

FREE Mission Together Resources

World Mission Sunday 2011



NOTES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pray for children
around the world



Love God with
all your heart

AVAILABLE: One for each child	QUANTITY
CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER – Focus on Malawi	
COLLECTION BOXES – Little Red Boxes support Mission Together projects overseas (also available one per group)	
STICKERS – with the Mission Together logo and motto	
PRAYER CARDS – with photos of children from around the world	
AVAILABLE: One for each group	
CD – Assembly/liturgy ideas, photos, extra activities	
ADVENT LITURGY – New liturgies will be available throughout the year	
MISSION TOGETHER POSTER – with the Mission Together prayer	
MALAWI POSTER – with the Mission in Malawi prayers	

All resources can be ordered via the Mission Together website

www.missiontogether.org.uk

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What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish in the world. It is a special day in the year when we remember our own call to be missionaries. Our prayers and our donations on World Mission Sunday help the Church in poor countries to reach out to the poor and the vulnerable so that they too can know the love and joy that comes from Jesus. Let's remember that Jesus wants us all to be missionaries so that his love can reach everyone.

What is Mission?

- Helping everyone understand God's love for them
- Sharing God's love with others through our words and our actions
- Caring for others even when it is difficult
- Forgiving the mistakes of others and accepting forgiveness



Reading and Prayer

Opening prayer

We say sorry for the times when we have not been friendly towards others

We say thank you for the people who love us and who show us that Jesus loves us even when we make mistakes

We pray that we will be able to share our love and what we have with other children around the world

Today's Gospel and message

Catechist: read a simplified version of today's Gospel; you might use the text below

Matthew 22: 34 – 40

When Jesus was in Jerusalem a man asked him a very important question. He asked Jesus, 'What is the most important rule in the Bible?' Jesus said to him, 'There is not one rule but two: to love God with all your heart and to love other people - your neighbour - as much as you love yourself'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus was teaching us that if we want to be happy we need to love God, love our neighbour and love ourselves. It is not difficult to show others that we love God and that we love them. Jesus shows us the example to follow. He loves us if we are tall or short, weak or strong; he loves us even if we make mistakes. Jesus wants us to love the people around us with the same kind of love. He also asks us to love those who are far away.

How you can be a missionary

- By loving God and our neighbour
- How can we show God that we love him? By prayer and by choosing to 'do the right thing'
- How can we show people that we love them? By being kind to them; by praying for them; by playing with them; by sharing our things with them; by giving them a hug

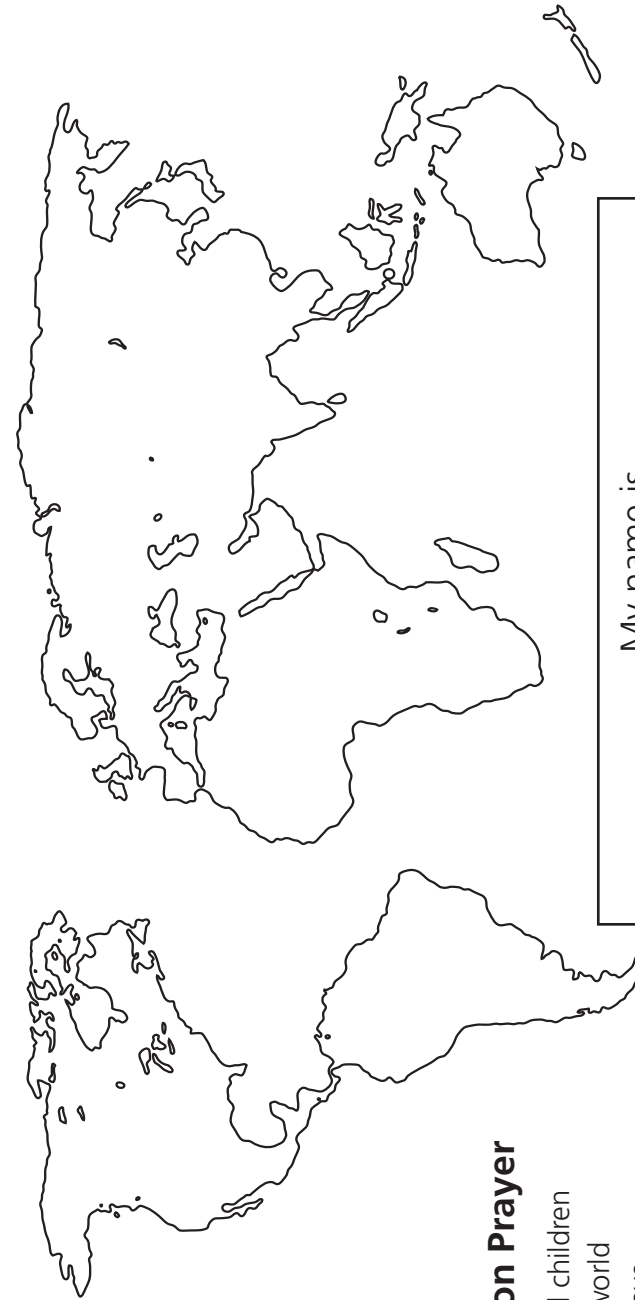
Peace across the world

Catechist: We show we love God and the people around us through the sign of peace. We shake hands with the person next to us and say 'Peace be with you'.

Activity

Catechist: please ensure that each child has a copy of the map (possibly enlarged to A4) on which he/she can draw their hand. As an alternative you might ask the children to draw and cut out their hand and use an even larger map, or possibly a globe, on which they might be attached.

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Mission Prayer

May all children

In the world

Share love

Share friendship and live

In the peace

Of God's love

Now and forever

Amen

My name is

and this week I want to share my sign
of peace with children across the world