

# Children's Liturgy for Mission Sunday 2009

## Resources Needed:

Photocopies of Mission Together Backpack  
Bible reading (Mark 10: 35-45)  
Pens/pencils

### Introductory notes for Leader

*Begin simply:*

**Leader:** What day is it today?

**Children:** Sunday

**Leader:** That's right, and there's something very special about this Sunday. It is called Mission Sunday. Does anyone know what a mission is?

*The responses might vary! Some may have heard of characters going on rescue missions/stop the baddie missions in cartoons and in games and you might get that sort of response. Accept the children's answers then explain: 'A mission is when you are sent to do something very important.'*

*(Explain this in terms that are familiar to the children e.g. it's Dr Who's mission to rescue people or it's Ben 10's mission to protect people from aliens)*

Today is Mission Sunday, a very special day in the Church's year when we think about and pray for those who are missionaries, as well as thinking about how we can be missionaries too.

## A missionary is someone who is sent out on a special job

The special job of missionaries is to tell people all over the world about God's love for them – not just tell them, but show them, through their lives, about the greatness of God's love for everyone. They do this by teaching people what Jesus said and did.

As well as the work they do in churches they also work in schools and hospitals, and show people how to look after themselves, by preventing disease, growing better crops and finding clean water.

**Leader:** Would you like to be a missionary?

**Leader:** Our mission begins by listening carefully to what Jesus said in the Bible. His friends were arguing over who would sit next to Jesus when they got to heaven. Jesus told them he did not want them to think that they were very important people. Instead, they must learn to serve each other.

*But it shall not be so among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set everyone free.*

Mark 10: 43-45

- Jesus came to serve. The people he helped were the poorest/most sick/most troubled. Even though he was the Son of God he came to serve the poorest – we follow his example and do the same

- To Jesus being great means to help and serve others. By helping others and sharing Jesus' stories we are being great people – as friends of Jesus this is our mission.

**Leader:** So we know that Jesus wants us to go out and serve him and others. What can you do to be great like Jesus wants, and to be a missionary?

### Notes for Leader

*Elicit from the group answers such as:*

- *Pray for other children around the world*
- *Be friendly to everyone – especially to those who have no friends*
- *Help people when we can – not just the people we like*
- *Respect other people – especially those who are different*
- *Listen to others*
- *Share with others – be generous*

**Leader:**

One of the things we can do to help people is by praying for them. I will say some short prayers and the response is '**Lord, help us to help others**'

**Leader:** We pray for children around the world who need our help **Response**

**Leader:** We pray for all those who share the stories of Jesus **Response**

**Leader:** We pray that they too will be able to help others **Response**

**Leader:** We pray for each other, and our friends and families **Response**

**Leader:** We pray that you will help us be good and kind **Response**

### ACTIVITIES

*There are two activities you could do to finish the session:*

- 1. Invite the children to link together and say the Mission Together prayer to show they are part of a worldwide family helping one another. When you go back into Mass you could lead the children in saying the prayer together.*
- 2. Encourage the children to think about what skills, talents and qualities they would need when they go out on their **Mission for Jesus**. They might draw a picture of a backpack or suitcase (or use photocopies of the picture on the front page of these notes). The children can write inside the bag those things they think Jesus would like them to take on their important mission. What other things would they do on this mission (e.g. pray?)*

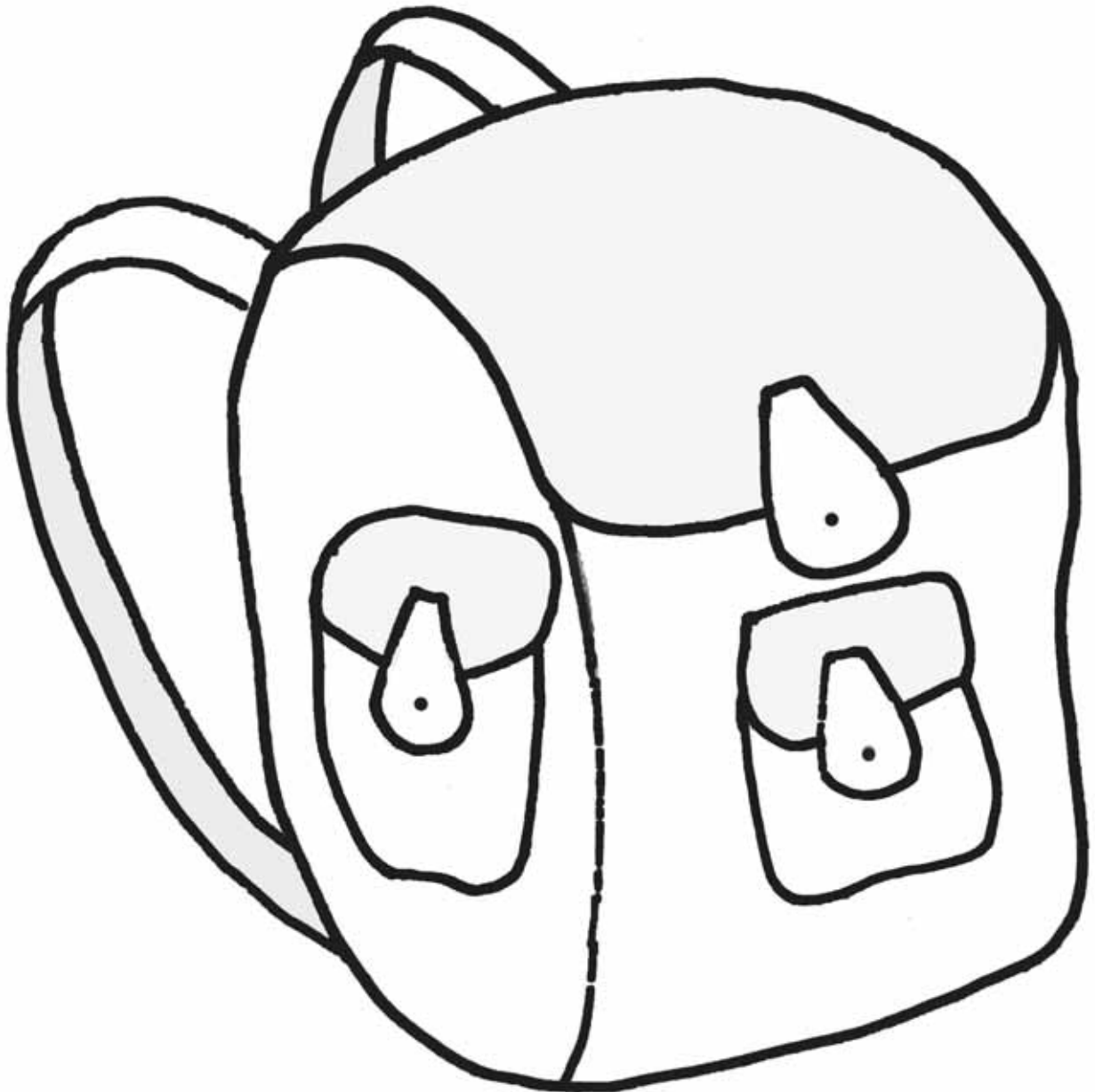
### THE MISSION TOGETHER PRAYER:

**We pray:**

**M**ay all children  
**I**n the world  
**S**hare love  
**S**hare friendship and live  
**I**n the peace  
**O**f God's Love  
**N**ow and forever

**Amen**

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World Mission Sunday 2009

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