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October 3, 2021 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD PUTS PEOPLE INTO OUR LIFE.

LEARN

Read Bible: Genesis 2:18-24 — Catholic Children's Bible page 24



Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him." So he took some soil from the ground and formed all the animals and all the birds. Then he brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and that is how they all got their names. So the man named all the birds and all the animals; but not one of them was a suitable companion to help him.

Then the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep, and while he was sleeping, he took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh. He formed a woman out of the rib and brought her to him. Then the man said,

"At last, here is one of my own kind—
Bone taken from my bone, and flesh from my flesh.
'Woman' is her name because she was taken out of man."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one.



Did You Know?



A very long time ago, God created the first man. His name was Adam. God wanted Adam to be happy, but he saw that Adam was alone and that this was not good for him. So God made a woman named Eve to be his companion and friend. Adam and Eve were the first couple.

DISCUSS & DO



Remind your children that God does not want us to be lonely, so he put family, friends, and other people in our lives. That God loves them so much that he has put you, as parents, into their lives to care of them. Remind them how much you love them.

For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Have them draw a picture of someone (e.g. grandparent, sibling) that God put into their life.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Have your children list as many people they can think of that God put into their life. Talk about a time when they felt lonely and how nice it was to have someone there with them. Have them thank God for that person.

Additional weekly activities for all ages can be found online:

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PRAY



Thank you for putting people in my life to love and care for me. Amen.

October 10, 2021 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JESUS WANTS US TO PUT HIM FIRST.

LEARN

Read Bible: Mark 10:17-27 — Catholic Children's Bible page 1548



As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.'"

"Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around at his disciples and said to them, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle."

At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God."



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Watch Video — Follow Jesus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsHTvUo8k0Q>

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DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children that God does not want us to keep us from having stuff or doing things we love. He just wants us to put God first above those things we love. Following God should be more important than anything else in our life.

For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Talk to your children about what things or people they love and how it is nice to share them with others.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Have your children write (or draw) what they love: things, people, activities. Ask how they will be different this week if God is the most important thing in their life. Help them come up with real examples: e.g. spend less time with media so as they can be with a friend, or eat less of a favorite food so they can share it with someone else.

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PRAY



Dear God, thank you for everything you have given me to make me happy. Help me to put you first above everything else in my life. Amen.

October 17, 2021 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST.

LEARN

Read Bible: Hebrews 4:14-16 — Catholic Children's Bible page 1898



Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God—Jesus, the Son of God. Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.



Did You Know?



A high priest was the chief priest in the Jewish religion. He worked in the temple, burned incense, and made offerings to remove people's sins. Jesus was the perfect High Priest. He offered himself up on the cross to remove our sins, so we could be closer to God.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children "God's throne refers to heaven, where there is grace." "Grace" is a gift of love freely given by God that invites us to be with him. How wonderful that God wants us to be with him in heaven and on earth. We show our love to God by praying to him. We can pray in many ways: thinking quietly, saying words loudly, singing, and reading the Bible. We also can pray in many different places: in church, in the car, outside, on the couch, at the dinner table, in bed.

For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Where is your favorite place to pray? What is your favorite way to pray? Now, let's say a prayer in your favorite way.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Let me tell you about a time when God gave me grace and helped me when I needed it. Can you tell me about a time when God helped you? What is your favorite way to pray? What place will you begin to pray where you never have prayed before?

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PRAY



Dear Jesus, you showed how much you love me by dying on the Cross to make up for my sins. Teach me how to pray. Thank you for being a great High Priest and for opening up heaven for me. Amen.

October 24, 2021 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JESUS WANTS US TO HAVE FAITH LIKE THE BLIND MAN

LEARN

Read Bible: Mark 6:46-52 — Catholic Children's Bible page 1549, 1552



They came to Jericho, and as Jesus was leaving with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"

Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up!" they said. "Get up, he is calling you."

So he threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

"Teacher," the blind man answered, "I want to see again."

"Go," Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well."

At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.



Watch Video

(Younger Kids) **Tiny Bible Treasures – Blind Bartimaeus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsyYuUeAMVw>

(Older Kids) **Do You Want to See?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-etQCme8Ls>

(Find clickable link on our Family Faith Formation Page under "Faith in the Home.")

Did You Know?



Jericho is one of the oldest cities of the world and was there thousands of years before Jesus was on earth. It has been called the city of palm trees.

DISCUSS & DO



Tell your children you are going to draw something on a piece of paper and they will have to guess what it is ... first with their eyes closed, and then with their eyes open. Use this activity to discuss how hard it is to guess what you are drawing when they cannot see.

For Preschool-K

SAY: It is hard to see what I drew with your eyes closed, isn't it? The blind man in the story could not see. It was like he had his eyes closed. When the blind man asked for help, Jesus helped the man see. Jesus will help us if we pray to him and ask for help

For Grades 1-5

SAY: Was it hard for you to guess my drawing with your eyes closed? Wasn't it so much easier when your eyes were open and you could see? Imagine how hard it must have been for Bartimaeus to be blind all the time. When Jesus came by on the road, Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could cure him and shouted out his name. Like Bartimaeus, Jesus can help us too. We just need to have faith, recognize he is near us, and ask for his help

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PRAY



Dear Jesus, I know you love me. Even though I can see with my eyes, help me have a strong faith and courage like Bartimaeus and ask you for help when I need it. Amen.

October 31, 2021 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND STRENGTH

LEARN

Read Bible: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 — Catholic Children's Bible page 253



As long as you live, you and your descendants are to honor the Lord your God and obey all his laws that I am giving you, so that you may live in that land a long time. Listen to them, people of Israel, and obey them! Then all will go well with you, and you will become a mighty nation and live in that rich and fertile land, just as the Lord, the God of our ancestors, has promised.



“Israel, remember this! The Lord—and the Lord alone—is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Never forget these commands that I am giving you today.

Watch Video

Kids Life -The Greatest Commandment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sTcUkjNdRQ>

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Did You Know?



Deuteronomy means “second law” and is the fifth book in the Old Testament. Moses explains the law a second time to remind the people of Israel the things that God wants and the Ten Commandments.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain that God wants us to love him completely. To do this, we must put him at the center of our lives, more than anything else we might love. Have your children use a white board, poster, piece of paper, or computer for this activity:

<https://www.growingkidsforthe kingdom.com/teaching-kids-love-god>

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For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Work closely with your children to write on the heart what they love. Ask questions to help them prioritize those things on the heart. Leave space in the middle to show them that God is in the center of everything.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Have your children write on the heart what they love. Leave space in the middle to show them that God is in the center of everything. Ask questions to help them prioritize those things on the heart. Then, ask how they can integrate God into their lives in relation to one thing they love.

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PRAY



Dear God, help me to put you first in all that I do. Help me to love you with all my heart, and soul, and strength. Amen.

MORE Faith in the Home

FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Week of September 26

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX - OCTOBER 1

St. Therese lived in France in the late 1800s. As a little girl, she loved God with all her heart and prayed by talking to Jesus and Mary. She showed that we honor God by doing small things for others. The rose is a sign of her love and prayer, and she is known as the Little Flower. “St. Therese, pray for us.”



Week of October 3

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - OCTOBER 4

St. Francis was born Italy in the 1100s. He was so full of joy and is the most loved saint of all time. St. Francis treated plants, animals, and the whole Earth with great care. He also loved the poor and people in need. “St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.”



Week of October 17

SAINT LUKE - OCTOBER 18

Saint Luke was born a Greek and then became a Christian. He was a doctor who traveled with St. Paul to Rome. St. Luke also wrote books in the Bible called the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In them, he talked about his mother, Mary, and Jesus' love and concern for the poor. “St. Luke, pray for us.”

