

[135] **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** **B**

FIRST READING

And they became two in one flesh.

A reading from the book of Genesis

2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It isn't good for Adam to be alone!
I need to make the right kind of partner for him."

The Lord then took some earth and made all the animals and birds.
He brought them to Adam to see what names he would give to each of them.
Adam named all of the tame animals and all of the birds
and the wild animals.
That's how they got their names.

Not one of the animals was the right kind of partner for Adam.
So the Lord God made him fall into a deep sleep,
and he took out one of Adam's ribs.
Then after closing Adam's side,
the Lord made a woman out of the rib.

The Lord God brought her to Adam,
and Adam shouted, "Now here is someone like me!
She is part of my body, my own flesh and bones!
She came from me, a man.
So I will name her Woman!"

That's why a man will leave his own father and mother.
He marries a woman,
and the two of them become like one person.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (see 5) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

The Lord will bless you
if you respect him
and obey his laws.
Your fields will produce,

and you will be happy
and all will go well.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife will be as fruitful
as a grapevine,
and just as an olive tree
is rich with olives,
your home will be rich
with healthy children.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

That is how the Lord will bless
everyone who respects him.
I pray that the Lord
will bless you from Zion
and let Jerusalem prosper
as long as you live.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

ALLELUIA

1 John 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The kingdom of God belongs to children like these.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

10:13-16

Some people brought their children to Jesus
so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them.
But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him.

When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said,
“Let the children come to me!
Don’t try to stop them.

People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God.
I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom,
unless you accept it the way a child does."

Then Jesus took the children in his arms
and blessed them by placing his hands on them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle B

Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being our friend. Please help us to remember that you are always with us and we can talk to you any time we want.

In your name we pray.

Amen

Readings:

Genesis	2:18-24
Psalm	128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mark	10:13-16

Reflection and Discussion:

Sometimes in our Church we tend to forget about the kids. Often Jesus has some very adult messages and uses very adult language. One of the reasons we have Children's Liturgy of the Word is because of today's Gospel where Jesus reminds us not to forget the kids. His disciples were trying to keep the kids away from Jesus. But Jesus insists that they let the children come to him.

With your eyes open or closed, pretend that you are one of the children that gets to run to Jesus and jump into his lap or onto his back. For a moment pretend that you are the only kid with Jesus and you get to spend the whole day with him. What would you do? Take him to school with you. Let him sit in the desk next to you and help you with an answer on your math test. Show him your artwork. He is very impressed and proud. Take him home with you. Let him sit next to you at dinner. What do you talk about? Take him to soccer practice with you. Let him watch you play for a while and then pretend that he is playing with you. Let him sit next to you while you watch TV. Does he like the shows that you watch?

Guess what? This isn't pretend! It is real. Jesus is really with you all day. He is helping, playing and being a friend all the time. Try talking to him throughout your day about what you are doing and feeling. Know that he loves you and is always there for you. Close your eyes and imagine Jesus giving you a hug.

Discussion:

Materials needed: Paper, pencils/markers/crayons.

Ask the class to write "Jesus Loves Me" at the top of their paper then draw a picture of them with Jesus doing one of the things we discussed above.

You can play or sing the song, "Jesus Loves Me" and/or similar themed children's songs while the kids work on their pictures.