

MATTHEW 7: 7-12

PRAYER, AND THE GOLDEN RULE

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SONG: I'VE GOT THAT JOY

- [Verse 1]
- I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where!?)
- Down in my heart, (where?), down in my heart,
- I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where!?)
- Down in my heart to stay.

- [Chorus]
- And I'm so happy, so very happy.
- I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
- And I'm so happy, so very happy.
- I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

- [Verse 2]
- I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart (Where?)
- Down in my heart, (where?), down in my heart,
- I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart (Where?)
- Down in my heart to stay.

- [Chorus]
- And I'm so happy, so very happy.
- I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
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- I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER

- Can someone tell me why we pray to God?
- How often do you think we should pray?
- Do you think we have to pray all the time with our eyes closed?
- Does God always answer our prayers?
- Does God always answer them in the way that we want God to?

TODAY'S LESSON: MATTHEW 7:7-12

PRAYER AND THE GOLDEN RULE

The Answer to Prayers.

- “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
- For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
- Which one of you would hand your child a stone when asked for a loaf of bread, or a snake when asked for a fish?
- If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly God give good things to those who ask.

The Golden Rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

WHAT IS JESUS TEACHING US ABOUT PRAYER?

- It's like knocking on God's door
- We don't always know what's on the other side
- God lets us in
- God listens to us



BUT WAIT – WHAT
WAS THAT LAST
PART?

“DO UNTO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO
UNTO YOU.”

- Does that sound like what we learned last week?
- We should love our neighbors as ourselves



“Equality is giving everyone a shoe.
Equity is giving everyone a shoe
that fits.”

-Naheed Dosani



We can make sure they have what they need

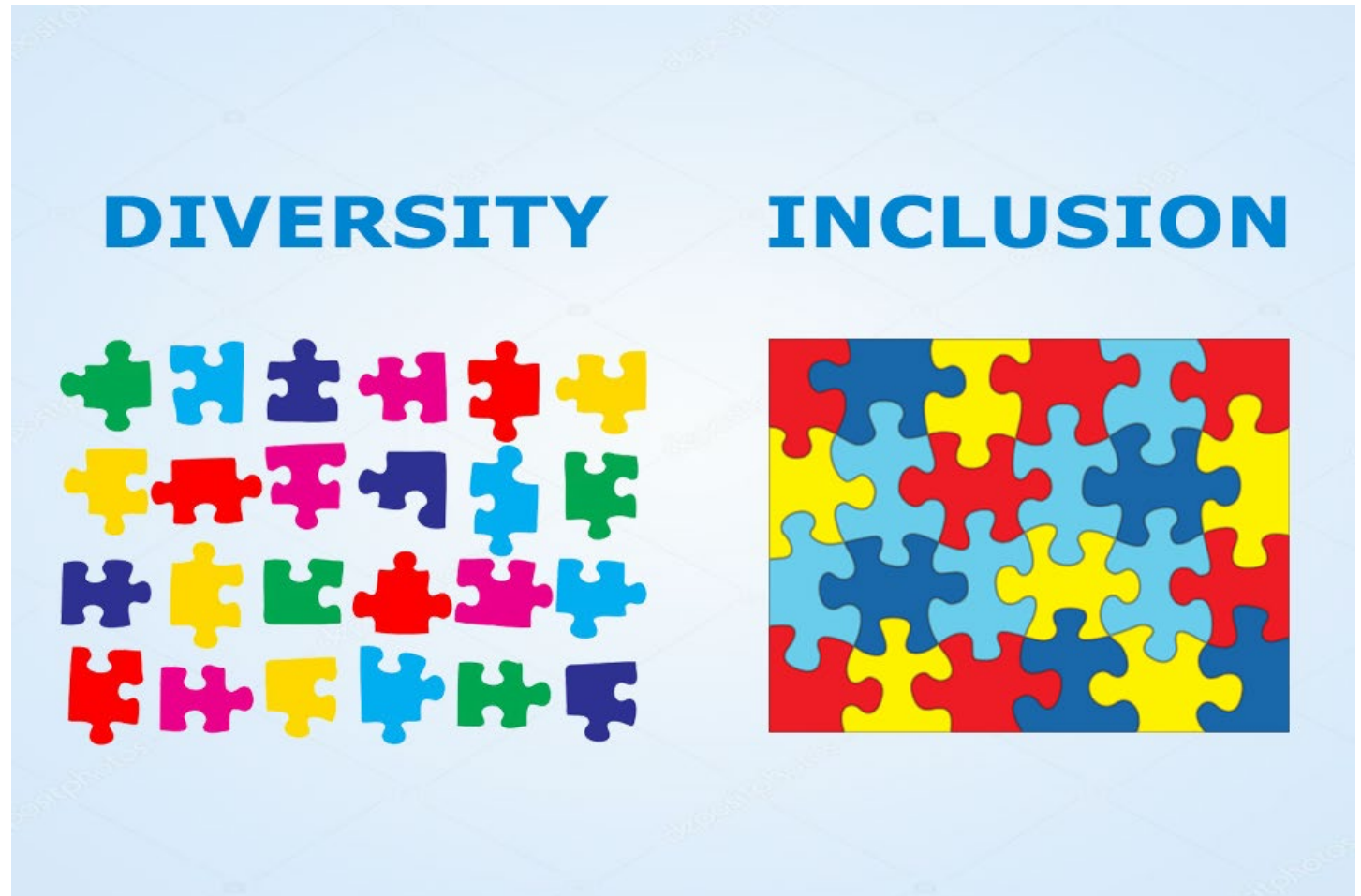


“Diversity is being invited to the party.
Inclusion is being asked to dance”

- Verna Myers



We can make sure they are included



CRAFT TIME!

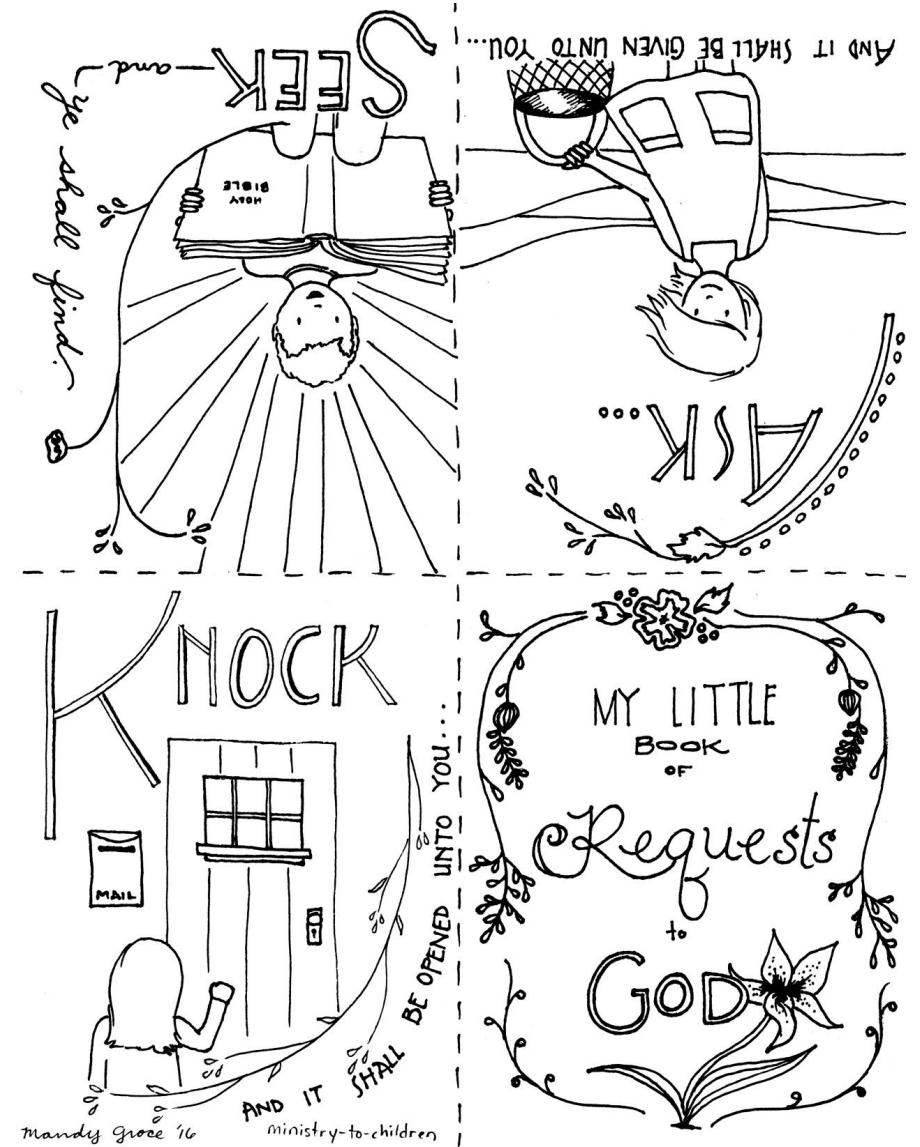
- Use this page to make a book

OR

- Make a card or drawing for a special person in your life

OR

- draw and color: bread, a stone, fish and a snake.





SHARING TIME:
WHAT WAS ONE THING THAT HAPPENED THIS
WEEK THAT WAS EXCITING OR MADE YOU HAPPY?

BIG MESSAGES FROM TODAY

Talk to God in prayer; God will answer



The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



REPEAT AFTER
ME PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making us all different and all special.

Thank you for listening to us when we pray.

Help us to take care of each other and the planet.

Help us to love and include everyone.

In Jesus name, Amen!

SONG: SEEK YE FIRST

Verse 1:

- Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
- And God's righteousness,
- And all these things shall be added unto you.
- Allelu, Alleluia.

- Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
- Al - le - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia

Verse 2:

- Ask and it shall be given unto you,
- Seek and ye shall find,
- Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
- Allelu, Alleluia.

- Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
- Al - le - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia

**GO KNOWING you are
created in the image
of God. Awesome!**

Genesis 1:26-27



THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!