

YEAR C

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE A WISE SERVANT

VISUAL AIDS

- > Some price tickets with reduced prices.
- > An assortment of goods marked half price.
- > Price tag shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus was rich,
but became poor for your sake,
so that he could make you rich.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Luke.

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus told his friends this story;
'A rich man once had a very lazy
servant, who wasted the rich man's
money. The rich man sent for this
servant and said
"Because you're lazy and have
wasted my money, I'm going to sack
you." The servant wondered what he

DISCUSSION

How did the lazy servant make
friends?

- by letting people off with half of
their bill.

How do we reach our home in
heaven?

- by not letting wealth take us over.

How could wealth take us over?

- if we worry too much about getting
more

- if we are tied by what we own

- if we worry too much about losing
what we have.

Encourage the children to give
examples.

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SHARING

Have the children look at the goods and the reduced price tickets.

In a shop would the children look first at full price goods? at reduced price goods?

Would they pay the full price if they could get the same thing cheaper elsewhere?

Would you go to a shop where you knew things were dearer?

Today Jesus tells us about a man who needed to make friends quickly. Listen to how he did it.

would do. He wasn't strong enough to dig; he was too proud to beg. Then he had an idea. He sent for everyone who owed his master money, and for every single one, he cut the debt in half. If someone owed 100 measures of wheat, the servant changed it to 50. When the master heard this, he saw how cunningly clever the servant was, and praised him for it.'

Then Jesus said to his friends 'Just as this man used the world's goods to make friends who would give him a home, so you must learn to use things wisely to gain your home in heaven. You must never be the slave of money.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as the servant used the things of this world to make sure he had a home, so we must learn to use the things of this world wisely and properly to reach our heavenly home.

We are wise when we share.

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the price tag cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw what they will share or give away next week
e.g. give up time to help wash the dishes, tidy the house, etc.
e.g. give up places in the dinner queue, etc.