

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

May 17th, 2020



Family Guide:

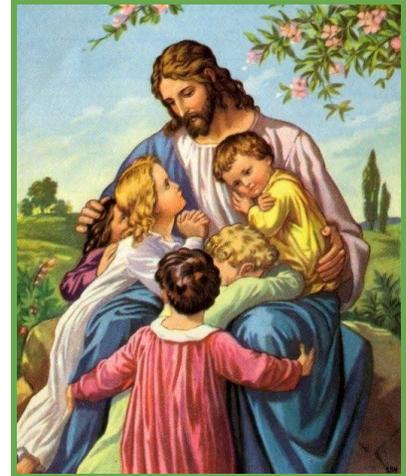
This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for Sunday, May 17th, 2020. Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, Reflection and Reflection Questions, and Directions for the craft activity. You will also find a resource page with additional activities! Be safe, be healthy and know of our prayers!

Opening Hymn:

Rise Up and Sing ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

God, you sent your son Jesus to show us the way to live. Help us to follow his example. May our words and our actions always show Your love.



Amen.

1st Reading

[Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to the town of Samaria and told the people about Christ. They crowded around Philip because they were eager to hear what he was saying and to see him work miracles. Many people with evil spirits were healed, and the spirits went out of them with a shout. A lot of crippled and lame people were also healed. Everyone in that city was very glad because of what was happening. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that some people in Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John. When the two apostles arrived, they prayed that the people would be given the Holy Spirit. Before this, the Holy Spirit had not been given to anyone in Samaria though some of them had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Peter and John then placed their hands on everyone who had faith in the Lord, and they were given the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 66

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))

Gospel

John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true. “The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don’t see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you. “I won’t leave you like orphans. I will come back to you. In a little while the people of this world won’t be able to see me, but you will see me. And because I live, you will live. Then you will know that I am one with the Father. You will know that you are one with me, and I am one with you. “If you love me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

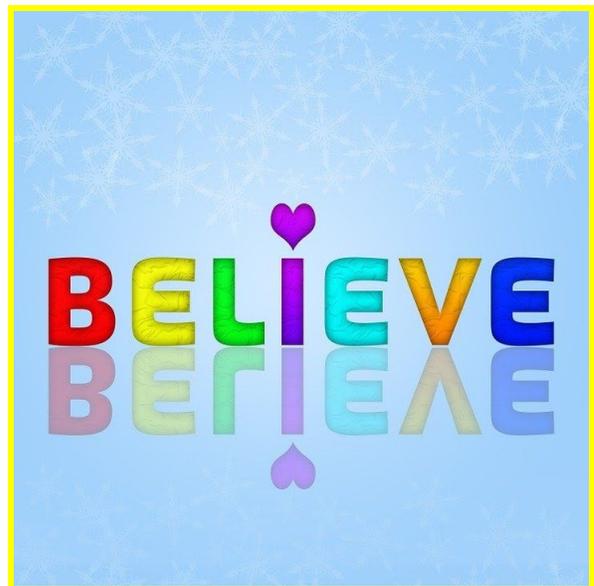
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Reflection and Reflection Questions:

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell his friends that if they love him, they will keep his commandments. Can you remember some of the commandments that Jesus gave to his disciples? The commandments help us to know how to love God, how to love ourselves and how to love our neighbors. What are some of the ways that you show love to others? Sometimes it can be really easy to show love to those that we like. And at other times, it can be really hard to show our love to those that are maybe a little bit more difficult to like. But, Jesus asks us to love everyone because we are all God's children and God made each one of us special. This week, take some time to think about different ways that you can show your love and your kindness towards people that you like and people that might be a little bit more difficult to like. Talk to your family about ways you can show love for one another, for your neighbors, for your friends. The ways that we show others we care for and love them do not have to be big – but we can show our care and love for others in small ways. Think about one small thing that you can do for someone else – a random act of kindness that shows that other person they matter. By doing good to others, You can be an example of and show God's love.

Profession of Faith

Yes Lord, I Believe! ([Click Here](#))



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We believe that we are loved by God and so we pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a living example of God's love for all people, especially those who are in need. We pray to the Lord. **Response**

We pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world: that together we may do all that we can to build a better world, free from hunger and poverty, and filled with love. We pray to the Lord. **Response**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may love God with all our hearts and be inspired to reach out in love to others. We pray to the Lord. **Response**

Craft Activity:

Today for our craft we will be making an acts of kindness jar. You could also use a shoe box for this activity. Along with the mason jar or shoe box, you will need different colors of construction paper, a pencil, pen or marker with a fine tip, and scissors.



1. Our first step is to take the construction paper. For now, use only three pieces. You choose the colors you would like to use.
2. With a parents' help, cut the construction paper in either long strips or some other shape (a heart for example), large enough to write on, but small enough so that you can cut out more shapes. You will want to cut out about 10-20 strips or shapes.

3. Now that you have your construction paper cut, using a pencil, pen, or fine tip marker, write down ways that you can show God's love to others - writing these on your strips or shapes of construction paper. Try to think of different acts of kindness that you can do and write one on each piece of construction paper.
4. Now take all of the shapes that you have cut out and have written an act of kindness on. Place those in your mason jar or shoe box. You can decorate your mason jar with a ribbon or shoe box with wrapping paper or stickers.
5. Each day, take out one piece of paper that you have in your mason jar or shoe box. Make an effort to do the act of kindness that you wrote down.

We follow the commandments by showing love and care towards ourselves, one another and God. This is what Jesus wants of us – so let us all try to be the loving people that Jesus' father wants us to be!

Closing Prayer:

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



Closing Hymn:

Small Acts of Love ([CLICK HERE](#))

Family Resources

- [*The Kids' Bulletin: May 17th*](#)
- [*Storytime with the Sisters: Mary, Mother of Jesus*](#)