

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November 2024 - Year B

“The Son of Man shall gather his elect from the four winds.”

Something to Think About

Do you sometimes think about the future?
What would you like to be when you grow up?

The Story

There are some amazing images of God’s creation in today’s gospel story.
The message is that we don’t know what will happen in the future – only God knows.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days, right after that time of suffering, 'The sun will become dark, and the moon will no longer shine. The stars will fall, and the powers in the sky will be shaken.'

Then the Son of Man will be seen coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the earth.

Learn a lesson from a fig tree.

When its branches sprout and start putting out leaves, you know summer is near. So when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time has almost come. You can be sure that some of the people living today will still be alive when all this happens. The sky and the earth will not last forever, but my words will.

"No one knows the day or the time.
The angels in heaven don't know,
and the Son himself doesn't know.
Only the Father knows."

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

Video

Click to watch a video of how God created the world:
[Creation](#)



Group Discussion

None of us knows our future.

It is important to make the most of the 'now' times, to live as if there were no tomorrow. How would you live differently today if you knew it was your last day on earth?

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 work together for a peaceful world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for people who are worried or sad today. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for the homeless and the hungry. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we may bring joy to others to brighten their day. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that people will take care of God's beautiful creation. 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 the beautiful world
you have given us. Help us to
protect the Earth and live with joy
each day.
Amen.

Group Activity

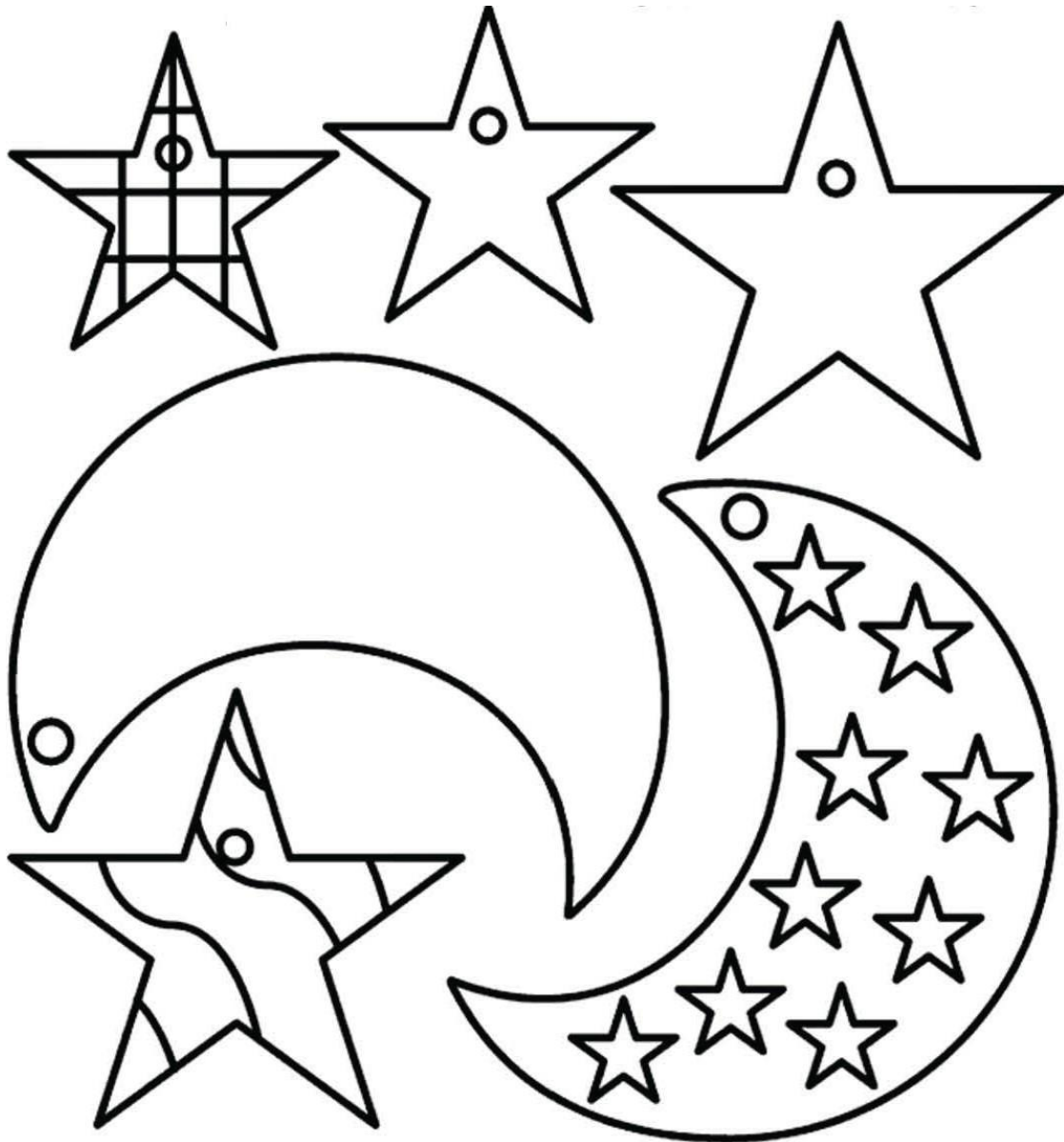
STAR AND MOON MOBILE

You will need: a template for each child on cardstock or paper, coloured markers, glitter glue, hole punch, scissors, glue, wool or ribbon, branches or coat-hangers.

1. Decorate the stars and moon with markers and glitter glue.
2. Cut out the shapes.
3. Glue the matching shape to its back (one is patterned and one is blank).
4. Punch a hole in the top using a hole punch.
5. Tie different lengths of wool or ribbon to each mobile piece.
6. Tie the other end of the wool or ribbon to a fallen branch that you find while walking outdoors, or perhaps to a coat-hanger.
7. Then hang up your mobile and say a prayer to thank God for the stars and the moon.



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IT'S JACARANDA TIME!

JESUS SAYS:
WATCH AND
LEARN FROM
THE WORLD
AROUND YOU.

FIND A JACARANDA TREE.
SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANY
FLOWERS STILL ON IT.

Draw the Jacaranda in
WINTER when it has bare
branches and no leaves.

Draw the Jacaranda in
SPRING when it has its
purple flowers.

Draw the Jacaranda in
SUMMER when it has
green leaves.

