Sunday 22 November 2020 Matthew 25:31-46 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

> Jesus says that whenever we are kind to another person we are being kind to him.

## LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

Spot the five differences between these sheep.





### Sheep or goat?

Here are some clues which describe sheep and goats. Can you tell which is which?

> My coat is woolly, my tail hangs down, my young are called lambs, and a shepherd looks after me.



My coat is hairy, my tail sticks up, my young are called kids, and a goatherd looks after me. am a

Try to draw each one on the back of the sheet!

Being kind

Jesus says how we can to be kind to others.

Draw lines between the action and the people who need our help.

**Give** water to...

Welcome...

Visit...

Give food to...



#### Kind or not?

Jesus said that people are like sheep and goats; some are kind and some are not.



Follow the hoof prints to see if this child is a sheep or a goat.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

ather God, you are so good to us. Help us to be as kind as we can be to all the people we meet every day. Amen.

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strangers

Answer: Being kind: food = hungry, water = thirsty, welcome strangers, visit =sick. Spot the difference: ears, eyes, nose, colour, grass. Kind or not: sheet



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# Children's Sermon Matthew 25:31-46 Christ the King

By Dr. Dan Wuori

Today is a very special day in the church. We call it The Feast of Christ the King — and it is the last Sunday before we begin the four weeks of Advent, which is the time we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

This week's gospel lesson is one of my very favorites. Jesus tells his followers a story about the day they will gather before him to enter heaven – and (as he sometimes does) he confuses them just a little by explaining that they will enter heaven because they've taken such good care of him.

He tells them that when he was hungry they gave him food and when he was thirsty they gave him a drink. He tells them that they took care of him when he was sick and welcomed him warmly when he was a stranger.





But the people are a little surprised to hear this from Jesus – in the same way that we might be. I don't know about you, but I've never had a chance to take care of Jesus when he was sick – or to give him food or a drink – and neither had many of them. So they said to him, "Jesus, when did this happen? We don't remember doing all these things for you!"

And what he tells them is one of the most important lessons in the whole Bible. He explains that when we do these things for others who really need them – when we feed the hungry and take care of the sick... when we do good things for other people here on Earth – that we're actually doing these things for him.

Jesus' story helps us to remember that we do God's work every day – and that we never quite know all the places we meet him. What a perfect story to lead us into the first Sunday of Advent, when we begin celebrating the coming of Jesus in the most surprising (and normal) of ways: as a tiny baby.

Shall we pray?

Dear God,

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Advent, help us to remember that we do your work on Earth as we take care of others in need.

Amen.

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