

# All called and gifted by God

Children's Liturgy for Sunday 20 October 2019



## Suggested Songs:

- My Lighthouse – Rend Collective
- Here I am Lord – Dan Shutte
- Faith as small as a mustard seed – Doug Horley

## Suggested Resources:

- Baptismal Candles
- Font/Holy Water
- Holy Oils
- Activity sheets
- Hand print template
- Coloured pens

## Introduction

Talk to children about their baptism. For example: What do they know, why were they baptised, where were they baptised?

When we are baptised we are welcomed into God's family, the Church. At our baptisms we are called by God to do God's work in the world, to love God and to follow the example of Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit we have special gifts that help us in our lives. So we are all called and gifted by God.

Today in Church, the adults are also thinking about their baptism and how they are called and gifted by God, the reading today is about a woman that used her gifts to do good.

## Penitential Rite

Lord, you made us to be a gift to others. For the times we have made people feel sad.

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

**Children all say: Lord Have Mercy**

Lord, you speak to us. For the times we have not listened to God in our lives.

Leader: Christ have mercy

**Children all say: Christ Have Mercy**

Lord, you call us and have chosen us. For the times we have not lived out our baptismal promises.

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

**Children all say: Lord Have Mercy**



## Gospel

### A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, ‘Help me against my opponent!’ For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, ‘Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!’”

And the Lord continued, “Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?”

*This is a parable of Jesus, which means it is a story with a special meaning. The judge in the story isn't a very good person and he wouldn't help the widow. But the widow kept going to him to ask for help and eventually he gave in and helped her. By never giving up the widow found help and the judge did a good deed. This story is teaching us to never give up in our own lives, when we pray, when we see things are wrong, we should keep trying, just like the widow.*

### Suggested Responses:

- Complete activity sheet
- Complete template of person or handprint with ways that we are special
- Write a prayer



## Prayer

Loving Father,

Help us to remember that we are all special, we are all God's creation and we should treat each other and our environment with respect. May we use our gifts and talents to help others and give us strength to never give up on our faith, to never give up praying and doing good deeds.

**Amen**

**Synod Prayer** (Prayer cards of this prayer have been sent to every Parish)

Father, we thank you  
for the love you have shown us  
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
We thank you for the gift of the Church,  
through which you show us  
that you are always with us  
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020  
help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.  
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully  
at work among us.  
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope  
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond  
to the challenges of our times in new ways  
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.  
We make this prayer  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

**AMEN**

St John Henry Newman: **Pray for us!**



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G W U Z C G J N C U  
K B H P G H F H H A  
R D A T M E K V U V  
D N H P W Y W M R T  
V O C A T I O N C V  
Q C G J J I V K H S  
Z V C E V G S S O J  
F H S Z W N D M F H  
H U Y D O N Y S Q P  
S R B X K A E J S F

Match the words below to the questions then find them in the word search.

BAPTISM CHURCH GOD  
JESUS SYNOD VOCATION

1. In 2020 the Church in Liverpool will hold a very important meeting. The meeting is called a \_\_\_\_\_
2. When someone has a calling to do a special job it is called a \_\_\_\_\_
3. This is a building but also the name for everyone who believes in God, the \_\_\_\_\_
4. We follow the example of \_\_\_\_\_
5. We all believe in \_\_\_\_\_
6. The sacrament that welcomes us into the Church is called \_\_\_\_\_

## Greta Thurnburg

When Greta was 8 years old she heard about Climate change, she wondered why very little was being done about it, so she started challenging her parents to lower their carbon footprint. By the age of 15 she had started to protest about Climate Change in her school community, people started to listen to what Greta was saying and now Greta talks to people all over the world. Greta never gave up trying to get her message heard.

**Why is Greta a good example to us all?**

## Who are you called to be?

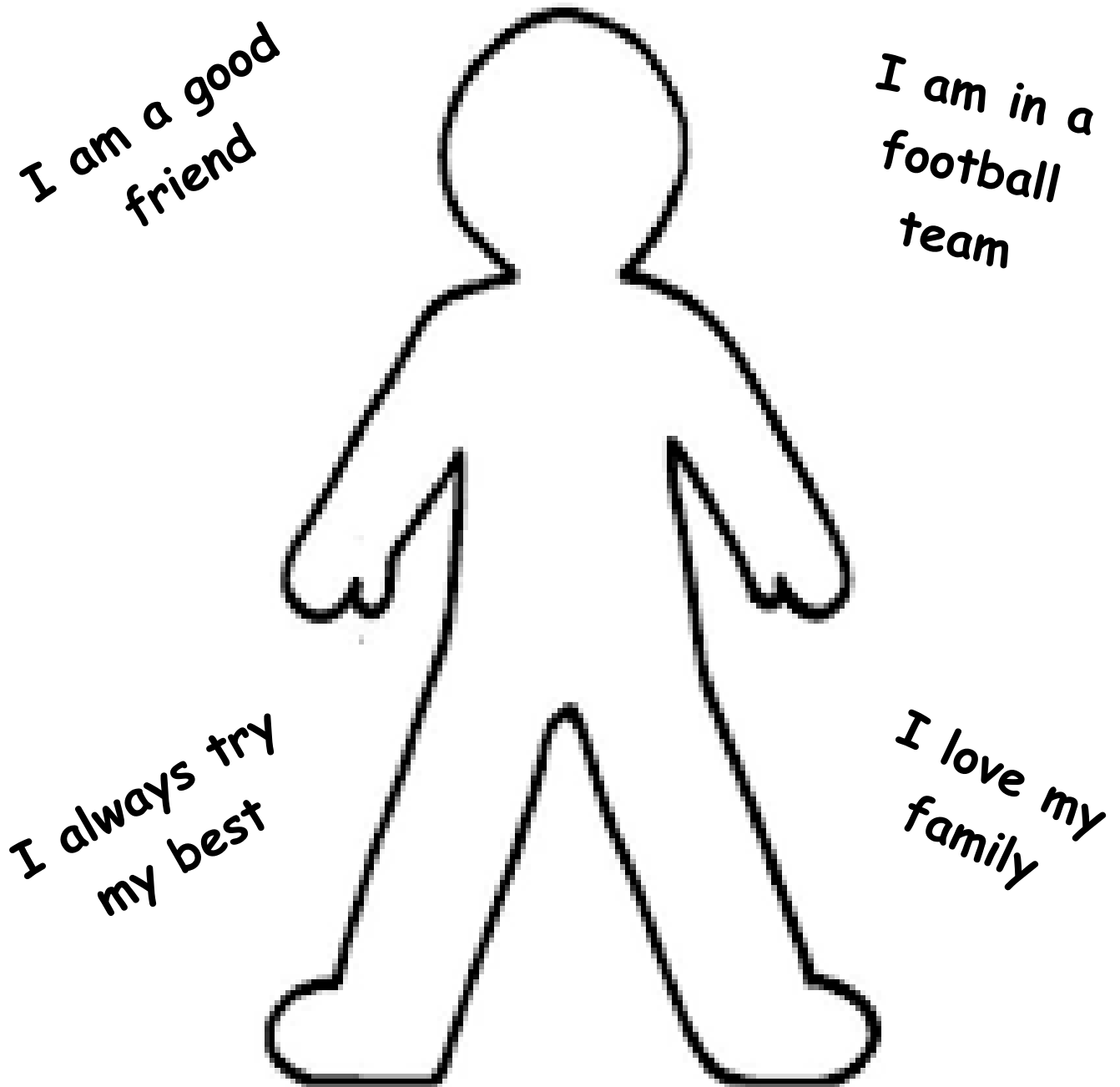
What would you like to be when you are older?

Draw a picture or write about what you would like to do when you leave school.

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## Why am I special?

Fill the person with all the things that make you special



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On the handprint write down all the things that make you special.

Cut the handprint out and make a display of all your hands, showing how you are all gifted by God.

