

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023 - Year A

***"I am the way, the truth
and the life."***

Something to Think About

Think of all the signs you see around you each day on the road or on buildings and shops. Can you think of some signs that don't have words, yet you still know what they mean?

The Story

In today's gospel story, Jesus tells his disciples not to be worried because he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. There is plenty of room in the kingdom for everyone! All we need to do is to follow Jesus, for he is the way, the truth and the life.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples,

"Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered.

"Without me, no one can go to the Father. If you had known me, you would have known the Father. But from now on, you do know him, and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied:

"Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me?

What I say is not said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things. Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do.

I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [I am the way, the truth and the life.](#)

Group Discussion

What did Jesus mean when he said I am the WAY? How do we know what is 'the WAY' to Jesus? (kindness to others, forgiving others, helping out without being asked, being the first to say sorry)
What did Jesus mean when he said 'I am the TRUTH'? What signs show us the TRUTH? (acting in a loving way, being honest, believing that God is a loving God)
What did Jesus mean when he said 'I am the LIFE'? What do we mean by life? Aren't we all alive?
What does it mean to be fully alive?

Praying For Others

Leader: Trusting in God's way and truth, we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader 1: We pray for our Church. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we will always follow Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will always trust that Jesus is with us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will come to know God through the people we meet. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will live our lives to the full. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



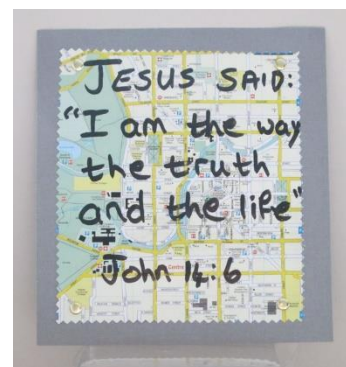
Lord Jesus,
Thank you for showing us the way
we should live. Help us to stay close
to you in prayer.
Amen.

Group Activity

Jesus is our Map

You will need: coloured map (printed from internet or an old book of maps), coloured cardboard to stick map onto and provide a frame, printed scripture verse, glue, scissors.

- 1) Ask children to glue the map onto the coloured cardboard.
- 2) Spend time talking about how a map works and shows us which way to go.
- 3) Glue on the scripture verse. Older children may like to write the words instead with a marker pen.



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IN THE CAR,
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TO FIND THE
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FIND THE WAY FROM
JESUS  TO GOD 

**THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS HOW TO GET TO GOD.
AND JESUS TOLD THEM: IT'S EASY!**

I AM THE WAY

