



Children's Church - 5th July Welcoming Others

Matthew 10:40-42 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Jesus promised that God would reward those who treated his disciples kindly and welcomed them into their homes. Jesus also welcomed others - sometimes people that others had turned away - and wants us to do the same.



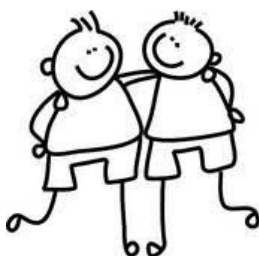
Can you think of a time when you have been welcomed somewhere? How about into a new class at school, or at a friend's house? Or maybe at church?

How can we welcome people? Can you think of a time when you have been kind and welcomed someone? Maybe in the playground at school - **have you welcomed someone to join in with your game who you would not usually play with, or who had no-one to play with?** Try and think of an example when you have done this. This is the kind of welcoming that Jesus would want us to do, to be more like him.

Song:

"Jump" This song is about jumping in and showing your faith in God by how you choose to be.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KftQ8Gak1fA&list=PLZL2I_h2-tdLa0TNxgmK2rSX2nFK_fggo





Video:

“Jesus was like us” As well as all the big things Jesus did, like his amazing miracles, he was also like us and knew how important it was to spend time with his friends and welcome people to spend time with him.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=245&v=a7A8CL2aH10&feature=emb_logo

We can't welcome people in the way we would like to just yet because a lot of children are not yet back at school, and we cannot hug everyone we would like to right now. But we can think about how we will be with our friends and of other ways of welcoming people – a smile and friendly words, for example. When you go back to school there might be new children in your class. How can you make them feel welcomed?

All the words in the picture below mean “welcome” in different languages. How many can you see? Do you know any others? When we welcome someone in their own language it's really special.



Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for welcoming everyone into your loving arms. Please help us to learn from your example and show kindness and thoughtfulness towards others.

Amen



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