

LIVING FAITH

A FAMILY RESOURCE

September 18, 2016

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The Gospel for Today

Luke 16.10-13

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

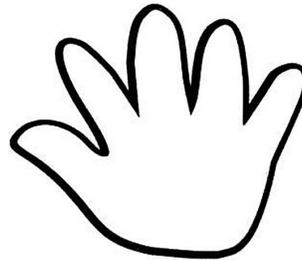
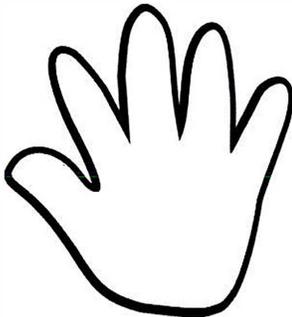
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Reflection on the Gospel

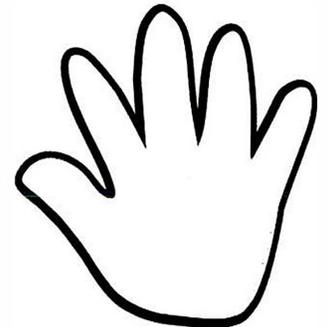
Luke's Gospel reminds us of the Christian call to service. We are reminded to have our focus set on God the Father. We all need to take some time to reflect and anything in our lives that prevents us from serving God through our interactions with each other. Let's take time to examine our priorities in light of the Christian call to **discern and serve**. We are reminded that “Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me,” Jesus. This week let us focus on some very simple and practical ways we can share the Gospel message through our service of others.

An Activity for our Family for this week - Let's brainstorm some ways we can each be of service to our neighbour this week! Discuss and write in ideas on the handprints for your family.

Donate to Food Bank?



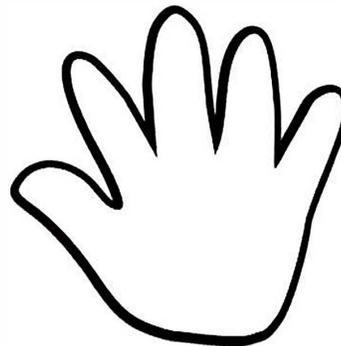
Gather used coats to donate to Coats for Kids?



Help someone with homework?

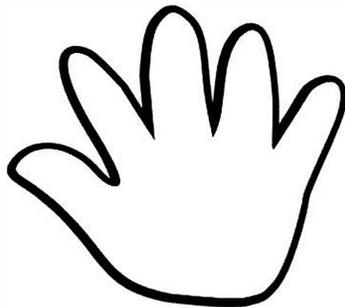
Dialogue?

Visit the Sick?



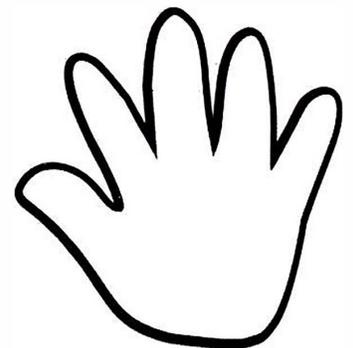
Clean around your community?

Chat with your neighbour?

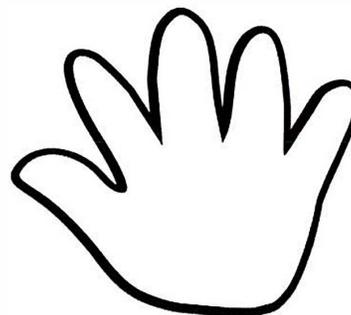


Donate to SPCA?

Share a meal?



Donate to a school breakfast program?



Spend time with a Senior?

Walk with a friend?

Have a nice conversation with a family member?

Volunteer your talents?

Next weekend revisit your actions and experiences of helping others as a family!

The Church Teaches



The two great commandments that contain
the whole law of God are:

*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy
whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and
with thy whole mind, and with thy whole
strength;
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*

Mother Theresa

“Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service .”



When she was asked how to promote world peace, she replied.

“Go home and love your family”



“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.

It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.”

Mother Teresa devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world. She spent many years in Calcutta, India where she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation devoted to helping those in great need. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and has become a symbol of charitable selfless work. She was beatified in 2003, the first step on the path to sainthood, within the Catholic church. She was recognized as a Saint on September 4, 2016

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