

# “Accept one another.”

## Children’s Liturgy Activity September 26<sup>th</sup> , 2021



Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus disciples upset with someone performing miracles in Jesus’ name. They tried to stop him because he did not belong to their group. Do we find it hard sometimes to accept others who does not belong to the group we belong? Or do we find it hard to accept the good works or success of others? What does Jesus say to this attitude? Jesus says, you must not stop him.... Anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus welcomes all who desires and is doing good in His name. He looks at the intention and faith of our heart in doing something.

To believe in Jesus is a great gift from God. We might feel we are too weak or little in faith or to do something Or we might think that a person is so weak or too little to do something good. But Jesus says, little things done in love and faith by little ones are big in eyes of God. Every little act out of faith in Jesus is rewarded by God. Even giving a cup of water for someone because he belongs to Christ, will be rewarded. So let us not look down on little act of others. Let us Not be discouraged to do the little things that we can do. God looks into our heart of faith in Jesus.

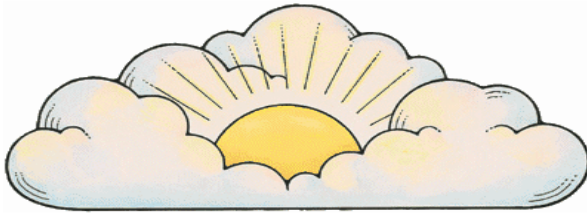
Who are the little ones? Little ones are those who are with child-like trust in Jesus and live a simple life of faith in Jesus. Jesus instructs the disciples ‘Never put an obstacle to bring down the little ones in faith.’ To those who put obstacles , Jesus says, it is better to throw yourselves into water tying a big stone around your neck rather than to be an obstacle.

What are the obstacles that we put in the way of the little ones? Unacceptance, doubts, judgments, rejection, discouragement etc. We put obstacles due to our fleshly passions: Jealousy, envy, selfishness, pride etc. Fleshly passions corrupt us not to see the goodness in others.

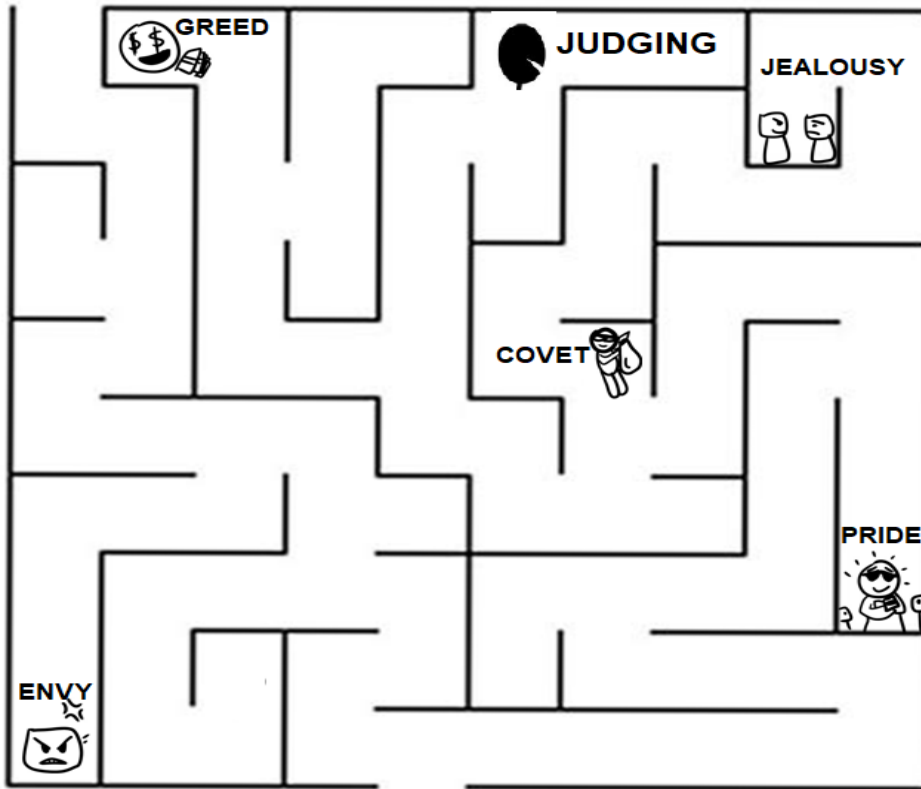
Jesus instructs his friends to remove everything that causes to sin or cause others to sin. It is better not to have it and go to heaven than going to hell with it. Let us examine our acts and pray for God’s grace which helps us to remove the OBSTACLE CAUSERS in us. 1. **Sacrament of reconciliation:** Confess to our merciful lord for times we put obstacles in others ways of goodness. Pledge by God’s grace not to repeat it anymore. 2. **Practice acts of humility:** By giving chance for others. By Appreciating and encouraging others. 3. **Acknowledge and thank God** for all gifts and blessings deposited in us and others. Acknowledge the presence of Jesus in others. 4. **Live in Holy Spirit and not satisfy flesh.**

We are loving and accepting Jesus when we love and accept others. Let us never be an obstacle but be an encouragement for others to grow in faith in Jesus.

**AVOID THE CAUSES OF SIN TO FIND YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN**



**HEAVEN**



**Can you Unscramble the given verses from the gospel?**

‘If anyone not lose his reward to drink just because you belong to gives you a cup of water, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly Christ. - Mark 9:41

**Little acts in faith and love are big in eyes of God.  
Spot the little acts in Jesus' name, from the pictures given below**



**Can you Complete the following Word of God?**

'those who belong to ----- have crucified the ----- with its passions and desires. If we live by the -----, let us also be guided by the -----. Let us not become conceited, ----- against one another, ----- one another.' - Galatians 5:24-26

## Wordsearch

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HAND  
FOOT  
MILLSTONE  
OBSTACLE  
KINGDOM  
FAITH  
LITTLE  
CHRIST  
REWARD

Let us pray, 

Dear Lord, we thank you for the faith and blessings bestowed to us by your grace. Mold us and purify us to be an encouragement to others in their life to grow in You and not to be an obstacle. May we never be discouraged in the little things that we do in your name but grow us in faith so that we do everything in faith, in your name and help all those who bear your name. In Jesus' name we pray amen.