

# WELCOME

All the actions below show God's love. Color the person showing God's love in each. Sometimes it can be both people.



## Welcoming Others based on Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus looked at his disciples. They were such good friends, and they were learning so much about following him and living in God's way. Jesus knew that one day the disciples would go out to tell the good news on their own. They would need the friendship and help of others to do this.

"My friends," Jesus said, "one day you will go from town to town to tell others about the good news of God's love. Remember that anyone who welcomes you also welcomes me. Whoever welcomes me also welcomes God."

The disciples nodded to each other. They understood what Jesus was saying.

"Sometimes you will be the ones to welcome others," continued Jesus. "When you welcome others, you are welcoming me. Whoever welcomes me also welcomes God."

The disciples looked at each other and smiled. "We can do that," exclaimed John.

Jesus explained, "Sometimes the smallest things can make a big difference. When a person is really, really thirsty, giving him or her a glass of cool water makes all the difference in the world. When you do this kind of thing, you are showing God's love."

"I get it," exclaimed Peter. "When we love others, we are showing love to God. When we welcome others, we are welcoming God."

"Absolutely right," replied Jesus, "and God notices these things and remembers them."