

Year C - Third Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:10-16, 18

Making Joy



Overview

- This prayer allows the children to think about all the different people they can pray for and spend time lifting each of them up in prayer.

Prayer Experience

- Pre cut strips of different coloured paper and ask the children to write down the name of people they want to pray for. They can do this for each person in their family and their friends but can also choose people from our wider and even global community, such as the homeless, those suffering from illness or poverty. Encourage the children to try to write at least 10 different people down, one on each strip of paper (on the following page, some have been written out already to save on time). Loop and staple the strips together for form a chain.
- Sit together in a circle and have each child hold their paper chain in their laps.
- In this time, each child will go through their chain, holding one loop at a time and as they do they can ask Jesus to bless and help that person. Pray through a couple of your own loops first as an example.
- Begin the time with a prayer together, for example:

Jesus, thank you for our time together and thank you for every person we have thought of today. As we think of them now, please bless them, send them your love and your joy and provide them with what they are needing at this time.

- Put some quiet background music on and let each child pray through their chain
- The children can take their chains home, they can decorate their tree with it, but encourage them to take them down regularly and spend time praying for each person, just like you have today.



