



Our Lady of Peace

27th Week of Ordinary Time
The Children's Friend

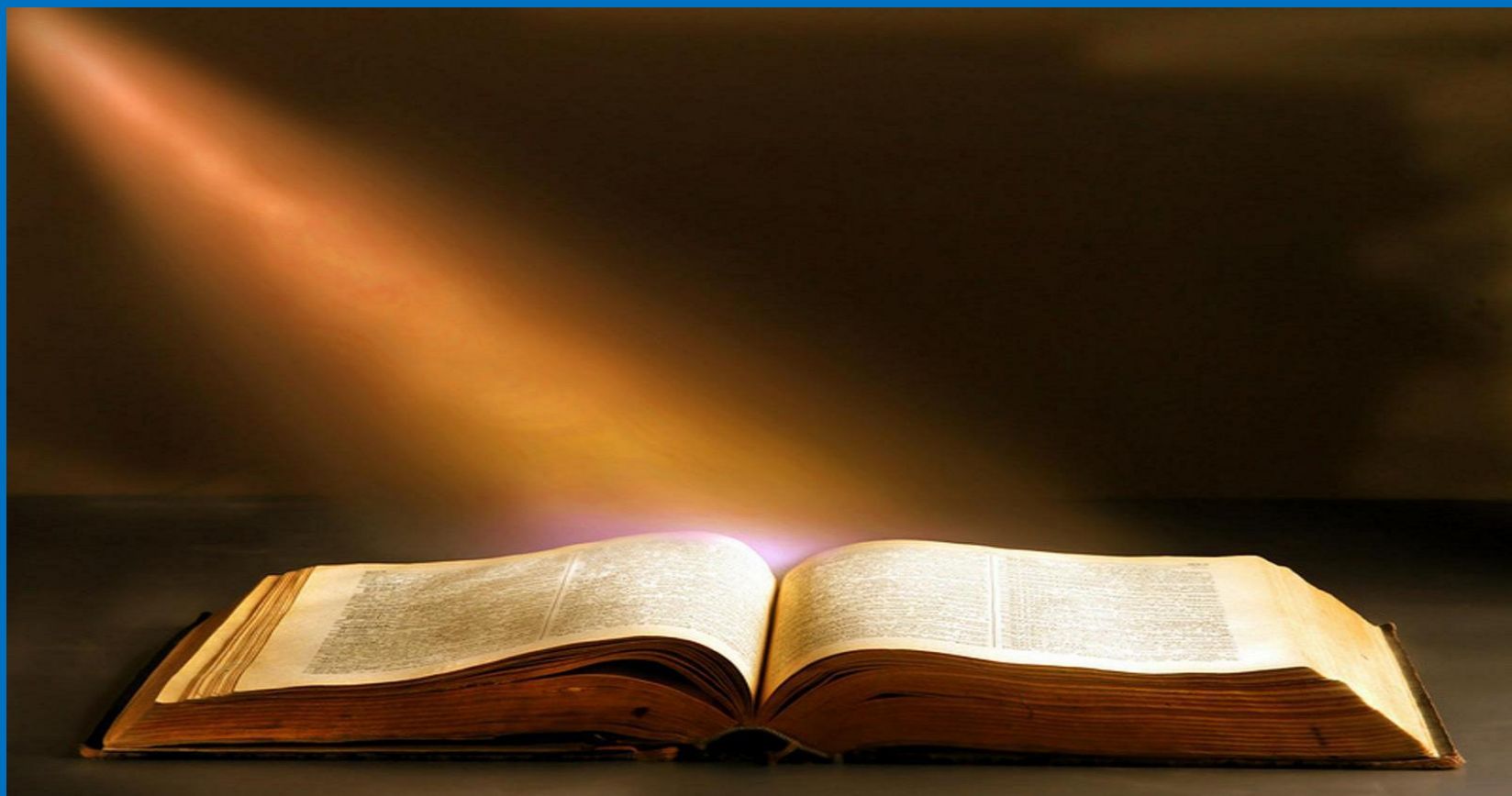
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Introduction

Jesus loved to spend time with children, enjoying their laughter, talking to them and listening to what they had to say. They have always been just as important to him as grown-ups.



Gospel Acclamation



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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

(Reader) Help us to listen to your word,
Lord and put your love into action in our
lives

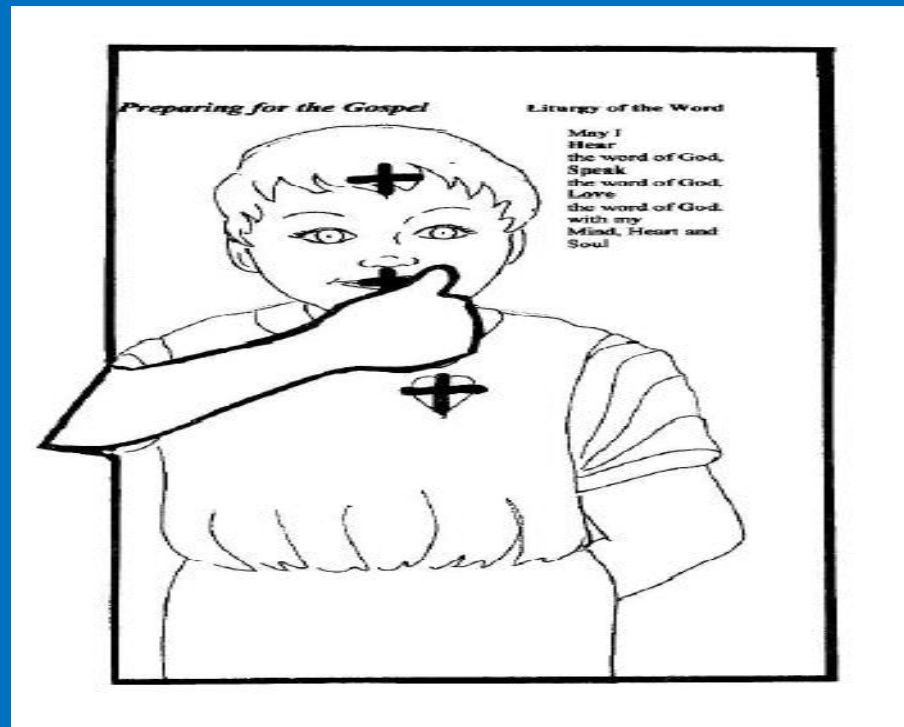
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The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark

Response: Glory to you, O Lord





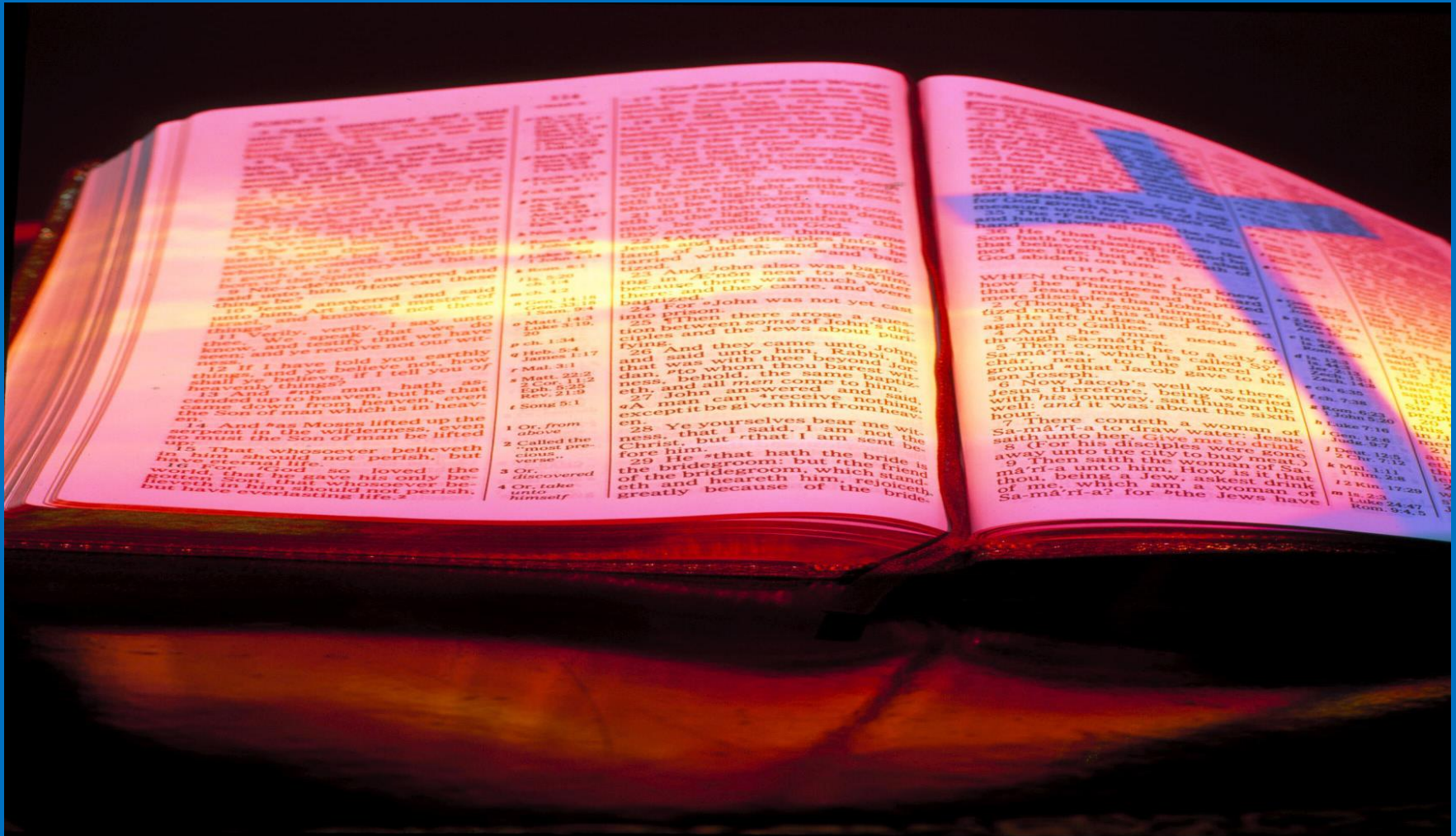
Gospel -Mark 10:13-16

People would often bring children to Jesus to be blessed by him. One day, the disciples sent the children away to let Jesus get some rest. But seeing this, Jesus scolded his disciples and said, 'Let them come to me and do not stand in their way. Anyone wishing to enter the kingdom of God, must first become like one of these little children. Then taking them in his arms, he blessed each one of them.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Response; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





Reflection 1

Jesus had been preaching all day and his disciples knew that he was feeling tired. When they saw a group of children coming and heard their excited chatter and laughter, they wanted them to go away and let Jesus have some peace and quiet.

Reflection 2

He scolded the disciples for trying to send the children away, Jesus wanted to spend time with them talking and listening to what they had to say. The children were just as important as the grown-ups.

Reflection 3

Have you ever found that sometimes grown-ups are too busy or tired to listen to you and you feel like you are getting in their way?

At such times it can be very difficult to get their attention and make them really listen to what you have to say. Perhaps sometimes you are too busy to listen carefully to what people are saying to you. Think about this for a few moments. How do you feel when you are not listened to?

Reflection 4

Jesus was never too busy or tired to listen to children, even though Jesus felt tired, he did not send the children away and he was always ready to listen to them as they were important.

Reflection 5

Jesus said that grown ups need to become more like children to enter the kingdom of God. Children know that Jesus is a special friend who is never too busy to listen to them. Grown-ups should remember to love and listen to Jesus like children do. If they do this their lives will be pleasing to God and they will share eternal life with him in the kingdom of Heaven.

Reflection 6

Let us all take a few moments now to reflect on how we treat other people, do we listen well? Do we respect all the adults that teach us?

Do we respect and treat everybody equally?

Prayer



Prayer

Lord Jesus, friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say and to take care of us in the grown-up-world.

As we become adults, help the special trust and friendship we shared with you as little children grow with us and draw us ever closer to you.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen