

Sorting

- Get volunteers to help me sort:
 - toys of different sorts...
 - recycling - plastics, paper, glass...
- What happens if something gets sorted into the wrong pile?
 - eg red t-shirt into the white wash?
 - favourite car into the lego box?
 - glass in with the plastics...?

Confession

- Our time of confession is a time when we sort through what we have done, said and thought in the past week. Take a paper figure, reflect on the past week and for everything which they want to say sorry to God for, mark a black/blue dot on the figure.

Prayer

- For the times we have ignored you, Father God, **Forgive us**
For the times we have disobeyed you, Father God, **Forgive us**
For the bad things we have done, Father God, **Forgive us**
For the bad things we have said, Father God, **Forgive us**
For the bad things we have thought, Father God, **Forgive us**
- ...then lead into prayer of approach and worship, and Lord's Prayer

Sorted

- In reading/Jesus' parable, it is clear that God sorts people:
 - like the fishermen with their fish
 - into good and bad
 - and there is judgement, separation from God for those who are sorted into the "bad" pile
- Have some "pre-sorted" figures, some in black sack, some beneath the tick on screen...
 - (all have black spots - cf confession activity - sin)
 - all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God - [Romans 3:22,23](#)
- So how do the sinful, spotted figures end up in God's kingdom and not in the black sack?
 - that's exactly the question Jesus' listeners wanted to know!
 - what could they do to avoid being put in God's rubbish sack?
- *The righteous people that the angels selected were not people who hadn't done anything wrong and they weren't people who had done more good deeds than the ones who ended up in the black sack. No, everyone had black spots. The people who were on God's 'good' board, were the ones who believed in Jesus Christ, the one God had sent.*
 - there is a cross mark on the bag of the figures - its our belief/trust in what Jesus has done for us on the Cross that makes the difference...
- Jesus clean figure, no spots, on Cross he takes our sins and deals with them, covers our sin with his righteousness

Prayer

Father God, I know that my life is spotted with sin.
I know that I have not obeyed you or loved you with all my heart.
I am sorry. I need your forgiveness.
I believe that Jesus died so that I can be forgiven and accepted into your kingdom.
Lord Jesus, thank you for doing that for me.
Please make me ready for the day your kingdom comes.
Amen