

Year C - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-27

Reflection Time



Background idea: Using reflection sheets from the following page, the children can reflect on what they know about God and then read what God wants them to know about him.

Get the children to spread out across the room and find a space where they are on their own. Pass out to each child a pen/pencil and one of the reflection sheets with the writing side facing up (what I know about God). Place the reflection sheets on the ground in front of them and ask them not to look at the other side yet (it's not a concern if they do sneak a look but the idea is to get them to focus and share their own thoughts on the first side).

Remind the children of what you have done and discussed so far, then ask the children to write down on the paper in front of them what they know about God. Play some reflective music as they do this.

After a few minutes, once the children have had enough time to write down some responses. Then ask them to turn the paper over, where they can read the things that God wants them to know.

Allow some more time for this and keep the reflective music going. Once the children have had time to read this side a few times ask them to put their finger on just one point. What's one that stands out to them the most.

When the children have placed their finger on one, finish with a prayer together. You may want to say something like the prayer below.

Dear God,

Thank you for every person here today. For everyone in this room and for the time we have had together today. Thank you for the messages you have sent your people throughout history, from the laws you gave to Moses to the messages you have shared with us today.

For the points that we have chosen today, help us remember that everyday. On days that are filled with joy, laughter and happy moments and on days that are harder and sadder. Help us always remember this one special thing.

Thank you for your great love God.
In your name we pray, Amen.



What I know about God



1.

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What God wants me to know



1. I know who you are.

'The sheep hear my voice and I know them' John 10:14

2. I want to be your friend.

'There is no greater love than to lay your life down for your friends, if you do what I ask, you are my friends.' John 15: 13-14

3. I have plans for you.

'I have plans for you, to give you a future full of hope' Jeremiah 29: 11

4. I listen to you

'When you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you.' Jeremiah 29: 12

5. I love you

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Psalms 136:2

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