

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

26th Sunday in 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 26th Sunday in 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!

Opening Hymn:

All Are Welcome ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,

Open our ears to hear your word. Help us to help others and do what you ask of us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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

Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2: 1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (Click Here)



Gospel:

Matthew 21: 28-32

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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

Reflection and Reflection Questions

In today's Gospel, we hear about a father who had two sons. The father asked that both of his sons go out and work in the vineyard. *Do you remember what each son said in response to their father?* One said he would not go – but he changed his mind and instead, went to help his father in the vineyard. The other son said he would go, but he did not go out to the vineyard. Jesus asks his followers *Which one of the two sons did what the father asked him – the first or the second son?* It was the first son who went and did what his father asked. *Can you think of a time when you might have been asked to do something and at first said no, but later changed your mind?* This week, take some time to think about how you respond when people ask

for help. What is one thing that you and your family can do this week to help someone?

Like many of Jesus' stories, the characters represent God and us. In this story, the father is God and the sons are like us. We are God's children and we should listen to what God asks of us and wants us to do. *What do you think God wants us to do? What is one way that you can listen to God?*

God wants us to love others and to take care of the gifts He has given to us. Take some time this week to think about ways that you can show your love and care for others and ways you can take care of the gifts that God has given to you. There are so many ways that we can respond to God's call and help others we meet. This week, let us really pay attention and listen for what God wants us to do!

Profession of Faith

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

Prayer of the Faithful:

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity:

This week we are reminded of the importance of listening to and doing what God asks of us. As a family, take some time to listen and pay attention to what God is asking. Complete the worksheet on the next page, and take some time to think about how you and your family can share your love by helping others.

Closing Prayer:

Generous and loving God,

We thank you for all of the good things you have given to us. We thank you for this beautiful day and gift of one another. Help us to live as you ask of us and be ready to serve others whenever they need help.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ([Click Here](#))

Family Resources

- **[The Kid's Bulletin: September 27th, 2020](#)**
- **[Loyola Press Monthly Craft: September](#)**



OUR FAMILY CARES FOR AND LOVES OTHERS BY:

DIRECTIONS: IN THE SPACE BELOW, DRAW ONE WAY YOUR FAMILY CAN SHOW CARE AND LOVE TOWARDS OTHERS.

