

Children's Liturgy of the Word



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 August 2025 - Year C

***"All who exalt themselves shall be humbled,
and all who humble themselves shall be exalted."***

Something to Think About

God is so wonderfully generous!

Are you a generous person? Do you think about other people and try to put them first?

The Story

In the time and culture in which Jesus lived, many of the rich and educated people would have considered themselves favourites in the eyes of God and much more important than the poor and lowly. Jesus tells these rich people that they should invite poor people to their banquets, people who couldn't pay them back. It is a reminder of God's great generosity.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (14:1, 7-14)

One Sabbath Jesus was having dinner in the home of an important Pharisee, and everyone was carefully watching Jesus.

Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats. So he told them:

"When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the best place.

Someone more important may have been invited.

Then the one who invited you will come and say,

'Give your place to this other guest!'

You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place.

"When you are invited to be a guest, go and sit in the worst place.

Then the one who invited you may come and say, 'My friend, take a better seat!'

You will then be honoured in front of all the other guests.

If you put yourself above others, you will be put down.

But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured."

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him:

"When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbours. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back.

But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

Sometimes when we do things for others it is because we think we will get a reward or get something out of the act. We are not really thinking of the other person but of our own gain. Think of some examples of this in your own lives. Can you think of times when you have done something for another person purely because you wanted to help them?

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 be humble and gentle. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we may be generous in welcoming others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for people who have no homes and no jobs. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will be kind to all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for those who are hungry. 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,
Bless all those who feel unloved
or unimportant.
Help us to share your love with
everyone we meet.
Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [The Parable of the Great Banquet](#)



Group Activity (optional)

INVITATION TO A PICNIC!

You will need: an invitation for each child printed on paper or card, coloured markers.

1. Ask the children to pretend they are going to have a teddy bears' picnic in the park. Who would they like to invite?
2. Children colour in the invitation.
3. Assist the children to choose a time and a place to have their picnic, and to write these details on the invitation.
4. Suggest to the children that they deliver their invitation and ask that person to bring their teddy bear to the picnic!

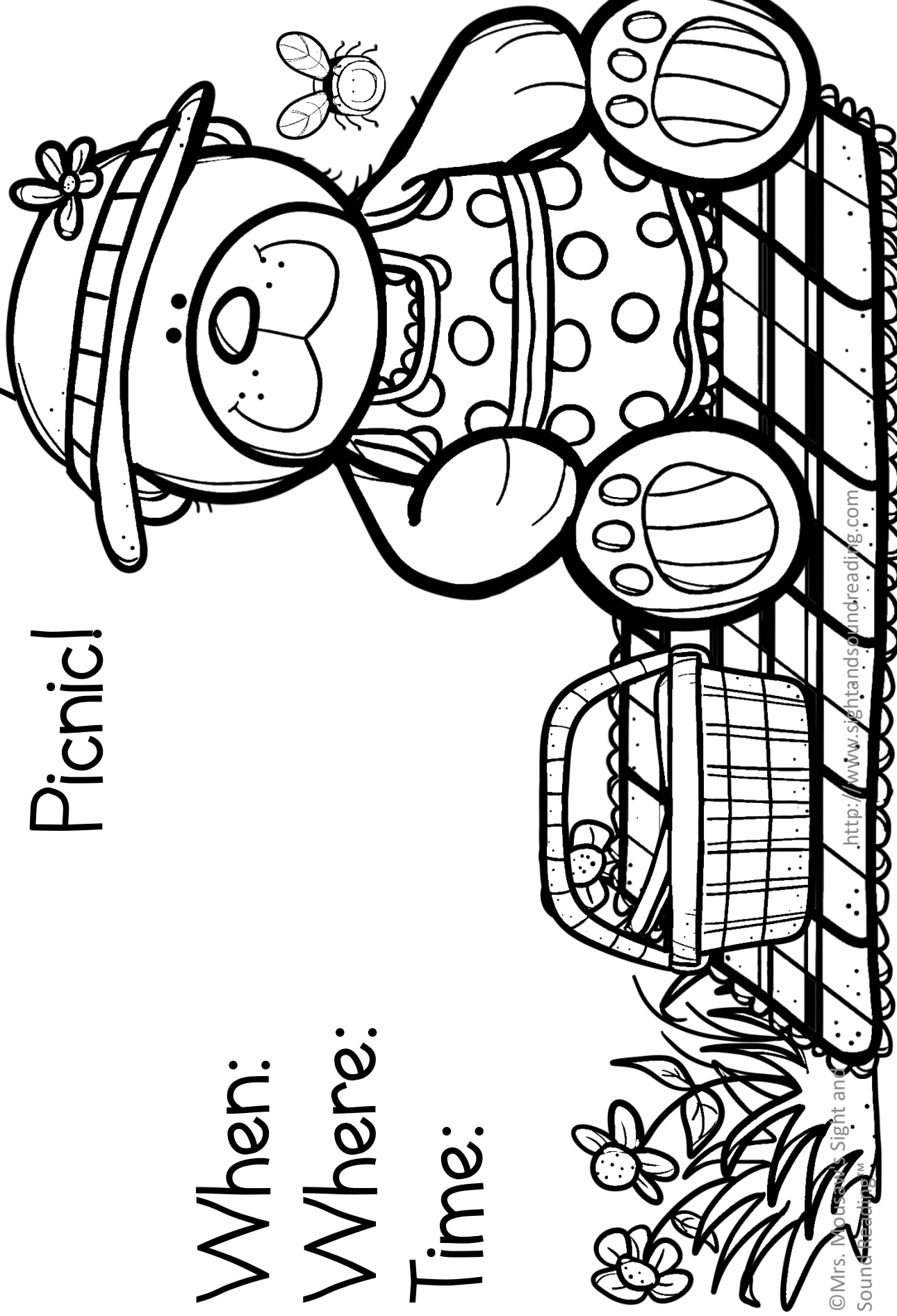


You're Invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic!

When:

Where:

Time:



DON'T BE PUSHY ... BE HUMBLE.



FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE 'HUMBLE'

