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Christ the King

Ephesians 1 15-23 Matthew 25 31-46

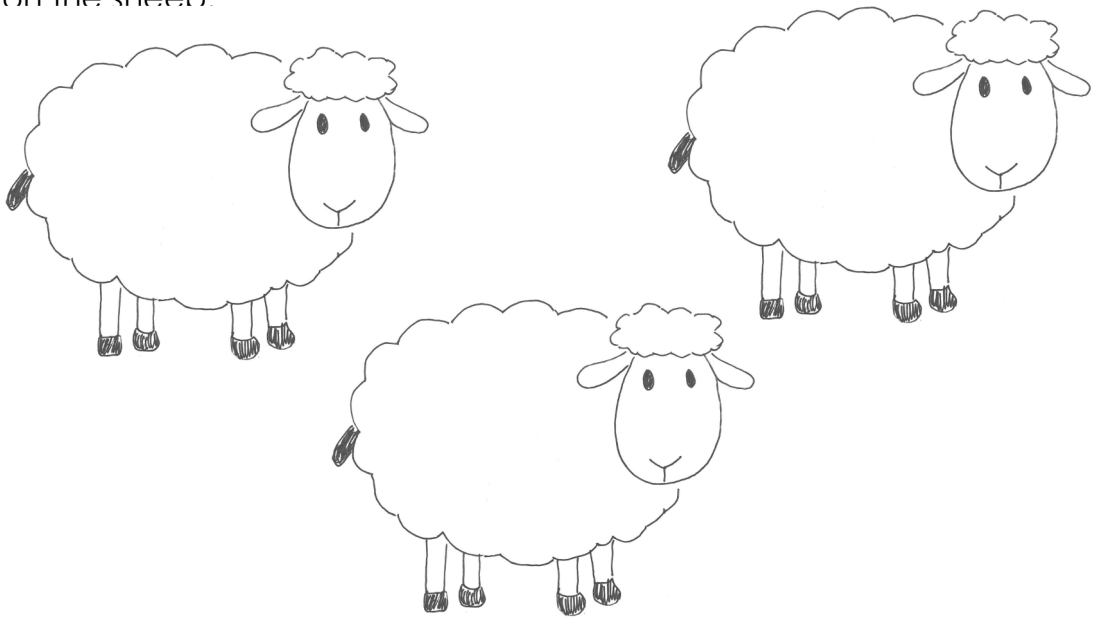
"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25 v40 (New International Version)

This is the last Sunday of the Christian year and we are celebrating Christ the King. In today's gospel Jesus tells of his return and the coming of the Kingdom of God. He says that the people will be separated into two groups, like a shepherd would separate the sheep from the goats, the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. The king tells the group on his right that they have fed him when he was hungry, given him a drink when he was thirsty, welcomed him when he was a stranger, given him clothes when he needed them, cared for him when he was sick and visited him when he was in prison. The group are surprised as they do not know when they have done this for the king but are told that whenever they did it for somebody else they were doing it for him. Then the king says that the group on his left have never done anything to help him. They say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, needing clothes, sick or in prison, and did not help you?" The king says that because they have never done those things to help others they have never done it to help him. The first group are rewarded because they have shown their love for others and for God by caring for everyone.

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The Activities

How will you help other people this week? Draw or write the ways on the sheep.



Find these words from the story in the word search.

angels
glory
goats
nations
righteous
sheep
stranger
thirsty

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