



4th Sunday of Lent

Some things to think about...

Why did Jesus tell this story?

How did the eldest brother react when his younger brother came home?

What does "judging someone" mean? Can you think of some examples of when we might judge others?

St Vincent de Paul taught that we should "Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances." - what do you think this means?

Activity

With your Mini Vinnie group, complete this activity on the SVP website: "Embracing Kindness: The Prodigal Son and Seeing the Best in Others" - A drama workshop

Teacher's Notes

In Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, Jesus tells a story about a young son who asks his father for his inheritance and leaves home. He spends all his money and ends up with nothing. Feeling sorry, he decides to return to his father, who welcomes him back with open arms, forgiving him completely. The older son, who stayed and worked hard, becomes angry, but the father explains that the lost son was found and it's time to celebrate. This story shows us that God is like the loving father. No matter how far we've gone or how many mistakes we've made, God always welcomes us back with love and forgiveness. It also teaches us that it's important to be kind and not jealous when others are forgiven.

This is from the official lectionary. However, you may decide to find a more child-friendly version of the Prodigal Son.

The story teaches us about the power of repentance, forgiveness, and how unconditional love can heal even the deepest mistakes.

The aim of the SVP drama workshop is for the Mini Vinnies to explore how to see others in the best possible light and how to make judgments based on kindness and understanding.

They will create and perform a short play that demonstrates these ideas.

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