

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 February 2022 - Year C

***“What a person says comes from what is in the heart.”***

### Something to Think About

Sometimes we don't understand why other people do or say things.

It's important that we don't judge people because we can never really understand their thoughts or the reasons behind their actions. Only God can see into the human heart.

### The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the people to be careful about who they follow, and to make sure that they are on a good path. However, Jesus' main message to the people is not to judge others. God asks us to accept people as they are, and to recognise that we all have faults of our own. Rather than criticising other people, Jesus reminds us to work on our own hearts so that we can say and do good things.

### The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

6:39-45

Jesus used some sayings as he spoke to the people.

He said: "Can one blind person lead another blind person? Won't they both fall into a ditch?"

"Are students better than their teacher?"

But when they are fully trained, they will be like their teacher.

"You can see the speck in your friend's eye. But you don't notice the log in your own eye.

How can you say,

'My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you don't see the log in your own eye?"

You show-offs! First, get the log out of your own eye.

Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye.

"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit,

and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit.

You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces.

You cannot pick figs or grapes from thorn bushes.

Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts.

Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts.

Your words show what is in your hearts."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Watch the video: [The Log and the Speck](#)



## Group Discussion

Can you think of a time when you might have judged another person? What happened?

Can you think of a time that someone has judged you unfairly, or misunderstood what you were trying to do? How did it feel?

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,  
for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray for leaders who show compassion and understanding. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for people who live with war and conflict. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for those who cannot forgive others. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who find it hard to love. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that we will follow Jesus and see the best in other people. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear God,

You always know what is in our hearts.  
Guide us to be loving and caring.  
Help us to see the good in other people  
and to accept them just as they are.

Amen.

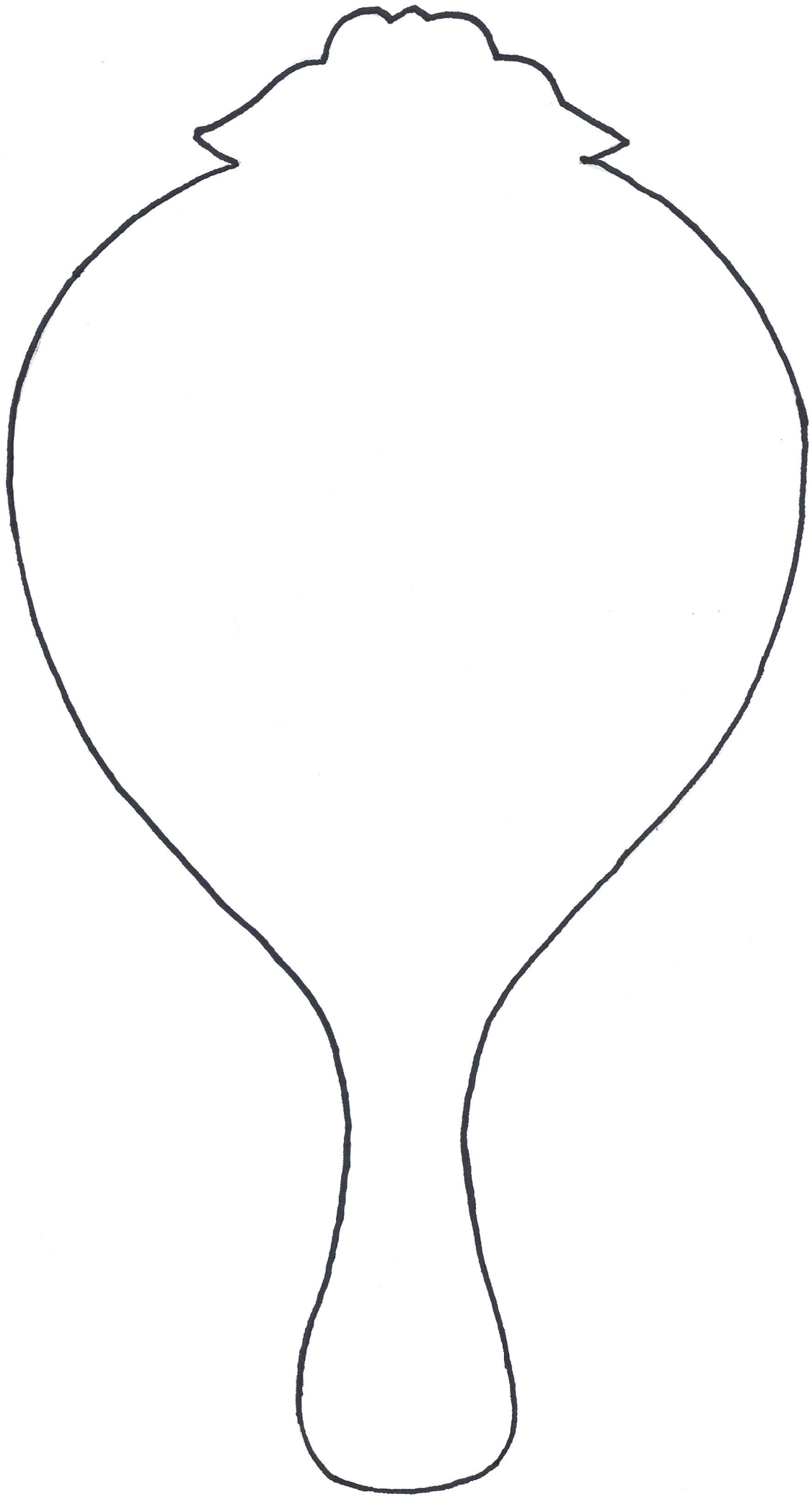
## Group Activity

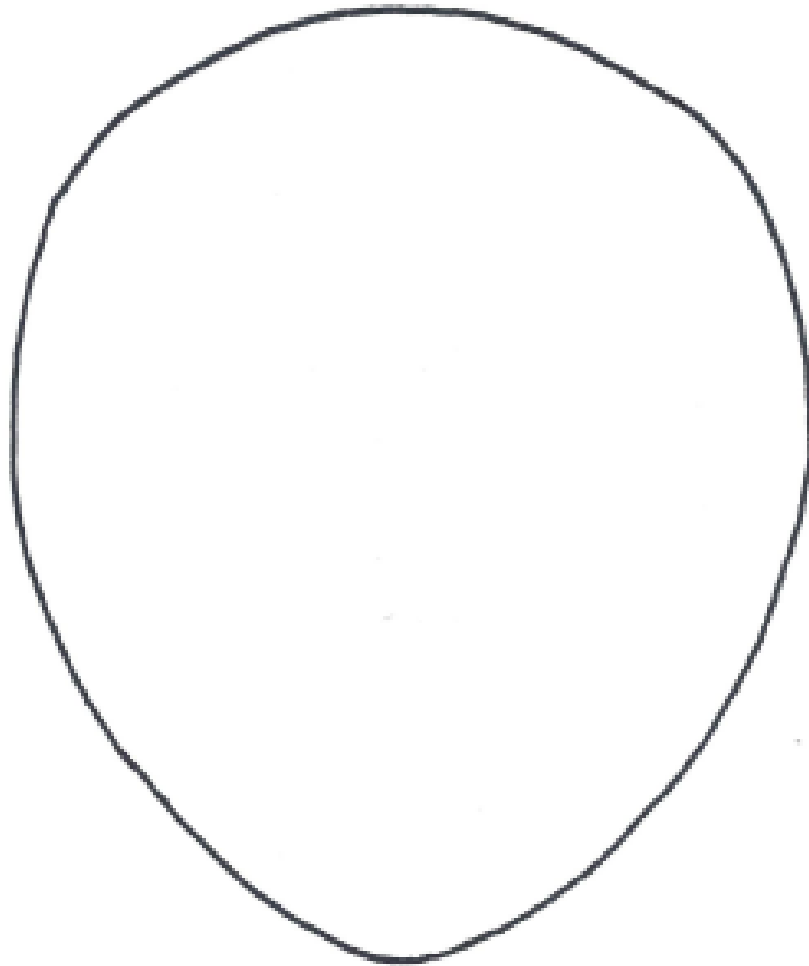
**Don't judge others –  
instead look at yourself and be the best person you can be!**

*You will need: a cardboard template for the mirror frame and handle, a paper template for the inside of the mirror, glue, coloured markers, rhinestone stickers (optional).*

1. After printing the template for the mirror frame and handle, place it over a piece of coloured cardboard and cut out the shape.
2. Cut paper templates for the inside of the mirror and the text, and stick these onto the cardboard cut-out as shown.
3. Children then draw a picture of themselves in the mirror.
4. If using stickers, place these around the coloured cardboard mirror frame to decorate.

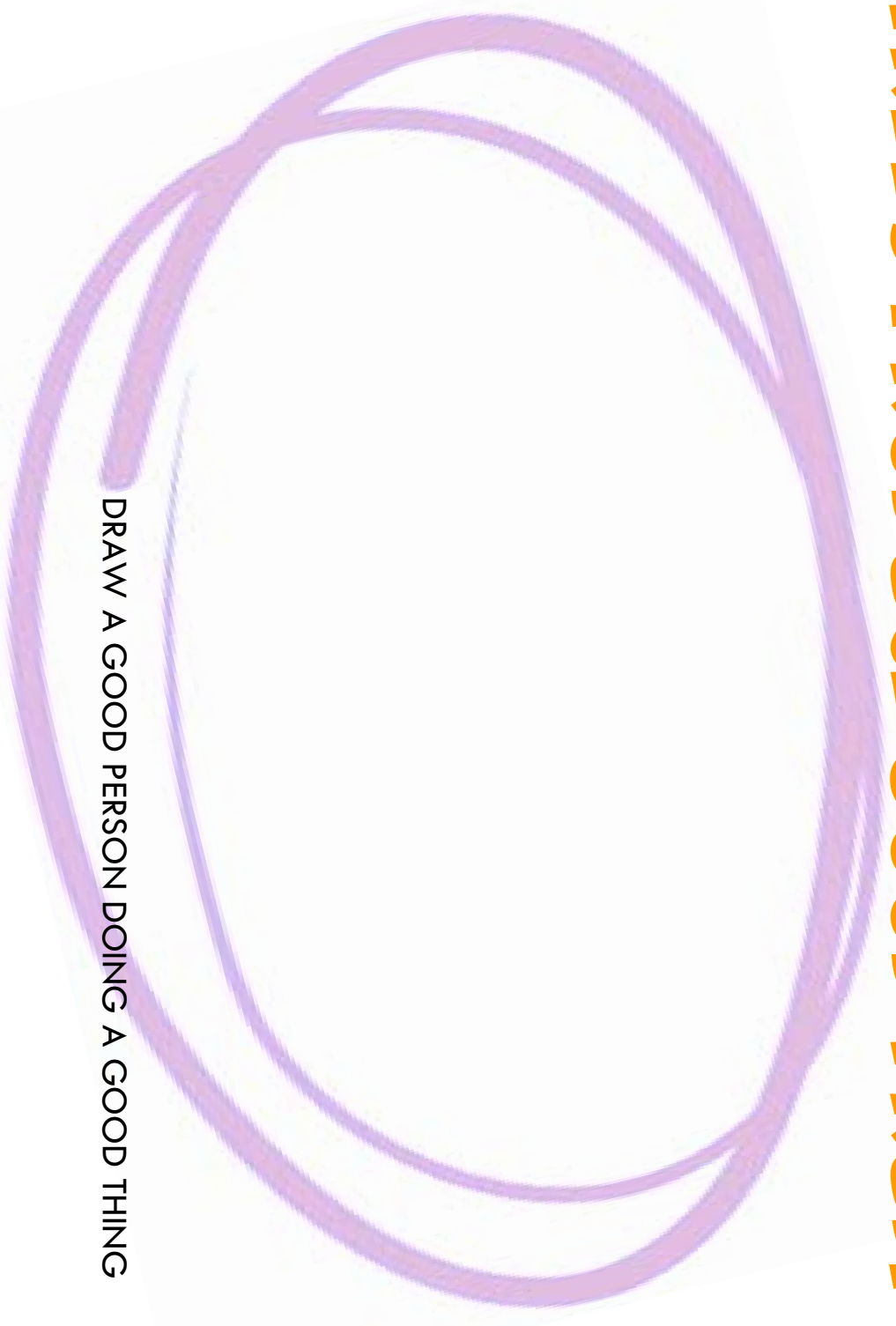






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# GOOD TREES PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT



DRAW A GOOD PERSON DOING A GOOD THING

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