

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 June 2022 - Year C

"I will follow you wherever you go."

Something to Think About

What does it really mean to follow Jesus?

We can pray, do good deeds, think of other people first and be the best person we can be. How can you follow Jesus better this week?

The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the people that they must put Jesus first, above everything else. Sometimes other things may seem very important, but Jesus says that nothing is more important than following him.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

9:57-62

Along the way to Jerusalem someone said to Jesus, "I'll go anywhere with you!"

Jesus said, "Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man doesn't have a place to call his own."

Jesus told someone else to come with him. But the man said, "Lord, let me wait until I bury my father." Jesus answered, "Let the dead take care of the dead, while you go and tell about God's kingdom."

Then someone said to Jesus, "I want to go with you, Lord, but first let me go back and take care of things at home."

Jesus answered, "Anyone who starts plowing and keeps looking back isn't worth a thing in God's kingdom!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Watch the video and dance along! [Follow Jesus](#)



Group Discussion

Following Jesus isn't always easy. When you have a problem, who do you ask for help? Jesus helps us through other people. Think of all the people who love you and help you grow. Spend some quiet time in prayer, thanking God for these wonderful people.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that the leaders of our Church will be wise and caring. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who do not know Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for people who don't have a safe place to live. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will be loving and kind like Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will always put Jesus first. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
You teach us that nothing is more important than following you.
Help us to show our love for you by loving other people.
Amen.

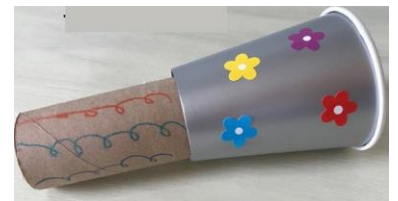
Group Activity

Keeping my eye on Jesus

Let's fix our eyes on following Jesus with this telescope.

For each child you will need: one toilet paper roll, a paper cup, scissors, coloured paper or wrapping paper, sticky-tape, glue, stickers, markers.

1. Place the cardboard toilet roll on the outside of the cup's base and trace around it. Then cut out the circle, making a hole in the base of the cup.
2. Place the toilet roll into the hole in the cup so that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tube is sticking out from the bottom of the cup.
3. Decorate the telescope with paper, stickers, and markers.
4. You may wish to use sticky-tape to fix the toilet roll and paper cup together.



**IT'S NOT ALL
ABOUT ME!**



**IT'S ALL ABOUT
HELPING OTHERS!**

COLOUR
THE PICTURE

**FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS
PUTTING JESUS FIRST**

**WRITE OR DRAW HOW
YOU FOLLOW JESUS**