

**The Sheep and the Goats**

**Opening:**

To begin today, find Play Doh, Legos, or paper and markers to help children illustrate these words from the Bible story: hungry, thirsty, sick, invite



**Bible Story & Discussion:**

Why would Jesus start talking about sheep and goats? Aren't they the same thing? To understand this parable, you may need to understand the difference between sheep and goats! Check out this video for more information!



**Children's Storytime:**

This story time is a read aloud of the Picture Book "Kindness Counts" from the Berenstain Bears. In this book, young Billy Bear wants to help Brother fly his model plane...but it's really important to Brother. Should he share? Do Brother's actions make him a sheep or a goat? What would Jesus think of his choice?

**Follow-Up Family Activities:**

**Master Server:**

Have you ever taken the time to serve others? Serving others can be a show of respect and a way to help people. When you sit down to eat with your family today, try being the "Master Server". Be responsible for asking each person who much they'd like and serving them one dish or the whole meal. You could ask if they'd like a small spoonful, a big spoonful, or several spoonfuls! How does it feel to serve others and wait until everyone is served to eat? Over the meal, discuss what it is you can do to serve others where you might be needed.

**Loving Letters - Loving the Least of These:**

There are many people in the community who are feeling lonely and disconnected right now. Draw pictures, write letters, or make cards to send to people who could use a boost such as friends and family members, or even see if you can connect with local long-term care homes, seniors, or veterans who would appreciate some special mail! If you'd like to reach out safely to your neighbours, consider making banners and pictures to post in your windows for passers-by to see and give them some pre-Advent cheer!

**Closing Prayer & Song:**

Finish the lesson with this final prayer and our semester theme's worship song "Give It Away"!

