Welcome to Virtual Sunday School

14 June 2020

**Introduction**

Today, we are back with some of Jesus’ teachings and how he behaved when he was living on earth. Today, we learn that **God accepts us for who we are and will use us for his glory when we let him.**

**Story**

Two choices today. Ideally, they will work best if you do both:

* Watch the video I have produced for the story and some thoughts about Jesus needing more people to help him do his work on earth. Go to: [www.hooleparishchurch.com/video](http://www.hooleparishchurch.com/video)
* Read Matthew 9 verse 35 – 10 verse 8 in your Bible

**Activities**

1. Make a paper chain

Provide the children with strips of coloured paper to write words such as loving, kind, compassionate, helpful, forgiving, on and to decorate. Once done, loop the paper strips together to make a paper chain, symbolizing that these are the qualities people should see in us as followers of Jesus and that we are all part of one family, encouraging each other when it is hard to be loving, forgiving or selfless. Put the paper chain up in the room as a display.

1. Make a collage all about you

*You will need: A4 paper, magazines/newspapers, scissors, glue, pens.*

* At the top of your paper, write (or ask a grown up to write) ‘I am called by Jesus’
* Then make a collage about themselves by cutting pictures and words out of the magazines/newspapers. If you don’t have magazines/newspapers, you can print words off thje computer or write words. This can include: hobbies, favourite music or pop groups, favourite food, favourite TV programmes, likes and dislikes, family, hopes and dreams. Be as creative as possible and include their name somewhere in the collage.
* You could make the whole collage on the computer/tablet if you want.

When you have made your collage and/or paper chain, don’t forget to send me a photo of what you’ve done. I love seeing your creations!

**Pray**

Write down some words that describe Jesus’ disciples on pieces of paper, e.g. loving, kind, compassionate, helpful, forgiving, and put them inside a box. You will need enough for everyone in the family, although you can have more than one each. Invite everyone to pick a word out the box, then say this prayer together,

*“Lord help us to encourage each other to be more like Jesus. Help us to be (their word from the box). Amen.”*

**Songs – Good News and You are Shaped for Serving God**

This is a song we hope to learn at church when we are allowed back and reminds us of how special and important Jesus’ life on earth was. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHofEV7jCNQ>.

This is a song that reminds us that God chooses all of us to serve him. Enjoy the dancing pandas! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5-mowIR1OU>