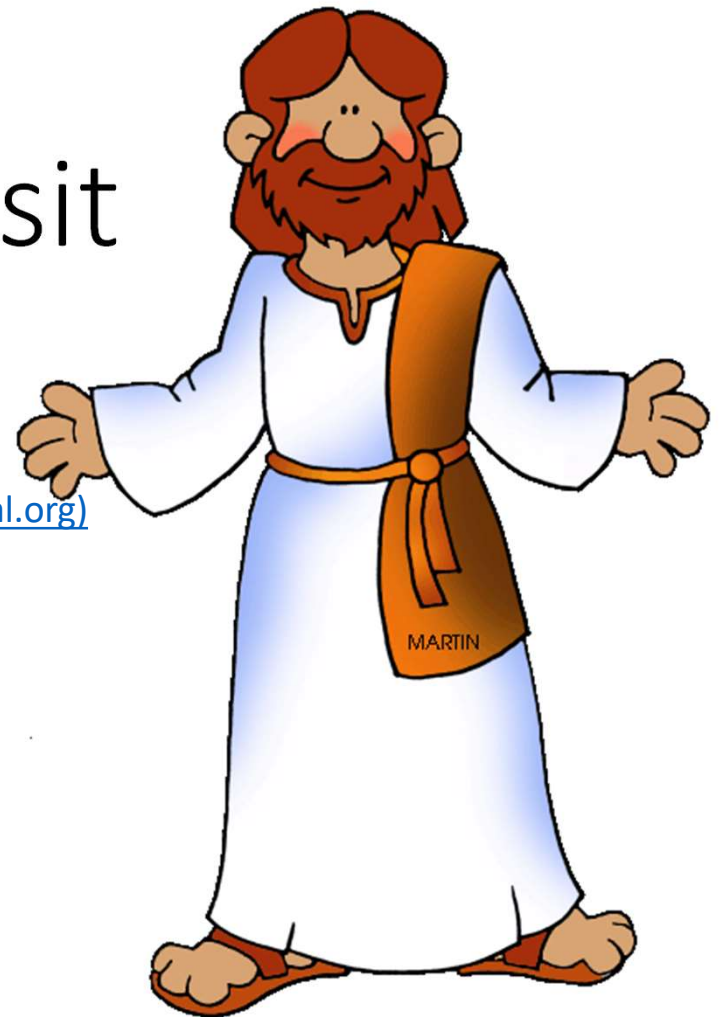


He welcomed us to sit  
and eat with him

[Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](http://cofeportal.org)

Children and Communion





# Paul and the Body of Christ

1 Cor 12:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free ...



# The Ely Report 1971\*

## Baptism

‘the full and complete rite of Christian initiation’

‘the effectual sign of the union of the church, and therefore of the individual, with Christ.’



*\*Christian Initiation: Birth and Growth in the Christian Society*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me'

Mark 10:13-16

Mark 9: 42



# The Passover meal



# The Early Church

- Acts
- Cyprian of Carthage
- Augustine
- Confirmation as separate rite



# The Early Church

- East and West
- Eastern Orthodox
- Western







# One Bread, One Body

Living Brook Benefice



# Why include children

- Rooted in the Church Report
  - Belonging
  - Equality

“The experience of belonging is the basis for nurture and growth in the Christian life”

On the Way 1995



# ComRes Research

- 56% of people who become Christians do so before the age of 11yrs
- 40% before the age of 5



What about...

Confirmation?



# Practical Issues

Process for admitting Children

