

Archdiocese of Adelaide

Family Liturgy – 34th or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Feast of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Sunday 22 November 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a white cloth on the table or floor (white, for a feast day). Place a cross, a bible, and a candle on it. 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 songs.
Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet. Print out sheet if required

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's story Jesus tells us a parable about how to treat others as if they were Jesus. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of families and togetherness, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to us. Help us to hear Jesus' words to us, to understand and believe in them so we may love you more. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

All: Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus told his disciples this story about the kingdom of heaven:

Jesus said to his disciples: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Then he will say to those on his left, depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me. Then they will answer and say, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs? He will answer them, Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me. And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

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)



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-king-jesus/>

Prayerfully watch the clips of Jesus telling us a parable about how we should treat others.

<https://youtu.be/2sDWuzUe78Y> Matthew 25:31-46 (2.02 mins)

<https://youtu.be/TBIYxpvDad0> Judgment of Sheep and Goats Bible Story (2.03 mins)

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

- I wonder if you can tell the difference between a sheep and a goat...
- I wonder why Jesus separated the people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats...
- I wonder why he says that the people on the right are blessed...
- I wonder if you have ever seen someone who was hungry, thirsty, or needed clothes to wear...
- I wonder if you helped them by giving them what they needed...
- I wonder if you have ever seen someone who had no friends and you befriended him or her...
- I wonder if you have ever given some money to help the poor...
- I wonder how Jesus feels when people help people who need help...
- I wonder who the king in this parable represents...
- I wonder who the goats and the sheep in this parable represent...
- I wonder if you want to be a goat or a sheep...
- I wonder what Jesus is saying to each one of us with this parable today...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Yes Lord I Believe by John Burland <https://youtu.be/7MR2iGDyUtE> (3 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to help us to be ready for when Jesus comes back. (*We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for our Church, Pope Francis, and Archbishop Pat: may our Church, be an example of how to get ready for when Jesus comes back and serve others with love, patience, and humility. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes: May our communities be places where no one is alone if they are hungry, thirsty, poor or a stranger. May we touch the lives of all we meet. Lord, hear us.

3 We pray for our world especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic: May people everywhere have a greater understanding of God's love for us and treat others as if they were Jesus. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments for the first time: may their lives be blessed with families and sponsors who teach them that Jesus is in everyone. Lord, hear us.

5 We pray for our families and friends: May people who have died recently and especially the people we know and love, experience God's merciful love and be welcomed to eternal life. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of infinite tenderness, we believe in your love – in your love you created the world.

We believe in your love – in your love you sent Jesus to live with us on earth.

We believe in your love – in your love you gave us the Holy Spirit to breathe life in us. Amen.

Closing song: <https://youtu.be/Lj8QBNGO4g?list=RDAAvn44SvbHQ> A life of love M. Mangan (2.41 mins)

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

- Write a prayer or draw a picture about the parable of the sheep and the goats.
- Act out the Parable pretending you are the shepherd separating the sheep from the goats.
- Think about what you must try to do to be welcomed by Jesus when he comes back.
- Draw a cartoon story of what happened in this story with captions.
- Go to the following links to find crosswords & other children activities on the topic:
- https://sermons4kids.com/sheep_or_goat_crossword?fromSermonId=467 Crossword
- <https://youtu.be/pP2WfMMInmo> Reading and Reflection for Kids - Matthew 25:31-46 (2.56 mins)
- <https://www.catholicteacher.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Christ-the-King-printable-crown.pdf>
- **SHEEP FACE TO WEAR:** Give each child a paper plate with the middle circle of the plate cut out. Glue cotton balls around the plate. You could give the children big white floppy sheep ears to glue on to the plate. The children can put this around their face and look like a little sheep.