

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 20th Jan. 2019

Introduction

Today we remember the wedding feast at Cana, where through the intercession of Mary, Jesus worked his first miracle.

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.

At the wedding,

Mary said:

“Do what Jesus tells you,

Whatever Jesus tells you”, (same tune as above)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children’s Lectionary. This week it’s on page 67 of “Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children.” (Year C)

John 2:1-11

“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

Where did the Wedding take place? (At a place called Cana, in Galilee).

What happened at the celebration after the wedding that made Our Lady ask Jesus to help. (There was no wine left.)

Ask if any of the children have ever been at a wedding and discuss how they think the newly married couple would feel if they knew that there was no wine left to give to their guests?

What did Jesus say to Mary when she asked for His help?
(He said it was not yet time for people to know that He is God)

What did Jesus do to help. (He told the servers to fill the stone jugs with water and then ask the waiter to taste the liquid from the one of the jugs).

What miracle had Jesus worked? (Jesus had turned water into the very best wine!)

What can we learn from Mary's example? (Mary had perfect faith in Jesus believing that He would work a miracle to help. We should try to be like Mary and believe that Jesus will always help us when we ask Him and truly believe that he will help us even in the most difficult of situations.

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 to love and trust in You as Mary loves and trusts you. Help us to speak to You in prayer and have faith that You will always help us in the way that is best for us.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Dear Jesus,

Help us to remember to thank You with all our heart when we pray and to say sorry for all the times when we have not behaved as we should.

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.