

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A– 2nd August 2020

Preparation

If possible:

- Arrange candles, a crucifix and a Sunday missal or Gospel on a table.
- Use some coloured paper to prepare a poster. Draw and cut out five loaves and two fish from different coloured card and stick to the poster. Use the poster as a focus point for the Gospel today.

Introduction

Today is the eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time. In the Gospel today, we see how Jesus takes care of all of our needs. He cured the sick and knowing that the crowds were hungry He worked another miracle to ensure that they were all fed. He took the little food that the disciples had – the five loaves and two fish - and with this fed more than 5000 people!

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,	(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)
Truly sorry,	
Heal us Lord,	
In Your love,	
Help us to do better,	
Help us to be kinder.	
Forgive us,	
Forgive us.	

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 14:13-21, refer to:

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

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.

Where was Jesus at the start of today's Gospel and why? (Jesus had heard that John the Baptist was dead and he had gone away in a boat to be alone and pray).

When Jesus reached the shore, what did He see? (Jesus saw a huge crowd of people looking for Him).

How did Jesus feel? Was He angry that the people were looking for Him? (Jesus felt sorry for the people, and He spent time with them, healing the sick).

What happened next? (The disciples wanted to send the people away as it was late in the day and they wanted to send them away to buy their own food).

What did Jesus say to the disciples? (He told them not to send the people away and asked them to give them food).

What did the disciples say? (They replied that they only had five loaves and two fish).

What did Jesus say? (Jesus told the disciples to get the people to sit down).

What did Jesus do? (Jesus took the bread and fish and blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples to feed the people. More than 5000 people were fed and there were 12 baskets of scraps left over).

Why did Jesus do this? (Jesus did this to look after the people. He showed the disciples that He is God and that if we place our trust in Him all things are possible! Even though it looked impossible to feed all those people with only five loaves and two fish, Jesus showed that nothing is impossible for God. He shows His love and compassion for the people, healing the sick and feeding them when they are hungry. He is also teaching us to share what we have with others who are less fortunate).

Ask the children if they remember to share with others? (maybe share toys with brothers, sisters, friends etc.)

Ask how they feel when they share and how they feel when their friends share toys, sweets etc. with them.

This week, try to remember to share with others and to take care of and look after each other just like Jesus.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, We pray that we will always be kind to each other, and share what we have especially with others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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

Pray together the “Our Father”

AMEN