

Family Liturgy – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 21 June 2020

“You are worth much more than many sparrows.”

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green, for ordinary time). Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and song
Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet.
Print out sheet if required



<https://pixy.org/src2/576/5760880.jpg>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today we hear Jesus saying to not be afraid because he loves us and will not let anyone, or anything hurt our souls. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of families and togetherness, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to us. Help us to hear Jesus' words to us and to understand and believe in them so to have eternal life. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (10: 26-31)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Don't be afraid of anyone!
Everything that is hidden will be found out,
and every secret will be known.

“Whatever I say to you in the dark,
you must tell in the light.
And you must announce from the housetops
whatever I have whispered to you.

“Don't be afraid of people.
They can kill you,
but they cannot harm your soul.
Instead, you should fear God
who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell.

“Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny?
But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground.
So don't be afraid!
You are worth much more than many sparrows.”

The gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the clips with the Gospel story of Jesus telling us not to worry.

<https://youtu.be/TvHqHzDuDcw> Do Not Worry (2.29 mins)

<https://youtu.be/B9Ojox83neo> Gospel Reading & Reflection - Matthew 10:26-30 (2.34 mins)

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder how the disciples felt as Jesus told them: "Don't be afraid of anyone"?

I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus told them that all secrets will be known?

I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus said to them: "Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light"?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said "They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul?"

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said "You are worth much more than many sparrows."

I wonder if the disciples were happy when Jesus said that even the hairs on their heads are counted.

I wonder what Jesus means when he says that God knows how many hairs I have on my head?

I wonder what Jesus is asking of me today?

Parent/Caregiver:

Let us pray quietly and listen to Jesus' message to us.

Let us think of how we can tell others about Jesus.

(pause for a moment)

Let us share with each other, one way in which we can tell others about Jesus.

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for our Church, especially for our new Archbishop, Patrick O'Regan: may he do great things for the church in Adelaide. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes: may they find the peace of Jesus in their heart and share it with everyone. Lord, here us.

3 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time, especially all refugees: may they always feel the presence of Jesus in their lives. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all the children who are hoping to celebrate the Sacraments: may their lives be blessed with families and sponsors who encourage them to find God in everyday life. Lord, hear us.

5 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will find eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of families and togetherness, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us. Amen.

Closing song: https://youtu.be/7hwSTq5_-Mc - It's A Happy Day- Yancy & Little Praise Party from Taste and See

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- Ask the children to write a prayer thanking God for loving the world so much.
- Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the story of Jesus talking to Nicodemus.
- Go to the following links to find crosswords & other children activities on the topic:
- https://sermons4kids.com/his_eye_is_on_the_sparrow_crossword
- http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/a-ordinary_time-12.PDF
- https://sermons4kids.com/his_eye_is_on_the_sparrow_jumble