

## **Children's liturgy – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

*This children's liturgy resource is based on the Gospel reading of the day. It concentrates on the latter verses, Mark 10:13-16, as the earlier verses deal with divorce, a difficult subject to address with children in such a short space of time.*

### **Preparing the worship space:**

Colour: Green

**Song suggestions:** Whatsoever you do (926, Laudate) Christ be our light (883, Laudate)

**Welcome:** Today we are going to hear how special and important children were to Jesus. Let's think some more about how important all children around the world are today.

**Opening prayer:** Loving God, your Son Jesus shows us that all people, including little children, are important and loved by you. Help us to follow his example and respect and care for all people around the world. Amen.

**First reading (optional):** Genesis 2:18-24

**Psalm:** Ps 127 r. 5

**Gospel acclamation:** *Everyone stands and sings the acclamation together.*

**Gospel:** Mark 10:13-16 (full reading Mark 10:2-16)

### **Gospel reflection:**

What do you remember from that reading?

People were bringing their children to Jesus for his blessing but the disciples tried to stop them. Why do you think that the disciples did this?

What did Jesus say to the disciples?

Jesus tells the disciples to let the children come to him and that the kingdom of God belongs to children like these. He says that children have a special way of looking at the world and understanding things, which adults can learn from.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus thinks all children are important and that he wanted to listen to them?

Jesus welcomed and blessed the children that came to see him. He loves us all. No matter where in the world that we live.

With your help, CAFOD is making a big difference to children's lives around the world.

Tomas from El Salvador has enough nourishing food to eat.

Twalumba from Zimbabwe is growing up healthy and happy.

David from Bolivia now has a wheelchair ramp in his classroom.

Waed from Syria can go to school.

Proscovia from Uganda has clean water.

*(There is more information about all the children mentioned in the Brighten up assembly script available from [cafod.org.uk/primary](http://cafod.org.uk/primary))*

In today's gospel, Jesus protects the children and shows the disciples to care for them.

We are also called to care for all children around the world because we are all brothers and sisters.

Today we have heard lots of good news stories about children's lives which have been changed for the better. The world is a brighter place for them today.

But around the world millions of our sisters and brothers do not have enough nourishing food.

What do you think you can do to help build a brighter world for everyone?

How will you show love for God's children around the world this week?

**Intercessions:** *You may want to ask the children to offer their own prayers or you can use the suggestions below.*

We know that Jesus welcomed children and so we have the courage to pray together:

We pray for all people who are poor in our world: that God may give them hope and love. May we listen to our sisters and brothers and protect the environment, which is our home. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be moved to care for one another, so everyone can enjoy God's gifts. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the work of CAFOD: that we may continue to help and support people who are living in poverty. Lord, in your mercy...

**Closing prayer:** God of love, you teach us to see that the world is good. Help us to care for creation and to love our sisters and brothers. Amen.

**Activity suggestions:**

Friday was Harvest Fast Day. There is still time to get involved and brighten up our world. Find resources at [cafod.org.uk/primary](http://cafod.org.uk/primary)

Ask the children to draw a picture of how they will Brighten Up the world for those who don't have enough food.

Give the children a paper plate each. Ask them to write a grace on the plate – thanking God for the food that is given to all people to share and remembering those who do not get their fair share at the moment. Ask them to Brighten Up their plate by decorating it with bright colours.

Share the global neighbours prayer with the children available from [cafod.org.uk/kidzzone](http://cafod.org.uk/kidzzone)

Ask the children to tell their parents and carers all that they have heard and thought about in the liturgy today. If they have written a grace, ask them to say this together at home before meals during the week.