

Twenty-ninth Sunday (Year B)

17th October 2021

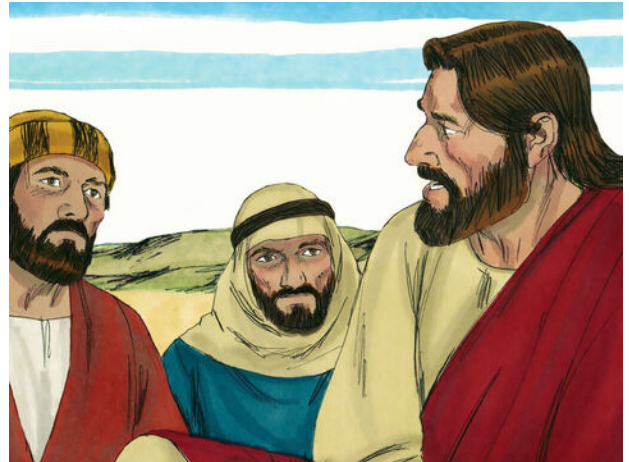
Preparing the prayer space

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



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/james->

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, brothers James and John tell Jesus that they would like to be seated by his right and left side in heaven. Jesus tells the disciples that serving others' needs is more important.

Opening prayer:

Lord God, sometimes we forget about the needs of others because we focus too much on ourselves. Help us to remember that the best thing we can do is to serve others. Let us put others' needs first and grow closer to your heart.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10:35-45)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, will you do us a favour?"

Jesus asked them what they wanted, and they answered, "When you come into your glory, please let one of us sit at your right side and the other at your left."

Jesus told them, "You don't really know what you're asking! Are you able to drink from the cup that I must soon drink from or be baptised as I must be baptised?"

"Yes, we are!" James and John answered.

Then Jesus replied, "You certainly will drink from the cup from which I must drink. And you will be baptised just as I must! But it is not for me to say who will sit at my right side and at my left. That is for God to decide."

When the ten other disciples heard this, they were angry with James and John. But Jesus called the disciples together and said:

"You know that those foreigners who call themselves kings like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over the people they rule. But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others. And if you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave.

The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people."

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

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Prayerfully watch the video together

Power and Honour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COW6bsZjHpY>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why James and John asked Jesus for a favour...

I wonder what Jesus meant by becoming great means being a servant of others...

I wonder how James and John were feeling after they listened to Jesus' words...

I wonder what the other disciples were thinking after they listened to Jesus' words...

I wonder how I can put Jesus' words to action and put others first...

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 Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders will put first, the needs of people under their care.

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

2 We pray that there is peace, love, and hope in each of our families.

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

3 We pray for the members of our Church that each person will put the needs of others first.

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 refugees and immigrants who are experiencing separation, loss, or grief. May the Holy Spirit bring them comfort and peace.

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: Love the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>

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**
Find the illustration that relates to the gospel on:
<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/26819/255490/version/6/Twenty-ninth%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time.pdf>
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**
Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all... As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed... Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life.
- **Craft**
Create this fun craft as an inspiration from today's gospel reading <https://www.jesus-without-language.net/james-and-john-mark-10-make-2/>