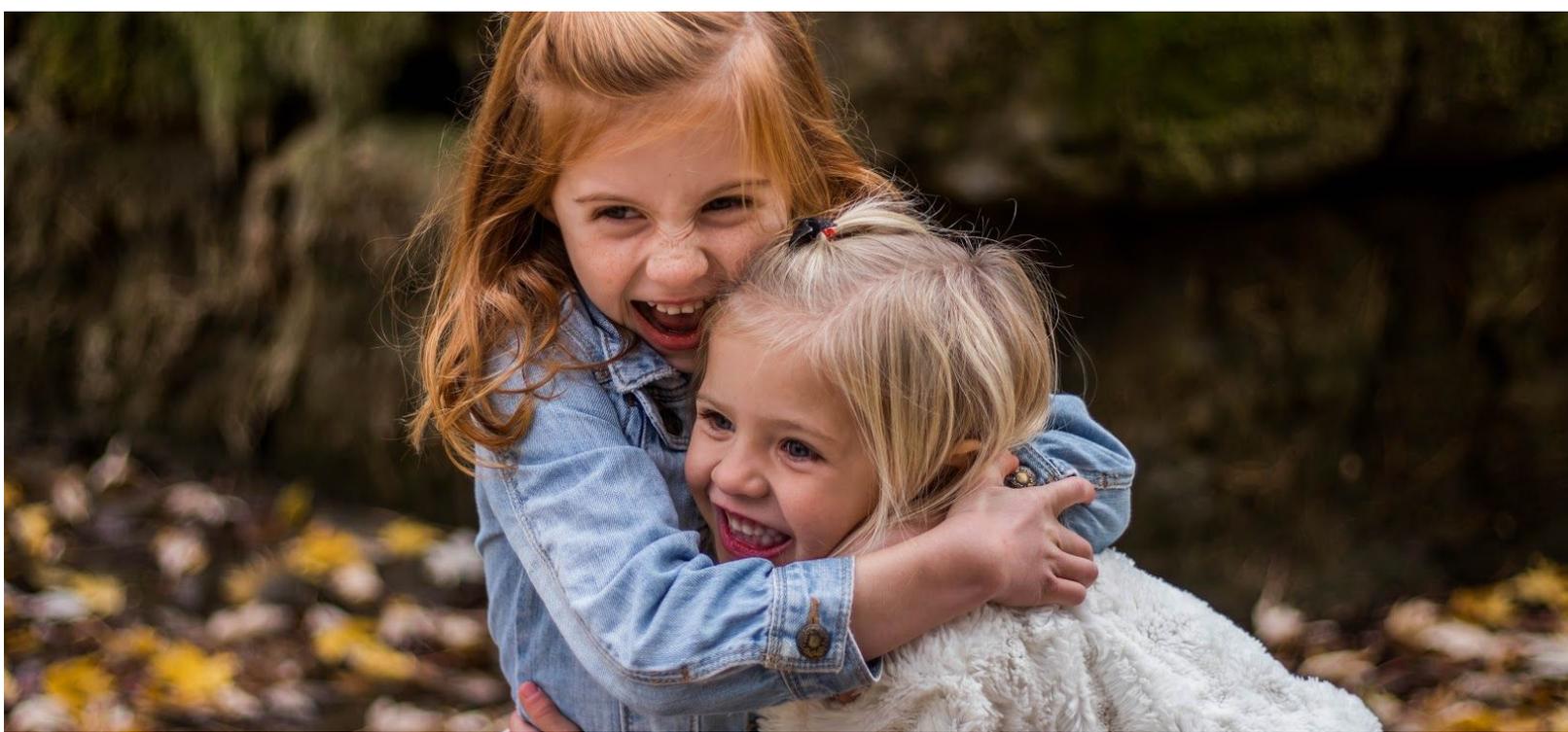


LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

24th 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 24th 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:

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

Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

Be with us as we gather in your name. Help us and guide us in all that we say and do as we do our best to follow you.

Amen.

1st Reading:

Sir 28: 2-5, 6b-7

A reading from the book of Sirach

If you forgive your friends when they mistreat you, your prayers will be answered and your sins forgiven. If you stay angry with someone, don't expect the Lord to heal you. Don't ask God to forgive you, if you don't have pity on others. God won't forgive you, if you stay angry at someone. So stop holding grudges and start obeying God. Think about the commands and the promise of God Most High. Then forget about the sins and the ignorance of others.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Whether we live or die, it must be for God, rather than for ourselves. Whether we live or die, it must be for the Lord. Alive or dead, we still belong to the Lord. This is because Christ died and rose to life, so that he would be the Lord of the dead and of the living.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (Click Here)



Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-25

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Peter came up to the Lord and asked, “How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?” Jesus answered: “Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times! This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like: “One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him fifty million silver coins. But he didn’t have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt. “The official got down on his knees and began begging, ‘Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!’ The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money. “As the official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him a hundred silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ “The man got down on his knees and began begging, ‘Have pity on me, and I will pay you back.’ But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed. “When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. “Then they told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said, ‘You’re an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don’t you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?’ “The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how my Father

in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Reflection and Reflection Questions

In today's Gospel, we hear of God's love and mercy. Remember at the beginning of this week's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Jesus tells Peter that he should forgive someone not just seven times but seventy times seven times! That's a lot – and that's why Jesus chose seventy times seven as an answer. Why do you think Jesus told Peter that it wasn't just seven times, but seventy times seven times he should forgive someone? What do you think Jesus was saying when he gave such a big number as an answer? Jesus' point was that there really should be no end to the number of times we forgive someone, just as God is always forgiving. Jesus gives Peter an example, telling him of the King who was patient with his servant that owed him money. Although the servant was shown patience, the servant himself was not patient when someone owed him money. This made the King upset and angry. The king wanted his servant to show patience, just as patience was shown towards him. In this story, the king is God – who is always loving and forgiving. The servant represents us – who sometimes find it hard to show patience and forgiveness. This week, think about times when you have done something wrong and someone has shown you forgiveness. What was that like? What did it feel like to be forgiven. And try your best to show others patience and forgiveness. What is it like to forgive someone and show them patience?

Profession of Faith

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

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity

Today, we heard about God's love and mercy. For our activity, let's see what happens when we show love to others by forgiving them. For this activity, families will need a print out of the heart, crayons, scissors, laminating sheet, washable markers and a bowl of soapy water.

Our first step is to print out the heart image. Using your crayons, color in the image of the heart. Then, cut out the heart shape. Once the heart is cut out, using a self-adhesive laminating sheet, laminate both sides of the heart. Using washable markers, mark up the heart with scribbles. The scribbles represent all of the things that have hurt us in the past – things that have made us angry or sad. Once you are done marking up the heart, dip it in the soapy water and rub off the scribbles. Letting go of past hurts or anger we feel towards others is not always easy. When we forgive others and show others love, our hearts and minds are not consumed by anger.

Use this activity as a reminder of how our hearts can change when we forgive and show others love and forgiveness.

Closing Prayer:

Loving Father,

You know us and love us so much. Hear our prayers and help us to grow each day in the image of your Son. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Companions on the Journey [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Family Resources

- [*The Kid's Bulletin: September 13th, 2020*](#)
- [*Loyola Press Monthly Craft: September*](#)



