

Feast of Christ the King Activity

READ: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus told his disciples: “One day I will return in glory to sort the good people from the bad, and I will turn to you and say:

When I was hungry, you fed me.

When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.

When you did not know me, you made me welcome.

When I had nothing to wear, you gave me clothes.

When I was ill, you took care of me.

When I was alone, you came to visit me.

And you will ask, “When did I do all these things for you, Lord?”

“I tell you, whenever you did any of these things for others, you did them for me; and because of your goodness you will share in the glory of my kingdom. Those people who turned others away and did not care, did the same to me. On judgment day they will be sent away, never to share eternal life with me in heaven.”

DISCUSSION:

Jesus will come back at the end of time as Christ the King. Image all the people of the world standing before Jesus. How will he sort the good people from the bad?

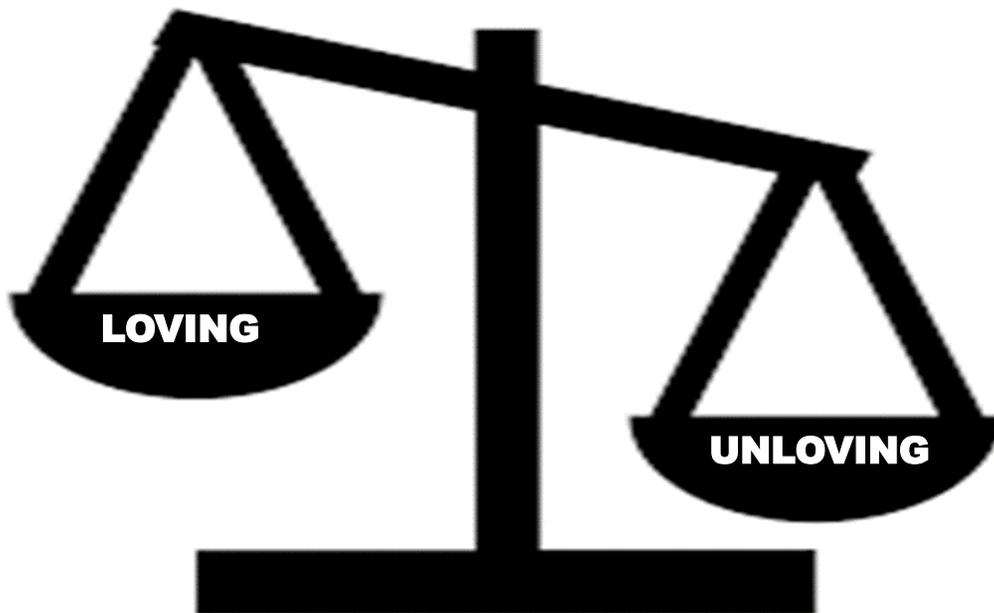
Jesus know each one of us better than we know ourselves, even down to the number of hairs on our head! He remembers all the times we have been kind and the times when we have been selfish. He will sort out the good people from the bad, according to the lives they have led, and whether they have been loving or unloving people.

If we have lived for Christ, then we will share the joy of everlasting life and happiness with him in the kingdom of heaven.

How can we make sure that we are sorted with the good people, and not the bad, on judgment day? No one is good all the time, but we can make our loving actions outweigh the unloving ones. If we fill our lives with love and kindness, seeing Jesus in each person we meet and always treating other with kindness and respect, then our goodness will never be forgotten.

ACTIVITY: CHRIST WILL WEIGH UP OUR GOODNESS

Draw a large, old-fashioned scale the tilts to one side like the one below. Or use the one below.



Cut out the loving and unloving words below...you can also make up some of your own words. Put the words on the side of the scale you believe them to be.

SELFISH

UNKIND

FORGIVING

LOVING

SHARING

GREEDY

GENEROUS

HONEST

UNFORGIVING

KIND