

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Year C – 6th October 2019

Introduction

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story to help the disciples understand that if they put their faith in God anything is possible and that by living lives of faith the world will be a better place.

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.
In our hearts, Lord,
Plant Your Word,
Let Your harvest,
Harvest of Your Word,
Be good works
Alleluia. (same tune as above)

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on pages 125 of "Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 17: 5-6

"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

It was a very short Gospel today. Jesus told his disciples a story to help make their faith stronger. What did He tell them?

(Jesus said that if they only had very little faith as small as a mustard seed which is a very tiny seed – as small as a dot made by a pen- they would be able to tell a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea!)

Discuss with the children that Jesus is talking not about trees, but about the good effects of having and living lives of faith in God.

Discuss what are the good things that people will notice about us if we are living good lives with faith in our loving God?

How should we treat other people and each other if we are being faithful to God?

(Discuss, being kind, caring, honest, hard-working.....)

If we all live like this do think it will change the world? Will the world be a better place?

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 always to be kind and caring and to be generous with all the gifts that You have given us.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Let us pray to Jesus to help us to live lives of faith.

“Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in You”

(say three times)

Amen.

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