

Twenty-Sixth Sunday (Year B)

26th September 2021

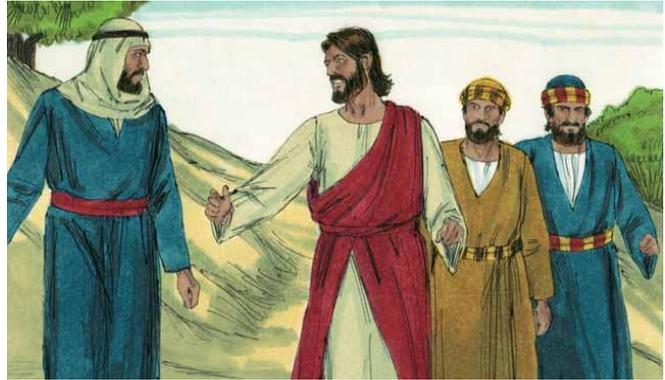
Preparing the prayer space

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



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, Jesus does not want to turn anyone away from following him. He tells his disciples that all who follow him will be rewarded.

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 (9:38-41)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

The disciple John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to force demons out of people. But he was not one of us and we told him to stop."

Jesus said to his disciples: "Don't stop him! No one who works miracles in my name will soon turn and say something bad about me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. And anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name, just because you belong to me, will surely be rewarded."

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)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what the disciples meant by "he was not one of us"...

I wonder how Jesus was feeling when he heard what the disciples said...

I wonder how Jesus knew that *people would turn and say something bad about him*...

I wonder what kind of reward Jesus is talking about...

I wonder how it feels to be a friend of Jesus...

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 aspire to be welcoming of all people.
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 go out and tell others about Jesus' love.
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for those members of our Church, that each person will know that they are loved by Jesus.
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 may feel lost or alone that they may find comfort and healing through Jesus.
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: Every Move I Make <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY> (3:18 min)

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- Catholic Agency for Overseas Development CAFOD**
"Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. And to show our love and care for others in everything that we do." Family Fast Day Children's Liturgy doc, 26 September
<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/47022/571238/version/6/Twenty-sixth%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time.pdf>
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**
As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith. Then pray together the Lord's Prayer.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/26h-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>