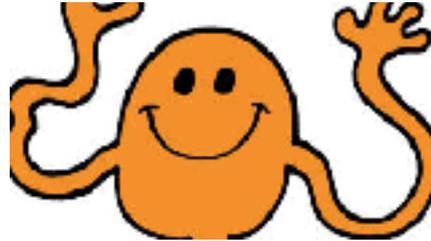


Who is the greatest?



Look at these characters; could you put them in a different order?

Try the tallest first and the smallest last?

Now the one with the smallest feet first and the largest feet last?

The biggest smile first and the smallest smile last?

The oldest first and the youngest last?

The longest arms first and the shortest arms last?

In today's reading the disciples are arguing can you find out what Jesus says when the disciples didn't answer a question as they were busy arguing?

Jesus was travelling through Galilee with his disciples. As they walked, Jesus explained that he was going to be betrayed, and that he would be killed, but would rise again. The disciples were confused. They didn't really understand what he was saying, but they were too scared to ask him questions. Instead, they began to argue among themselves.

Eventually, Jesus and the disciples arrived at a house in Capernaum. ❁ As they went inside, Jesus turned to the disciples and said, 'What were you arguing about on the journey?' They didn't answer because they had been arguing about who was the greatest, and they were very embarrassed. Sitting them down, Jesus tried to explain. 'If you want to be the greatest, you must be prepared to be the least important.' The disciples looked surprised.

He continued, 'You must be a servant to everyone.'



Jesus brought a little child to come and stand among them. He took the child in his arms and said to the disciples, 'Anyone who welcomes little children in my name, welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me, welcomes God.' ❁

Mark 9:30-37

❁ See Share the Word.

If you want to be the greatest, you must be the least important. Do you want to be the least important or the last in a line? That's hard, but Jesus says that's the way to win the prize.

Can you make a medal with 'last place' on it and then wear it?