

St. Joseph's Children's Liturgy of the Word

Year C weeks 19-26



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St. Joseph is the patron saint of the family, and the family is the “domestic Church.” These sheets were originally developed to support my parish of St. Joseph in Great Malvern, Worcestershire, but they are now used by parishes and schools not just in the UK, but some are sent to contacts abroad as well.

There are Four Dimensions of our Faith, and the activities all reflect one or more of each of these dimensions.

Professing the faith
(speaking about it and
learning the faith)

Celebrating our faith in
the liturgy and the
sacraments

Living the faith in Christ
(making choices by the grace
of Jesus Christ)

A prayer-filled life where
the Our Father takes
centre stage



August

Not all parishes hold Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions over August, but there are some lovely Gospels this month. One parish I know prints off the Children's Liturgy of the Word for people to pick up and do at home, so this might be something that you could consider doing if you don't meet with the children this month.

If you are meeting, please note that the Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions for the Feast of the Transfiguration (6th August) and the solemnity of the Assumption (15th August, which is a Holy Day of Obligation) are included in the August Saints and Celebrations. These are beautiful occasions, and you might want to just have a Children's Liturgy of the Word on these days if they fall on a Sunday, regardless of the usual weekly meetings.

Whatever you do, have a very blessed August and note – the word “holiday” originally meant “holy day” as they were the only days off work apart from Sundays (which is the original Holy Day).

September.

Back to school – starting school, September is a new beginning in the secular world. Maybe you have a new Children's Liturgy of the Word team, maybe there are new faces coming along as small children are old enough to join in.

There are some lovely Gospels this month such as the Good Shepherd, and the Rich Man and Lazarus. The feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross (14th September) is to be found in the September “Saints and Celebrations” edition, so do look it up there.

As ever, if you want to share photos of your work with the children please do send them to me. And also if you have information about local saints to you, I would love to add them to the saints and celebrations pages.

May God bless you in your ministry
Carol Ann Harnett

Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Gospel for 19th Sunday Year C

(This is the short version of the Gospel)

Luke 12:35-40

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps
burning,
and be like men who are waiting for their master
to come home
from the wedding feast,
so that they may open the door to him at once
when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants whom the master
finds awake when he comes.
Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for
service,
and have them recline at table, and he will
come and serve them.
If he comes in the second watch, or in the third,
and finds them awake,
blessed are those servants!
But know this, that if the master of the house had
known
at what hour the thief was coming,
he would not have left his house to be broken
into.
You also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you
do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R/: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Discussion on the Gospel

- ✠ Light a candle
- ✠ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ✠ Someone read the Gospel slowly

Today's Gospel is about being ready for Christ's return at the end of time. Being a Christian is not about "being good" but it's about living in hope of Eternal Life. That can come at any time – because we don't know when we will die, and we don't know when Christ will return at the end of time.

Q: Jesus gives us three examples of people being ready, what are they? (A: Men waiting for their master to return from a wedding feast, servants waiting for their master to return, and a householder being prepared for a burglar.)

Q: What will the master do when he gets back to his servants? (A: Put on an apron and serve the servants)

Q: If Jesus is our master, what does this mean about Jesus? (A: That He will serve us!)

Q: What does it mean, to serve someone? (A: To look after someone.)

Q: How does Jesus look after us even now? (A: He answers our prayers [like any wise person, the answer is sometimes no!] but above all He works in the sacraments to make us holy.)

Q: This Gospel is about getting ready for Jesus to come back at the end of time. How do we get ready for visitors at home? (A: Open.)

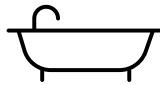
Q: If we get ready by cleaning and tidying up at home, how can we clean and tidy up ourselves? (A: Various – saying sorry when we have done wrong, going to Confession, helping at home, saying our prayers, telling people about Jesus.....)

Q: We wash at night before going to bed to make sure our bodies are clean, so we can have a daily "spiritual" wash. This prayer is called the *Examen* and it's a way of thinking about how close we have been to Jesus during the day.

Pray the examen now (miss out the references to the bedtime routine!) and then at night each day before going to sleep, you can think about each of these questions as you get ready for bed.

1. Become aware of God's presence.

(As you bath or shower) Become aware that Jesus is with you right now and that He loves you more than you will ever know.



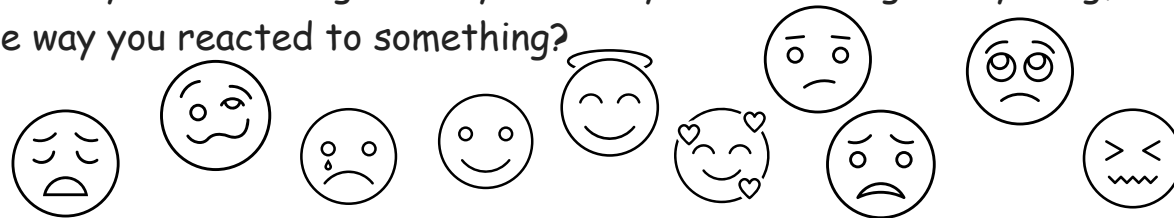
2. Review the day with gratitude.

(As you brush your teeth) Think about all the good things that happened during the day. What was the best thing to happen?

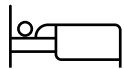



3. Pay attention to your emotions.

(As you put on your night clothes) Think about what made you happy and what made you sad during the day? Could you have changed anything, maybe the way you reacted to something?



4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.



(As you get into bed) Think about one thing from the day that you want to talk to Jesus about - maybe it was something that made you really happy - you can say thank you to Jesus,  or something that you did that hurt someone, and you can say sorry.



5. Look toward to tomorrow.

(As you go to sleep, [ZZzzzz]) Think about how tomorrow, which is a new day with fresh things to do, and that it's and another day to walk closely with Jesus.



Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Gospel for 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that
it were already kindled!
I have a baptism to be baptised with,
and how great is my distress until it is
accomplished!
Do you think that I have come to give peace on
earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.
For from now on in one house there will be five
divided:
three against two and two against three.
They will be divided, father against son and son
against father;
mother against daughter and daughter
against mother;
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law,
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R/: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Discussion on the Gospel

✠ Light a candle

✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

This seems to be a very shocking Gospel, and it was meant to be. For Jews, the family was the most important unit and so Jesus is saying that ultimately, loyalty to Him comes before loyalty to family. It's about putting Jesus first. Many, many, saints have done just that and if you take a look at the August Saints and Celebrations Sister booklet you will see that Sts. Margaret Clitheroe and St. Anne Line did exactly that. (see 30th August) The notes below suggest choosing one of these saints or another saint who stood up for their faith to the children.

Q: What did Jesus say that He came to do? (A: Cast fire on the earth.)

Q: Jesus talk about bringing division. What does that mean? (A: Splitting things up.)

Q: Who is Jesus saying might be split up? (A: Families – fathers against sons, daughters against mothers etc....)

Q: This all sounds very strange, haven't we been told to be loving? However, what Jesus is talking about is people being true to Jesus even if their families are not. At the moment you come to church because your parents bring you, but one day you will have to decide to come even if your Mums and Dads dot come. And that can be difficult. Let's listen to the story of one of these saints.

When you have retold that story you can ask the children to retell it and check that they have grasped the story.

Let's finish by asking the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to stay true to Jesus even if our family want us to do something else.

Write a prayer on the next page to the Holy Spirit asking Him to help you to stay true to Jesus even if others around us challenge us. (If you have young children who can't write, maybe end with a time of prayers asking the Holy Spirit to help us. Ask for ideas. Then they can colour in the images of Jesus.)



Dear Holy Spirit

Gospel for 21st Sunday Year C

Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord: R/: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Discussion on the Gospel

- ✠ Light a candle
- ✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

Many people have heard the saying about the difficulty of entering through the narrow door/gate. Some commentaries suggest that there were different sized gates into the city of Jerusalem and the narrow (pedestrian) gate was the easiest to access, but only one person at a time could pass through, whereas the wider gate where loaded camels and carts could gain access was further around. However, in the light of the rest of the Gospel, the message is that just going to Church does not automatically make us a Christian. A Christian is someone who has a real personal with Jesus, not just someone who performs his outward actions. It's a challenge for us all.

Q: What kind of door is Jesus talking about? (A: A narrow door.)

Q: Jesus is asked about who will be saved. What does "being saved" mean here? (A: Going to heaven and being with Jesus for ever and ever.)

Q: Jesus wants us all to live with Him in heaven but the way to heaven is through the "narrow door". Think of a house which only has a narrow side gate and no drive. What will happen if a big car tries to go through the narrow gate? (A: It will get stuck.)

Q: If you are in that car and want to visit the people in that house, what do you have to do? (A: Get out of the car and walk through the gate.)

Q: Walking through the narrow gate is more difficult and if you are carrying things you might have to squeeze your things through. Jesus is saying that we have to make an effort to get to know Him well so that we will enjoy being in heaven. One way of getting to know Him well is to spend more time talking to Him in prayer. What prayers do you know? (A: Open.)

Q: One way we can pray more effectively is to use our hands to give us a structure. We begin by praising God then thanking Him for what we have, then we listen to Him in the Bible, then think about what that means to us and finally, our own needs and intentions. Let's do that right now.

Either use the template on the next page to invite oral prayers (when you get to the tall finger just ask for suggestions of things that Jesus says in the Gospel today) or if working as a group, children can write out prayers on post-it and stick them to a large hand on a large piece of paper.

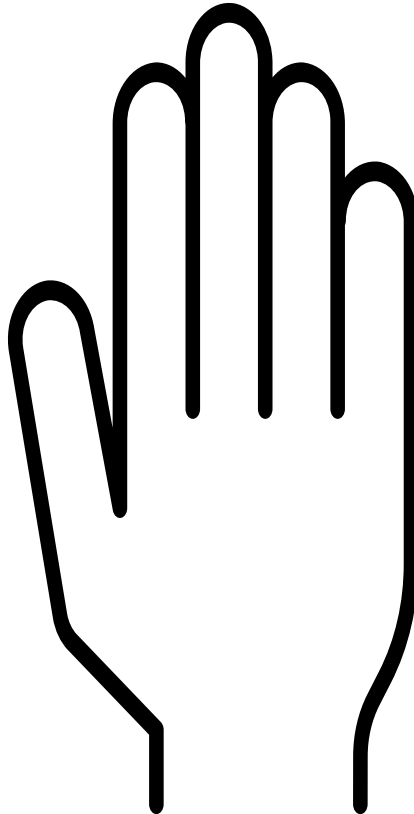
Index finger - list all the good things we have in our lives. Say thank you to the Father for these gifts.

Tallest finger - nearest to heaven. What from the Gospel can we remember?

Ring finger - commitment. How can I change after listening to the Gospel?

Thumbs up for God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit! How can we praise God?

Little finger - last but not last me... what do I want to ask the Father for in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit?



Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Gospel for 22nd Sunday Year C

Luke 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them,

‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you,

“Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

The Gospel of the Lord: R/: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Discussion on the Gospel

✠ Light a candle

✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

Today's Gospel challenges us to consider how we could act to support/have a party for those who would not otherwise have one... with younger children the focus is on recognising that our gifts and talents come from God.

Q: Where does Jesus say we should sit if we are invited to a party? (A: At the lowest place [the back].)

Q: What might happen if we sit at the back? (A. We might be invited to sit at the front.)

Q: The theme of the Gospel that of humility, what does “humility” mean? (A: Recognising that other people may be better than us at something and saying “well done” to them when they do something well... not boasting, but recognising that if we are good at something it is because God has given us that talent...)

Q: Who do we know is better than us at something? (A: Open.)

Q: What are we good at? [These are talents that God has given us] (A: Open.)

With younger children at this point, lead them in some prayers e.g., Thank you heavenly Father that X is good at football/Y is good at cooking/drawing/swimming etc Then they can draw pictures of themselves doing what they are good at.

Q: If we are having a party, who do we invite to our party? (A: Our friends.)

Q: Who does Jesus say that we should invite? (A: The poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.)

Q: What does Jesus ask us to do this? (A: Various, e.g. Because maybe they don't get invites to parties...no one like/cares about them)

Q: Apart from inviting people who are poor or with disabilities to parties, how else can we help them? (A: Various, e.g. fundraising for charities that support the poor etc or maybe putting on a party at church for people who don't have many friends....)

Finish with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to inspire them what to do, then on a large sheet of paper “brainstorm ideas.

This is me using the gifts my Heavenly Father has given me:

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for my gift
of _____

Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Discussion on the Gospel

Gospel for 23rd Sunday Year C

Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."

Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R/: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

✠ Light a candle

✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

"Hate" in our cultural situation is a strong word. Jesus here is saying that we need to put Him first and when our relationship with Him is in order then our relationships with everyone else are in order. This is emphasised by the concluding line of these parables. (Note below "sins" are referred to as "bad things" – don't say "mistakes" as a mistake is not a sin. A sin is a bad thing that we do knowingly, or a good thing that we know we should do that we don't do.)

Q: Today's Gospel is about what it means to be a disciple (friend) of Jesus.

What does Jesus say that we have to do if we want to be a disciple? (A: "Hate" our family, take up our cross, plan ahead, give up our possessions.)

Q: This all sounds very drastic. What Jesus is saying is that we need to put Him first. When we put Him first, then we can love our families and friends as He does. How can we put Jesus first in our everyday lives? (A: Open, e.g. say "good morning" to Him when we wake up, say thank you to Him for our meals, tell him about our worries and troubles, read Bible stories, go to Mass on Sundays...)

Q: Jesus realises that we need to plan ahead to be a disciple. So, we need to think about times when we might be tempted to do bad things (sins). What sort of sins (bad things) might we be tempted to do? (A: Open. You might like to give examples, such as when going to school, fighting with brothers and sister, helping ourselves to biscuits, not helping laying the table when asked...)

Q: If we know that we might be tempted to do something that is bad, (or not do something which is good) what might we do to prepare for these times? (A: Open, but again you might need to help, such as if we know that Mummy is going to ask us to lay the table we can make sure that we finish playing on time, or we know that she is going to ask us to tidy our room we can tidy it first....)

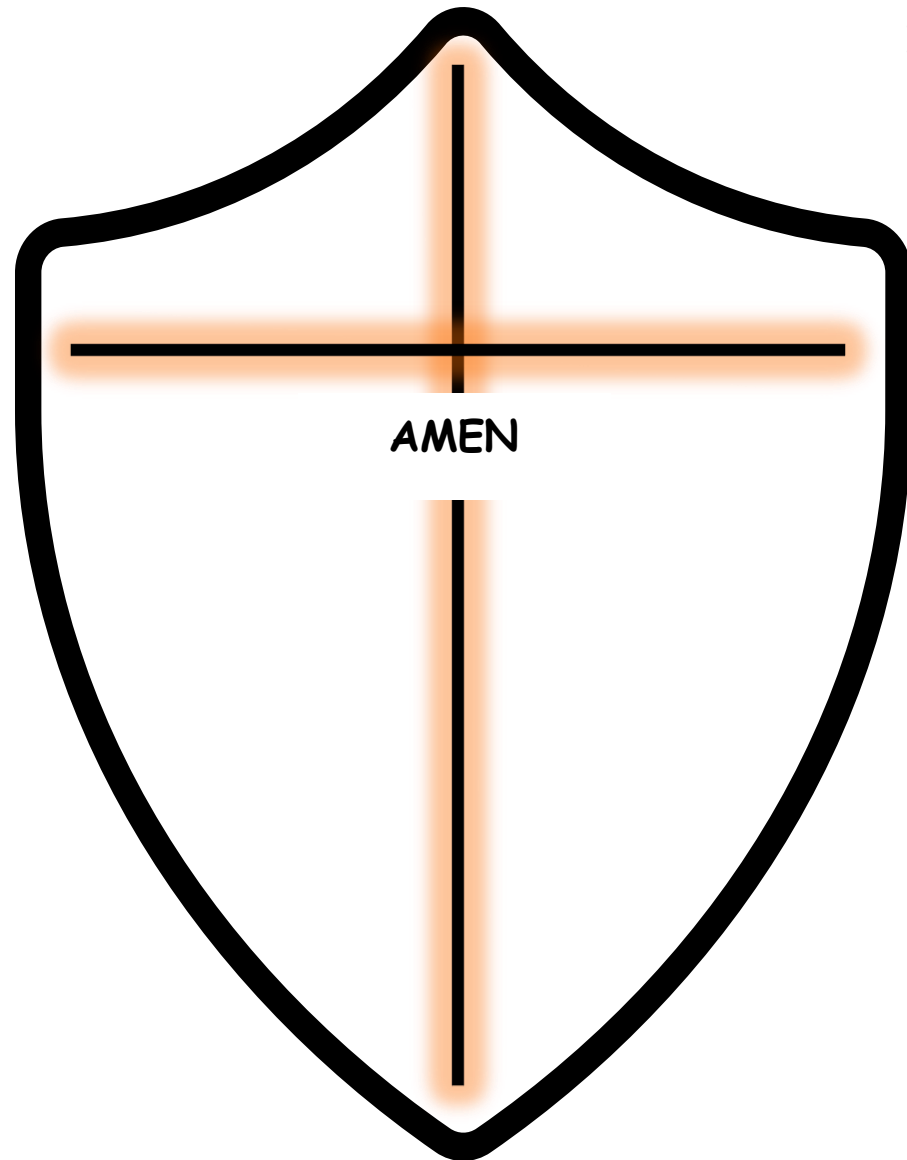
Q: When we prepare for challenges to our faith in Jesus it's like carrying a shield. When we make the Sign of the Cross it's like we put that shield up to protect us from doing wrong things. Let us now very slowly make the Sign of the Cross as a shield of protection. It would be a good idea to have a small dish of holy water and invite participants to dip their fingers in and slowly and carefully make the Sign of the Cross. This may also be a chance to demonstrate how the Sign of the Cross is made.

I make the Sign of
the Cross as a
protection when I
am tempted to sin.

In the name of the Father...

*Decorate this shield and then
draw a picture of Jesus hugging
you on one side and then on the
other, a picture of you hugging
someone in your family.*

And of the
Holy....



Spirit

And of the Son...

Gospel for 24th Sunday Year C

Luke 15:1-10

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

'What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

'Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R:/Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Children's liturgy of the word for this week



✠ Light a candle

✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

These little parables lead up to one of Jesus' greatest parables, "The Prodigal Son", all of which are about coming back to God. In these two, the emphasis is on God seeking us out. Our life of faith is not so much us seeking God, but hearing and responding to His call to repentance. And how heaven rejoices when we do! (The Prodigal Son is in the long reading. I've chosen to focus on these two little parables as they are less well-known).

Q: What did the man with 100 sheep do? (A: Leave 99 sheep and look for the missing one.)

Q: What did the woman who has lost her coin (drachma) do? (A: Turned the house upside down looking for it.)

Q: When the shepherd found the lost sheep what did he say? (A: "Rejoice with me".)

Q: What did the woman say when she found her coin? (A: "Rejoice with me".)

Q: What does "Rejoice" mean? (A: Celebrate, have a party, be really pleased....)

Q: Jesus says that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over the 99 "virtuous" (good) people. What does He mean? (A: That the Father, along with all the saints and angels in heaven are really happy and excited when we say sorry for the bad things (sins) we have done.)

Q: What is a sin? (A: Something that we do on purpose that is wrong, or something that we don't do that we know we should do.)

Q: What does "repent" mean? (A: To be sorry [not just saying sorry but to **be** really sorry and to not **want** to do the bad thing again].)

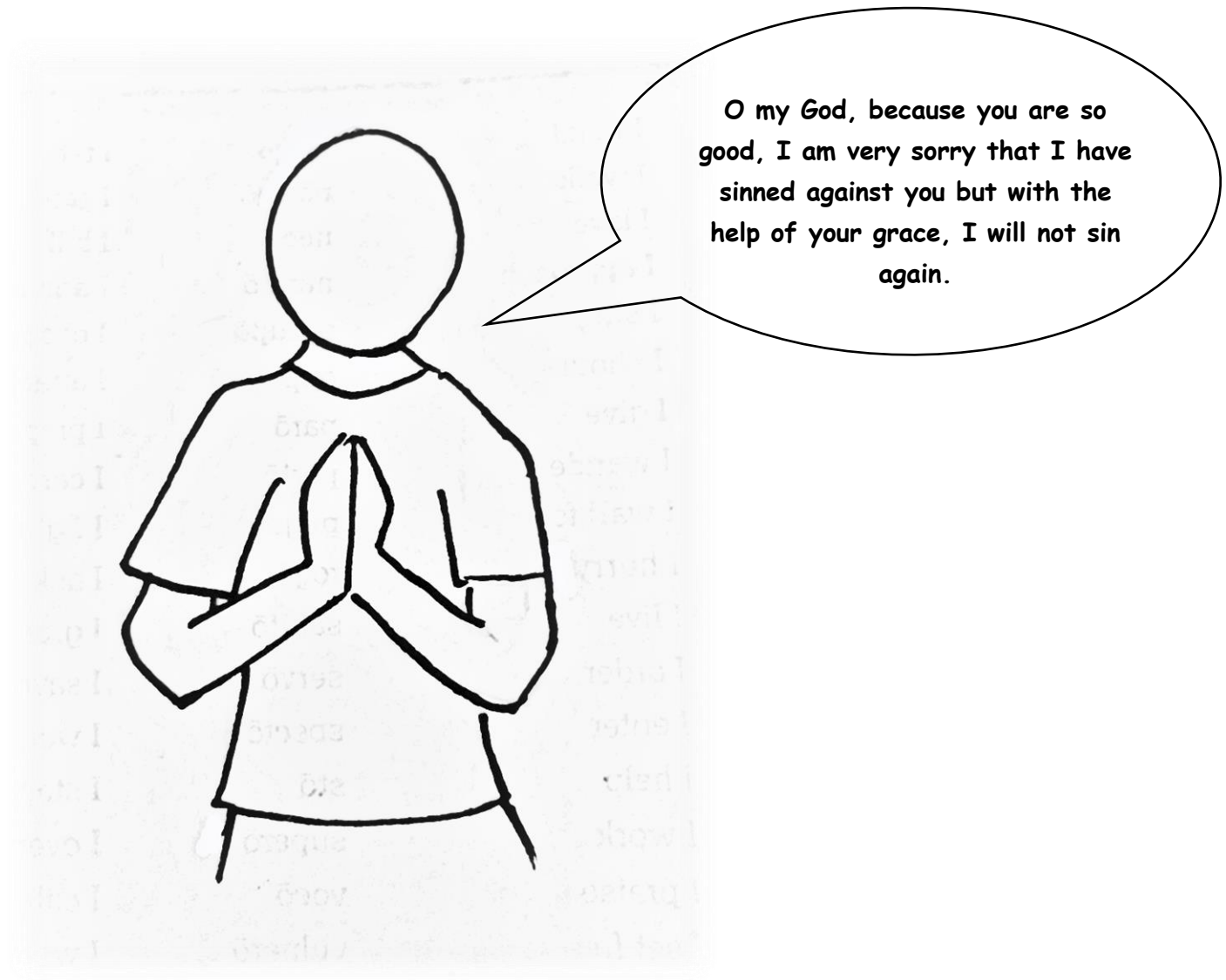
Q: Why does God want us to repent of our sins? (A: When we sin, we separate ourselves from Him and we have been created to be close to Him. When we repent, we get close to Him again.)

Finish by saying the Act of Contrition together:

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you but with the help of your grace, I will not sin again.

On the next page, make the person look like you and then draw angels (with wings) and saints (with halos) all around you celebrating as you say the Act of Contrition, and mean it.

The angels and saints rejoice when we turn back to God and say sorry to Him.



Children's liturgy of the word for this week



Gospel for 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Luke 16:10-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples,
'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?
No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and money.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R:/Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Discussion on the Gospel

- ✠ Light a candle
- ✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

This is the shorter version of today's Gospel, and it omits the rather confusing and often mis-understood parable of the dishonest stewards. The focus here is on getting a balance – the more time we spend worrying about earthly things, the less time we spend in prayer. The suggestion is to help the children to think about all their possessions as gifts from God and to thank Him for them. The more we realise that what we have is pure gift, the less attached we can be to these things (in theory!!!!) Slightly older children may need a chain of origin... e.g. my Mum bought my clothes with money she was paid at work who got the money from people who bought things, which were made by others from the world's resources.... Back to the fact that God is the source of all creation. Everything we have comes originally from creation – man only re-creates.

Q: Jesus starts by talking about trust. What does trust mean? (A: Being able to rely on someone.)

Q: Jesus then says that if we can't be trusted to look after the things we have on earth, then how will we be able to look after "genuine riches". How do we look after the things we have on earth, our toys, clothes etc? (A: Open.)

Q: How do we look after our toys and the things that we have? (A: Open.)

Q: Jesus then says that "genuine riches" are really worth looking after well. What does He mean by "genuine riches"? (A: Heavenly graces, and the ability to love God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit...using the talents and gifts He has given us to be loving to other people...using our gifts well and wisely...)

Q: Jesus ends by saying that we can't love both God and money. Of course, we need money to live, but we also need God. If all we focus on is money and things, then we are not focussing on God. If we give time to God, then we are not completely worrying about things. Many of the saints tried to live without having "things" around them to worry about. To help us be more balanced we can just say "Thank you to God for all the things that we have. What things would you like to thank God for now? (A: Open, but if they are not sure you can say "Who has a bed to sleep in, shall we say thank you God for our beds? Etc....)

There are two templates on the next two pages. Older children may want to write or draw their own thank yous; younger children can use the sheet with pictures already there. (If you print them back-to-back the children would have a choice.)

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for
the gift of a....

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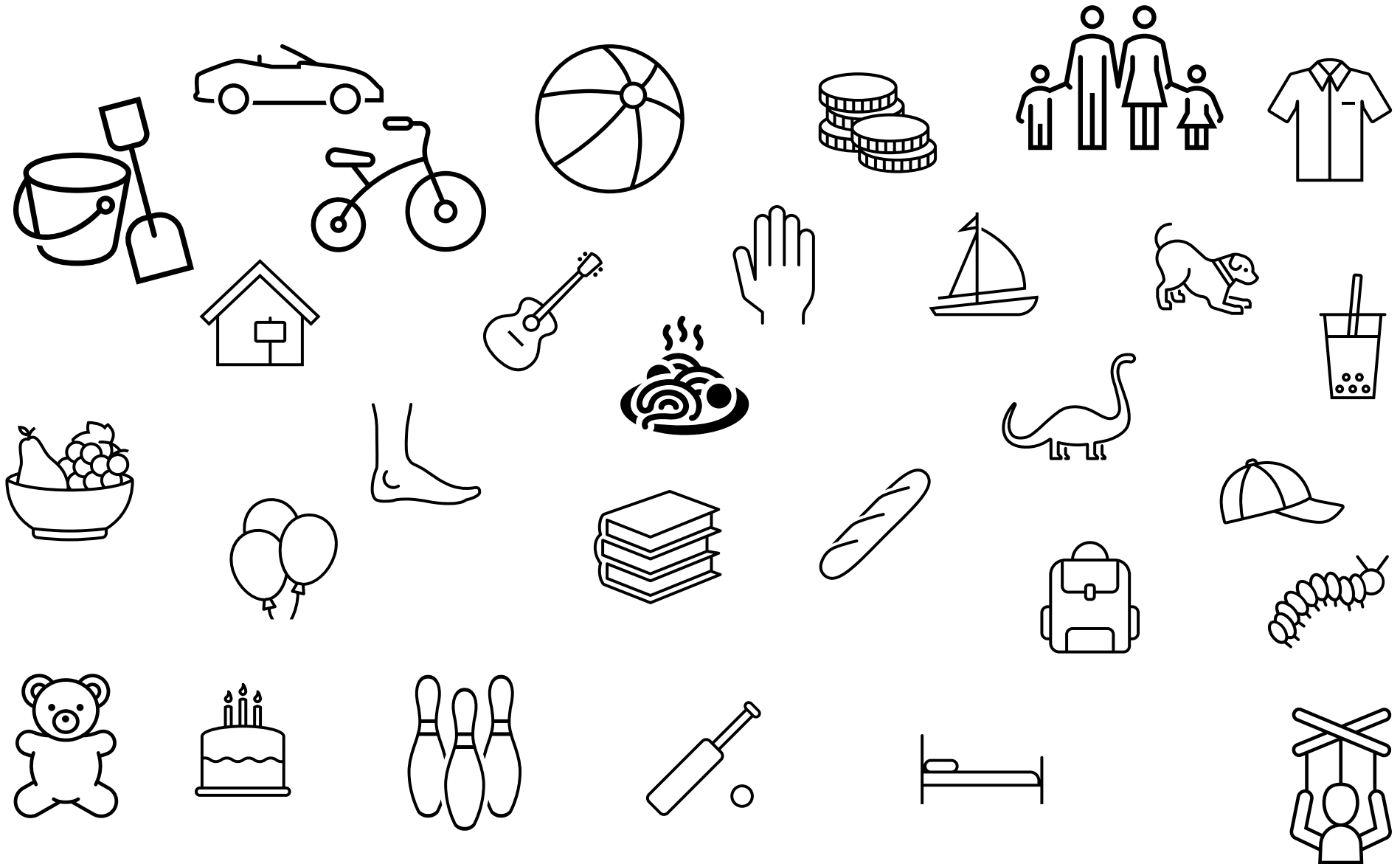
Thank you, Heavenly Father, for
the gift of a....

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the
gift of a....

**Heavenly Father,
thank you for all the
things that I have.
Please help me to
recognise that
everything I have
comes originally from
you and that if I
worry about "things"
then I am not able to
spend time talking to
you in prayer.**

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the
gift of a....

Thank you, Father God, for these things which I have. Thank you for the people who gave them to me. (Colour in the pictures of what you want to thank God for)





Discussion on the Gospel

- ✠ Light a candle
- ✠ Introduce the Gospel liturgically

Last week we were warned about not replacing money and wealth with God and this week we see the consequences of doing just that. Note that the rich man did not abuse Lazarus – He ignored Him! Note also the final line – Jesus of course did rise from the dead and still people do not believe this!

Q: What did the rich man wear and do? (A: Wear purple [only the rich could afford clothes dyed in this colour] and ate a lot.)

Q: How can we describe the man at his door? (A. Poor, covered with sores, hungry....)

Q: What happened to the poor man when he died? (A: He was carried away into the arms of Abraham [in heaven].)

Q: When the rich man died, he went to hell and was in agony. What did he ask Abraham for? (A: That Lazarus might come and cool him down.)

Q: This is so cheeky – what did the rich man do to help Lazarus when he was in pain at the rich man's door? (A: Nothing.)

Q: What did Abraham say to the rich man as an answer? (A: Good things came his way in life – bad things came to Lazarus – now it's his turn to have good things.)

Q: At last, now the rich man begins to think of others and wants his brothers to be warned. What did he ask Abraham? (A: That Lazarus should come back and warn his brothers.)

Q: What was Abraham's response? (A: That if they hadn't listened to Moses and the prophets, they would not believe someone who had risen from the dead.)

Q: Who did rise from the dead? (A: Jesus.)

Q: When we stand up and say the Creed at Mass, we say that we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Let us pray the Apostles creed together and let's say the line about Jesus rising from the dead really slowly. Who are we going to tell that Jesus rose from the dead?

Gospel for 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C,

Luke 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame."

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us."

And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord: R/: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the
Virgin Mary', all bow.*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
**on the third day he rose again from
the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty;**
from there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He first appeared to
St. Mary Magdalene. Can you draw a picture of Him
meeting her outside the tomb. St. Mary Magdalene is
always drawn holding a jar of ointment. St. Mary
Magdalene told the other Apostles about Jesus rising
from the dead. Who are we going to tell?