

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 18:33B-37

The Gospel for this great feast is the story of Jesus before Pilate. In this Gospel, Jesus explains that his Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus came into the world to give witness to the truth. The Gospel and the feast give all an invitation to build up God's Kingdom in their homes, at work, at school, in their parishes, and in their communities.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The subject of Christ the King is a bit difficult for very young children. So, this week's lesson focused on how Jesus is a leader for us all. Talk about the picture on the front of the Seeds booklet. Be sure to display your child's We Follow Jesus Mobile. Ask your child his or her favorite things to share. Say a family prayer thanking Jesus for everything he has given us.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned that Jesus is our leader, and he wants to make disciples of us all. Ask your child to name a couple of ways that God takes care of everyone. Your child also knows to refer to Jesus as King. Jesus is also the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and your child will have a picture to show you about it. Say a prayer of praise for the Lord of Heaven.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week, your child's class explored the image of Jesus Christ as King of the world. The class also learned that it takes different kinds of leadership to make a community. Talk about what your family looks for in leaders—at work, in school, in the community. Ask your child to teach the family the "How to Serve the Kingdom" game, and play it together.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class for this Feast of Christ the King, the children learned some of the qualities shared by good leaders. The class also played a game that teaches what God's Kingdom is like. Play the game together. Be sure to have the family Bible handy to help you with some of the answers. Ask your child to share with the family the story of Saint Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Visions (Grades 7-8): In class this week, your youngster identified ways that family members lead. He or she also learned to recognize the kind of king Jesus is. Ask your son or daughter how Jesus leads with love, care, and mercy. The class also had a discussion about bullying. Ask your teen to share with the family the various roles that occur in bullying situations. Talk about why bullying is the exact opposite of the kind of kingdom Jesus proclaimed. Ask what talents your teen shared in this week's activity about applying for work that helps others.

Pray Together

The very word that describes the Mass, *Eucharist*, means, "to give thanks." Say a family prayer every evening this week that gives thanks for one family blessing each night. Finish the prayer by saying the Our Father together.