



Child Protection Sunday 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday 13 September 2020



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Prayer Focus

A candle with a bible and several cut out heart shapes and hand shapes.

Introduction

The reading from the bible today reminds us of the importance of saying sorry to anyone we might be mean to. When someone we know hurts us or does something wrong that we feel uncomfortable about we need to let someone we can talk to know about what has happened and what we should do so that we do not get hurt again.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God you are good and kind. Teach us how to be kind and love our family and friends.

Scripture Reading

We are now going to listen to a story about Jesus from the bible. I would like you to listen carefully and try to remember one word that you might find interesting.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (18:21-35)

Peter came to Jesus and asked him, 'How many times must I forgive someone who does me wrong, Lord? Should it be as many as seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'Not just seven times, Peter, but as many as seventy-seven times!'

Then Jesus told a parable about the kingdom of heaven:

'There was once a king who had many servants.

One servant owed the king a great deal of money,
but he had nothing to pay him with.

“I will sell you and your family, as slaves,
and use the money to pay for your debts,” said the king.
The servant fell to his knees and begged for another chance.
“Somehow I will repay everything I owe,” he pleaded.
The king was a kind and generous man and,
taking pity on the servant, cancelled his debts and let him go.
Later that day, the same servant met another man who owed him a small amount of money.
When he could not pay what he owed, the servant had him thrown into jail.
When the news reached the king,
he sent for the unforgiving servant.
“Could you not forgive someone just as I forgave you?” he asked.
Jesus said, “This is how my heavenly Father, will treat you
unless you forgive others with all your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Notes

In today’s bible story Jesus is telling us that love and forgiveness are a very important part of our life. If someone hurts us by using hurtful words or touching us in a way that we don’t like we should always talk to someone we trust and that we know will listen and believe us. Your trust person will help you understand what is the best action that needs to be taken to help you.

When you talk to the person you trust, you can work out with their help what will be the best way for you to say sorry if you have hurt someone by unkind words or actions, or if the person you trust might need to talk to someone who has hurt you.

Jesus loves us and wants us to be safe and not sad or worried. That is why He has given us people we can trust who will help us through difficult things that might happen in our lives.

Discussion Questions

- What word or phrase did you hear (in the Gospel reading) that you thought was interesting?
- What could you do if someone hurts you by says something nasty to you?
- What do you do when someone touches you and you don’t want them to?
- What could you do if you say something hurtful to someone and you wish you hadn’t hurt them?
- Can you think of a person you trust and can talk to if you need some help because someone has hurt you by what they have said or done to you?

Activities Attached

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray for the children of the world.

1. For children who have been hurt by others: May they also remember that God loves them.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

2. For children who feel scared and alone: that because they know that Jesus does not want them to feel scared and alone, they will speak to a person they trust.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Loving God help us to be children who say sorry if we hurt someone and to ask help if someone hurts us and we do not know what to do. Amen.