

Twenty-fourth Sunday (Year B)

19th September 2021

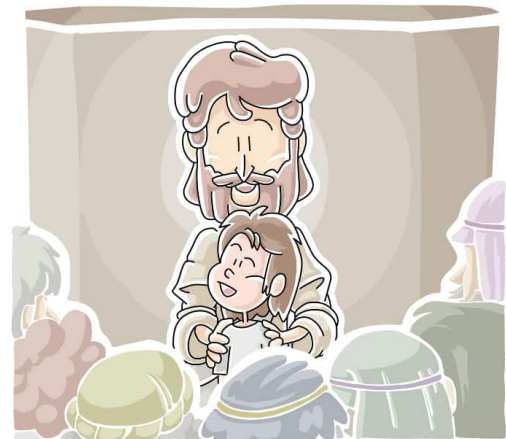
Preparing the prayer space

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



<https://ministry-to-children.com/who-is-the-greatest-lesson/>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, the disciples are arguing about who is the greatest. Jesus challenges them to become more like little children who welcome Jesus with an open heart.

Opening prayer:

Lord God, help us to focus on Jesus and let us remember that true greatness comes from being able to put others first just like Jesus did.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (9:33-37)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went to his home in Capernaum. After they were inside the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about along the way? They had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest, and so they did not answer.

After Jesus sat down and told the twelve disciples to gather around him, he said, "If you want the place of honour you must become a slave and serve others!"

Then Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said, "When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me. And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me."

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

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the video together

Catholic Kids Media- First and Last! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFKfpeKJ5sg>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum...

I wonder how Jesus knew the disciples were arguing...

I wonder how the disciples' hearts changed after listening to Jesus...

I wonder what I can do to serve others...

I wonder how I can welcome Jesus into my life even more...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVKGQ> (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 follow Jesus' teaching to serve others first.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those who are in the process of receiving, or have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. That they will welcome Jesus with open hearts.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for those members of our Church to remember that true greatness comes by serving others first and welcoming others.
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*)
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We continue to pray for those people and families who have been affected by the situation in Afghanistan, that the Holy Spirit will bring peace, comfort, and healing.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

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

Closing song: Matt Maher- *What a Friend* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6qXFZPtzSM> (3:16min)

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

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colour in Jesus loves the children**
<https://ministryspark.com/wp-content/uploads/40-Jesus-Loves-the-Children.pdf>
- **Disciples of Jesus File Folder game**
Get to know the disciples of Jesus with this game
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nMUk14hbs_bM4f14hzLTh7-ssQHUnHZI/view
- **Family Connection**
As you gather as a family, take time to discuss what it means to love and serve one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers/saints-prayers/prayer-for-generosity-saint-ignatius-of-loyola/>