

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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<https://i1.wp.com/ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/jesus-synagogue.jpg?resize=300%2C290&ssl=1>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel we hear that Jesus is not accepted in his own town.

Opening prayer: God of comfort and mercy, be with us in times when we feel alone. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (6:1-6)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus left and returned to his hometown with his disciples. The next Sabbath he taught in the Jewish meeting place.

Many of the people who heard him were amazed and asked, "how can he do all this? Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren't James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don't his sisters still live here in our town?"

The people were very unhappy because of what he was doing. But Jesus said, "Prophets are honoured by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their relatives and their own family."

Jesus could not work any miracles there, except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them. He was surprised that the people did not have any faith.

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayerfully watch the video together

The Gospel- Mark 6:1-6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRsAqITICvU> (1:11min)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why people were unhappy about the things Jesus was doing and saying...

I wonder what Jesus meant about not being accepted...

I wonder how Jesus was feeling when he heard people talking about him...

I wonder what the disciples did after hearing people saying things about Jesus...

I wonder why Jesus could not work miracles there...

I wonder what it would have been like if Jesus was accepted in his hometown...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.
(*We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they will continue to grow in wisdom.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for children and families, may continue to grow in understanding of God's love and mercy.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that members of our Church will continue to recognize God's holy presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

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6 We pray that God's peace and justice will reign throughout the world.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

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Closing prayer: We lift up our prayers and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: *This Little Light of Mine* (4:22min)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsbRlg-ebWg>

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring in**
<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/a-prophet-without-honor-mark-61-6-0>
- **Comic/ cartoon**
Create your own version of a comic strip/ cartoon of today's gospel. You may like to include think bubbles of what Jesus would be thinking and how he might be feeling upon entering his hometown.
- **Family Connection**
As a family, discuss the gospel, *talk about the people and events that are... are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God.* <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/14th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>