



AVAILABLE: One for each child

QUANTITY

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER –

Focus on India – with map and activity page

COLLECTION BOXES – Little Red Boxes

support Mission Together projects overseas
(also available one per group)

STICKERS – with the Mission Together logo and motto

PRAYER CARDS – with photos of children from around the world

AVAILABLE: One for each group

CD – Assembly/liturgies ideas, photos, extra activities

ADVENT LITURGY –

Advent and Summer liturgies available soon

INDIA POSTER – with a map and a prayer

All resources can be ordered via the Mission Together website

www.missiontogether.org.uk

Please allow two weeks for delivery

You could also return this form to:

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Additional resources available online!



NOTES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pray for children
around the world



Love God with
all your heart

What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish in the world. It is a special day in the year when we remember our own call to be missionaries. Our prayers and our donations on World Mission Sunday help the Church in poor countries to reach out to those living in poverty and the vulnerable so that they too can know the love and joy that comes from Jesus. Let's remember that Jesus wants us all to be missionaries so that his love can reach everyone.

What does Mission do?

- Helps everyone understand God's love for them
- Helps us share God's love with others through our words and our actions
- Teaches us that we are all part of the same family of God
- Teaches us to care for others even when it is difficult



Reading and Prayer

Opening prayer

Begin by gathering the children and leading them in a prayer.

Dear Lord,
 Thank you for loving us.
 Thank you for guiding us.
 Thank you for sending us Jesus.
 Help us to be more like him by serving others. Amen

Today's Gospel and message

Mark 10:35-45

'Whoever wants to be great amongst you must be a servant to all'

Read a simplified version of today's Gospel to the children. You may like to use the version below:

James and John, sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said, 'Teacher, we want to ask you to do something for us.'

Jesus asked, 'What is it?'

The brothers answered, 'Let us share the great honour you will have as king. Let one of us sit at your right side and the other at your left.'

Jesus said, 'It is not for me to say who will sit at my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he chooses.'

Jesus called the disciples together. He said, 'You know that rulers love to show their power over the people. But it should not be that way with you. Whoever wants to be your leader must be your servant. Whoever wants to be first must serve the rest of you like a servant.'

Activity

Reflect on the Gospel reading. Jesus said that whoever wants to be a leader must be a servant. Invite some responses on what this might mean.

Explain that Jesus was saying that the greatest person isn't someone who rules over others, but it is someone who **serves** others.

Jesus is the Son of God, but he didn't come to rule over us, he came to serve us and to help us. He healed the sick, comforted the poor, and died for us on the cross.

It is by serving others that we truly follow Jesus and show our love for him and each other. So today we are going to think about how we can serve/help someone else.

Invite the children to think about how they can serve/help others, both at home and overseas. It could be helping mum with the washing up, cheering up a friend who is sad, saying a special prayer for children in another country or giving some of our pocket money up to help children around the world.

Provide each child with a copy of the activity sheet (also available online). Ask the children to draw someone they will try to serve/help this week on the left of the sheet. On the right they can draw or write how they will serve/help this person. Ask them to think of one person to serve at home and one overseas. This year the Mission Sunday poster shows a photo of Blessing, a little girl who lives in Zambia. You can read about her in the Mission Sunday folder or at www.missio.org.uk/missionsunday









There are also stories and pictures of children we can pray for at www.missiontogether.org.uk

Please conclude with the Mission Together prayer.

Mission Together Prayer

May all Children
 In the World
 Share love
 Share friendship and live
 In the peace
 Of God's love
 Now and forever
 Amen

World Mission Sunday 2012

<p>WHO can I serve?</p>	<p>At home</p>   	<p>HOW can I serve?</p>	<p>At home</p>   
<p>Overseas</p>  	<p>Overseas</p> 