

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) – 18th June 2023

Preparation

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

Introduction

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus chose twelve of His disciples to be His closest helpers calling them His Apostles.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song".

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,...
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,
Forgive us.

(To the Tune of Frère Jacques)

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the Gospel Acclamation:
(Sing to the tune of 'If You're 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 (1)

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary .This week it's
on page 89 of "Sunday.Book of Readings.The Lectionary Adapted for
Children."(Year A)

Matthew 9:35-10:8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.Matthew

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 Oh 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

Ask the children what they remember from today’s Gospel.

Jesus was preaching to the crowds and healing the sick when He saw the numbers of people needing His help.

How did Jesus feel when He saw the people?

He felt sorry for them. He felt that they were like sheep without a shepherd.

What did Jesus say to His disciples?

He told them to pray to God to send more helpers to look after the people and spread God’s word.

What did Jesus do then?

He named twelve of the disciples and called them His Apostles – the first Priests.

St Peter was called to be the first Pope.

Jesus told the Apostles to bring the good news to the people and gave them the power to cure the sick and cast out evil spirits in His name.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us about God's great love for us. Help us to have the courage to share your teaching with our family and friends.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for loving us. May we lead lives of goodness so that we can help build the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Help us to love You as we should and to show your love to others- especially to those who are poor or sick or lonely. Amen.

References

1. The Complete Children's Liturgy Book. Katie Thomson, published by Kevin Mayhew. P349.