

Twelfth Sunday (Year B)

20th June 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

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we hear that Jesus is in a boat with his disciples and calms the storm.

Opening prayer: God almighty, we pray that when there are storms in our lives we can place our trust you, for you are all powerful and all loving. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (4:35-41)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the east side." So they left the crowd, and his disciples started across the lake with him in the boat."

Some other boats followed along. Suddenly a windstorm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink. Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep. His disciples woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're about to drown?"

Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?"

Now they were more afraid than ever and said to each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

Jesus Calms the Storm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus wanted to cross to the east side...

I wonder why some other boats followed along...

I wonder why Jesus was still sleeping through the storm...

I wonder how Jesus was feeling when he woke up...



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<https://sallysjourney.typepad.com/a/6a00d8341c7a9f53ef016767ce3246970b-500wi>

I wonder what the people in the other boats were thinking...
I wonder what conversations the disciples had with Jesus afterwards...

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 can lead and inspire people with hope during challenging times.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for the children and families who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, that they will continue to grow in faith and find God's presence no matter what challenges they may face.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that members of our Church will welcome all people of those who have experienced difficult journeys.
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 pray for all people who have died recently and or, are suffering at this time, may they find strength in the Lord Jesus.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift up our prayers to you in remembrance that you can calm any storm in our lives. We make this prayer through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: *Peace in Christ- The Crosbys* (3.37min)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Waitmz6C100>

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

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Recreate the story**
Cut out and retell the story of Jesus calming the storm by making your very own props.
<https://meaningfulmama.com/jesus-calms-storm-craft-awana-cubbies-bear-hug-17.html>
- **Colouring in**
<https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/jesus-calms-the-storm-coloring-page/>
- **Family Connection**
With your family, *invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people.*
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/12th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>