

Ordination Explored

We hope that you have found this booklet fun and useful
as you experienced an ordination service.

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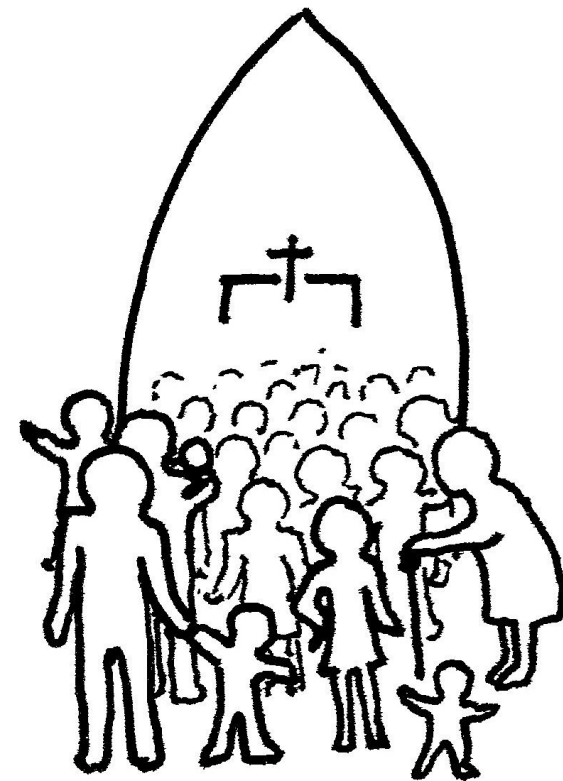
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and other people helped by testing
the booklet out in real life.

We would like to say thank you to them all.

Feedback and suggestions for further improvement may
be sent to curate.elizabeth@gmail.com

Most of all we would like to say thank you to you
for coming to the ordination of your special person,
and for all the ways that you are supporting them.

This is also a really important job from God.



It's great that you're here today in church.

Coming into Church

Have you been to this church before?

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Have you been to other churches before?

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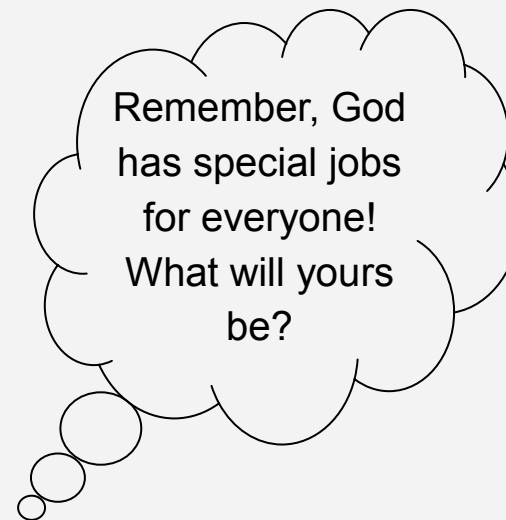
What is special about this church?

What can you see?

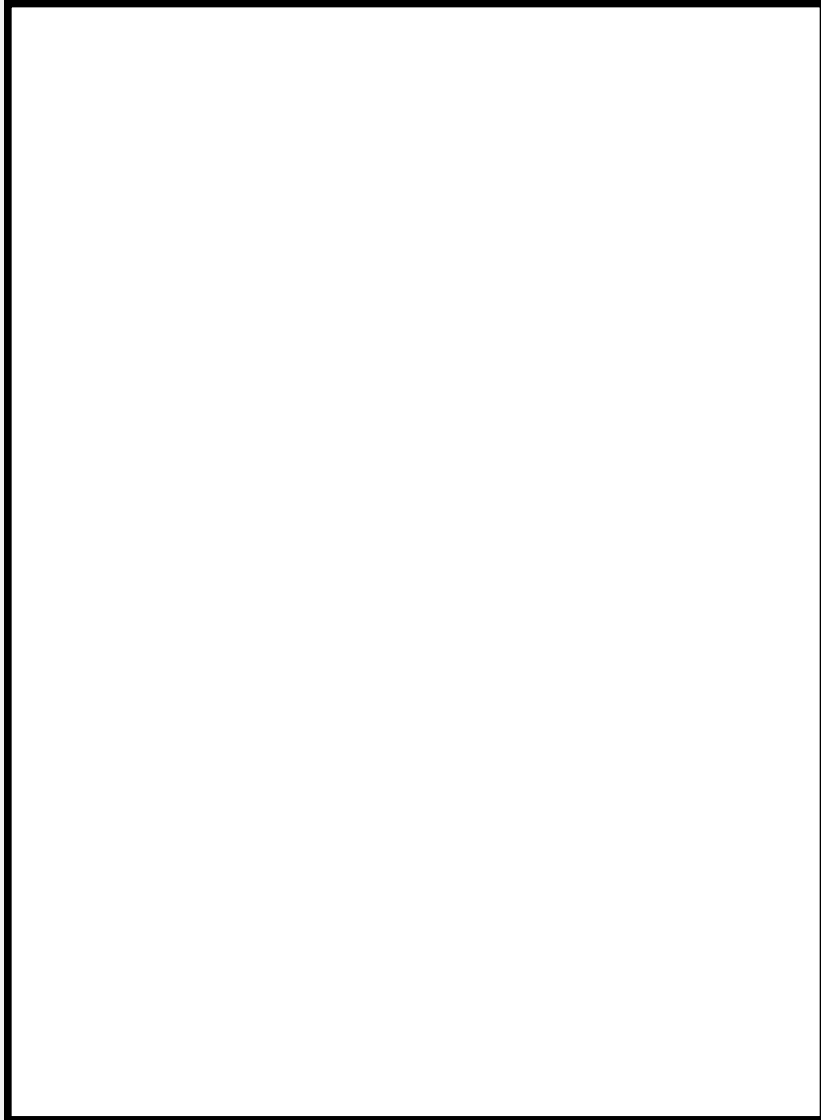
What can you hear?

What else is interesting?

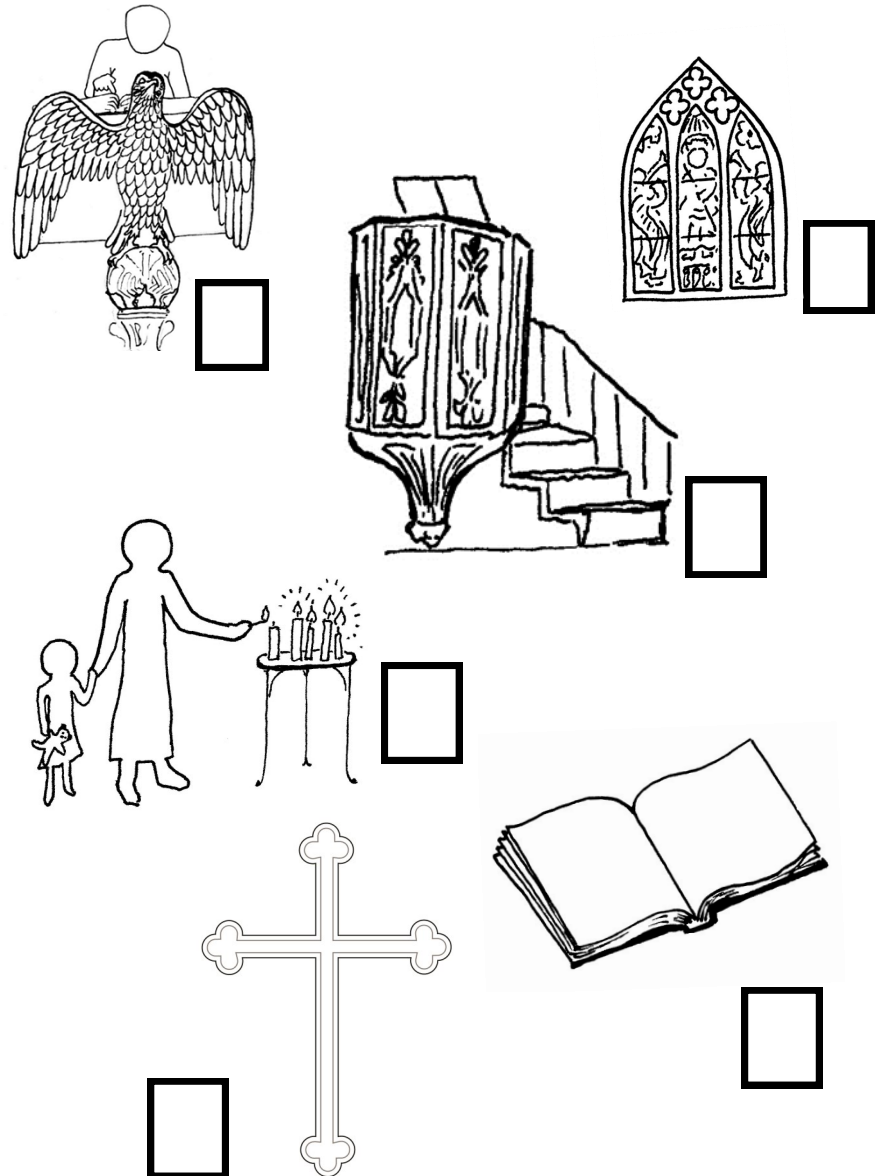
Write some words or draw a picture about how you feel in church.



What was your favourite part of the service? Draw it here.



Try and find these things in church



Today in church we're celebrating, as God gives people new things to do.

Who are the people who are being given new things to do by God today?

Which of them do you know?

Look around at all the people in church. How many people can you count?

Who do you think is the oldest?

And the youngest?

Celebrating

When the new deacons and priests are sent out to start their new work for God, we are all sent out to 'love and serve the Lord'.



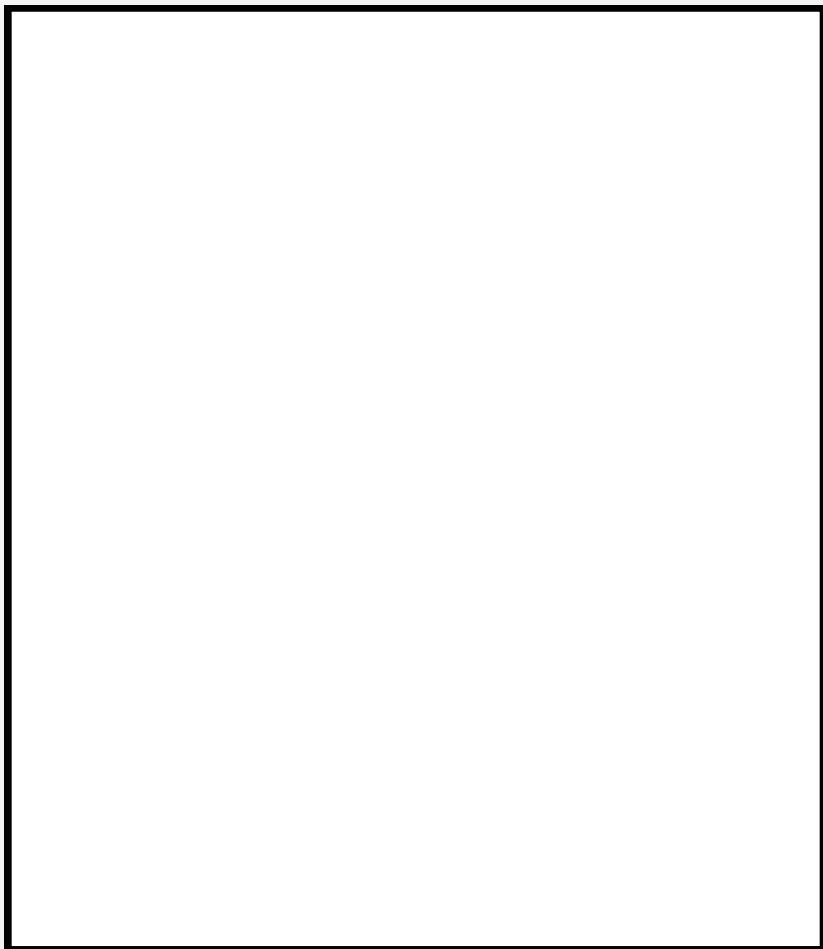
Ordinations are wonderful celebrations. Which parts of the service felt the most joyful to you?

How would you want to celebrate what has happened today?

Sending out

Each new deacon or priest is given a Bible, to remind them that a big part of their job is sharing the stories of God's love for the world.

Design a cover for a Bible that would help to remind them about the job that God is giving them.



The service starts with a procession

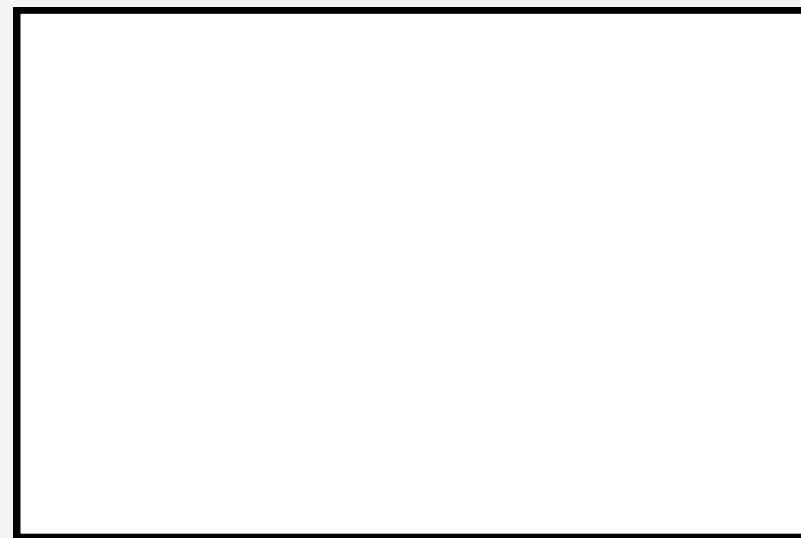
How did you know the service was starting?



Is your special person in the procession?



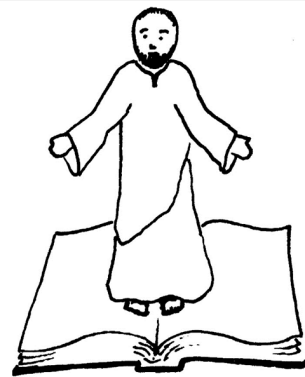
Can you count how many people are in the procession?



Whose clothes do you like the best?
Draw them here.

We read the bible

What are today's bible readings about?



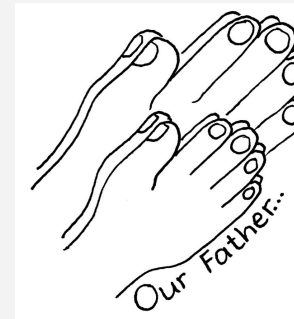
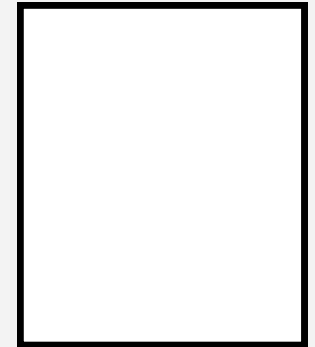
What is your favourite bible story?
Explain it here however you like.

Holy Communion

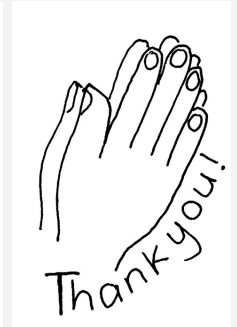
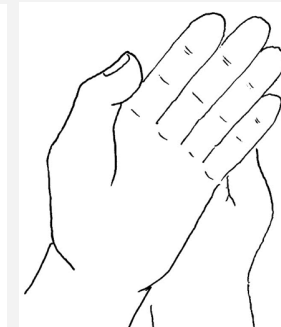
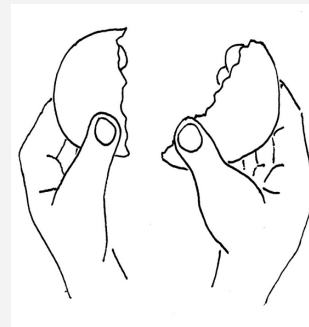
Jesus gave his friends bread
and wine, and said,
'Do this in memory of me.'

Look carefully at the altar.

Can you see what the bishop
is doing? What can you see?



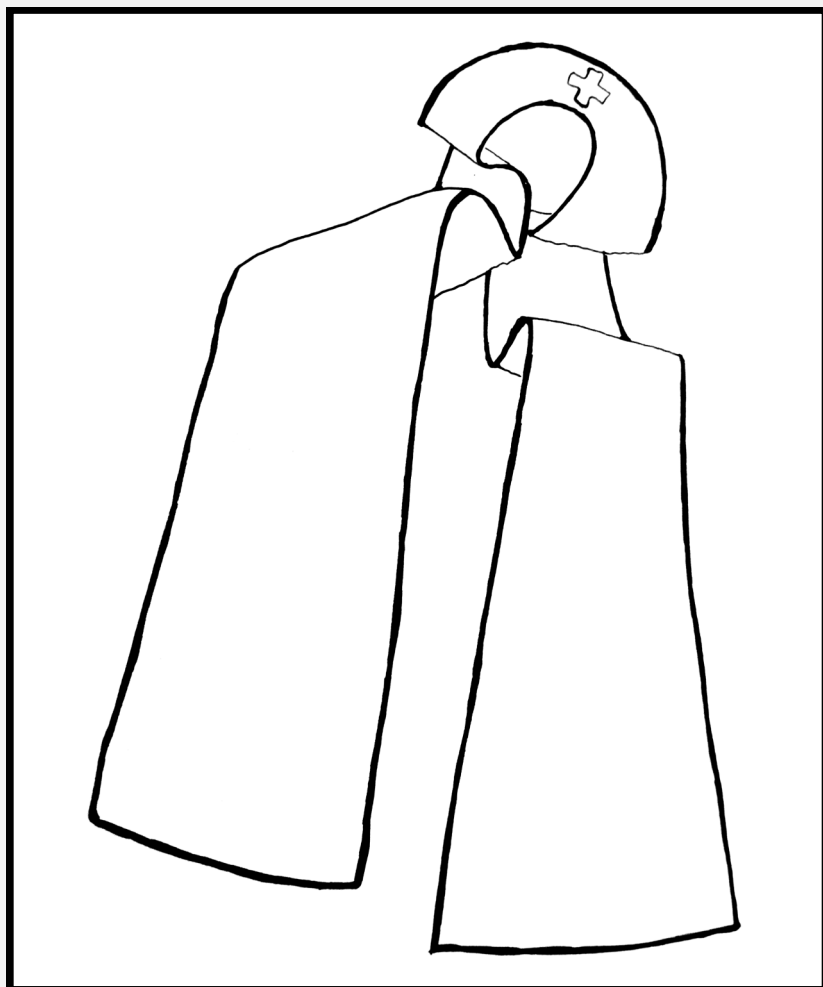
God loves us so much he
wants us to be his children.
So when we pray we can
call God 'Our Father'. It al-
so reminds us that we're all
God's children together.



God meets us and gives us his grace when we
have the bread and wine or a blessing.

Design your own stole!

This is your chance to design your own stole!
Usually stoles have a picture at the ends so people will see it, and also a little cross in the middle, which ends up near the shoulder or neck.
Some stoles are colourful all over.



Sermon Bingo!

Listen out for these words:

God	Jesus	Holy Spirit
Calling	Joy	Deacon
Priest	Vocation	Ministry
Serve	Love	Pray

Draw a circle around the word you find most special. What does it mean to you?

What would you like to ask the person who gave the sermon? There might be a chance to talk to them afterwards!

Ordinations

M S E G P R A Y E R
 P P S T O L E Q V H
 R I B X D D F W H O
 O R I M J E S U S L
 M I B G N P A R T Y
 I T L C H U R C H I
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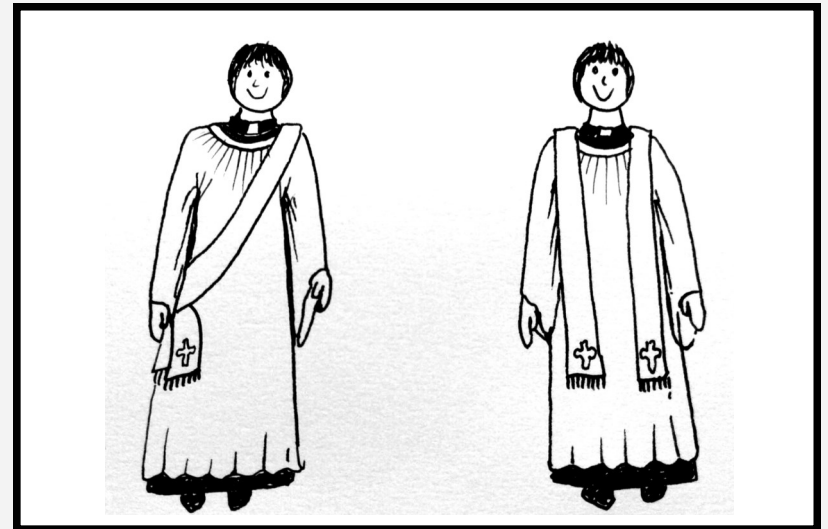
Word List

COMMUNION	PRIEST	CHURCH	BIBLE	PARTY
PROMISES	DEACON	SPIRIT	STOLE	HOLY
SINGING	BISHOP	PRAYER	JESUS	GOD

Stoles

After they are ordained, each new deacon or priest is helped with their stole. Can you see what is happening to the stoles?

Can you tell which people are deacons and which people are priests?

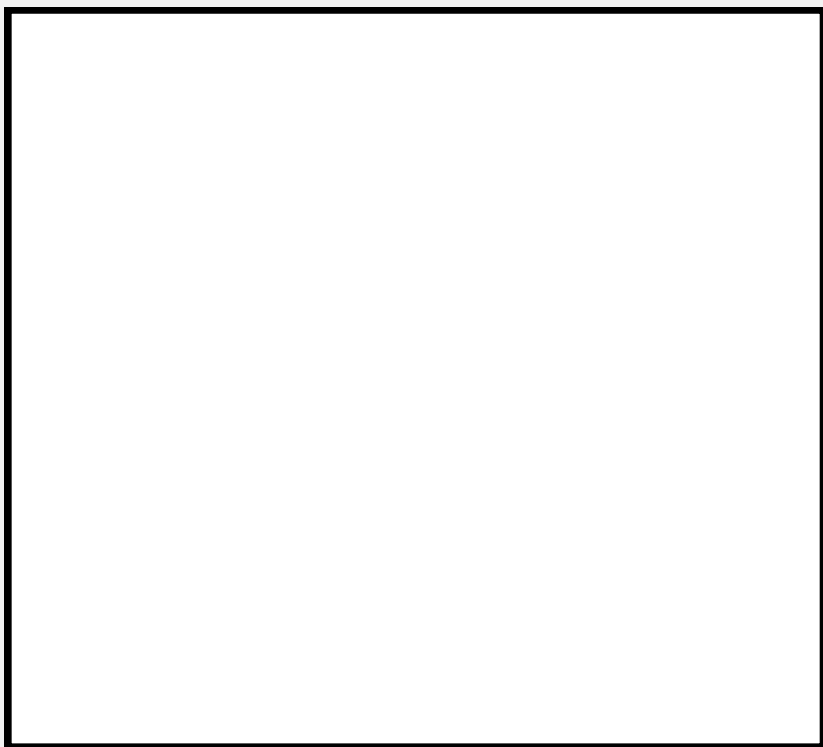


You might also see some people with long blue scarves. These are Readers (or Licensed Lay Ministers). They also have a special job to do, given to them by God.

There will also be a bishop. You can tell which one is the bishop: they will be the one with the pointy hat and the tall shepherd's crook.

The ordination

The people being given new jobs kneel in front of the bishop. The bishop lays their hands on each person's head and prays a special prayer. You might like to draw your own picture of this.



When someone is ordained priest, some of the other priests will gather around them to help lay hands on them. This can look quite strange!

Deacons and Priests

God has given people new jobs today. They might become a deacon or a priest.

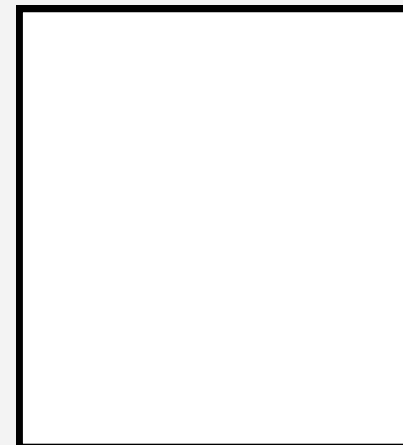
Everyone who follows Jesus has a special job, to declare how God has called us out of _____ into his _____ light.

(fill in the missing words when you hear them)

Deacons and priests help people to do their own special jobs. What is your special job? What do you do to help people?

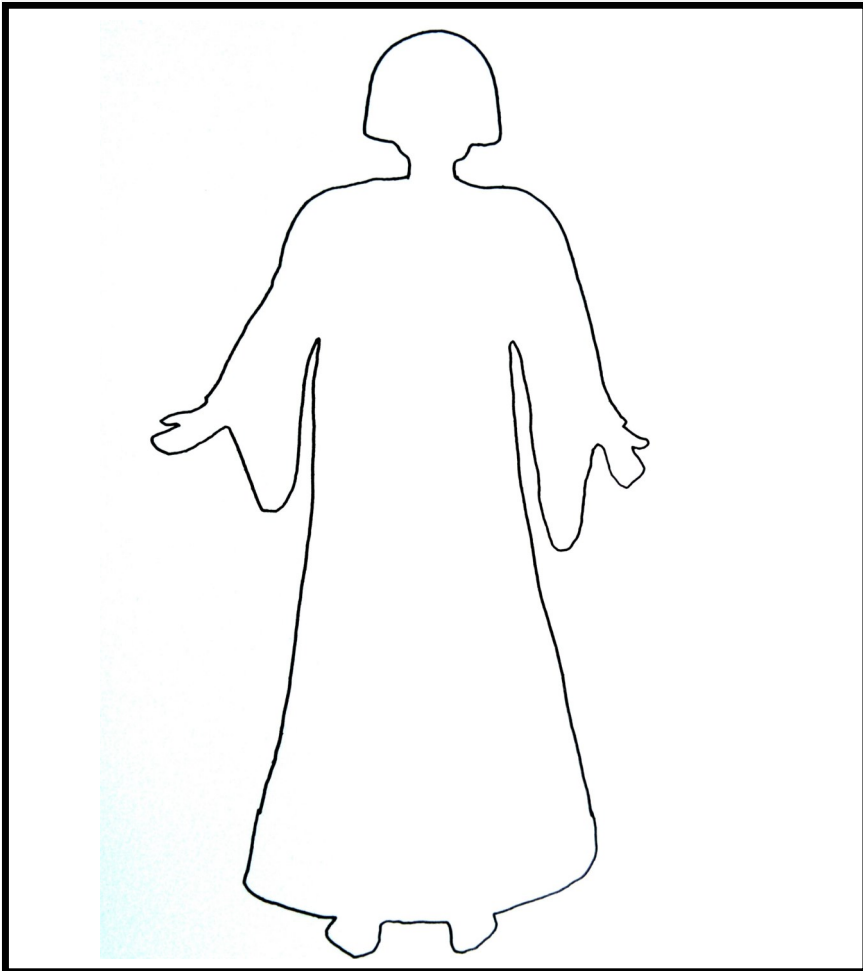


If you go to church, do you have a special job to do there? What jobs to people do in church that you'd like to try? Maybe you could ask!



What is a deacon? What is a priest?

Listen to the long description of what it means to be a deacon or a priest. Which words sound most special and important to you? Write them in the outline person. Around the person write things you can do to help your special person as they become a deacon or a priest.



Prayers

We talk to God to ask for help or to say thank you. Sometimes we use words, sometimes we stay quiet and listen. Listen to the prayers, and draw one thing that you hear:



Is there anything else you'd like to talk to God about?

