

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: EPIPHANY 7C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

The Golden Rule. "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. (Luke 6:28)

AIDS

Gold Ribbon – cut into smaller strips, or folded into a bow, to hand out to the children.

ADDRESS

I have a really tricky question for you? What is forgiveness?

e.g. when someone might do or say something to hurt us and they say sorry and we 'forgive them' – we accept their apology (perhaps throw it open to the congregation to help)

What makes it easy or difficult to show forgiveness to someone else?

e.g. we were hurt and that doesn't feel good, may not be sure they mean it, they might do it again, easy because we know we do and say the wrong thing and hurt people too.

Today we are talking about something very important that Jesus asks us to do. It is about forgiveness, and also about thinking how we like to be treated. Does anyone know what the Golden Rule is?

e.g. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Jesus wants us to be kind and love our neighbours as ourselves.

I am going to give each of you a piece of gold ribbon to help you remember. You can keep this ribbon in your room or wherever you like, and use it to remind you to treat people the way you like to be treated. To help you to remember to be kind and helpful. And to help you to say sorry and ask for forgiveness when you do or say the wrong thing.

PRAYER

God of mercy, let us follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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