All Saints - Solemnity

Matthew 5:1-12a
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

Some things to think about...

- Jesus taught his followers to look out for others, especially the poor and those who are left out. He showed us that everyone is precious and valuable because we are made in the image of God - this is what human dignity means.
- How can we make everyone feel welcomed and valued? How should we treat people?

Activities
Using the World Day of the Poor resource on the Mini Vinnies website, think about actions you can take to make people feel seen, heard and valued and complete the "Everyone Belongs" worksheet (see copy on next page).

Teacher's Notes
This introduction to the Sermon on the Mount (Jesus' first major speech where he teaches the Lord's prayer) is called the Beatitudes. Here, Jesus describes who will be blessed by God, and gives his followers guidance on the important things in life ("Blessed are the peacemakers").

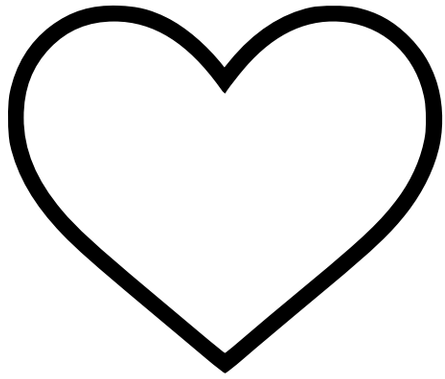
Each year, Catholics observe World Day of the Poor with an annual theme chosen by the Pope. On this day, Catholics refocus on their calling by God to walk alongside the poor and work for a just world that gives human dignity to all people.

Notes:

In the house, write or draw ways that people feel welcome.

EVERYONE BELONGS

A smile from someone



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