

## St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Trinity 1

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



### Jesus and his family

After Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan he began to travel round the countryside preaching and teaching and telling people about the Kingdom of God and how God loved them. He had left his home and his family behind, and instead travelled with a group of his followers. Some of these we know the names of, and we are told that he chose twelve of them to be especially close to him. We call them his disciples, a word that means learner.

In those days it was a shocking thing to leave your family. Your family were supposed to be the most important people in your life.

One day, when Jesus was teaching in a house his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### **The story of Saint Boniface.** *(Anthony is going to tell this story in the service.)*

Saint Boniface lived a long time ago. He was born in about the year 675 in Devon. He became a monk and felt that God was calling him to go to the lands that we now call Germany to tell the people there about Jesus. At that time they were pagans, worshipping trees and rocks and many different gods. He left his home and his family and never came back.

He went to Germany and started to preach and teach. One of the stories about him is that he went to one place where the people worshipped the god Thor at a huge oak tree. Boniface went to chop it down and a storm helped him and brought the tree crashing down. The people were so impressed that they turned to Christianity and St Boniface used the wood to build a little chapel. There is another story that out of the roots of the old oak tree, a new tree grew, a little fir, and this became the first Christmas tree. St Boniface eventually was killed by robbers. He is buried in Germany in a place called Fulda and remembered to this day as a great missionary. He is also remembered in his birth town of Crediton in Devon and his feast day is 5<sup>th</sup> June

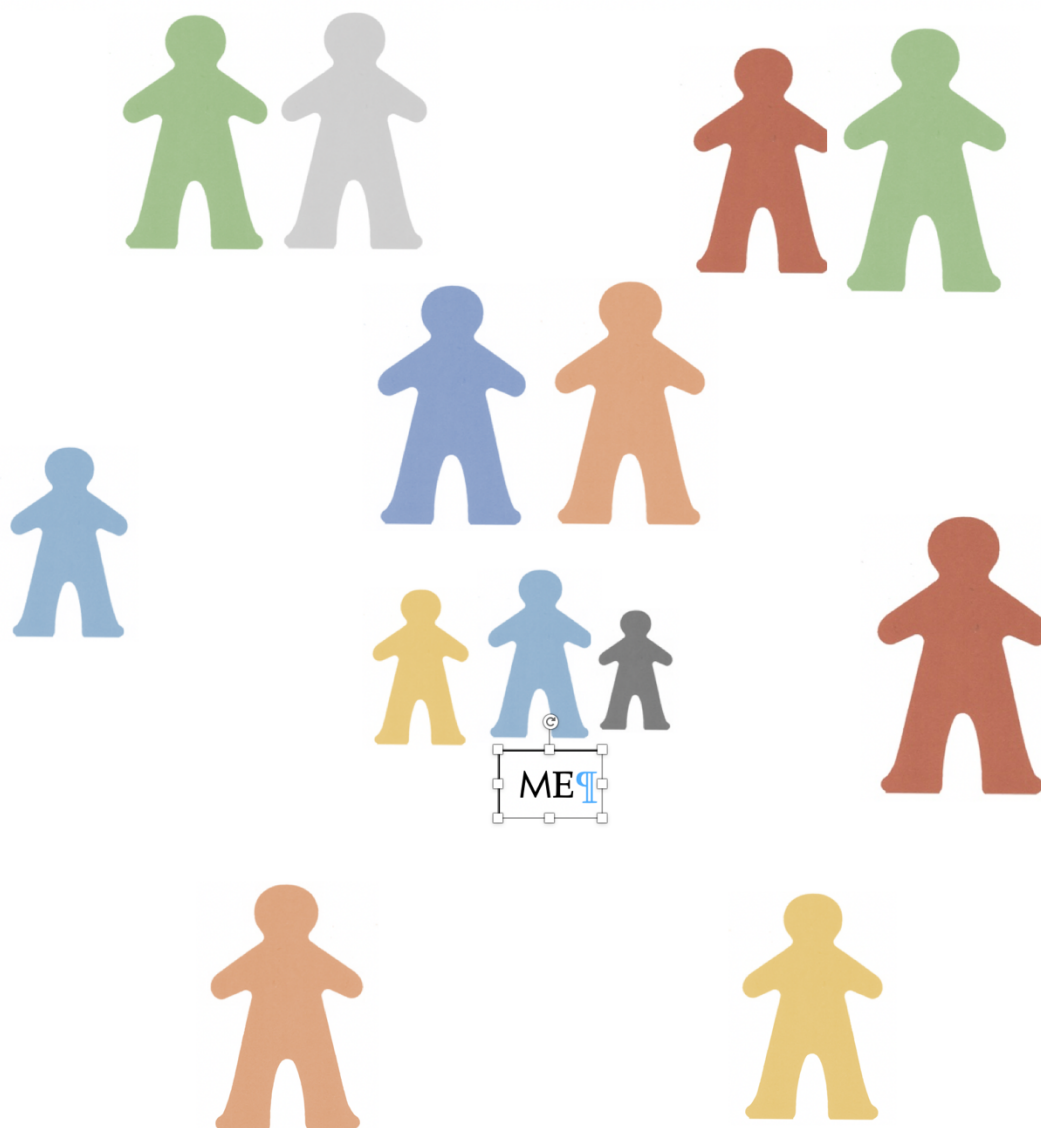
### Things to do:

This week we are going to think about our families, because both Jesus and Boniface left their families and included other people in their family circle. Use the figures on the next page, or make your own, to make a family tree. You will need a big sheet of paper, or you can just spread them out on a table

Put in your parents, you and any brothers and sisters and your grandparent. You can add other relatives too if you like.

Then think about other people (or pets) who might feel like family to you – people who are friends, people you care about, people who take care of you. Make some figures for them too and put them round the tree. Jesus was telling people that families are made up of all sorts of people who love each other and care about each other.

**Your picture might look a bit like this:**



Then say a prayer to thank God for all this big family and ask him to bless them.

WORD SEARCH

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- BONIFACE
- BROTHER
- FAMILY
- FATHER
- FRIEND
- GERMANY
- JESUS
- KINDNESS
- LEAVE
- LOVE
- MISSIONARY
- MOTHER
- OAKTREE
- PEOPLE
- SISTER

