

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees in Sunday's Gospel challenge Jesus to take a stand on resurrection, a notion they did not accept. They cited a law that required a man to marry his brother's widow in order to preserve the brother's name. The law assumed a physical notion of living on through one's children. Jesus argues, "God is God of the living." He quotes God's words to Moses, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Exodus 3:15) to emphasize that these people are alive to God. God is God of all who have lived as well as all people living now. The lesson here is to trust the future to the God who has given all life and who raised Jesus from the dead.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned that God made everything and loves everything. Ask your child what signs show that God cares for the whole world. Talk about how your whole family can take care of things and of people. Your child created a visual reminder of God's love for your family to enjoy. Display it in a prominent place in your home.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child recognized that all God's creatures have homes and that God has a special home for us in Heaven. Ask your child to teach you the rules to the "How do I Get to Heaven?" game the class played. Spend a few minutes playing the game together and talk about other actions that might show us the way to Heaven. Share stories about any people who have died and gone to Heaven. Display the last page of the lesson booklet where you will see it every day.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned to appreciate God's gift of life. Ask your child to share the story that told what Heaven is like. This week's lesson gives you an opportunity to talk about people who have died. Share ways your family can show its appreciation for the gift of life. Your child also learned about the First, Second, and Third Commandments. Ask your child to recite those Commandments for the rest of the family.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child has learned about how belief in the resurrection of the dead grew in Jewish tradition. Talk about resurrection and what it means to you. Share with your family your own faith in resurrection. The class played a game that helped them understand that we all are on a lifelong Christian journey. Share some of the ways your family is aware of the importance of that journey.

Visions (Grades 7-8): This week the Gospel highlights the resurrection of the dead. Jesus was challenged about life after death, and he proclaimed that God was the God of the living—those now on Earth and those who have experienced death and are now alive in God. Talk with the family about death and about resurrection. Remind one another that Jesus promised life everlasting.

Pray Together

When your conversation is over, pray for those people you know who have died and who are now experience life everlasting. Honor their memory by praying the Our Father together.