

## Twenty-eighth Sunday (Year B)

10<sup>th</sup> October 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 tells his disciples what to do to enter God's kingdom.

### Opening prayer:

Lord God, help us to become humbler by putting you first. Allow us to use the gifts you give to us to help others instead of keeping them for ourselves.

### Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10:17-27)

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord.

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He kneeled down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'"

The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man."

Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give your money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me."

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!" The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom."

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

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### Prayerfully watch the video together

Follow Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsHTvUo8k0Q>

Catholic Kids Media- Can We Follow Jesus? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LovcGMoHVqk>

### Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why the man kneeled before Jesus...

I wonder why the man asked Jesus about eternal life and not the disciples...

I wonder why Jesus said it is hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom...

I wonder what the man did after he heard Jesus' words...

I wonder what changes I can make in my life to follow Jesus' teachings...

## 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 Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders will lead the people under their care with humility.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for families to be strengthened to strive and to live out the Gospel.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for the members of our Church to be a blessing to others, by listening with open ears and serving with open hearts.

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 those who feel anxious and feel burdened, that they may find peace in Jesus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

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

**Closing song:** Alive & Breathing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHfPN2-V5fw>

## 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**  
<https://4.bp.blogspot.com/-Z577xhFYjlc/T7QZXq5bDsl/AAAAAAAAAFU/bsOgC5qkT04/s1600/%5B214%5D+The+Rich+Young+Ruler.jpg>
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**  
*As you gather as a family... Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor. (The following dot point may give you some helpful suggestions!)*  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>
- **Community Giving**  
In today's gospel, Jesus encourages us to go out and help others. Here are 10 ideas on how you may like to give back to others: <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/10-fun-community-giving-ideas.html>