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AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Who gets to be on Jesus team? The reading from the bible this week shows us that Jesus wants everyone on his team. He is ready to welcome everybody are we willing to be open like Jesus and welcome all people into our church family?

PICK YOUR TEAM



Imagine you are picking players to be on your team who do you pick

- The person who plays by all the rules and argues with anyone who doesn't.
- Your best friend. Who doesn't like the game.
- Someone you don't know very well but loves to play.

If God were picking he would pick anyone who really really loved to play. He doesn't look at peoples abilities, he also doesn't have favorites he loves everyone the same (which is loads). Instead he looks at peoples hearts, are they sorry for the things they have done wrong? Do they want to be better, kinder, more like Him? He also doesn't want anything to get in the way of people getting closer to him. Today's reading showed that God cared a lot less about what people were doing on the outside (by following the rules) and far more about what they were like on the inside (did they love God or not).

Dear Jesus,

PRAYER TIME

Help me to not look at people and see how they are different from me.

Lord let me look at their hearts and see them as you do. Help me to love people as you do. Help me to welcome them as you do. Amen

