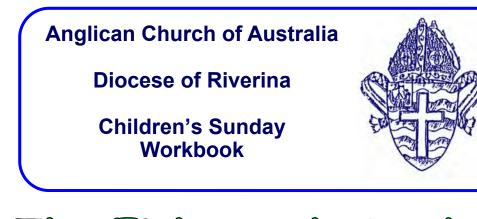


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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 22 September, 2024 Mark 9:36-37

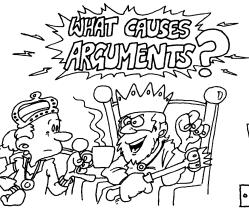
Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said, "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me"

Dear Father, we thank you for loving your children. Help us to remember just how important each child is in your kingdom. Amen.





- Can I have a go now?
- No.
- Oh, come on, you've been on it for hours.
- Yeah, I know. It's mine, remember?
- Well, you're mean, hogging it all the time.
 I only want a little go.
- Shut up and go away. This level's really hard and I need to concentrate.
- Well, I hope the hard drive crashes, then. And don't expect to borrow my bike tomorrow.



LOWEST OF THE LOW

That depends what age you live in, and which culture. But it's those who have no rights, no influence and very little money, and most people have little respect for them.

WHO WAS THAT IN JESUS' TIME ?

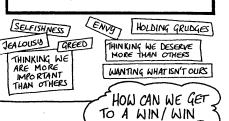
Slaves, servants, women and children, plus the social outcasts.

SO WHEN JESUS USED A YOUNG CHILD AS AN EXAMPLE IT WASN'T FOR THE "AH, HOW CUTE" VALUE ?

Exactly. He was showing them someone considered lacking all power and status.

AND WE'RE TO THINK OF OURSELVES AS SERVING EVEN THEM !

You've got it.



SITUATION ?

King We need more land.

Queen We could take some from the country next door, dearest.

King Mmm, yes, good idea. I've been meaning to get my own back on them for polluting our rivers.

Queen Shall I call the chief army commander for you then, dear?

King Yes – we'll build up forces on our side to frighten them, and when they shoot at us we'll blast in and flatten them!

Queen More tea, dear?

THE WORLD WANTS THE WEALTH TO LIVE IN STATE, BUT YOU SHOW US A NEW WAY TO BE GREAT : LIKE A SERVANT YOU CAME AND IF WE DO THE SAME WE'LL BE TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN.

(Taken from the song $O\ Lord,$ all the world by Patrick Appleford © 1965 Josef Weinberger)

Jesus and the Children



WordSearch: Mark 9:30-37 (CEV)

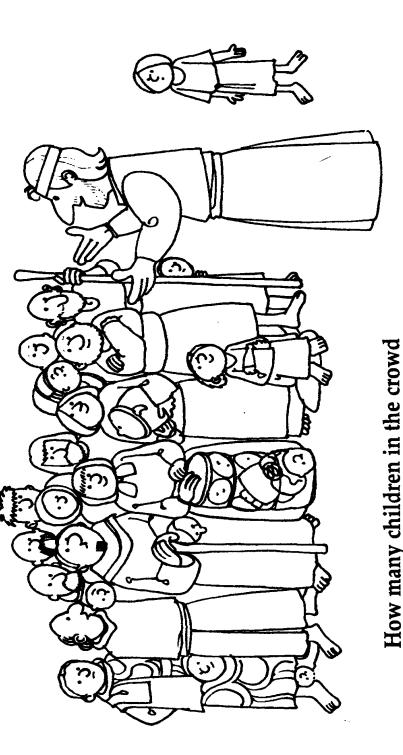
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| TWELVE | UNDERSTAND | WELCOME | |

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(Some are hiding)

around Jesus?

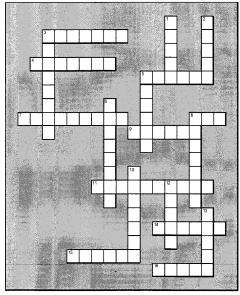
Crossword: Mark 9:30-37 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces. Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

3 Across) Jesus left with his disciples and started through _____. 5 Down) He did not want _____ to know about it, 6 Down) because he was the disciples 14 Across) that the Son of Man would be handed over to who would kill him. 12 Down) But days later he would rise to life. 11 Across) The disciples did not what 5 Across) Jesus meant, and they were to ask. 7 Across) Jesus and his went to his home in Capernaum. 16 Across) After they were inside the , Jesus asked them, 8 Down) What were you _____ about along the way? 3 Down) They had been arguing about which one of them was the 9 Across) and so they did not . 12 Across) After Jesus sat down and told the _____ disciples to gather around him, 1 Down) he said, "If you want the place of , 13 Down) you must become a and serve others!" 2 Down) Then Jesus had a _____ stand near him. 8 Across) He put his ____ around the child and said. 10 Down) When you welcome even a child of me, you welcome me.

4 Across) And when you _____ me, you welcome the one who sent me."

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Serve

others!