

## Twenty Fifth Sunday of Year C – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

### Introduction

Today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of honesty and the true treasure of our life- Jesus.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it 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, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)  
In Your love,  
Help us to do better,  
Help us to be kinder.  
Forgive us,  
Forgive us.

### Gloria (sung)

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.  
All we need, Lord  
Is Your Word  
Your Word gives life to all,  
Your Word sets us free,  
Alleluia,  
Alleluia. (same tune as above)

### **Gospel**

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 119 of "Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 16: 10-13

"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**

In today's Gospel, we hear about the importance of always being honest. Ask the children what 'honesty' means.

Discuss with the children times when they had to make the choice of being honest or not. (Maybe they have done something to a sibling and not been honest with their parents regarding this. Maybe they were not honest about an incident they saw in the playground or a time they took something that belonged to someone else, like a sweet perhaps.)

Ask them about the impact of somebody not being honest. (Perhaps it has made their parents sad or others feel that they cannot be trusted.)

Why are people dishonest at times? (They may gain some physical possession or temporary happiness from doing what pleases them). However, knowing what they have done is wrong they will generally soon feel guilty and bad about what they have done.

You will feel real happiness if you do the right thing and are honest. Your parents or teachers will be proud of you and God will be pleased with you.

Everlasting happiness comes from God alone, becoming true followers of Jesus, doing the right thing and living in the way that He taught us.

Discuss different scenarios with the children that involve them making the right decision and help talk them through the decision process.

### **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:

Dear Jesus,

Help us to follow your example and live honest and truthful lives. May we always strive to do the right thing when we are faced with making a decision.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

**Closing Prayer**

Let us pray to Mary our Heavenly Mother to help us to be good and honest as we say:

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace....

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children return quietly to sit with their families in church.