

Take a look at yourself

8th Sunday
Year C



Prayer

Sign of the Cross. Let's pray. (See p. 170.)

quietly by yourselves



Do you like people saying nice things about you? How does it make you feel?

Do you like people moaning about you? How does it make you feel?

when each child has had time to think

Tell everyone...

Share stories.

Do you know what the saying 'pot calling the kettle black' means? Have you ever heard it said?

Explain the saying to the children.

We are all like this we often moan about others and forget that we are just as bad ourselves.



Jesus noticed how often we were ready to be the pot calling the kettle black so he gave us another saying to remember.

welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)

all stand (adapted from Luke 6:43-45)

A good person sees what is good in others
A bad person sees what is bad in others.



This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's chat

all sit (some suggestions)

We are all good and bad. Sometimes we are one more than the other; we can choose.

When we notice the good in others we bring out the goodness in ourselves.



LOOK AND SEE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of scenery, people, animals, trees.
- > A collection of differently coloured paper.
- > A log of wood, some sawdust.
- > Tree shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News given to us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his friends,
'Can one blind person show another blind person the way?
Won't they end up both falling over something?
And why is it that people are too quick to pick out faults in those around them, but can't see their own

DISCUSSION

Go over the three sets of questions Jesus asks in the Gospel, and get the children to answer them:
- blind leading the blind,
- splinter in the eye,
- good and bad fruit.

Have the children give examples of what would be 'good fruit' for them.

SHARING

Show the pictures to the children and ask them what they can see. Show the paper, and ask what is their favourite colour.
What is their favourite sight?
When did seeing someone, seeing something make them really happy?
Talk about the many wonderful things in the world there are to see and enjoy.

faults?

It's like saying to someone "You've got a speck of dust in your eye" while you've got a plank in your own eye!

Do you expect to pick figs from thorns? Or grapes from brambles? People are just the same: by what they show you can know what is in their heart.

If their heart is bad it will show in the way they behave badly.

If their heart is full of goodness, it will show in the way they behave well.

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ACTIVITIES

Have the children act out 'good' and 'bad' trees.

Give out the cut-outs.

On them have the children write or draw how they will use their eyes, their gift of sight lovingly to produce good fruit in the week ahead.

