

## Junior Church at-home session for Sunday 17 October 2021

***Big idea: in order to be great in Jesus's kingdom, we must be prepared to be a servant to everyone***



### **Bible story: Mark 10: 35-45**

One day, the disciples James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said, 'Teacher, we want you to do whatever we ask.'

Jesus said, 'What do you want me to do?'

'When your reign comes,' they replied, 'will you make us the two most important people in your kingdom, one to sit at your right hand, and the other to sit at your left hand?'

Jesus shook his head. 'You have no idea what you are asking,' he said. 'Will you be able to drink the cup of suffering that I have to drink?'

'Yes, of course!' the brothers replied.

'Well then,' Jesus said, 'you will drink the same bitter cup as me, and suffer like me; but as for having the most important jobs, that's for God to decide.'

The other disciples heard about this conversation and were angry with James and John for daring to ask such a thing. Jesus called them together and said, 'Sometimes, when people have power, it goes to their head. But I want you to be different. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first must be prepared to be everyone else's slave. For even the Son of Man came to serve, not to be served, and to give up his life for many people.'

### **Notes**

- To sit at the right or left hand of an important person made you important and recognised too.
- The Son of Man is a title from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, used by Jesus to describe himself as fully human as well as being the Son of God.



### **wonder?**

- When do you feel important?
- What do you think was wrong with James and John's request?
- What did Jesus tell the disciples they must do to be great?
- How can we put others first in our daily lives?



## Creative Activity

**Overflowing cups** - create a symbol of service to God and others

**You will need:** plastic/paper cups, narrow strips of white paper, buttons, sequins, PVA glue, felt tips.

- Talk together about how to be great in unconventional ways, and different ways of serving others. Think about what you would like to be or do when you're older, and what you think God might want you to do, now and in the future.
- Think of several ideas, e.g. behaviour, acts of service, charitable activities, careers, and write words or draw pictures to represent each one on a paper strip.
- Decorate the cups with buttons and sequins.
- Tape the ends of the paper strips to the inside of each person's cup, so they flow over the top.



## Prayer

Go and be great at helping others,  
with the love of God to strengthen you,  
and the example of Jesus to follow.

**Amen.**



## For the week

Think of ways that you can serve others. Try to do something every day and write it down on a daily calendar.