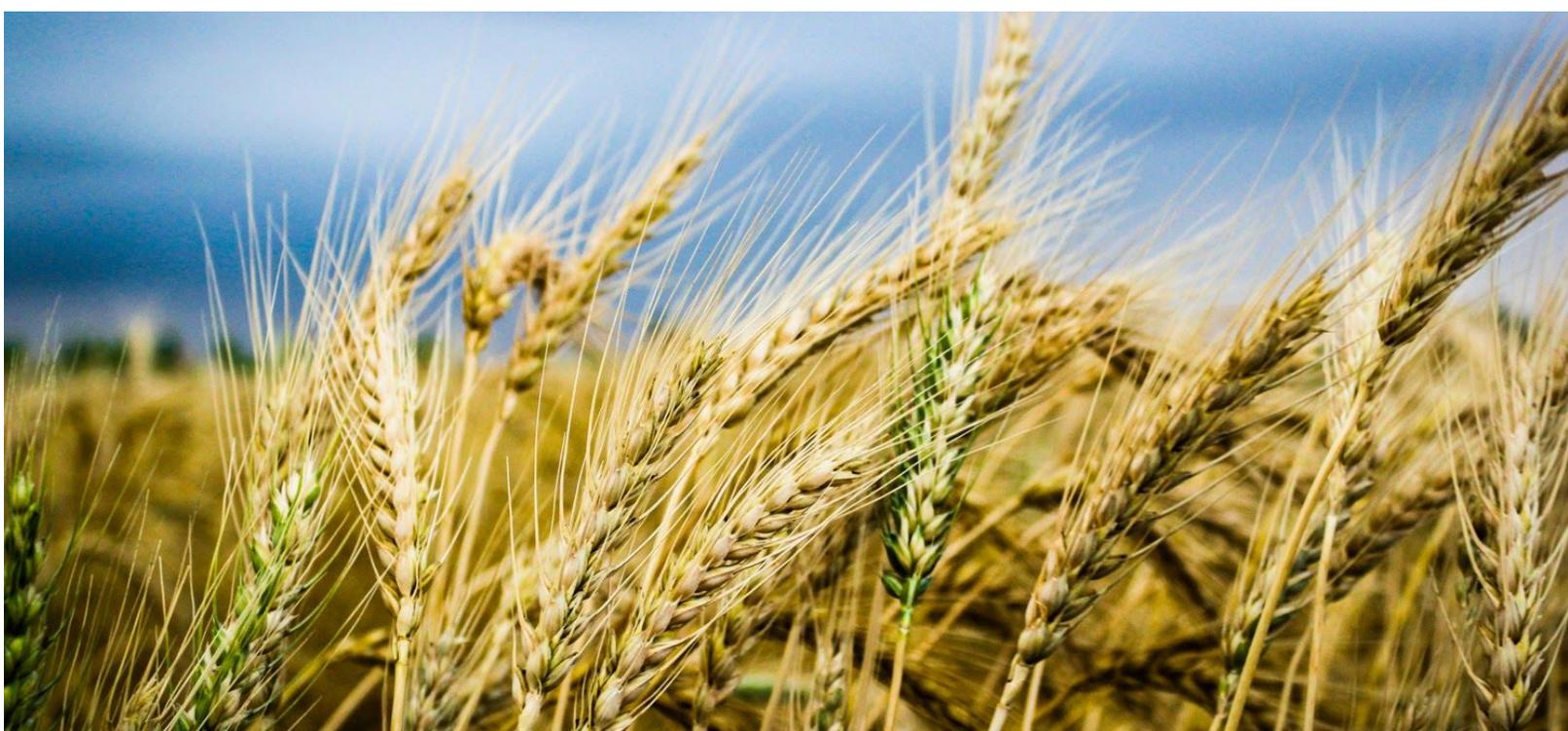


LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Family Guide:

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time! 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 find a resource page with additional activities as well! Be safe, be healthy and know of our prayers!

Opening Hymn:

Send Down the Fire of Your Justice ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for sending your son Jesus to show us the way. Thank you for all of the people in our lives who teach us and guide us. May our minds be open to what they teach us, may our ears be open to hearing what they say, and may our hearts be open to loving as they show us. Amen.

1st Reading

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need to show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

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

Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading

Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the the first letter of Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))

Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While

everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

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

Reflection and Reflection Questions:

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples a parable. It’s a story about a farmer who planted wheat, but whose crops of wheat were spoiled by an enemy who plants weeds in the field. Now, Jesus is really smart. He often told parables to highlight something really important to his disciples. Jesus used parables to teach his disciples. So, what do you think Jesus was trying to teach his disciples? What might we learn from this parable of the farmer and the wheat and the weeds? Let’s listen again to what the farmer said to his helpers about uprooting the weeds. Remember, the farmer tells his helpers not to pull up the weeds: “No,” he answered, “because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest.” The farmer didn’t want the weeds to be pulled up because he didn’t want to risk losing the wheat, and only until harvest, would he then pull up everything and separate the wheat from the weeds.

How do you think this is like God's Kingdom? Well, just like the wheat in the field, we can play a part in helping the kingdom of God grow. And if we follow Jesus' ways, we will have the reward of goodness.

This week, take some time with your family to think about and explore ways that you can follow in Jesus' ways. What are some of the things that Jesus teaches us? How does Jesus want us to treat others? Also, take some time to think about those people who are in your life that live out the Gospel message. Take some time with your family to think about those people. Give thanks to them – for what they have shared with you, and for how they continue to teach you what it means to care and love others.

Profession of Faith

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



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity:

This week, the readings we hear emphasize God's mercy and love. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds, and from that, we learned more about the Kingdom of Heaven. That in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is room for all – the good and the bad – and how really, just like the farmers' helpers, it is not our place to uproot what we might think is bad. That judgment rests in God's hands.

What we can do is work towards building up the Kingdom of Heaven – and we do that by loving others, caring for one another, and accepting others despite any differences. And so for this week, the activity is very simple, but one that could have a great effect.

Take some time this week to do one small act of kindness. It could be as simple as smiling at someone, saying thank you to your parents or siblings, writing a card for your favorite teacher. There are a lot of small, but kind acts that we can do to show we care. And little by little, those small acts help build up the Kingdom of Heaven.

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, fill us with your love and with your peace so that the kingdom of God may grow in us and through us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

We Walk by Faith ([CLICK HERE](#))

Family Resources

- *The Kid's Bulletin: July 19th*
- *Loyola Press Monthly Craft: July*
- *Loyola Press: Helping Children Develop Their Gifts*