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November 7, 2021 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Working Through Elijah, The Lord Provides For The Widow

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Read Bible: Read 1 Kings 17:10-16 - Catholic Children's Bible p. 484

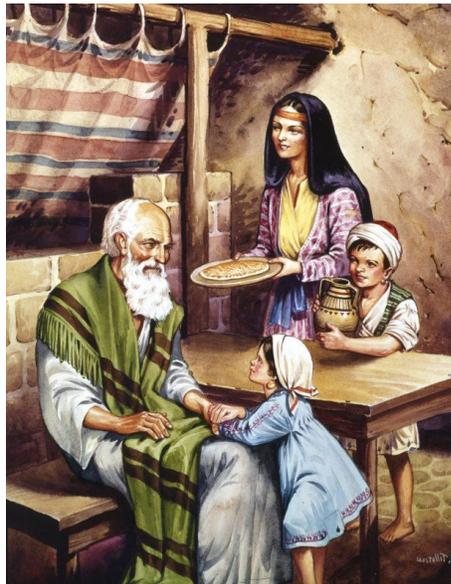


10 So Elijah went to Zarephath, and as he came to the town gate, he saw a widow gathering firewood. "Please bring me a drink of water," he said to her. 11 And as she was going to get it, he called out, "And please bring me some bread, too."

12 She answered, "By the living LORD your God I swear that I don't have any bread. All I have is a handful of flour in a bowl and a bit of olive oil in a jar. I came here to gather some firewood to take back home and prepare what little I have for my son and me. That will be our last meal, and then we will starve to death."

13 "Don't worry," Elijah said to her. "Go on and prepare your meal. But first make a small loaf from what you have and bring it to me, and then prepare the rest for you and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run out of oil before the day that I, the LORD, send rain.'"

15 The widow went and did as Elijah had told her, and all of them had enough food for many days. 16 As the LORD had promised through Elijah, the bowl did not run out of flour nor did the jar run out of oil.



Did You Know?



Elijah was an amazing prophet. A prophet is a person who speaks for God. Elijah lived around 800 years before Christ was born and was very brave. He heard and obeyed God, prayed a lot, and expected miracles. A miracle is an extraordinary event caused by God. God performed a miracle using Elijah to provide food for the widow.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children how God provides for us and how we need to turn to him and ask for help when we are in need.

For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Have them find a favorite item that they own and add it to the basket below or place it in a visible spot as a reminder of God's providence.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Find a large basket in your home, have your child collect things in your pantry or your house that remind them of how much God provides for your family every day. When the basket is full, have them thank God by saying the prayer below. This week, keep the basket within view as a reminder to your family that God provides.

Additional weekly activities for all ages can be found online:

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PRAY



Good and gracious God, thank you for what you have given us. Help us to make good choices and trust that you will provide for us, especially when we are in need. Amen.

November 14, 2021 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Is Coming Back, But No One Knows When

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Read Bible: Read Mark 13:24-32 - Catholic Children's Bible pp. 1558-59



The Coming of the Son of Man

24 “In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, 25 the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. 26 Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other.



The Lesson of the Fig Tree

28 “Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. 30 Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

32 “No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows.”

Did You Know?



The country of Israel is full of fig trees that are big, shady, and full-grown. The trees produce fruit two times a year: one in the spring before the leaves have opened and again in September when it produces the biggest, most juicy fruits. The growth of figs today in Israel is a sign that the Israel people are back in the land and are waiting for God to return.

DISCUSS & DO



For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Tell your child that Jesus loves them and will return, but we do not know when. Until that time, he wants us to do good things. Remind them of a time when they did something good for someone.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Explain to your children that in the Bible passage Jesus told his followers there would be a very important day when people would see him come in the clouds with power and glory. He would send his angels to gather his people and take them home to heaven with him. But Jesus didn't say when he would return. That is why we must be ready at all times. We can be ready by loving one another. Ask your child one way they can show love this week to someone in your family, school, or community.

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PRAY



Dear Jesus, even though we don't know when you will take us back with you, let us live in such a good way that we will be ready when you come. Amen.

November 21, 2021- Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

God is Majestic and Powerful

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Read Bible: Psalm 93:1-2, 5 - Catholic Children's Bible pp. 914-15



The LORD is king. He is clothed with majesty and strength.
The earth is set firmly in place and cannot be moved.
2 Your throne, O LORD, has been firm from the beginning, and you existed before time began.
The LORD is king. He is clothed with majesty and strength.
5 Your laws are eternal, LORD, and your Temple is holy indeed, forever and ever.
The LORD is king. He is clothed with majesty and strength.



Did You Know?



"Clothed with majesty" means that God and all of his works are glorious, which means worthy of admiration and honor. God is full of strength and power, more than anything we have seen on Earth, more than anything we can ever imagine.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children that we can see glimpses of God's power in nature: a huge mountain, a powerful ocean wave, a strong wind, a roaring fire, etc.

For Preschool-K

ACTIVITY: Tell your child that God is so powerful. Give them an example of something they have seen in nature that helps them understand how powerful God can be.

For Grades 1-5

ACTIVITY: Tell your child about the most powerful natural force you have seen or experienced in your life. Ask them for an example they have seen in nature and their feelings about their experience. Remind them that God created this power in nature and he is so much stronger than this.

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PRAY



Almighty God, you give us grand examples of your power in nature. Help us to know how truly strong, powerful you are and that you will exist forever.
Amen.

November 28, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Advent

God Wants Us To Love One Another

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Read Bible: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 - Catholic Children's Bible pp. 1871-72



12 May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow more and more and become as great as our love for you.

13 In this way he will strengthen you, and you will be perfect and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all who belong to him.

4 Finally, our friends, you learned from us how you should live in order to please God. This is, of course, the way you have been living. And now we beg and urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to do even more. 2 For you know the instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.



Watch Video: Brother Francis - Intro to Advent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pxPALw2abo>

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

Did You Know?



This Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. The word “Advent” means coming. We look forward to Jesus coming again at the end of time. We also think about Christmas, when Jesus came the first time 2000 years ago. At that time, God sent his Son, Jesus, to save us and to show us how to live. Advent is a good time to remember God’s love for you. It is a good time to draw closer to him and to show love to other people. We can show love by giving food, clothing, and toys to families in need. This is the way we get ready for Christmas.

There are four Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The priest wear purple. The church has purple decorations. The color purple reminds us to ask God to forgive us when we have done something wrong and to do more good. At Mass, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath each Sunday. Each lit candle means Christmas is getting closer. We learn to wait and be patient during Advent.

DISCUSS & DO



For Preschool-K

SAY: Talk with your child about waiting. Ask them if it is easy or hard to wait for good things to happen. Share one idea that you use when you are trying to wait patiently.

For Grades 1-5

SAY: Write the names of each family member on slips of paper. Place the slips into a bag, bowl, or basket. Have each person draw the name of a family member and then do one kind action per week for them during Advent. After Advent, talk to your child about how showing kindness makes them feel. Encourage them to continue being kind to everyone they meet.

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PRAY



Dear Jesus, come be with us this Advent. Bless our friends and family as we prepare for Christmas. Teach us to be patient and kind to one another. Teach us to wait in joyful hope and grow closer to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

May God bless and keep us. Amen.

May God's face shine on us. Amen.

May God look on us with kindness and give us peace. Amen.

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Patron Saints of the Month

Week of November 1

Nov 1 – All Saints Day

On this day, we celebrate the lives of all the saints, whether we know them or not. A saint is a person of great faith, who might have taught, served, or healed people, loved children, or shared their riches, all because of their love of Jesus. They put other people's needs before their own. All the good things they did were not to feel important, but to praise God. Some saints were never famous. Even though they lived long ago, we are connected to them. "All the Saints, pray for us."



Nov 3 – St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin was born in the late 1500s in South America. He was looked down upon because he was a mixed race. As a boy, Martin worked for a barber and began helping sick people. He joined the Dominican order and helped the poor and sick. Martin took care of slaves from Africa, founded an orphanage for children and started the first animal shelter in the New World. He is the patron saint of those seeking racial harmony. "St. Martin de Porres, pray for us."



Week of November 14

Nov 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth was born a princess in the 1200s in Europe. Instead of spending her money on fancy things in her palace, she chose to spend it on the poor. She took food from the family kitchen and gave it to the hungry. Elizabeth also served in a hospital and many people were healed due to her prayers. She is the patron saint of nurses, charity organizations, and homeless people. "St. Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us."



Week of November 21

Nov 22 – St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia lived about 200 A.D. in Italy. Even though she was forced to marry, it is said that at her wedding she sang in her heart to God. She is the patron saint of musicians. Cecilia was also a martyr. A martyr is someone who dies because of their religious beliefs. Before Cecilia died, she asked that her home be converted into a church. It is still there today in Rome. "St. Cecilia, pray for us."

