

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Welcoming in the name of Jesus

**Gathering prayer – ask your Junior Church kids to teach you the actions!**



From the top of my head to the tips of my toes  
From the lobes of my ears to the end of my nose  
From my back to my front to my wiggly fingers  
God loves me!



### Matthew 10.40-42: Welcoming

Jesus said to his disciples, "Wherever you go, if people welcome you, then they are welcoming me, too. And if they welcome me, then they are also welcoming God."

*Share the story together in your own bible or you can find it online*

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2010&version=NIV>

*Prophet* – someone who is called by God to speak to His people on His behalf.

*Disciple* – a follower of Jesus.

### Some questions for older ones to ponder

- What does it mean to welcome someone?
- How does it feel to be welcomed?
- How do you welcome someone who comes to your home?
- How can we be welcoming when we are keeping socially distanced?
- What might you be able to do to offer a welcome to someone at home, school or church?
- What does the passage tell us about being disciples of Jesus?
- It's easy to welcome the people we love. How do we welcome people we don't yet know?

### Activity 1: Welcoming teddies to a tea party

Invite your teddies to a tea party.

Prepare a feast.

Welcome all your different guests!



### Activity 2: 'Roots' Colouring sheets

Roots have a collection of resources for families at home:

[www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome28jun](http://www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome28jun)

activity sheet:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20962/28-june-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

and colouring:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20936/28-june-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

### **Activity 3: Make a welcome card**

Use this template ([https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21000/welcome\\_door.pdf](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21000/welcome_door.pdf)), or design your own, to make a card to welcome a new child to your school or a new neighbour to your street.

### **A prayer to use this week**

God who welcomes all of us,  
May our hands be welcoming hands,  
May our hearts be welcoming hearts  
And may we welcome in your name.  
Amen.

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