

Let's Live ...

WHAT HAVE YOU TAUGHT?

We build unity when we work as a team. Those who belong to a team are united in a common purpose and they can use their gifts in different ways to achieve that purpose. Christians are baptised people who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in his Resurrection. St Paul told the people of Ephesus that Christians are united in their belief that there is one Lord, one faith and one baptism. There is a richness about belonging and living in a community where there are similarities and differences in ideas and thinking.

ART ACTIVITY

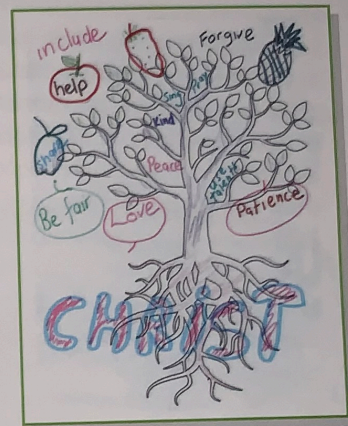
'FRUITS' OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

Note: You will need a copy of the tree template on page 324 for each child.

- Begin by recalling with the children the hallmarks of being a Christian: Christians believe in one God; Christians are followers of Jesus, the Son of God; Christians are baptised.
- Invite the children to imagine a tree with lots of fruit on it, and imagine the roots of the tree stretching deep down into the ground. The roots nourish the tree and help it to produce fruit.
- Then invite the children to imagine that the roots of the tree represent Jesus Christ, that the tree itself represents Christians, and that the fruit represents the good things that Christians produce when they live as followers of Jesus.
- Give each child a copy of the tree template (p. 324). Invite them to write the name 'Christ' or 'Jesus' over the roots of the tree, to write their own name on the trunk of the tree, and

to write on the 'fruit' the names of the good things that living as a follower of Jesus will produce in their life, e.g. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, forgiveness, goodness, justice, etc.

- Finally, invite the children to share with a partner some of the ways in which they will use these 'fruits' in their family, at school, in their parish community and in the environment.



DOODLING PRAYER

Preparation: Give each child a blank sheet of paper and coloured markers, pencils or crayons. Play some reflective background music, e.g. CD 1, track 1 or CD 2, track 12, turned down low, to create a relaxed atmosphere conducive to reflection.

Sign of the Cross

Teacher: Today we are going to pray by doodling. When we doodle, we make shapes and use different colours without a lot of thought about what we are drawing or what colours we are using. Today we are going to listen to a biblical verse written by St Paul. As we do so, you are invited to doodle around the words on your page.

This is the verse that St Paul wrote to the Ephesians about unity: 'There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.'

In the centre of your page, write the word UNITY.

St Paul said, '**There is one Lord**' ... What comes into your mind when you think of Jesus, whom the first Christians called 'Lord'? ... Choose whatever colour or shape or design you like to represent Jesus, our Lord and Saviour ... Jesus loved everyone, regardless of who they were ... or what money or possessions they had ... Jesus cared especially for those who were poor and sick ... and for those who felt excluded or forgotten ... and he had great time for children ... Jesus loves you very much.