

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 June 2024 - Year B

“Who are my mother and my brothers?”

Something to Think About

We can tell from the Bible that Jesus was like us in lots of ways. He had a family, and he liked spending time with friends. Can you think of other ways that Jesus might have been just like you?

The Story

The gospel passage tells us that Jesus' family thought he was 'crazy'. Does your family ever think you do strange things? In today's story, Jesus encourages his listeners to think about 'family' in a new way. He told them that God's kingdom calls us to see and welcome everyone as part of God's family. Jesus said that anyone who obeys God is his brother or sister or mother.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

3:20-21, 31-35

Jesus went back home,
and once again such a large crowd gathered
that there was no chance even to eat.
When Jesus' family heard what he was doing,
they thought he was crazy and went to get him under control.

Jesus' mother and brothers came and stood outside.
Then they sent someone with a message for him to come out to them.
The crowd that was sitting around Jesus told him,
"Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside
and want to see you."

Jesus asked, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?"
Then he looked at the people sitting around him and said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
Anyone who obeys God is my brother or sister or mother."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus was like us.](#)



Group Discussion

Why did people think Jesus was crazy sometimes? Maybe it's because he had dinner with people that nobody else would go near. Maybe it's because he healed people that nobody else would touch. Maybe it's because he told people they should forgive others instead of being mad with them. How might you do crazily wonderful things as part of God's family this week?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that we will be kind to our brothers and sisters. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for God's blessing on our families and those who care for us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will be welcoming of all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will be brave enough to be kind even when it is hard. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for those people who cannot be with their families today. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Please bless our families in a special way today. Teach us to love all people, just as Jesus did.
Amen.

Group Activity

POPSICLE STICK FAMILY

You will need: popsicle sticks, marker pens, paper, craft glue. Optional: googly eyes, wool for hair.

1. Invite children to colour a popsicle stick for each member of their family and stick onto the paper.
2. They might like to also draw a scene or landscape in which to place the popsicle people.
3. Encourage children to think of some extra people they could place on their picture as part of God's family.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN GOD'S FAMILY



DRAW
YOURSELF AND
YOUR FAMILY
HELPING
OTHERS

**WE SHOW THAT WE ARE PART
OF THE FAMILY OF JESUS BY
THE LOVING THINGS WE DO.**