

Year A - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.



Jesus said to his disciples:

“He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

"Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet, will be given the same reward as a prophet.

Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good, will be given the same reward as a good person.

"And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water, just because that person is my follower, will surely be rewarded.



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Welcome others, welcome Jesus



- Introduction**
- **Note:** The following resource will focus on the second half of the reading from; “*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.*” As children liturgists you can choose to focus on the second half of the Gospel reading and exclude the first half depending on if you think your children can understand it.
 - In today’s gospel, Jesus teaches us that whenever we welcome others, we welcome him.

- Message**
- What does it mean to welcome others? And what are some way's we can welcome others?
 - Welcoming others means helping them feel at home, whether that's at our home or at school, at a park, at Church.
 - Wherever we are we can help others feel at home and welcome there too. That's a really special thing to do. To help others feel comfortable and loved.
 - And what Jesus tells us when we welcome others and make space for them, really what we are doing is welcoming Jesus and making space for him in our lives.

- Discussion**
- What have people done for you to make you feel welcome?
 - What doesn't make you feel welcome?
 - Who are some people in your life that you can welcome?

