


“Called to serve and not to be served”

Children’s Liturgy Activity October 17th , 2021



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
- Galatians 5:13



Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

In the Gospel today, we see the Sons of Zebedee, James and John, approaching Jesus for a favor. They asked him the favor of sitting one at right hand and the other at his left in his glory. Jesus asked them whether they know what they were asking for. He told them that, they might be able to do what He is doing but he is not able to grant the favor for the seats at his right hand or his left. They belong to those to whom they have been allotted.

When the other disciples heard what the sons of Zebedee asked to Jesus, they became annoyed at them. Jesus who understood the attitude of his disciples, turn towards them and said ‘it is for the pagans who doesn’t know God, that such attitude of imposing authority over people exists. But for a person who know God and is His child, must have a different attitude. A child of God is found great in the eyes of God if they serve others humbly. Jesus said to them ‘the great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. Jesus himself gave the testimony by his life that ‘the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

Through the sons of Zebedee Jesus is asking us too, what favor do we want from Jesus ? Are we seeking Him for positions ? Are we clear about what we are asking and about the commitment we must give? What is our real intention for our desires? Is it for showing authority over others or to spread the love of God?

Have we felt annoyed with others for their wishes or success? Why must have we felt so? Let us examine our feelings. Is it Because we too wish to have the same in our inner thought? Are we selfish in our desires not to let others get it? Or are we jealous?

Jesus exposes their attitudes. The people who are worldly and do not know God, wishes to have positions and desire to get lordships over other people and to be bossy and proud. They make their authority to be felt. But it should not be like that among the the ones who has come to know God and his love through Jesus.

So, what must a child of God be like?’ Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.’ The greater ones in eyes of God are the ones who humble themselves and serve each other in love sacrificing for each other. They must make God’s love to be felt by others. Jesus gives himself as the testimony. Let us reflect upon how Jesus became our Lord and Savior. What life did Jesus lead? What was his attitude? Seek help from parents to read Philippians 2:5-11. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus- (Philippians 2:5).

Let us examine our attitude while serving our lord. Let us pray for grace to have the attitude of Christ. Let us reflect ‘How can we serve each other in a way that they feel love of God through us and not our authority?’. Let us serve in love of Christ.

Crack the code using the picture clues given below to find out what Jesus said to His disciples in today's Gospel.

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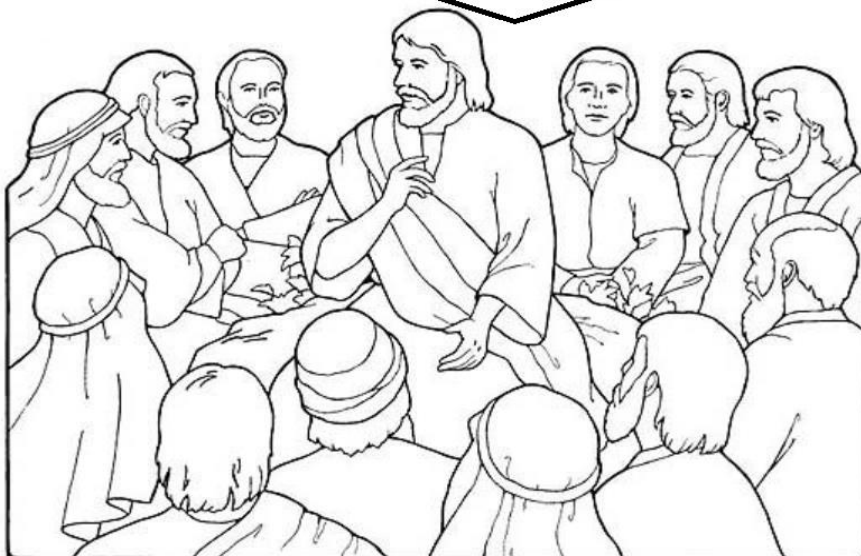
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'Allow us to ----- one at your ----- hand and the other at your ----- in your -----.'

'What is it you want me to do for you?'



anyone who wants to become ----- among you must be your -----, and anyone who wants to be ----- among you must be ----- to all.



Word List

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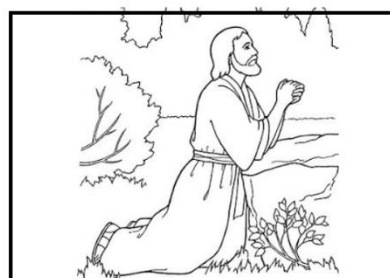
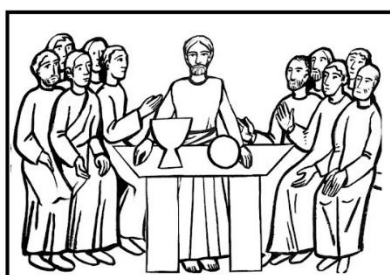
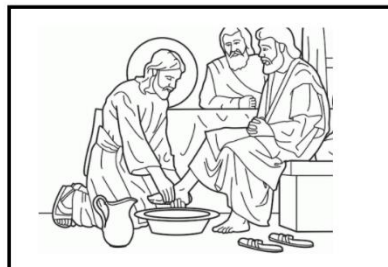
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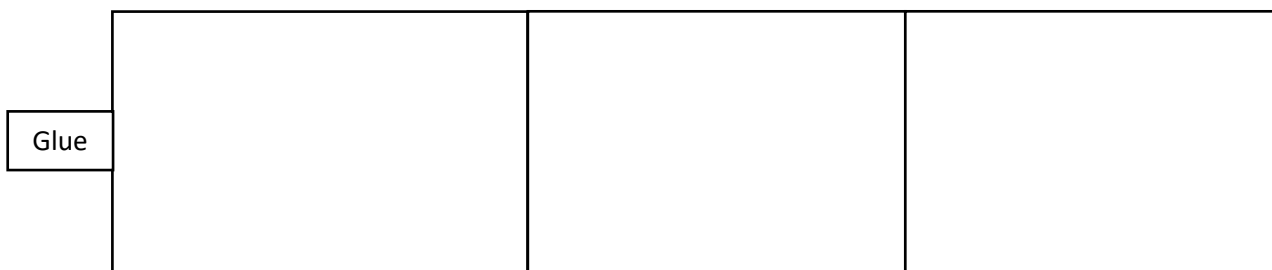
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For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' – Mark 10:45

Can you cut out and arrange the incidents in the life of Jesus in the right order and stick it on the comic strip?

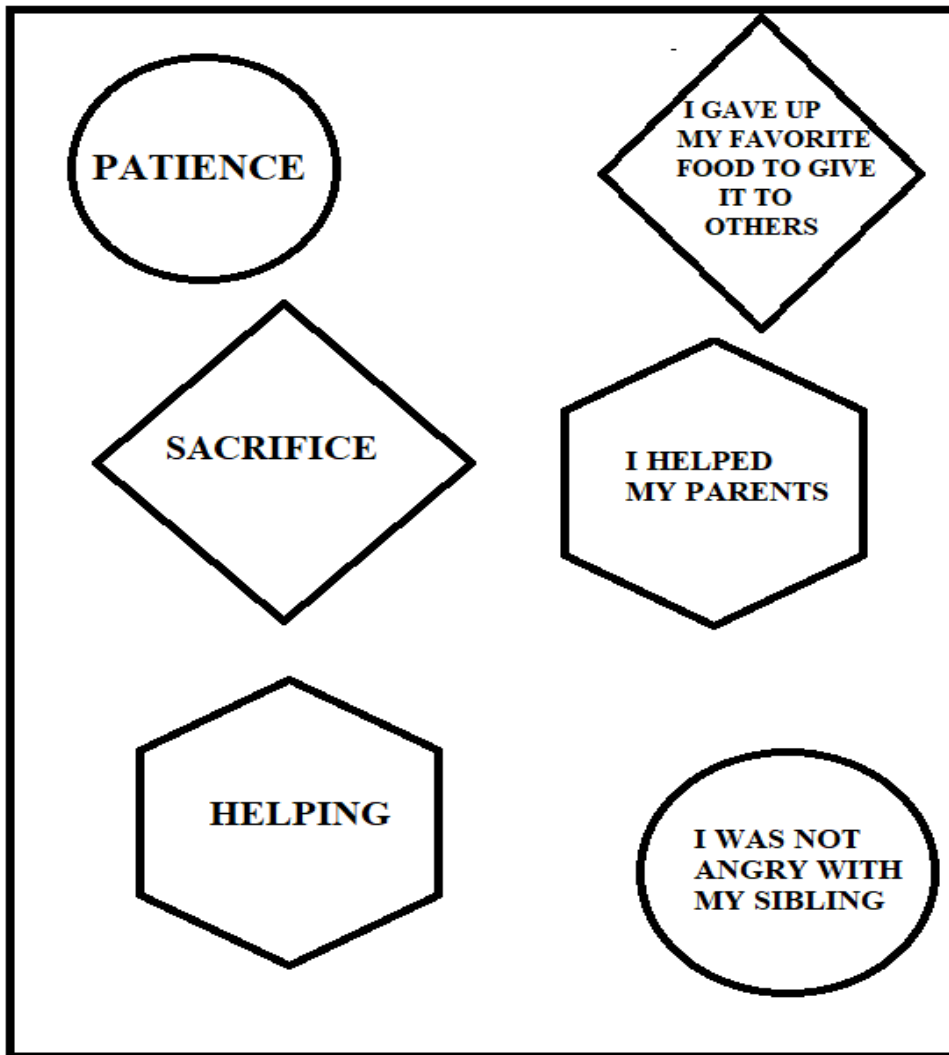


Glue



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Cut out, colour and match the shapes together to make badges for each time you serve others in love.



Reflect on : How did you serve others in love of Lord this day?

Let us pray, 

Dear loving lord, thank you for giving us Jesus to be the way , the truth and the life. Give us the grace to set Jesus before us in all that we do or say and let His life be our lifestyle. So that we glorify God and spread His love as we serve one another.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.