

Activities for "Jesus welcomes you" - Matt 10:40-42, 19:13-15 (28th June)

Jesus welcomes everyone and we, in turn, should welcome everyone, and make them feel welcome. To feel welcomed means to feel loved, wanted, and important.

Invitations

One way of welcoming people is to invite them to your house or to a party. This is difficult to do at the moment, but you could make some invitations for everyone in your household, or your dolls and teddies, and invite them to a picnic. You could use the invitation in the resources section or make your own. Make your guests feel welcome with hugs, kisses, high fives, saying "hello", smiles, or shaking hands. Give them some food and drink to show them how welcome they are.

Hand prayers

Draw round both your hands. On one hand picture, decorate each finger to look like a different person - from babies to older people. On the palm write, 'Everyone welcome'. Pray that you would welcome and be kind to everyone. On the other hand picture, write 'Jesus loves me very much', with one word on each finger. Draw yourself on the palm. Thank Jesus that he loves and welcomes you.

Welcome mat

One way of welcoming people is by having a doormat at the front door for wiping your feet. Sometimes these mats have 'welcome' or 'welcome home' written on them. On a large sheet of paper, write 'welcome' or 'welcome home' in big letters and colour them in. Put it on the floor as a mat or stick it on your front door to welcome people as they come to your house.

Make a collage

Cut out pictures of people from newspapers, magazines, and old birthday cards. Try and find people of different ages, from different countries, and with different coloured hair and clothes, so there's lots of variety. On a large sheet of paper stick the picture of Jesus in the middle or draw Jesus or write 'Jesus'. Stick the cut-out people round Jesus and thank him that he welcomes everyone.

Jesus welcomes you however you feel

In the resources section, the sheet entitled 'Jesus welcomes you' reminds us that Jesus welcomes us however we feel. Talk to him about how you are feeling. Do we welcome others however they are feeling? How could you be kind and welcoming to someone who is lonely, sad, scared or poorly? If you know someone like that, you could make them a card, talk to them on the phone, or buy them a present.