
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Vestment Colour: Green

PREPARATION

If possible arrange candles, a crucifix and Gospel/Sunday Missal on a table.

INTRODUCTION

Today we reflect on how Jesus is our teacher, who guides us to make the right choices, even when it is difficult. We will think about how important it is for all children around the world to have the chance to learn.

Make the sign of the cross- a sign of the love God has for us

Light the candles- an adult should do this

PENITENTIAL ACT

Adults and children ...think about how you have behaved in the past week. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful? Have your words been fair and kind?

Lead the children in the “sorry song”- sung to the tune of Frere Jacques

We are sorry,

Truly sorry,

Heal us Lord,

In your love,

Help us to do better,

Help us to do better,

Forgive us,

Forgive us.

GLORIA

You may choose to say or sing an appropriate adaptation of the Gloria from any children's liturgy resource.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

have mercy on us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel (sing to the tune of “if your 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.

Alternatively say

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth Lord, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (MARK 9:38-43,45,47-48)

Select the appropriate Gospel verses from the children’s lectionary. **You may want to concentrate on the earlier verses Mark 9:38-41 as the later verses may be confusing or frightening for young children. Depending on your knowledge of your group, you can choose whether to read the later verses.**

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark”

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, we speak God’s word and we 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”**

LEAD A DISCUSSION ON THE GOSPEL

Use open questions to encourage discussion and allow the children to say what they have understood from the Word of God. Use what, where how and why?

What do you remember about today’s reading?

John calls Jesus ‘Teacher’. What is a teacher? Who is your teacher?

Jesus came to teach the disciples, and all of us, about God, his Father. He came to show us the way to live our lives to please God and to help us know God better.

Do you believe Jesus is our friend, a teacher who loves us and cares for all of us always. I do!

How do we show that we are friends or followers of Jesus? What would Jesus like us to do?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

This is optional depending on time constraints. You can use bidding prayers prepared by the leaders or ask the children who or what they would like to pray for. Some suggestions are below:

Jesus calls for us to learn from Him and to love and care for one another. Let us remember this as we pray together:

We pray for all people throughout the world: that they may all have the chance to learn the skills they need for the future. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for all teachers: that God may give them wisdom as they guide us through life. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may willing to listen and learn from others and to follow Jesus' teaching in all that we do. Lord, in your mercy....

The prayer ends with “ **Lord, in your mercy**” – all respond – “**Hear our prayer**”.

ACTIVITY

Again, depending on the time available you might like to encourage the children to do what they can to care for others, to follow Jesus and learn from Him throughout the week.

CLOSING PRAYER

God of life, guide us as we learn and lead us to care for one another as your Son taught us to.

End with **Amen**

Select volunteers for the Offertory Procession. This not involved in the procession should quietly return to sit with their family or guardian.