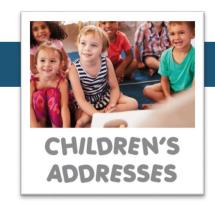
SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 22B

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines <u>here</u>.

MAIN POINT

Jesus welcomes children



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these'. Mark 10:14

AIDS

Ask parents and/or Sunday School teachers to come forward with the children.

ADDRESS

What is something you do now that you think you'll never forget? It will eventually become a childhood memory for you when you grow up.

Share a favourite childhood memory.

Jesus has a special love for children. What does this say to you about what God is like?

Jesus placed his hand on the children and blessed them. In what ways have you experienced God blessing you? How has God used your hands to bless others?

PRAYER (do a blessing instead today)

Have the parents or an adult come and bless <u>each</u> of the children <u>individually</u>. This can happen at the same time but each child will have a special blessing just for them.

Make the sign of the cross on their foreheads as you bless them.

May God bless you today and forevermore.

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

