

St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Jun 21 2020, Sunday – 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Welcome children to their worship space.

Say: Today is the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Say: When we use darkness and light symbolically, what do you think it might represent? <the children will have different answers: sin & absence of sin, dirty & clean, etc. > In this instance, we are going to talk about good and evil.

Ask: Why are we afraid of the dark? <discuss – bad things might happen to us that we can't see> If you wanted to do something wrong, something you know that your parents would not want you to do, would you do it in a dark quiet place or out in the open in front of everybody? <you would want to hide what you are doing> God tells us today not to be afraid of the dark. God reminds us that we are never alone and that God will always take care of us.

Introduce Gospel reading

Say: Today's Gospel reading is taken from the book of **Matthew (Matt 10:26–31)**. In the reading today, St. Matthew tells us not to be afraid. He tells us that God loves us so much that he will always take care of us. We can never be afraid of Jesus. He stays with us in the Holy Eucharist and in our hearts.

Have the reader begin: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**.

Encourage kids to respond: “**Glory to you Oh Lord**” <teaching them to trace a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their hearts>

Do not be Afraid

Jesus said to his disciples, “Don't be afraid of anyone! Everything that is hidden will be found out, and every secret will be known.”

Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light. And you must announce from the housetops whatever I have whispered to you.

Don't be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul. Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell.

Reader : The gospel of the Lord

Response : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Ask: What happened? <let the children retell what they heard> Do you think that it is always easy to have this much faith in God? <why or why not>

Say: When we believe and trust in God, we are filled with the light of God's love. We bring that light with us in our behavior and our attitudes.

St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Jun 21 2020, Sunday – 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Lesson learnt today:

We should never fear anyone or anything and that God loves us so much, he is our Protector.

Activities to do at home:

- ✓ Blow up a balloon. Get your child to write their fears on it. Go outside and let the wind carry it away. You give your fear to Jesus and you do not have to be afraid anymore.
- ✓ Stay in the light! Use a flashlight one summer evening to show your child how light takes away fear of the dark, use the light to expose some dark scary places in your yard or a nearby park.
- ✓ Bring the light of God's love to others! Visit someone who is lonely or sick this week.

Gospels :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzBAQgSXbdA>

Songs :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQr4udSiEew> – Be not afraid

Time to dance :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

St Dominic Savio website -

<https://stdominicsavio.caedm.ca/>

Remember to register for mass.

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



**Do not
be afraid!**

Jesus told
the apostles that God would
take care of anyone who
followed him

Colour the picture



St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Jun 21 2020, Sunday – 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Each little
sparrow is important
to God!

How many sparrows can you find in this tree? Circle them



God even
knows the number of hairs
on your head!

These people have different hairstyles.
Can you match them with their shadows?

