

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C – 10th November 2019

Introduction

Today we hear Jesus speak about “eternal life” that is - everlasting life in Heaven. We are reminded that if we lead good lives we will spend eternity with God in Heaven.

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

God's Word lives

Living Word of God

Living in our hearts

Alleluia, Alleluia

(same tune as above)

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 135 of Sunday Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 20:27-28a, 34-38

"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 how Jesus was questioned by a group of religious leaders (Sadducees) about Heaven. Ask the children if they remember what the men asked Jesus.
(They asked how marriage works in Heaven)

Ask the children why they think the men asked Jesus this.
(They were trying to trick Jesus, to catch him out because they didn't believe what he was saying was true about everyone who leads a good life joining him in Heaven).

Jesus responds by reminding the men that Heaven is not like Earth. God does not see things the way we do and some things we accept because of our Faith although it may be a mystery to us.

Ask the children about things they believe in and know is true even though they have not seen it.
(Could use examples of far away places that they have never been to but know exist because they have heard stories about them).

With God, in Heaven everybody is treated fairly and as equals. It does not matter who they were married to on earth.

Discuss with the children some of the things on Earth that are not equal in the treatment of people.
(Maybe discuss the poverty some people face in other countries, the way boys only and not girls are educated in some countries or the way children and adults are treated differently).

In Heaven God treats everybody equally. He loves everybody equally with a love that we cannot comprehend. We know it is true and believe in eternal life in Heaven because of our Faith.

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,

Thank you for your unending love. We know that you are always with us in this life and in the next. Help us live our lives as faithful witnesses of your love.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray as we say together the “Our Father”.

“Our Father, who art in heaven

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