

Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C 21st August 2022

Introduction

Today Jesus talks to the people in parables explaining that God does not have favourites and that if you love God and do what is right you will be happy with Him in Heaven. Jesus tells the people that God sees what is in a person's heart and is not influenced by worldly riches or importance.

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, Praise the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Lord. (To tune of "If you're happy
As we listen to the story, and you know it.")
Let us praise Him for His glory,
Alleluia, Alleluia praise the Lord.(1)

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 111, Twenty- First Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 13:22-30

"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

What did the people ask Jesus?

They asked “ Will many be saved or only a few?”

They were really asking Jesus

“ What do I need to do to get to Heaven?”

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.

Discuss with children that God does not have favourites and that He loves us all. Explain that the things that world thinks of as important (money, possessions, beauty, being clever etc. are not what is important to God).

What matters is that we truly love God and one another and treat everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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.

References

1. The Complete Children's Liturgy Book. Katie Thomson, published by Kevin Mayhew. P349.