Christ the King - Solemnity

Matthew 25:31-40 (full reading: Matthew 25:31-45)
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

Some things to think about...
Can you come up with ways to reflect the following phrases:

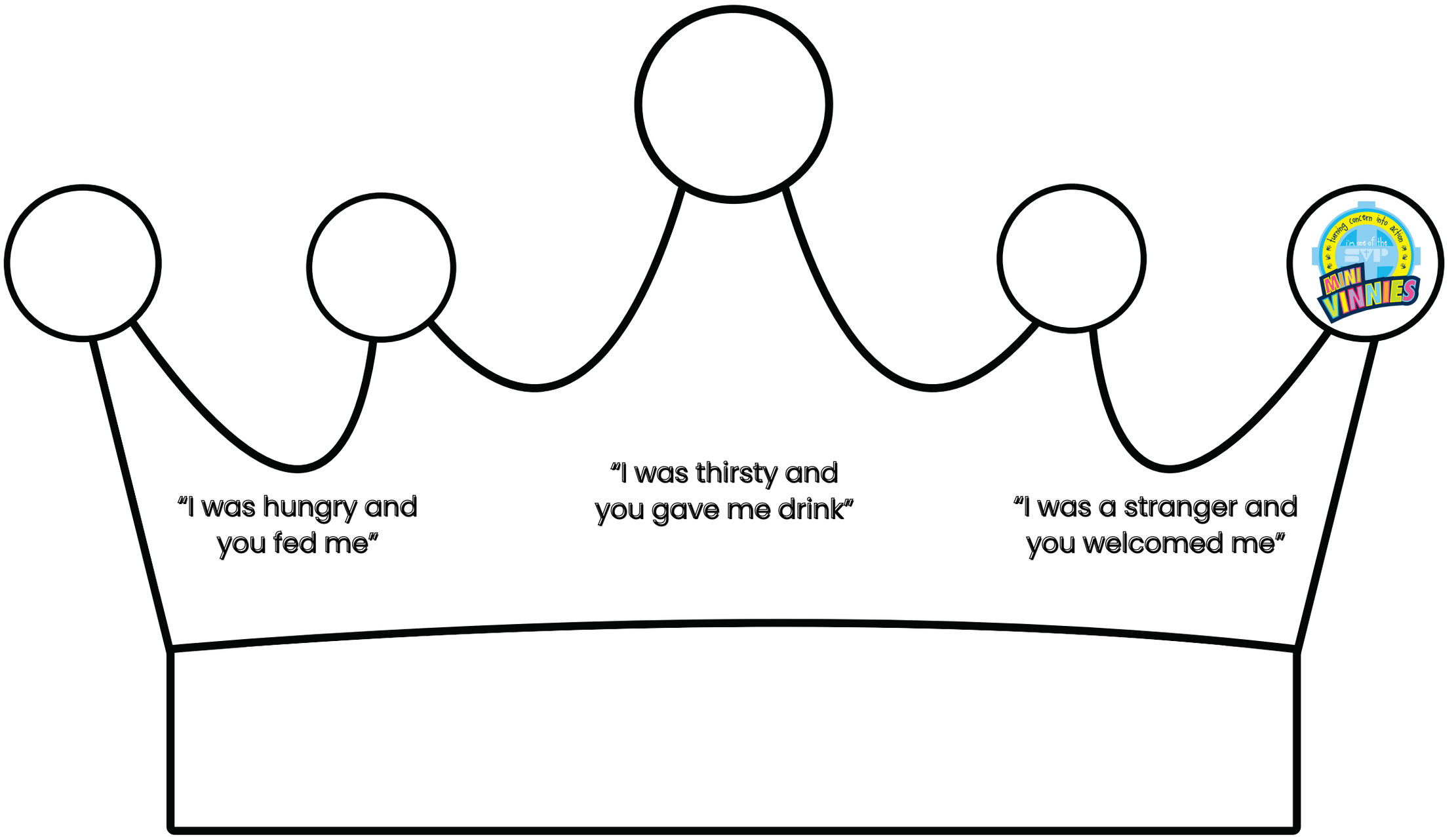
- "I was hungry and you gave me food"/"I was thirsty and you gave me drink"
- "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"
- "I was naked and you clothed me"
- "I was sick and you visited me"
- "I was in prison and you came to me"*

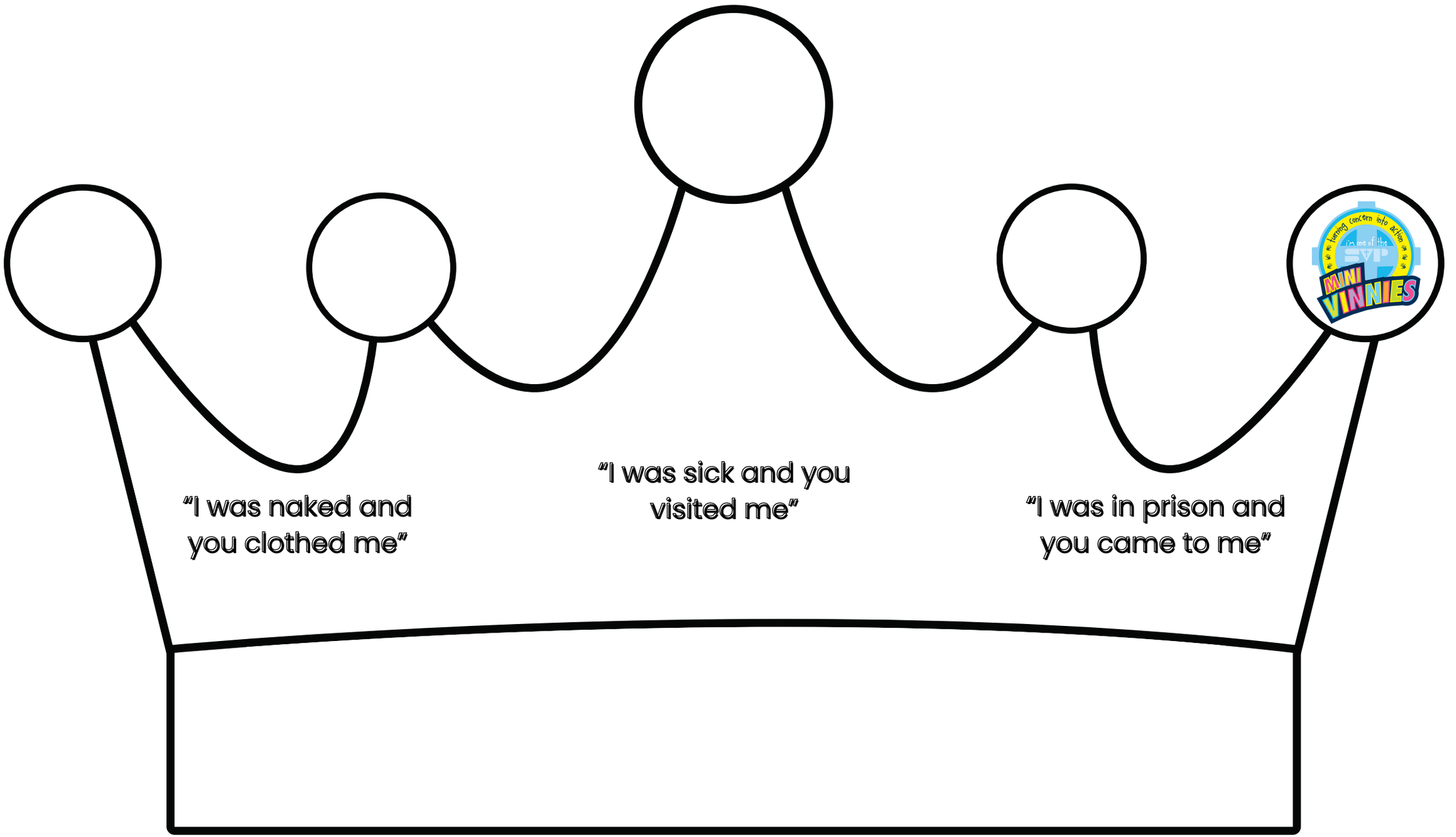
*The "Mini Vinnies: Reaching out with Hope" prison resource helps Mini Vinnies learn about the SVP's work with people in prison and their families. You can find this on the SVP website.

Activity
Materials needed per 2 children: crown template 1 and 2, image cutouts, 2x paper strips, glue/sellotape, colouring pencils.
On your crown templates, you will see different phrases from the Gospel reading.
In pairs, choose which images should go on each crown (they represent each phrase) and colour them in. Stick them under the matching phrase.
Cut out a strip of paper to complete the crown. Decorate and cut out your crown and stick it to the 2 ends of the paper to wear!

Teacher's Notes
In this passage, Jesus explains that the best way to show love to God is by helping those in need.
In the weeks leading up to Christmas, the challenge for each of us is the challenge of giving gifts versus receiving gifts.
This is a good opportunity to discuss the fact that Christmas can look different for everyone depending on their situation, and that by giving to others we can all experience the joy of Christmas. This might include collecting and distributing hampers, singing carols at care homes, making and sending Christmas cards or taking part in the SVP Christmas appeal.

Notes:


"I was hungry and you fed me"
"I was thirsty and you gave me drink"
"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"
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