

Year C - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Making a special place for God



Encouraging the children to find their own special place with God.

Provide the children with a wide range of materials that they can choose from. You may want to include things like:

- cushions & blankets
- crosses
- rosary beads
- children's bibles
- printouts of simple scripture verses (see the next page for ideas)
- images of Jesus
- Electric/LED candles



Explain to the children what you are expecting from this time before they go off and find a space.

Point out all the things they can choose from, encourage them to pick something that they are interested in, they can take more than one e.g. a candle and a scripture verse. Once they have picked something, go and find a space in the room where they can be alone and not distracted, it's not the time to sit with friends, it's a time to make space for God.

Once they have picked up their items and made a space, settle them down and ask them to imagine that they were inviting God to sit with them in this special place. Play some reflective worship music and give them a few moments to settle.

After a few moments hand out a small piece of paper and pen to each child. Ask them to write down what they would like to say to God.

It can be a prayer, it can be like a letter, they could even do a drawing if they prefer, but remind them to think of this time, like God is right there with them.

Give the children some time in this space and then let them know you will be wrapping up shortly and to finish their letters/prayers.

Say a final prayer together to wrap it up and encourage the children that that is something they can do at home.

**Those who are humble
will be honoured**

Luke 14:11

**Let the children come to me,
the Kingdom of God belongs to
them**
Mark 10:14

**Do not think about earthly
things, think of heavenly things**

Colossians 3:2

**The Lord is kind and
good to all**

Psalms 145:9

**Let all that breathes
praise Our Lord!**

Psalms 150:6

**Each day and today is
made by the Lord**

Psalms 118:24

**I praise the Lord because I
know I am wonderfully made.**

Psalms 139:14

**I have carried and cared for you
from before you were born.**

Isaiah 46:3

**Any person who welcomes a
little child, welcomes me.**

Matthew 18:5

**God will give grace to a
humble heart.**

1 Peter 5:5

**God's love endures
forever!**

Psalms 136:4

**We love God because he
first loved us!**

John 4:19