

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Welcome and Alleluia (See page v.)

2. Gospel

3. Dialogue Homily

- By talking about a door, a narrow door (*make gesture with your hands*), Jesus helps us to understand what we must do if we want to walk with him.
- If we think only of ourselves (*I, me, and mine*), we become what we call selfish. When we are proud, unfriendly, brag, we get sort of puffed up. We get too large and can't get through the door.
- How can you tell when you or someone else is selfish? (*When we say or think: That's mine, don't touch it. I want this. I don't care about you. You can't play with us. I don't want to play with you. I want this. I want. I want. I want. Give me. Gimme, gimme.*)

- Jesus wants us to think of others, too. He asks us to share, to forgive, to obey, to tell the truth, and that is not always easy. That's why the door is narrow.
- Thinking of others makes the "I, me and mine" smaller. The "I" doesn't need all the attention. It fits and can easily get through the door of kindness, sharing and caring. (*Show handout.*)
- Every day we have lots of chances to do good. Watch that "I." Don't let it get too grabby: I want this, I need that.

4. Intercessions

We belong to God's family, so let us pray:

- For all those who teach us about God, we pray
- For our friends who have moved away, we pray
- (*Encourage the children to add their prayers.*)

Jesus, my best friend,
Sometimes I know what I do is wrong.
I am sorry.
Thank you for never stopping to love me.
I love you, too. Amen.

5. Activity

See Activity, page v. Songs CBW II #664 (*Refrain*) and/or CBW II #712.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (13:22-30)

Glory to you, Lord!

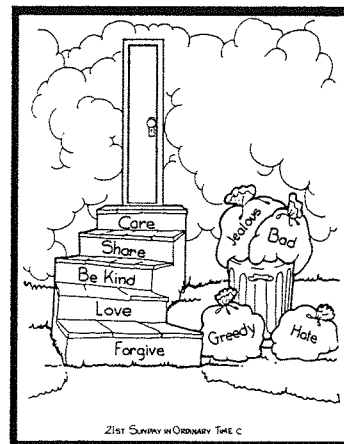
Jesus went through towns and villages teaching the people.

One day someone asked him this question, "What must we do if we want to walk with you?"

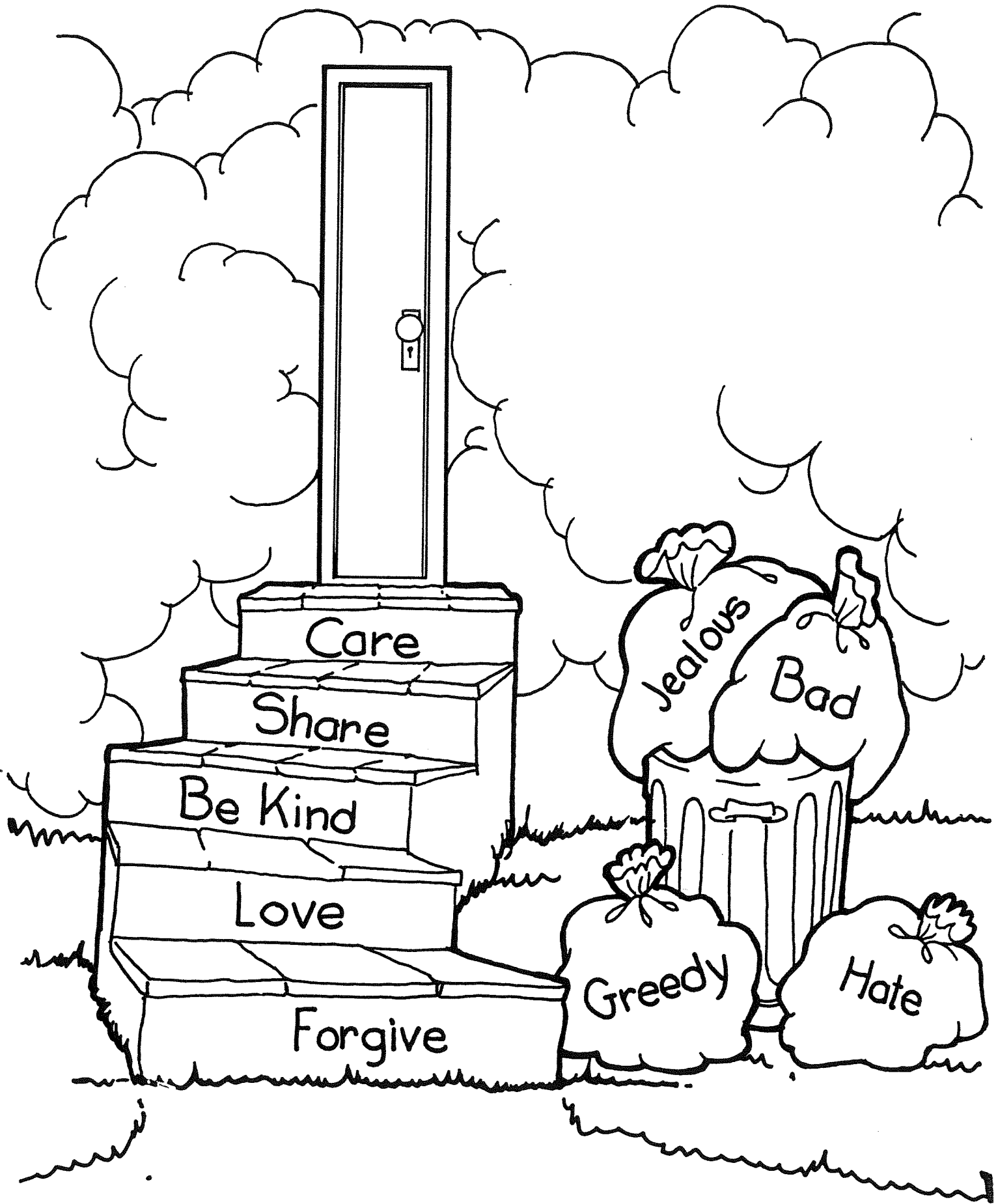
Jesus replied, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door because some will try and can't get through."

This is from the gospel of the Lord. (Adapted)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



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