

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C –26th June 2022

Introduction

Today Jesus talks to the people about what it means to respond to His call to follow Him.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. (This helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.)

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. An adult lights the candles).

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”.

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)
Help us to be kinder.
Forgive us,
Forgive us.

Gloria

Choose a children’s version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children’s Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another CL resource. You will probably want to practice your chosen Gloria and use it every week so that everyone becomes familiar with it.

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia
Let Your Word grow
In our hearts
So we show Your love to others (same tune as above)
Living lives of goodness
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 91, Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 9:57-62

"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke".

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) **as we say together "Glory to You, O Lord."**

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **"The Gospel of the Lord"**.

All reply: **"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

Today's Gospel is not easy to explain to children.

It may be best to explain that Jesus does not mean literally that He does not have a home, but just that the disciples would have to be prepared to travel wherever they were sent to preach the good news.

He also does not mean that they should be unkind to anyone including family or friends, but is perhaps making the point that they should not hesitate to follow Him and to trust in Him fully.

You might want to discuss with the children that we are all called to follow Jesus and ask them what they can do to “follow Jesus.”

Examples may include: being kind to others, sharing, being obedient and helpful to parents, looking after each other and praying for each other.

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions for today:

Lord Jesus, help us to fill our hearts with kindness, gentleness, joy peace and patience.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Lord Jesus, help us to act with goodness each day at home and at school.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.