Year B - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 1:29-39

Thanking God

Overview

Today Jesus shows us how we are to live our lives: by caring for and being of service to others, and praying.
It can sometimes be hard for children to process war and natural disasters that seem to be constantly in the news. They can feel like there is nothing they can do however we can remind them that they can be like Jesus and pray.
You will need a map or globe of the world and enough band-aids for each child.

Prayer

- Start by inviting the children to place their paper plane in the centre of the circle.
- Then remind them that we can be like Jesus for people in places of trouble around the world.
- Make the Sign of the Cross together.
- Invite the children to think if there are people anywhere in the world for whom they would like to pray. Children can come one by one to the map or globe and say a prayer as they place a band-aid on a country or area.
- When all who want to have had a turn, a leader can pray...

Closing prayer

Jesus, *you are always ready*
to make time for other people,
especially those who come to you
with worries or troubles.
Thank you for your love.
Help us to share your love
with people we meet
through our words, actions,
and prayers.
Amen

