

Thirty-third Sunday (Year B)

14th November 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 us that things may change but God's love for us is never changing and unending.

Opening prayer:

Lord God no matter what changes come in our lives, may we always remember your love for us will stay the same and last forever.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (13:24-32)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days, right after that time of suffering, 'The sun will become dark, and the moon will no longer shine. The stars will fall, and the powers in the sky will be shaken.'

"Then the Son of Man will be seen coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the earth.

"Learn a lesson from a fig tree. When its branches sprout and start putting out leaves, you know summer is near. So when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time has almost come. You can be sure that some of the people living today will still be alive when all of this happens.

The sky and the earth will not last forever, but my words will.

"No one knows the day or the time. The angels in heaven don't know and the Son himself doesn't know. Only the Father knows."

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

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Prayerfully watch the videos together

Gospel Reading and Reflection for Kids https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_LUACkqJ68

(0:20s – 1:44min)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder how the disciples were feeling when they listened to Jesus...

I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, 'The sky and the earth will not last forever, but my words will'...

I wonder why Jesus talked about a fig tree...

I wonder what Jesus and his disciples discussed after...

I wonder how I can prepare myself to love Jesus more...

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 be able to work towards creating a more just world.

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

2 We pray for all people in the world to share kindness, consideration and to be more considerate of others.

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

3 We pray for the members of our Church that the Spirit will renew their 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 those who are suffering or ill that God will offer them healing and peace.

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

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

Closing song: Jamie Grace- Beautiful Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPy0ctqMwE0>

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://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/4116?album=god-is-love-coloring-pages-free>
- **Word puzzles**
<https://thekidsbulletin.com/#jp-carousel-3910>
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**
Talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years... also about the things that have stayed the same... we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>