

# Year C - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Luke 12: 49-53

*I have come to stir things up!*



Jesus said to his disciples:

"I came to set fire to the earth, and I surely wish it were already on fire!

"I am going to be put to a hard test. And I will have to suffer a lot of pain until it is over.

"Do you think that I came to bring peace to earth? No indeed!

I came to make people choose sides.

A family of five will be divided, with two of them against the other three.

Fathers and sons will turn against one another, and mothers and daughters will do the same. Mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law will also turn against each other."



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Passionate people



### Message:

- When Jesus says "I have come to set fire to the world and how I wish it was already on fire." Do you think he meant that literally? Do you think he wanted to start an actual fire? Or do you think he meant something different?
- What do you think he meant? (Discuss this with the children)
- Have you ever heard the phrase 'They are all fired up'. or 'I've got a fire in my belly'? Do you know what they mean? They are excited, enthusiastic, they are passionate about something.
- Fire can be a symbol for passion, so when Jesus says he wishes the world was already on fire, he means he wishes all of the people were already had passions.
- Who knows what it means to have a **passion**? Can you give me examples? *Discuss this with kids, help give them with examples; passion for family, passion for a football team, passion for the environment, passion for people who are left out. Share your own passions and ask for what they are. Encourage them if they are unsure, they might still be learning what they are. Some people know very early in life, some people don't learn them until they are much older.*
- God wants to help you discover and grow in your passions because its through these that God can show himself to other people. If we are passionate about loving other people, God can show his love through us. If we are passionate about looking after the environment, God can show himself through a his creation. If we are passionate about learning, God can help us understand more.
- **Did you know God has a passion too? God is passionate about you.** His passion is that you would know just how much he loves you and everyone.

### Discussion questions:

- Can you give examples of passions?
- What are somethings you are passionate about?
- How does it feel to know that God is passionate about you?

