himself for others.

Can you think of the people who serve you throughout the day? Why do they do it for you? How do you like to serve others?

Jesus revealed 'what it really meant to be the first or great?' Can you colour the picture and fill in what Jesus said to the disciples?



Break the code using the information below. Find each coded letter on the top row, and read down to break the code.

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Can you make a list of everyone that help you or serve you? and what they do for you?

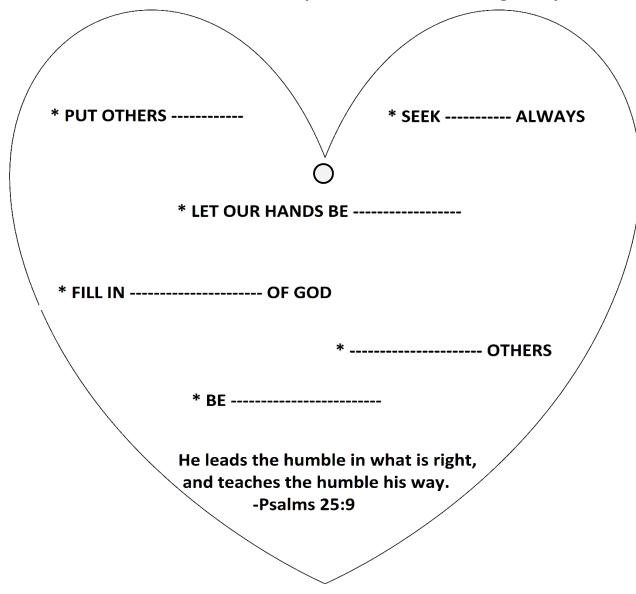
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	HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SERVE OTHERS?



Can you identify this incident from the Bible? What did Jesus tell his disciples?

THE HEART OF HUMILITY

Can you fill in the heart of Humility with the right words from the choices given below? Decorate the Heart of Humility, stick on a card and hang it on your wall.



WISDOM, THANKFUL, SERVING, ACCEPT, FIRST, GOD

Let us pray,

Dear Lord Jesus fill us and purify us with the heavenly wisdom. Mould us by your power to be humble and pleasing to god. Give your grace to accept and serve our fellow beings, rejoicing and appreciating sincerely in their blessings.

In Jesus name we pray, amen