

Year A - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:37-42

Catch and pray



Background

Similar to the activity, where the beach ball was tossed around and the children answered questions. This time, pass the ball around and each child says who they would like to pray for. Explain to children, that this will be fun and different way of doing prayer, but it is still prayer. We are still inviting God into this space and welcoming him here.

You will need

- A beach ball

Prayer

- Start with the ball and begin with a prayer like, Lord thank you for our time together today and for learning about all the ways we can welcome you into our lives by welcoming others. Lord help us think of those people we can welcome.
- *Explain to children, that this will be fun and different way of doing prayer but it is still prayer. We are still inviting God into this space and welcoming him here.*
- *Then explain to the children that when they catch the ball to name someone or a group of people they can welcome. Once everyone has had a turn, collect the ball again. This time explain to the children what's one thing you'd like to ask God for.*
- It might be to help you to welcome others, or it might be asking helped for something else. Or it could be something else entirely, like thanking God for something.
- Once everyone has had a turn again, collect the ball and finish with a final prayer together.

