

Year A - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgive like God



Background

This simple prayer experience invites each of the children to think about being called to forgive like God.

You will need:

- The children's Forgive like Jesus flower from the craft activity.

Prayer

- Invite the children to make the Sign of the Cross.
- Remind them of that Jesus is calling us to forgive other people the same way as God forgives us.
- Give the children time to think about a time that they have been forgiven. If appropriate, talk about times when they have received the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Give them time to think about a time when they have forgiven another person.
- Invite them to think if there is someone that they need to talk to and ask for their forgiveness. It may be someone at home, at school, on their sports team, etc.
- Ask Jesus to help them to spread his message.
- Finish by praying the Our Father together, this special prayer that Jesus taught us that speaks of God's forgiveness and our forgiving others.
- The children can take their Forgive like Jesus flower home and place it in their prayer space or somewhere special as they spread Jesus' message this week.

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. Amen.