

Welcome back Lockdown Lookouts...

Thank you for your help last week. I have given up trying to escape. I've realised that is not the most important thing - making Jesus known is!

The Apostle Paul is still writing away and there is another thing I am bothered about. I have enjoyed going around acting like I am the most important person. But somehow I am not sure I have got that right...

Can you help me understand the next part of his letter to the Philippians?

Yours

Jail Bird Joe

Opening Prayer

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

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Sweeping the floor	Cleaning the loo	Clearing the bins	Sitting on a throne
Being invited to a very important dinner	Receiving lots of fan mail and gifts	Being given VIP tickets to something	Tidying your bedroom

If you are able cut these out and mix them up. Get the young people to try and match them up - with the person and the thing that you would expect them to be doing. For example - the Queen, sitting on a throne; Caretaker - sweeping the floor.

Then mix them around and see if the young people expect the matches you have made to happen. For example, Harry Kane having to tidy his bedroom, Ariane Grande having to clear the bins, the child being invited to a very important dinner, the Queen cleaning the loo.

We wouldn't expect very important people to do things which seem like something someone less important would do. Or would we?

Today, we are going to see what the Apostle Paul says Jesus was like.

Read Philippians 2:5-11

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

- 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
- 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.
- When he appeared in human form,
- 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,
- 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 - to the glory of God the Father.

Chat it through

- Which of these things do you think would show you thought you were more important than someone else? Have you ever done them?
 - Pushing in to get the first go at something
 - \circ Giving someone else their choice at picking a DVD
 - Choosing the biggest biscuit
 - Leaving the biggest biscuit for someone else
 - Controlling the TV remote
 - \circ $\;$ Encouraging people when they can't do something as well as you $\;$

- Letting someone go before you
- Laughing at someone if they can't do something as well as you
- Who does Paul say we should be like? (v5)
 - o **Jesus**
- Who is Jesus? Did he think he should be treated as more important than other people (even though he is!)? (v6)
 - Jesus is fully God. But he didn't think that he should be treated as more important than other people, though he had every right to.
- What did Jesus do? (v7-8)
 - Jesus humbled himself leaving heaven, coming to earth, limiting himself as a human, and them being willing to serve other people even dying for them!
- Wow! If Jesus was willing to serve other people and not be treated as the most important, how should that change how we treat other people?
 - We should be willing to put what they need first, and treat them as more important than us.
- What did God the Father do for Jesus? (v9-11)
 - Having served other people, God the Father made Jesus number one in the universe! He really is the most important.
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 - How does that help us when we find it hard to treat other people as more important?
 - God the Father see what we do, and he is pleased by it!

Pray it through

Each of you think of something you could do to serve someone else, like Jesus did. It might be:

Do the washing up, tidy your room, write someone a card to cheer them up, lay the table, let someone else have a go on the computer.

Choose which you will do, and for who.

Now thank Jesus that though he is the most important person in the universe, he was willing to serve you.

Ask for his help to help other people rather than always wanting to be the most important.

Then do your thing!

NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...

Craft

Cut out these templates below and colour them in. Stick them back to back like a medal.

Then make a necklace to hold the medal on - it could be from string, wool, pasta shells, ribbon, loom bands - you name it! Attach it to the medal.

One side reminds us Jesus is the most important person in the world - he is number 1!

The other that because Jesus served us, we are to serve others.

Give your medal to someone else as a way of saying you love them, and will treat them as special.

