

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



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

11 February 2024 - Year B

**“The leprosy left him, and he was cured.”**

### Something to Think About

If you had the power to help anyone in any way, what would you do?  
Try to do three acts of kindness this week!

### The Story

A man with leprosy, a serious and contagious skin disease, came to Jesus. He knew that Jesus had the power to heal him, and he begged Jesus to make him well. Did Jesus want to cure the man? Of course he did! Jesus put his hand on the man, and at once the leprosy disappeared.

Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone about this, but the man was so overjoyed that he told many people and talked about it everywhere. Although Jesus couldn't go openly into the towns anymore, people still came to him from everywhere, eager to be near Jesus and to experience his healing.

### The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

1:40-45

A man with leprosy came to Jesus and knelt down.  
He begged, "You have the power to make me well, if only you wanted to."

Jesus felt sorry for the man.  
So he put his hand on him and said, "I want to! Now you are well."  
At once the man's leprosy disappeared, and he was well.

After Jesus strictly warned the man, he sent him on his way.  
He said, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show the priest that you are well. Then take a gift to the temple as Moses commanded, and everyone will know that you have been healed."

The man talked about it so much and told so many people, that Jesus could no longer go openly into a town. He had to stay away from the towns, but people still came to him from everywhere.

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

### Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus Heals A Leper](#)



## Group Discussion

Leprosy was considered to be highly contagious and so lepers were banned from living in normal communities and were outcast from family and from society. To be labelled a 'leper' in those days was to be alienated and rejected.

Can you think of some people today who are considered different or dangerous and are banned from normal social interaction?

If one of these people approached you today and asked, "Do you want to help me?" would your response be 'Of course I do'?

## 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 that our leaders will care for all people and for the environment. Lord hear us.

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

*Reader 2:* We pray for those who feel excluded or unloved. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader 3:* We pray for those we find difficult to forgive. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader 4:* We pray that we may live as people of peace and harmony. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader 5:* We pray that we will accept all people and bring God's love to them. Lord, hear us.

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

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

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

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



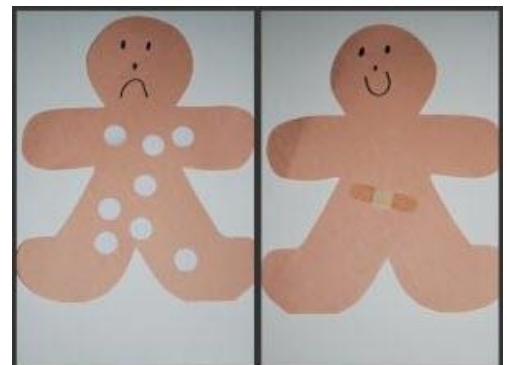
Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for loving us  
just the way we are.  
Help us to bring your  
love and compassion to others.  
Amen.

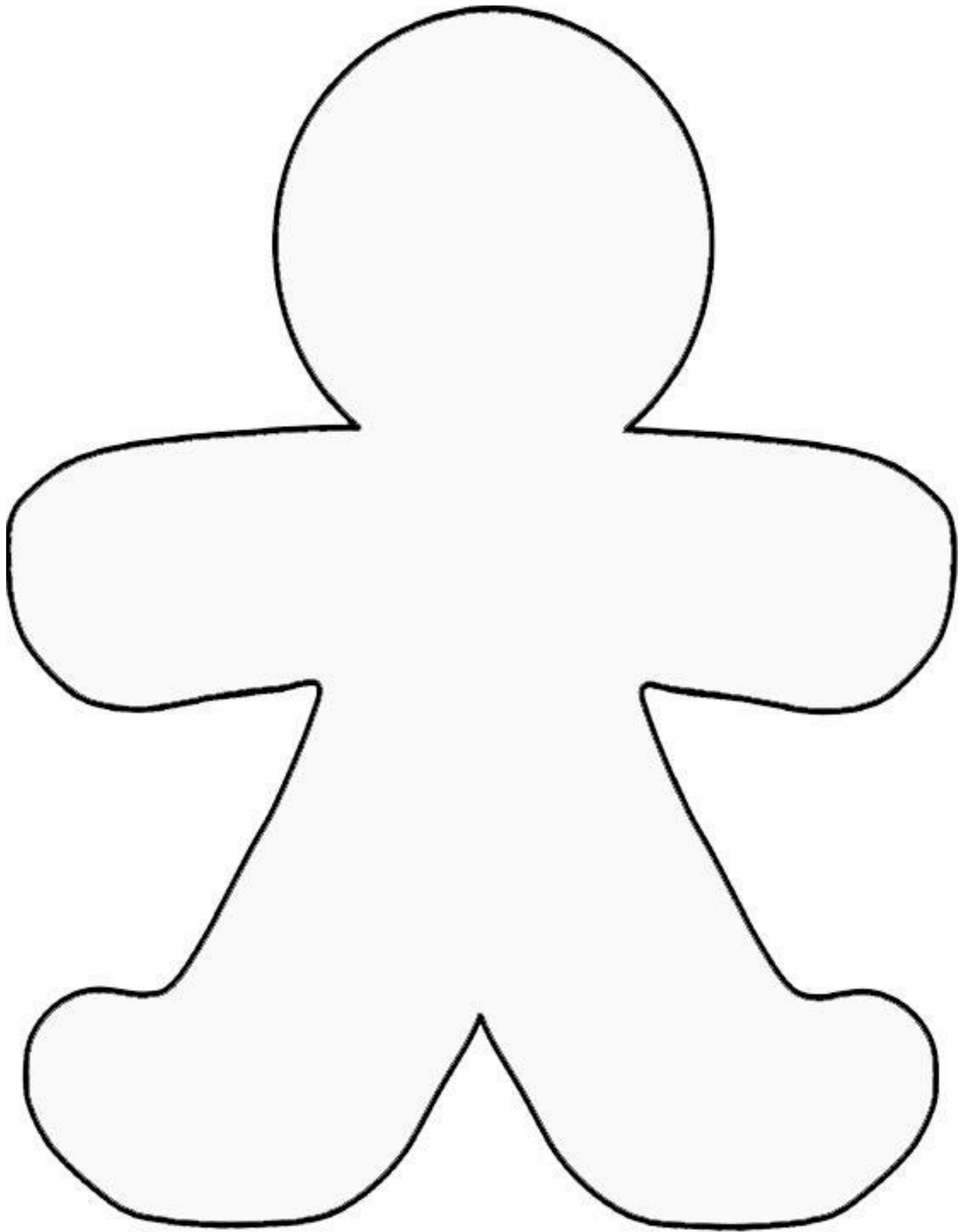
## Group Activity

*You will need: a cut-out figure for each child (see below), coloured markers, dot stickers, Band-Aids.*

Ask the children to put dot stickers on one side of the body cut-out. Children can then use markers to draw a sad face.

Then invite the children to flip the cut-out over and stick some Band-Aids on the reverse side. They can then use markers to draw a happy face to represent that the person is healed.





# ONE TOUCH CHANGES EVERYTHING



**JESUS TOUCHED A SICK MAN  
AND HE GOT BETTER**

**WHAT CAN YOUR TOUCH  
DO WHEN SOMEONE IS:**



**LONELY**



**ANGRY**



**SAD**



**HURT**