

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOME

26th September

26th Sunday Year B

### ALL GOODNESS COMES FROM GOD

A reading from the Good News told by St Mark:

One day John came to Jesus and complained, 'Lord, we saw a man curing the sick in your name, and because he was not one of us we told him to stop!'

But Jesus told him, 'Don't stop anyone who is doing good from using my name. They show their love for me by what they do and they can do no harm. Any person who acts kindly for my sake will be rewarded for their goodness in heaven.'

Have you got a special job that only you can do? It might be setting the table or emptying the dishwasher. Suppose a younger brother or sister tried to do it (and was getting it wrong!) Would you be cross and jealous because it's 'your' job? Or would you encourage them and help them to put things in the right place, but let them do the job?

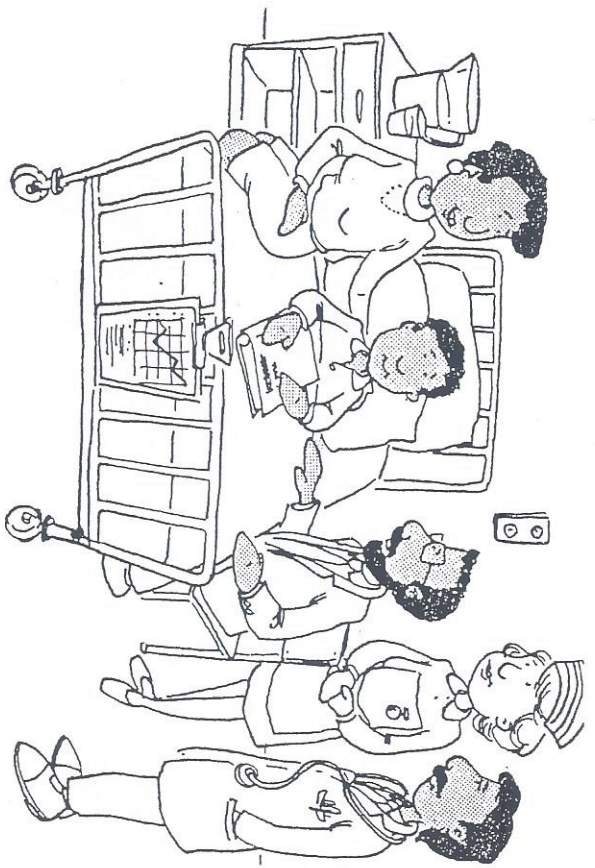
John felt cross and jealous when he saw someone who was not one of the disciples healing a sick person in Jesus' name. The disciples had not had much success when they had tried to heal the sick, but here was this stranger using Jesus' name and making someone better! You can almost hear John saying, 'It's not fair!'

What was Jesus' answer? He told the disciples not to stop the man from healing in his name. Jesus saw this stranger was doing something good and starting to believe in him. Jesus teaches us that every good deed pleases God and he wants us to appreciate other people's goodness. Our job is to love and care for each other and help one another to be real friends of Jesus.

#### PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Help us to notice when other people are kind and to thank you for their goodness. Help us to be kind to others too. Amen



GOD'S WORK IS DONE BY ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE

