

Year A - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Use your hands to praise God



Background

Jesus tells us that we must always be ready for his return, even though no one knows when it will be. We must live a life that prepares us for the return of Jesus.

You will need

- Either hand template cut out for each child (see next page Paper
- OR
- Paper for each child to draw and cut out their own hand outline
- Coloured pens / pencils
- Scissors
- Optional - large sheet of cardboard for **OUR HANDS PRAISE GOD** poster

Instructions

1. Remind the children that that God has given each of us different gifts and abilities. We are called on to use our gifts wisely, generously, and for the benefit of others.
2. Either give each child a hand shape or paper, pencil, scissors to make their own.
3. Invite the children to look at their hands and think of the all the things they can do with their hands that give praise to God: painting a picture; helping someone; playing a musical instrument; setting the table; praying.
4. The children can then write these on their hand outline.
5. Each child's hand outline can either be stuck on the **OUR HANDS PRAISE GOD** poster or taken home.



