

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9:30–37

This Sunday, Jesus teaches that his highest value is service. He puts his arms around a child to show that welcoming others, even children, is welcoming him. Jesus wants his followers to be warm and welcoming to everyone, no matter who it is, as if that person were Jesus himself.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Take time to go through Seeds with your child. Ask your child to use the picture on the cover to tell you about the Gospel story. Have your child show you the different paths to church and talk about going to Mass as a family on Sunday.

Promise (Grades K–1): Talk with your child about where he or she learns about Jesus. Your child will be able to tell you who are Jesus' followers and how we all come together during Mass to celebrate the Eucharist. Look at the self-portrait your child drew on page 4.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Have your child tell you the story of Anne and her new baby brothers. Ask how Anne helped her family and how your child helps at home. Your child also learned that Jesus wants all his followers to welcome and serve others. That is how everyone can be Good News for others. Talk about ways your family can welcome and serve others.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your child explored what makes a good friend and how one shows friendship by respecting and serving others. Ask your child to share with the family what he or she learned about “being” the Church. Talk about ways that you and your family can be welcoming to others. Agree on one specific thing to do and then act on it.

Visions (Grades 7–8): In class this week, your youngster discussed again just how much Jesus values service as an identifying mark of his disciples. The class also learned to recognize the Church as the assembly—the Body of Christ. Take some time as a family to review your experience of Sunday Mass. Use the questions on page 5 of the lesson to guide your conversation. Make a list of ways that your family can more actively participate in the Sunday assembly.

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about this Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray together in your own words that God will help your family grow in faith throughout this year.