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# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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Vestment Colour: Green

## **PREPARATION**

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

Today we hear Jesus teaching us about what marriage means. Jesus then blessed all the children brought to him. He taught the disciples how important it was to love as God as the children did. This is how we can enter the kingdom of God.

**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, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL (MARK 10:2-16)**

Select the appropriate Gospel verses from the children’s lectionary.

**“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?

**What** did Jesus say about marriage? (We need to be aware and sensitive to the fact that some children may have experience of divorce or separation of their parents).

**Why** did Jesus ‘scold’ the disciples? They were stopping the children and sending them away. We are all children of God even adults.

**What** did Jesus do? He blessed all the children brought to Him because He loves all His children.

### **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:

**We know that God loves us all, just because of who we are, and so together we pray:**

**We pray for world leaders:** that they work for peace in our world. **Lord in your mercy....**

**We pray for all children throughout the world:** that they find peace and stability in their lives. May they come to know the love of Jesus. **Lord in your mercy....**

**We pray for our parish, families and friends:** that we grow in our love of God and each other. **Lord in your mercy....**

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

## **ACTIVITY**

If there is time, use resources to complete an activity with the children. Possible resources are listed at the end.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, we pray for all married couples that they love and support each other through their married lives. May we all love God in the likeness of children.

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.

Useful resources <https://cafod.org.uk>Children-s-Liturgy>

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew

