Gospel Action of the Week

Each week, we will spend time at school looking at the gospel reading for Sunday and think about what we can do to bring the message of Jesus alive for each of us. We encourage you to pay close attention to the gospel reading at Mass this Sunday, and pray with this reading during the week, perhaps at a meal time or during the evening. Below is a prayer you can use at home.

Prayer for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sign of the Cross
+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reading
A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10:17-27)

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, “Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. ‘Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.’”

The man answered, “Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man.”

Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, “There’s one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me.”

When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “It’s hard for rich people to get into God’s kingdom!”

The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, “It’s terribly hard to get into God’s kingdom! In fact, it’s easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God’s kingdom.”

Jesus’ disciples were even more amazed. They asked each other, “How can anyone ever be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything.”

Reflection

(Provide time after each question for thinking)

Am I thinking of other people when I am being selfish?
How can giving to others help us to be better followers of Jesus?
How can I give to others?

(You might want to invite the children to name any things they wish to pray for)

Lord’s Prayer

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Closing Prayer

Generous God, Help us to give to others. Let us not be distracted by selfishness, but focused on being generous people who share your love with others. We this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This Week’s Gospel Action: Give to others
Follow the Lord

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

A man met Jesus on the road and asked him how we can have eternal life. Some of the things Jesus says we can do are written on the sign posts below. Fill in the missing words and pictures.

DO NOT

DO NOT TELL ABOUT OTHERS

GIVE MONEY TO THE POOR

RESPECT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER

Complete the crossword - it uses picture as clues instead of words!

God tells us there are more important things in life than being rich or owning lots of possessions. Write or draw some things that are important in your life.

1 ACROSS

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1 DOWN

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