

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



4th Sunday of Lent

10 March 2024 - Year B

“God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.”

Something to Think About

God loved the people in the world so much, that he gave his only Son, Jesus, to save them. Think about someone you love... if you could give them anything, what would it be?

The Story

In this week's gospel, Jesus talks about the never-ending love of God. Jesus says that everyone who believes in God will have eternal life. He assures his listeners that God is not interested in judging people for their mistakes, but instead wants to save them.

No matter what we do or where we go, God will be there helping us, loving us, and welcoming us home.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

3:16-17

Jesus told Nicodemus:

"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Video

Click to watch the video: [God Loves You So Much](#)



Group Discussion

Because God loves us so much, God has given us gifts to make us happy... but God also wants us to use these gifts to bring life and happiness to other people.

Invite everyone to share some of their gifts, saying how they might use these gifts to bring life and joy to someone this week.

Praying For Others

Leader: Trusting in God's love, we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader 1: We pray for all people and for all countries. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who are separated from people they love. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for help in doing the right thing. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that our faith in God will continue to grow stronger. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will trust in God's never-ending love and forgiveness. 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 God,
Thank you for loving us and for being
with us wherever we go.
Save us when we are in trouble.
Amen.

Group Activity

Stained Glass Cross

You will need: black cross template for each child, clear contact cut into rectangular pieces slightly larger than cross template, coloured 2 cm squares of tissue paper, scissors.

Lay a piece of clear contact, sticky side up, on the table and then place the black cross template on the contact.

Ask the children to carefully place one piece of coloured tissue paper at a time inside the cross template until it is all covered.

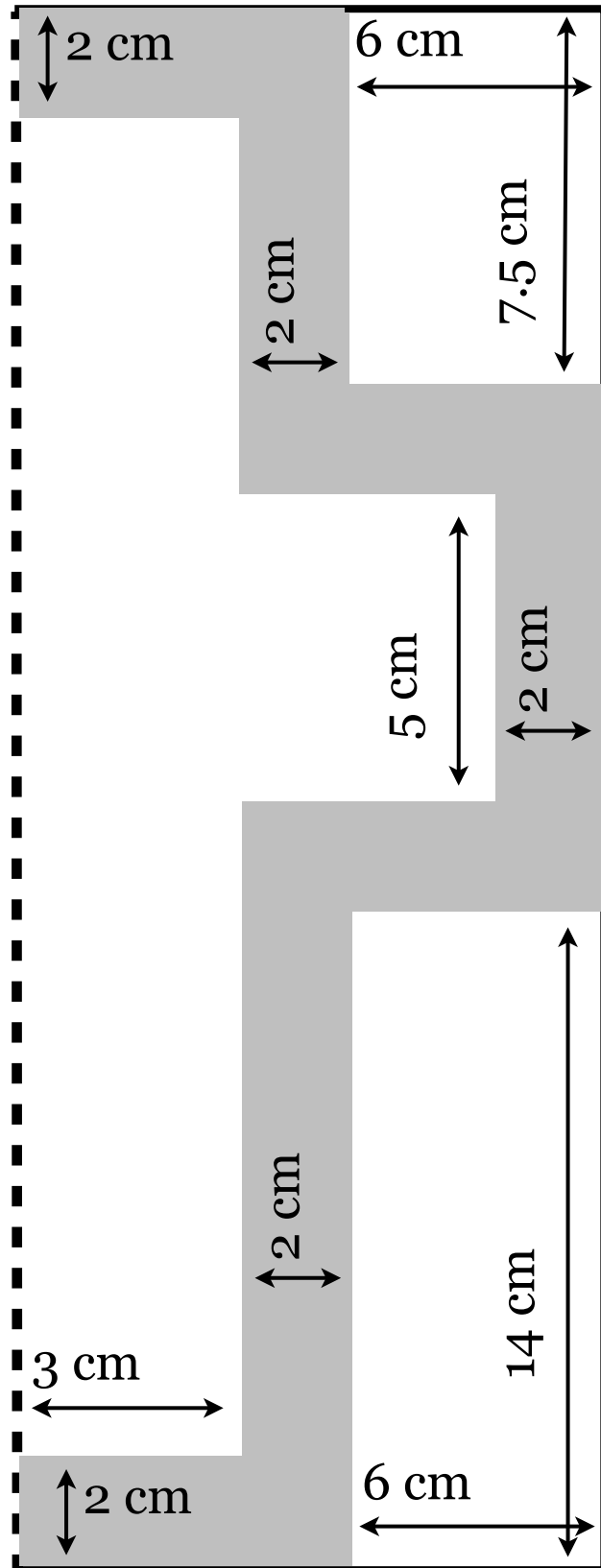
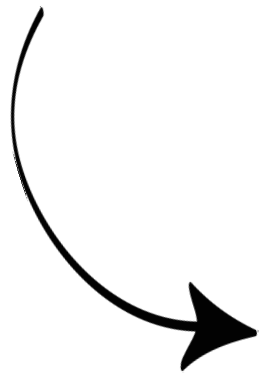
Then place another piece of clear contact, sticky side down, over the top.

Trim around the sides of the cross. Hang against a window and watch the sun shine through the coloured cross.



Fold a sheet of black construction paper in half.
Then, follow the measurements and cut along
the grey lines to create your cross.

Folded edge
of paper



WHAT JOB DOES THIS MAN DO?

**God loves us so much that
HE SENT JESUS TO SAVE US.**



WHEN DOES JESUS RESCUE US? _____

SAY THIS PRAYER OFTEN: "SAVE US, LORD, WHEN WE ARE IN TROUBLE!"