



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle C - XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

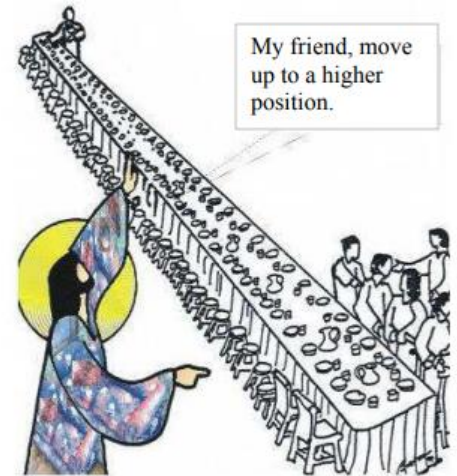
Sirach 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12, 18-19. 22-24a; Luke 14, 1. 7-14

Take the Lowest Place at the Banquet Table

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at the table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reflection

When Jesus went to dine with one of the leading Pharisees, the leaders of the Jewish faith, He saw how many were trying to sit in the places of honor at the table. Why did they do this? (They wanted to be recognized as more important than the others.) **Have you ever tried to be first in line in school or in sports? Share. Jesus tells them a parable, a story with a teaching, so they can better understand the lesson. What does Jesus say?** (When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do not sit in the first place, instead choose the last place.) **What reason does He give?** (If someone more important arrives, they may move you to the last place and you will feel humiliated.) **How would you feel if you sat in the last place and they moved you to the first place?** (Happy and grateful) **Jesus wants to teach us the importance of being humble. What does it mean to be humble?** (When a person does not consider himself better than others because of personal qualities or possessions; instead, they know all blessings are gifts from God.) **Jesus is God, King of the Universe and He teaches us with His life that we should be humble so we may enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Can you give examples of Jesus being humble?** (Being King, he was born in a poor stable; He never had His own home; He loved the poor and the sick, He washed His apostles' feet like the slaves, He died on the cross like a criminal...) **If we know that all our qualities and things are gifts from God and not of our own doing, we are grateful and always thank and give Him glory, like the saints in Heaven.**



Activity

On the next page, color the parable and complete the grid of Jesus's teaching. On the last page, make the craft and use it to indicate after each sentence which person is humble and which is proud.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to always be thankful for all the amazing gifts you give me every day. I know that everything I have comes from you. Help me to be humble like you, giving all for love of others. Amen.

Song: Just be Humble, GoKidzAsia, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/7hdAAANbvl4> (3-7 years)

The Servant Song, servantofthelion, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/kdmgpMfnjdU> (8+years)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mmK9GLWDEcP0cQe8qKd2q7vdWxZ_FyPs/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



THE LAST PLACE

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Color the Parable



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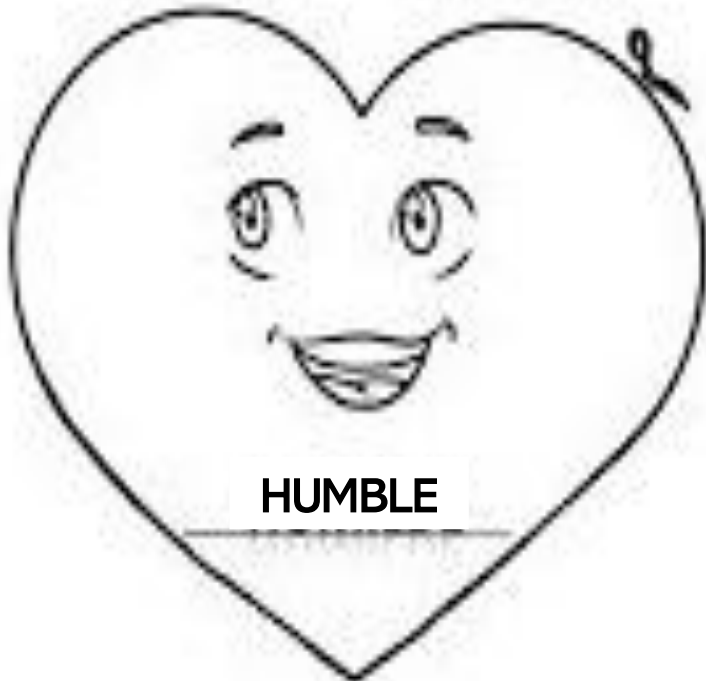
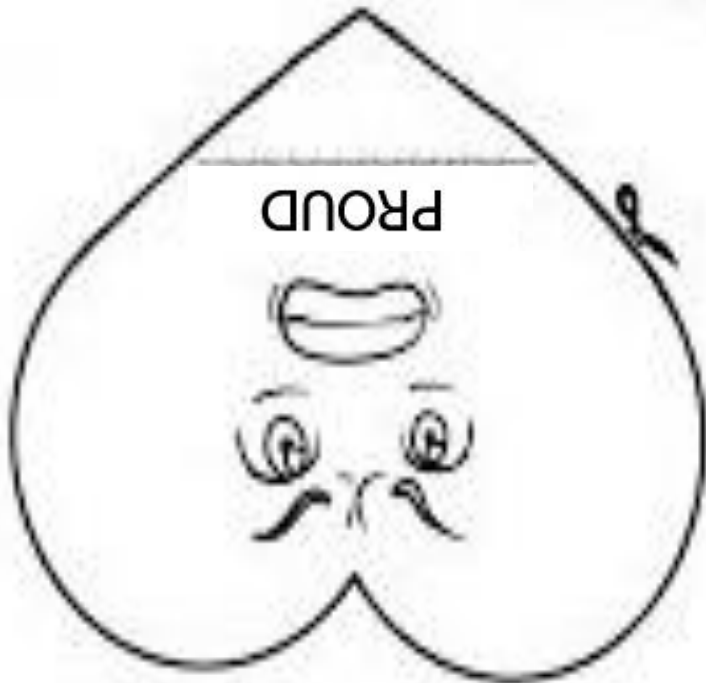
GOSPEL LUKE 14, 1. 7-11



COMPLETE THE GRID OF JESUS'S TEACHING



Instructions: Cut the 2 hearts, color, and glue to 2 sides of a popsicle stick, back-to-back. Read each sentence and have the kids show the side heart that reflects the people in the sentence:



1. John must always be first in line.
2. Anne loves to share her crayons so all may have a nice picture.
3. Tom always says he's sorry when he hurts me.
4. Claire said she would not clean her room as her Mother had asked because it wasn't necessary.
5. Daniel stayed after the game to help put away all the bats and balls.
6. Evelyn makes fun of Dora because she wears her sister's clothes.
7. Paul does not stop talking about all of his new and expensive toys.
8. Elena thinks she know more than everyone.
9. Robert went to meet the new student and invite him to have lunch with his friends.
10. Kevin gets mad when you correct him.
11. Luisa thanks God every night for her blessings.