

Family Liturgy – Easter Week 5 (Year A) Sunday 5 May 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a white or gold cloth on the table or floor (white or gold for Easter Season).

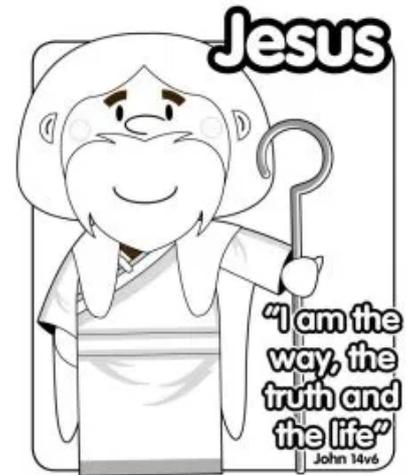
Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Some holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and song

Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet

Print out sheet if required



<https://www.allstarskidsclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/JESUS-Colouring-Sheet.pdf>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today we hear that Jesus speaks to his disciples and tells them that he is the way, truth and life. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of the Resurrection, we give you thanks for sending Jesus into the world so we could understand how much you love us. Help us to hear his message to us as he tells us that he is the way, truth and life. Be with us so we can hear his words to us and receive them with open hearts. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14: 1-12)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father. If you had known me, you would have known the Father. But from now on, you do know him, and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied: "Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say is not said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things.

"Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do.

I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father."

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 Gospel story of Jesus talking to his disciples.

<https://youtu.be/zzb6OrEUio4> John 14:1-12- I am the way, the truth, and the life. (2.09 mins) or

<https://youtu.be/xmZ8qqNjfwY> John 14:1-11- I am the way, the truth, and the life. (3.36 mins).

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder if the disciples were sad when Jesus told them he was going away again?

I wonder how the disciples felt as they were listening to Jesus say, "Don't be worried!"?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said he was going to his father's house?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said that they knew the way to where he was going?

I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life!"?

I wonder if the disciples were happy when Jesus said "I will come back and take you with me"?

I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, "if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing, even greater"?

I wonder what Jesus is asking of me today?

Parent/Caregiver:

Let us pray quietly and listen to Jesus' message to us.

Let us think of how we can share the good news that Jesus is the way, truth and life.

(pause for a moment)

Let us share with each other, one way in which we can tell Jesus and others that he is the way, truth and life.

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for our Church: that all may be able to testify that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes who are not able to meet together at this time: that the Spirit of Jesus will draw us together to reveal to all people the true face of God. Lord, here us.

3 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time: may they feel the abundance of God's love in their hearts. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: may they be welcomed into the many rooms prepared for them in the Father's house. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of the Resurrection, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us. Amen.

Closing song: <https://youtu.be/whQATsfivEo> I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- Ask the children to write a prayer thanking Jesus for showing them the way to the God.
- Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the story of Jesus talking to his disciples
- Go to https://sermons4kids.com/i_am_the_way_group_activities.htm and <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-crafts-jesus-way.html> and <https://www.sunday-school-center.com/support-files/lq3-lesson-12-jesus-is-the-way.pdf> for more puzzles and activities.