

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

### *17th 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 17th 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:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ([CLICK HERE](#))

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## Opening Prayer:

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for loving me so much.  
Help me to know your love and to share your love with others.  
Amen.

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## 1st Reading:

### [1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12](#)

#### A reading from the book of Kings

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?” The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

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

# Psalm

*Lord, I love your commands.*

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## 2nd Reading

### Romans 8: 28-30

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

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

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

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## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia ([Click Here](#))**

# Gospel

## Matthew 13: 44-46

### **A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

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

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## *Reflection and Reflection Questions:*

In today’s Gospel, we hear more about the Kingdom of God. First, we hear Jesus tell us that the Kingdom of God is like a treasure in a field. He tells us too that the Kingdom of God is like a priceless, precious pearl. Let’s reflect on that for a moment. Think about how you would feel if you found a buried treasure or something that is priceless. I bet you would be very excited – especially if that treasure was something valuable.

Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like the treasure and is like the precious pearl. We can reach it if we live our lives as God asks of us.

Take some time now to think about treasures in your life – what are the people or things in your life that are special to you? Maybe a friend or a family member? Maybe even a pet dog or cat? Even simple things that we might take for granted – like food and water, and the beauty of nature around us. Everything that God made is a treasure – even you!

This week, take some time with your family to think about all of the treasures in your life – all of the things around you that are precious and special to you. Take some time to thank God for those treasures in your life.

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is open to all. So when you think about the treasures in your life, also take some time this week to talk with your family about ways you share those treasures with others. Thank God for the gifts that you have, and try really hard this week to show your care for God has given to you.

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## *Profession of Faith*

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



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## *Prayer of the Faithful*

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## *Family Activity:*

For this week's family activity, the directions below are for making a treasure chest. Supplies that you will need for this activity include: a shoe box, gold or silver wrapping paper, jewel stickers, and a print out of the activity sheet found in this PDF.

With an adult's help, wrap the bottom of the shoe box in gold or silver wrapping paper. Then wrap the cover of the shoe box in gold or silver wrapping paper. You want the paper to be nice and tight so that the cover fits easily over the bottom of the shoe box.

Decorate the shoe box with jewel stickers so that it looks like a treasure box.

Print out the activity sheet found in this PDF. On each one of the coin shapes, write names of people or things in your life that are treasures for you. Then, with an adult's help, cut out those coin pieces.

Put all of the cut out coins in your shoe box/treasure chest. Each day, take out one of the coins. Look at what you wrote on the coin and thank God for that special gift. Then, do your best to show your care for that unique treasure.

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## *Closing Prayer:*

Loving God,

Thank you for all of the treasures you have given to us.

Help us to use those treasures wisely and share them with others.

Amen.

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## *Closing Hymn:*

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

# *Family Resources*

- [\*The Kid's Bulletin: July 26th\*](#)
- [\*Loyola Press Monthly Craft: July\*](#)
- [\*Loyola Press: Helping Children Develop Their Gifts\*](#)

# Family Activity

**Directions:** Print out as many copies of the coins as you would like to use. Then, in the center of each of the coins, write something that is a treasure to you: a person, something in nature, things that you are grateful for. Cut out the coins with an adult's help and put the coins in your treasure chest. Each day, take one of the coins out, and thank God for that special gift. Think of ways that you can show your care in return for all of the good things God has done for you and has given to you.

