



Divine Mercy Activity

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Read the following quote to the children: **Jesus told Saint Faustina "I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbor always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try and excuse yourself from it."**

(Divine Mercy in My Soul: The Diary, 742)

Let the children know:

1. Jesus goes on to tell St. Faustina that there are three ways to show mercy -- by deeds, by words, and by prayers.
2. Mercy means showing others loving kindness and compassion.
3. Jesus gives us His mercy as well even when we make Him sad.

So Jesus asked St. Faustina and in turn He is asking all of us, even you children, to show mercy and loving kindness to everyone always. He doesn't want us to find reasons not to be loving to others such as I don't know that person so it doesn't matter. Jesus is saying, if we love Him, we should be kind to others.

Discuss with the children some ways that they can show mercy to others this week making sure to cover all three ways to show mercy (deeds, words, and prayers). Think about the Works of Mercy such as To Feed the Hungry, To Visit the Sick, To Comfort the Sorrowful, To Bear Wrongs Patiently, To Forgive Injuries, and To Pray for the Living and the Dead.

Ask each child to draw a picture on the included paper of at least one thing they will do this week to show mercy to somebody else. Write their idea down under their drawing as a reminder. Have the children hang their drawing in a prominent spot at home so they remember to do their act of mercy.



Following Jesus' example of Divine Mercy,
this week I will do the following act of mercy (kindness).