



# Holy Trinity Geneva

## JUNIOR CHURCH

### 21<sup>st</sup> June

## Virtual Junior Church

Dear parents, this week's resources continue Jesus' teaching on mission to the world. Jesus points out that the disciples must expect some opposition, including possibly from their own families, since Jesus himself has been opposed and called names.

Start with a Prayer

Living God,  
being a Christian can be hard.  
Thank you for a safe space  
to enjoy your presence  
here and now.  
Amen.

### **Do not fear!**

The Gospel today gives a warning about persecution alongside the surprising news that God knows how many hairs are on our head and He keeps an eye on the sparrows. God expects his truth be shouted from the rooftops!

Read the passage:

One day, Jesus was talking with his disciples. 'Students are not better than their teacher,' he said to them. 'A slave is not better than his master. Instead they need to be like each other.' He continued, 'So do not fear. Everything that is hidden will be found and everything that is secret will be discovered. Anything I say to you in the dark, I want you to tell in the light. Anything that is whispered, I want you to shout from the rooftops!'

Jesus reassured them. 'Do not fear those who try to kill you, as they cannot kill your soul. The only one you should be worried about is the one who can destroy both the body and the soul in hell. Two sparrows are sold for only a penny. But if one of them falls to the ground, God knows this. Even the hairs on your head are counted and known by God. Do not fear, you are much more valuable than the sparrows.'

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you tell others that you are my follower, I will tell God in heaven that you are my follower. But if you say you are not my follower, I will tell God in

heaven that you don't belong to me. I didn't come to bring peace; I came to bring a sword. Families will turn against each other because of what I say. Anyone who loves their family more than me is not good enough to be my follower. Anyone who is not willing to take up their cross is not good enough to be my follower. If you try to hold onto your life, you will give up true life. But do not fear. If you give up your life for me, you will hold onto true life.'

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## **Activities**

### Counting Hairs

Count how many hairs are on someone's head for 60 seconds. Is this difficult? HOW AMAZING it is that GOD knows the hairs on everyone's heads!!

### Rainbow prayers

Draw a rainbow outline and colour in an arc after every line.

Lord Jesus,  
thank you for all the colours of life:  
the red of love,  
blue of kindness,  
pink of friendship,  
purple of laughter,  
orange of generosity,  
green of truthfulness,  
and yellow of faith.  
Thank you for all those whose lives are like rainbows,  
drawing us closer to you.  
Amen.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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