



# Holy Trinity Geneva

## JUNIOR CHURCH

5th July

### Virtual Junior Church

Dear parents, this week's resources explore how God's wisdom, revealed in Jesus, confounds expectations. Jesus notes that both he and John the Baptist failed to meet people's expectations. Jesus thanks God that the point of his ministry has been revealed to the simple rather than the wise, and calls on people to learn how to live from him.

Start with a Prayer

Father God,  
we come to you to find rest today.  
Help us to be ready to learn from you.  
Amen.

#### Learn from me!

In the Gospel today Jesus reassures us that no matter how busy life is, if we ask him, he will share our burdens and give us rest.

The story today takes place in a market.

Read the passage:



Jesus was speaking to the crowd. 'What are you like? You are like children playing wedding and funeral games. You sit and watch and shout to each other, "We played the flute and you did not dance." "We were sad and wept and you did not cry with us."

'John the Baptist came,' Jesus said to them. 'He did not go around eating too much or drinking. And what did people say? They said, "He has a demon in him!" Then I came along, eating and drinking and what did they say?

They said, "That man eats too much! He drinks too much! He is a friend of tax collectors and even sinners!" But God's wisdom is proved by its results.'

Jesus started to pray, 'Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You have hidden these things from the wise and the clever and revealed them to children. This is what you want. My Father has given me everything. Only he truly knows the Son. And only the Son truly knows the Father. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father too.'

He said to the crowd, 'Come to me, anyone who is tired and carrying a heavy load, and I will give you rest.' Then he looked at the people around him and said, 'Take the yoke I give you and learn from me. I am gentle – my yoke is easy and the load I give you is not too heavy. You will find rest for your souls.'

### Glossary

A yoke is a curved piece of wood put across the neck of an animal pulling a plough or cart, and so a burden to be carried.

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### Activities

#### Wisdom revealed

You will need:

1. two large sheets of paper - one headed 'WISE' and the other 'UNWISE'.
2. marker pens
3. a selection of recent newspapers
4. scissors
5. glue sticks.

Cut out examples of wisdom and unwise things from the newspapers and stick them onto the correct sheet. Alternatively draw things which you think are wise or unwise on the sheets.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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