

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

In this week's Gospel, Luke gives us the Beatitudes taught by Jesus. Jesus also cautions those who are rich, well-fed, happy, and liked by others.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned this week that Jesus loves everyone and wants all of us to believe in him. Talk about ways we can tell others about the love of Jesus. Also, have your child show you the heart puppet he or she made in class. Talk about who your heart belongs to.

Promise (Grades K-1): What makes us happy was the topic featured in your child's class this week. One thing that always makes us happy is following Jesus. Have your child show the drawing of Jesus and him or her from class. How can we include everyone like Jesus does?

Good News (Grades 2-3): Have a discussion with your child about what makes us happy. Ask your child to tell you what he or she learned from the story, "Marielle's New Start." Be sure to have your child show the booklet about "The Beatitudes: Jesus' Map to Happiness." What does Jesus teach about true happiness?

Venture (Grades 4-6): Is it fair the way food is distributed in the world? Your youngster should have some thoughts on that from class this week. What are L'Arche communities? Again, your child should know from class. Talk about the important work of the organization and how you can help too. Talk about how the Beatitudes teach us to see through God's eyes, and how we can hear the cries of the poor.

Visions (Grades 7-8): Ask your young teen how they feel blessed by life. He or she can also tell you about Sister Mary Antona Ebo, who was called to God and justice in a story the class read this week. Talk about how the Beatitudes challenge our ideas of success. Identify together who the poor are today. Consider playing a round of the Beatitudes Game that the class learned about this week.

Pray Together

Jesus challenged the conventional ideas about how to be happy and successful when he taught the Beatitudes. Pray for yourself and your family to be more like those who Jesus says are blessed in the eyes of God.