

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A– 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Preparation

If possible:

- Arrange candles, a crucifix and a Sunday missal or Gospel on a table.
- After CL today ask the children to draw a picture of a treasure chest, and help them cut out some coloured card in jewel shapes. Then help them to write on each jewel a good deed that they can do that is real treasure building God's kingdom and leading us to Heaven.

### Introduction

Today is the seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time. In the Gospel today, Jesus, again tells people parables to explain what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

If possible arrange a Candle, a Crucifix and a Sunday Missal or Gospel on a table. An adult lights the candles.

### Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Especially when our daily routines are different just now. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song".

We are sorry,  
Truly sorry,  
Heal us Lord,  
In Your love,  
Help us to do better,  
Help us to be kinder.  
Forgive us,  
Forgive us.

*(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)*

## **Gloria (Sung)**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of the Father.

Amen

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

*(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')*

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story,  
let us praise him for his glory.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

## **Gospel**

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew**

All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

**Matthew 13:44-46**, refer to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children'sLiturgy>

Just read the verses stated above –that is, the verses in bold type.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

**All say : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Lead a Discussion on the Gospel**

Ask children what they heard in this week's Gospel. Acknowledge and encourage them.

Ask the following questions:

Jesus told the people two stories to help explain what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. What did Jesus say? (He said that Heaven is like treasure buried in a field that was found by someone or like the finest of pearls).

Ask how the children would feel and what they would do if they found buried treasure? (Excited, happy, lucky, blessed...)

Ask what the man who found the treasure did and why they think he did this.

(The man was so excited and knew that nothing else he had could compare to the treasure, so he sold everything else so he could have the treasure).

Ask what the children have that they treasure (special toy, book, game, maybe a pet). Discuss why this is so special to them. Ask them how they look after their treasure – treat it with great care, etc.

The message from today's Gospel is that God's love for us is the greatest treasure and in order to be with God in the Kingdom of Heaven we must follow Jesus' example in the way we live.

Ask the children what does Jesus want us to do to live a good life in order to find the true treasure of God's love in Heaven?

(Be kind, helpful, generous, truthful, hard working, share with others....)

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, we pray that we will always treasure your love above all things and that we will live good lives as you wish us to.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

Lord, we pray that we may truly listen to your word and hear what we should do to follow you.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

Lord, we pray for our friends and family, that they are open to your grace and that together we can all build your Kingdom here on earth.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

## **Closing Prayer**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

AMEN