

Children's Liturgy of the Word



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 August 2025 - Year C

*"They will come from east and west to take their
places at the feast in the kingdom of God."*

Something to Think About

Jesus spent much of his life helping people and wants us to do what we can to build up his kingdom on earth. We can be peacemakers, and we can forgive others. What else can you do?

The Story

Jesus challenges the idea of who will and who will not be welcome in the kingdom. Outward appearances are not what count. Genuine compassion, working for justice, and helping those in need is what is important to Jesus.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (13:22-30)

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he taught the people in the towns and villages.
Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

Jesus answered: "Do all you can to go in by the narrow door!
A lot of people will try to get in, but will not be able to.
Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, you will be left standing outside.
You will knock on the door and say, 'Sir, open the door for us!'

"But the owner will answer, 'I don't know a thing about you!'

"Then you will start saying, 'We dined with you, and you taught in our streets.'

"But he will say, 'I really don't know who you are! Get away from me, all you evil people!'

"Then when you have been thrown outside, you will weep and grit your teeth
because you will see Abraham and Isaac and all the prophets in God's kingdom.
People will come from all directions and sit down to feast in God's kingdom.
There the ones who are now least important will be the most important,
and those who are now most important will be least important."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

Jesus 'saves' people in many ways and calls us to be involved too. If someone was sick, Jesus healed them; if someone was in need of forgiveness, he forgave them. He gave sight to a man born blind, he cured lepers, and he brought a young girl back to life. So, what can we do today? Talk together about the ways of improving the lives of those with whom you live and work, through acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, through real concern and outreach.

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 all leaders, that they may use their power to help others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for joy in following Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for loving hearts to reach out to sad and lonely people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those who don't have enough food to eat. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for people who are sick in hospital. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 6: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* 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 Jesus,
Thank you for showing us how
important it is to help people.
Stay close to us and help us to be
generous and kind to others.
Amen.

Video (optional)

Watch what happens when people choose to be generous and share!

[Kindness Song](#)



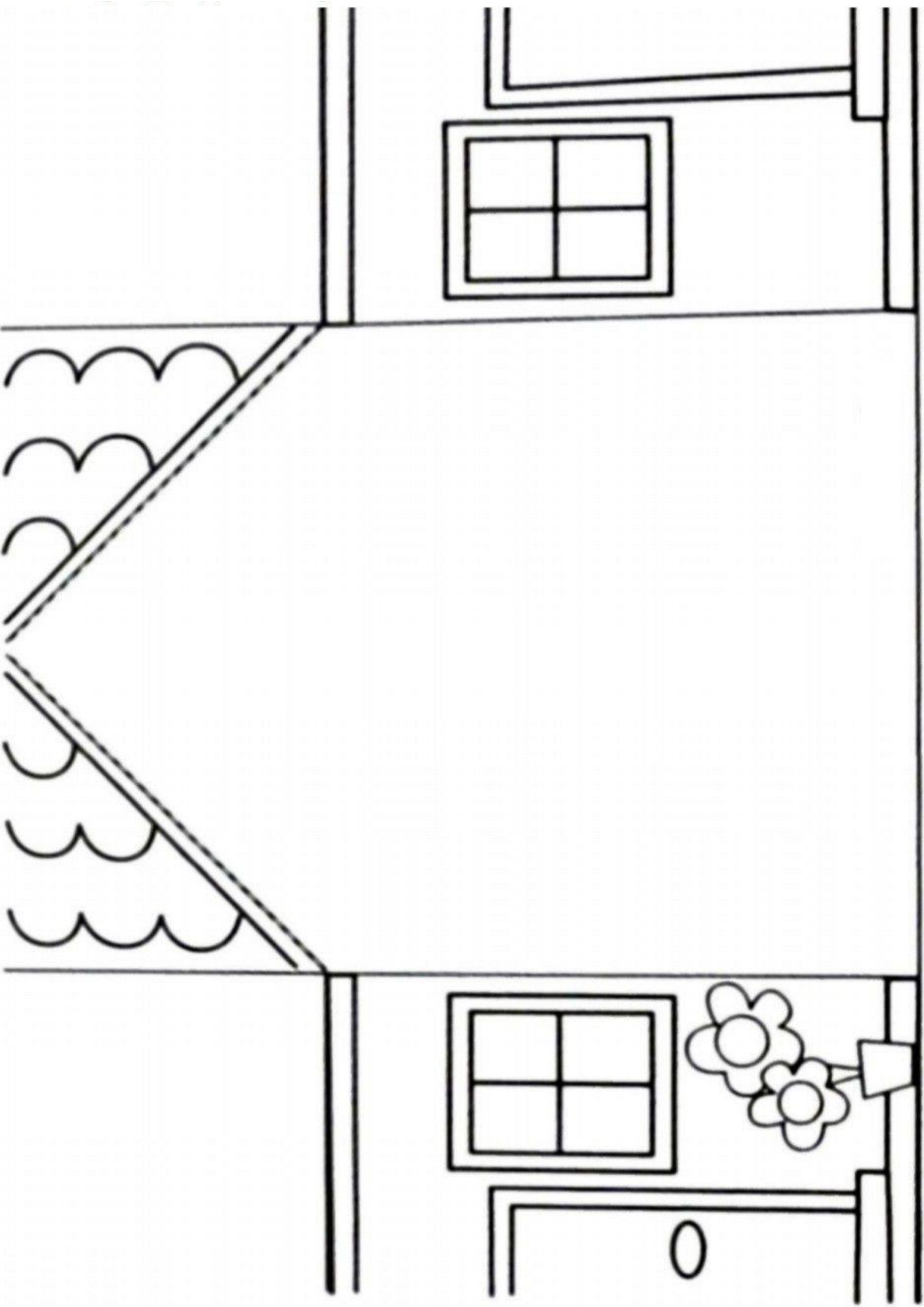
Group Activity (optional)

OPEN THE DOORS!

You will need: a template for each child printed on paper or card, scissors, coloured markers, glue.

1. Place the printed side of the template face-down on the table. Assist children to fold the doors around to the front, and the two peaks of the roof down to the front as well.
2. Ask children to colour the roof panels and then glue them down.
3. Then invite children to draw (behind the doors) the people that live in their house.
4. Finally, ask children to colour in the doors and the outside of the house.
5. They can open the doors to reveal the people inside, or close the doors as they play with the completed house.





UNLOCK THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART

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Write a story
about how
you include
everyone in
your games