

Matins for Children & Families

Week of Sept. 16 - Sept. 22, 2016

Opening Words

Let us remember
that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Light a prayer candle.

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Psalm 51:15

Psalm of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

Psalm 113 (NIV)

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high

**Click the above link for audio*

1 Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.
2 Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high

3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high

5 Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,

6 who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high

7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
8 he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
9 He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now
And will be for ever.
Amen.

**Optional: Make the sign of the cross while saying the "Glory be"*

Examen/Confession

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins
His love endures forever.

**Optional: Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

Gospel Reading

Reading the Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Summary: God wants us to be generous, and use what he has given us to help others. We must practice being trustworthy and wise so we do not become greedy and fall in love with our possessions.

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 - How does this passage connect to the OT or whole biblical narrative?
What does it mean when Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and money?"

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage.

Mammon

Generosity

Ebenezer Scrooge and Money

Your Word is a light unto our feet
And a lamp unto our path.

The Creed (Nicene, Apostles', Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1)

**One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. Week One

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. Week Two

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell. Week Three

The third day he rose again from the dead. Week Four

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. Week Five

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, Week Six

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. Week Seven

Prayer (With Prompts)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Teacher offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Teacher provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.
ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the sign of the orans*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Optional - Doxology or Hymn

ie. God is So Good, Doxology (Old 100th), Jesus, the Light of the World

Prayers Before a Meal

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And to our lives these gifts be blessed.
Amen.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the food before us,
the friends beside us,
and the love between us.
Amen.

Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



Relational Words / Worship Words

I love You / Praise

I'm sorry / Confession

Why? / Lament

I'm listening / Illumination

Help / Supplication or Petition

Thank you / Thanksgiving

Here I Stand / Creed

What can I do? / Service

Bless you / Blessing

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