

Year C - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:11-19

Healed Lepers



You will need:

- Paper people (you can buy these as paper chains from most craft/variety stores)
- Colouring pens
- Paddle Pop Sticks

Instructions:

- Write on the labels different ways people can treat others, for example:
 - Treat me like I'm famous
 - Treat me like I'm invisible
 - Treat me like I'm stinky
 - Treat me like you're allergic to me
 - Treat me like I'm your best friend
- Put a label on each child on a place where they can't see it (like their forehead or their back) then get them to walk around and start interacting with each other.
- Give this a few minutes until everyone has had two or three interactions with others then bring them all back and get them to take their labels off. Discuss what they noticed and how it felt to be treated the way they were.
- Next give the children all new labels, again where they can't see them, but this time they all say, 'Treat me like I'm your best friend'.
- Once again spend a few minutes allowing them to interact with each other, bring them back together again and discuss with them the difference, how it felt this time around. What did they prefer?

Debrief it:

Explain to the children that the way we treat people has a huge impact on how they felt, the ten lepers from the bible story would know that. But Jesus didn't care that they were sick or infectious he treated them with love and like a friend and healed them. That is how he treats us, like we are his best friends and his hope is that we would treat each other the same way.

**Treat me like
I'm famous**

**Treat me like
I'm smelly**

**Treat me like
I'm invisible**

**Treat me like
you just met me**