Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A- 9th August 2020

Preparation

If possible:

- Arrange candles, a crucifix and a Sunday missal or Gospel on a table.
- There are instructions for a craft activity to make some paper boats on the website. If you prefer you can ask the children to draw a picture of the disciples' boat in the storm!

Introduction

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel today we learn that if we put our trust in Jesus all things are possible. When we are afraid, like Peter in today's Gospel, we just need to ask Jesus and he will rescue us too.

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 14: 22-33

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

What happened in the Gospel today? Where were the disciples and why were they afraid?

(The disciples were in their boat in the middle of the night when a storm took place and the boat was being tossed on the water).

Who did they see coming towards the boat and why did they scream?

(They saw Jesus coming towards them, but they were terrified as He was walking on the water and they thought that they were seeing a ghost).

What happened next? (Jesus said "Don't be afraid. It is I")

Then what happened? (Peter said to Jesus "Lord if it is really You, tell me to walk to You across the water." Jesus then tells Peter to walk to Him across the water).

What happens next? (Peter became afraid and started to lose faith in Jesus and started to sink into the water).

What did Peter do next? He called out to Jesus pleading "Lord save me" and Jesus reached out and took Peter's hand rescuing him.

What does Jesus say to Peter? (Jesus asks Peter why he did not have faith and believe in Him).

What can we learn from this Gospel? (To trust in Jesus, to remember that Jesus wants us to ask Him for help and that He will always help us. Jesus shows us that even in difficult situations or when we are afraid he is always by our side looking after us especially when we believe and call on His name. Just as Jesus calmed the storm and walked on water, nothing is impossible for God.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, We pray that we will always have faith in You and that when we call on Your name that You will always reach out to us and help us.

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