

EXPLORE

WEEKLY



JESUS OFFERS REST TO PEOPLE

Then Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. I praise you because you have hidden these things from the people who are wise and smart.

But you have shown them to those who are like little children. Yes, Father, this is what you really wanted.

"My Father has given me all things.

No one knows the Son—only the Father knows the Son.

And no one knows the Father—only the Son knows the Father.

And the only people who will know about the Father are those whom the Son chooses to tell.

"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest.

Accept my work and learn from me.

I am gentle and humble in spirit.

And you will find rest for your souls.

The work that I ask you to accept is easy.

The load I give you to carry is not heavy."

based on Matthew 11:25-30

LET US PRAY

Loving Father, help me to fill my life with happiness by turning away from nastiness and lies, and to surround myself with goodness. Amen

PONDER...

What problem do you need Jesus to help you carry?

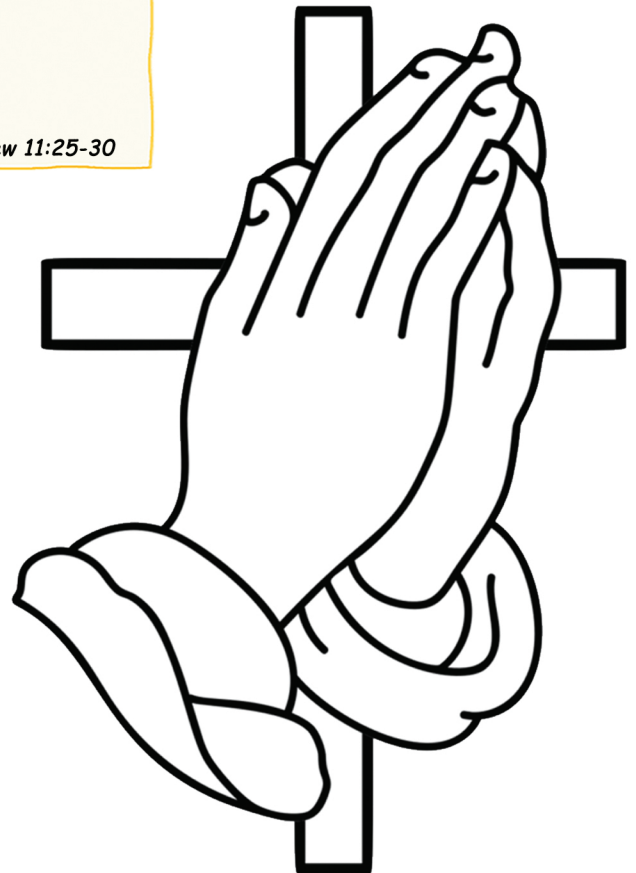
REFLECTION

Today's gospel seems to start with saying that education and knowledge is worthless. Jesus praises the ability of 'little children' over 'wise and smart' adults. However, this isn't what Jesus means, education is important. Sometimes when we think that our idea is absolutely right or perfect, we don't listen to anyone else's opinions or ideas. However, we should listen to others, it doesn't mean that our idea is wrong but by listening we may learn something or improve our idea for the better.

In this passage, Jesus talks to those who are arrogant, whose pride and self-regard make their hearts closed to the message he brings. Jesus praises those who listen to him with open hearts and open minds, regardless of age or education.

The second point from the today's gospel is Jesus telling us that God is with us always to support us when we are struggling, to inspire us to be our best and to love us regardless "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest"

Today we hear these words given to each one of us. It's an invitation to find comfort in Jesus' arms, to find strength in Him as the leader. He's the ultimate answer to all our doubts and fears, desires and expectations.

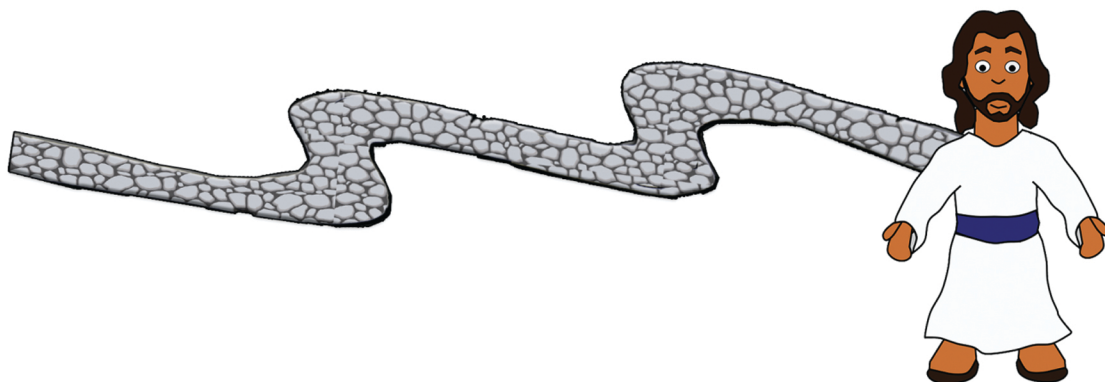


Come To
Me!

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COME TO ME!

Draw something good which leads you to Jesus and surround the path with love:



WORD SEARCH

Find the words based on the gospel passage in the word search:

N B P M C H I L D R E N J K S
O K Q G J A T H I D D E N K Y
Z V R Q U K T H A N K S Y B S
W F E O P T F X R X A M J A I
L I D S D Y A P H U M B L E J
E M X O Z P T G R L L K H D D
M W A N G E H N E C C S E R E
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M X R I B O O T P Q X L W R A
E Y A R Q Y W O S E G R E D V
O L I E Q I M S S U S B T O E
K O S D C M X Q O E I P H L N
U A E Y A M I N F T S Y E Y K
B D W K D P E O P L E E I Y W

Children	Knows
Chooses	Hidden
Thanks	Gentle
Heaven	Tired
Praise	Load
People	Come
Father	Son
Humble	Rest

SECRET MESSAGE

Starting with the green square, follow the letters to find out the message.
Write the message below the grid.

C	I	G	L	L
O	V	S	T	I
M	E	E	!	W
E	Y	R		I
T	O	U		D
O	M	E	A	N

FAMILY TIME - D.O.G PAWS

Jesus tells us to come to Him when we have problems and he will help us to fix them. We can always "depend" on Jesus. The word depend means "to be able to trust" and we really can!

Did you know that letters D.O.G, can help us to remember this?
Depend On God. Today, we are going to make D.O.G Paws badges

You will need:

- A4 White Card
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Colouring Materials
- Sticky Tape
- Safety Pin



1. On a piece of white card, sketch the shape of a dogs paw, you may need to ask an adult to help OR you should print one from online.
2. Cut around the outline - make sure it is in one piece.
3. Write the letters D.O.G. or DEPEND ON GOD on your paw print
4. Colour your badge.
5. Ask an adult to help you attach a safety pin to the back of your badge. Then pin it to your top and show others!

FUN FACT

Did you know that the inventor of the printing press was **Johannes Gutenberg**, who was Catholic.

AND

The first book ever printed was the **Catholic Bible**.