

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 17C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Being humble.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured. (Luke 14:11)

AIDS

New soft seat, old hard seat (or a comfy bean bag and a hard stool).

ADDRESS

Today Jesus teaches us a very important lesson about how to live.

He was with a group of people who were about to sit down at a table for a special meal. We can imagine that perhaps some of the seats were special seats and other seats were ordinary old seats. Everyone wanted to sit on the 'new soft' special seats and no one wanted to sit on the ordinary 'old' seats. I wonder, which seat you would have chosen?

Jesus saw what was happening and told them a story about some people who quickly went and sat at the special seats but soon after they were told to move to the ordinary old seats. How embarrassing it would be to be told to swap seats! It is better to let others sit at the special seats first.

Sometimes in life we like to think that we are so important that we deserve the best of everything, even the best seats at the table. But Jesus wants us to stop racing to get the best of everything for ourselves. Jesus wants us to be like him, to be humble, and welcome others to the best seats. That's what Jesus does for us. He was humble, he is saving us the best seats with God forever!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble just like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. 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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