

Children's Liturgy of the Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 September 2025 - Year C

"Unless you are ready to give up all that you possess, you cannot be my disciple."

Something to Think About

What is the most important thing in your life? Who are the most important people to you?

The Story

Jesus tells his disciples that they must prefer God to their family and all their possessions. He makes it clear to the disciples that following Jesus isn't always an easy choice. Since God is so faithful, God asks us to be faithful in return.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (14:25-27)

Large crowds were walking along with Jesus,
when he turned and said:

"You cannot be my disciple
unless you love me more than you love your father and mother,
your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters.
You cannot come with me
unless you love me more than you love your own life.

"You cannot be my disciple
unless you carry your own cross and come with me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

There are so many things to do each day, that it is important to use our time wisely. Think about all the things that happen in your family each day.

When might be a good time to sit quietly in prayer with Jesus?

How can you show your love for God by the way you treat other 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 our leaders will be wise and caring. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for people who have died because they believe in Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for courage to keep following Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that our homes will be filled with love and peace. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for wisdom to put God first in our lives. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

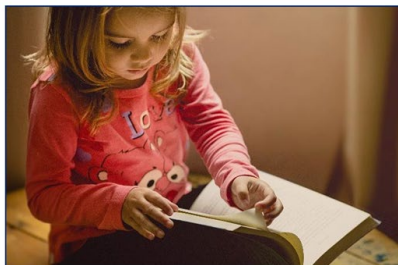
Reader 6: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Help us to use our time wisely.
Show us your kindness and love
and let all things go well for us.
Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [God's Love For Us – Love God Love Others](#)

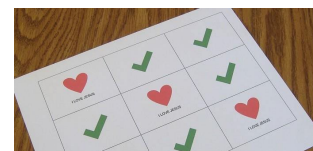


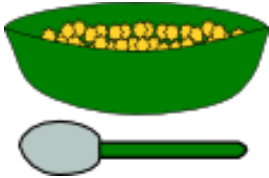
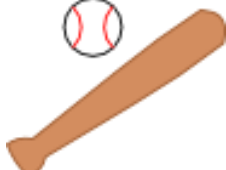
Group Activity (optional)

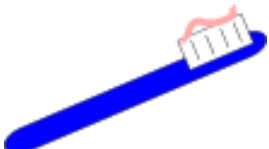
I LOVE JESUS – CARD GAME

You will need: a game board for each child, a set of cards for each child, scissors, and an envelope or zip-lock bag to store the cards in.

1. Ask children to look at the cards as you explain that this game reminds us of things we can do to show our love for Jesus. Many activities are good things to do but only some especially show our love for Jesus.
2. Tell children that the cards with a green tick are good things to do, red heart cards show actions that show our love for Jesus, and cards with a cross are things we should never do.
3. Help children to cut the cards apart, shuffle and place them face down.
4. Children find a partner to play with –one set of cards is enough for 2 players, so one child can keep their cards to the side
5. Children take turns to draw a card. If it is a black cross card, it can't be played and should be placed on a discard pile. If it is a green tick card, it can be placed on any green tick square on the board. A red heart card can be placed on any red heart square.
6. The first player to cover all nine squares wins.



 Reading the Bible 	 Memorizing a Bible verse 	 Praying every day 
 Obedying your parents 	 Going to school 	 Reading a book 
 Eating breakfast 	 Making your bed 	 Practicing music 
 Playing with the dog 	 Playing baseball 	 Playing soccer 
 Stealing 	 Lying 	 Fighting with your brother 

 Telling a friend about Jesus 	 Going to church 	 Sharing with your sister 
 Giving food to poor people 	 Playing outside 	 Singing a song 
 Brushing your teeth 	 Going to bed 	 Feeding the cat 
 Drawing a picture 	 Working a puzzle 	 Using the computer 
 Saying bad words 	 Cheating 	 Talking back to your parents 

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COME WITH ME, LOVE ME AND I WILL HELP YOU

Join the numbers from 1 to 43

