

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 19th January 2020

Introduction

Today we hear about how Jesus was shown as the chosen one, the Son of God, to a crowd at the River Jordan.

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,
In Your love, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)
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,
Jesus Lord
Lamb of God
You take away our sins (same tune as above)
The sins of all the world
Jesus Lord
Son of God

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 71 of "Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year A)

John 1:29-34

"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John".

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 the Gospel John the Baptist pointed the people towards someone else and said they know who this person is because they would see a sign. Ask the children what this sign was and what it represented. (They would see a Dove, a sign of Peace and the Holy Spirit above Jesus)

Why did this John the Baptist point this out to the people and what did he want them to do? (He was directing them towards Jesus and

reminded them that he is the one they must follow in order to gain eternal life)

Why is Jesus sometimes called the ‘Lamb of God?’ (Discuss with the children what happens to lambs and how they are often sacrificed. In the same way Jesus sacrificed His life for us all, meekly like a lamb)

Discuss with the children if they know of any other times the Holy Spirit appeared? (They might remember the Feast of Pentecost when the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire. They may refer to the Sacrament of Confirmation)

Jesus is the one we are directed to because He is the one we should follow as our example. We should try to lead others to Him too through our words and actions of love.

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 God, Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to us. Please help us to grow in love for You and stay close to You always.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Dear Jesus, Help us to bring the light of Your love to others we meet, by being kind and helpful.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit to help guide and direct us in all that we say and do. Amen.

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