



## Children's liturgy – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome:** Today we hear about how Jesus asks a rich young man to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor. What do you think the rich man did? Let's find out...

**Opening prayer:** God of light, show us how we can answer your call. Inspire us to share all that we have with others, so that all people around the world may live free from poverty. Amen.

### Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.'"

"Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

Jesus looked round at his disciples and said to them, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! 25 It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle."

At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God."

Then Peter spoke up, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

“Yes,” Jesus said to them, “and I tell you that anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel, 30 will receive much more in this present age. He will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come he will receive eternal life.

**Gospel reflection:** What do you remember from today’s reading?

The rich man asks Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. What does Jesus say?

Jesus reminds the man of the Ten Commandments, that he should not kill, should not steal or tell lies, and that he must respect his parents.

The man says that he has kept all of the commandments since he was young. And so Jesus gives him an extra challenge. What was it that Jesus asked the man to do?

Jesus asked the man to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor. Once he had done this, Jesus said, that the man could follow him.

How did the man feel? Did he sell all his things and give the money to those who needed it? Why do you think he didn’t?

How would you feel if someone came along and said that you had to sell all your favourite toys, or that you had to give them away to someone who didn’t have any?

But this is exactly what Jesus does ask of us. That if we have more than enough, that we share what we have with others. That way all people in the world would be able to have the things that they need.

Can you think of a time when you have shared with other people? How did it feel?

Can you think of a time when someone wouldn’t share with you? How did that feel?

Do you think it is fair that some people in the world have a lot more than others? Why not?

It is important to share things so that everyone has enough and so that the world is a fairer place for everyone to live. How do you think that we can do this?

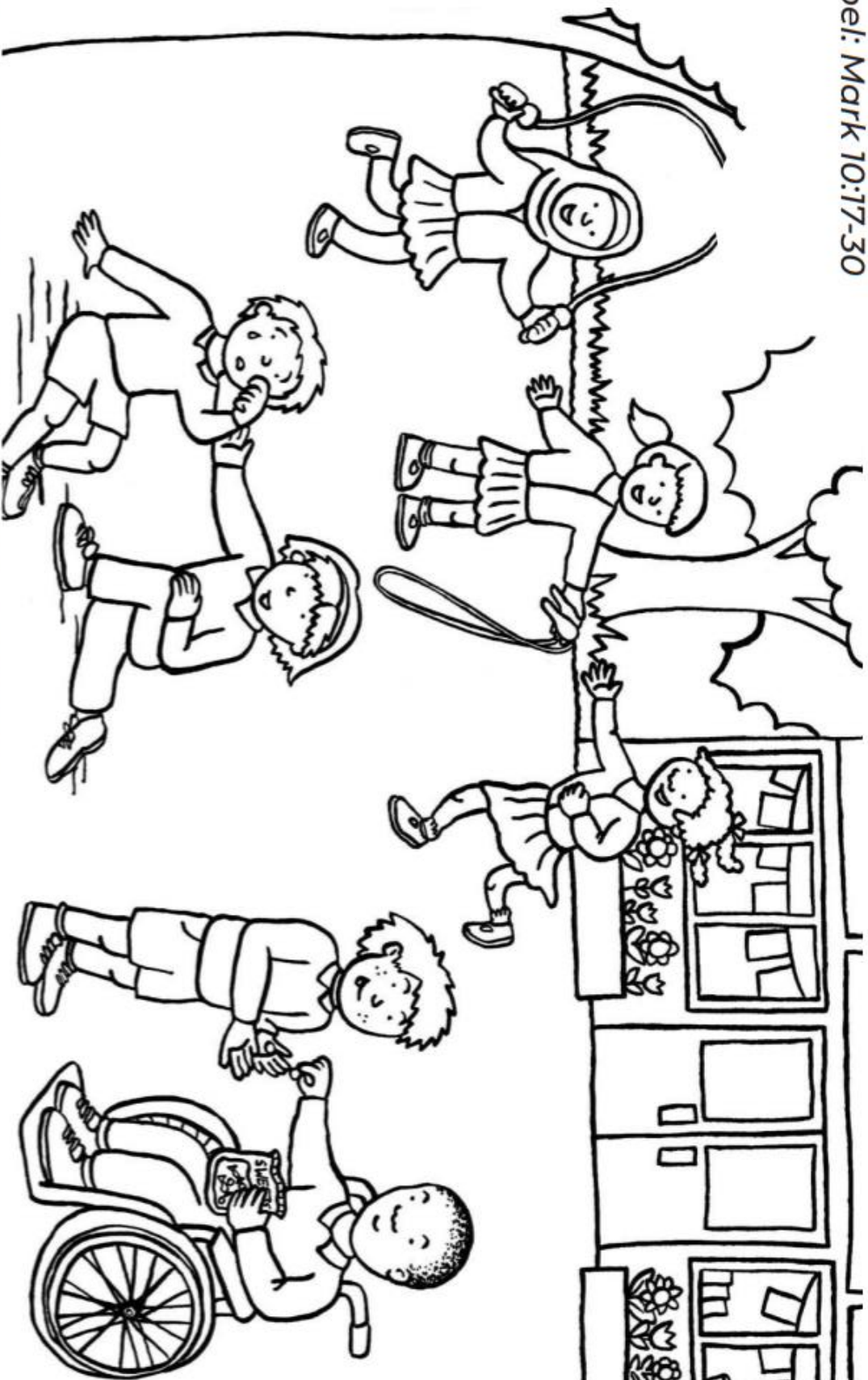
What will you do to try to make the world a fairer place this week? What will you share with others this week?

### **Activity**

Colour in the accompanying illustration and to count how many different types of sharing you can see in the picture. Write or draw on the back what you will try to share with others in the coming week.

Remember to share all that you heard and talked about with the people at home during the week. Now try to share what you have with others.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



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