

Our Lady of Peace

Thirteenth Week of the Year

Luke 9:51-56- Welcome Jesus

The Big Question

What Commandment is linked to the Gospel today?

(Ask the children after the Gospel and reflection to answer this)

Introduction

Everyone likes to feel welcome and to be treated kindly.

Sometimes Jesus and his disciples were treated unkindly by people who were unwilling to welcome them into their homes and their lives.

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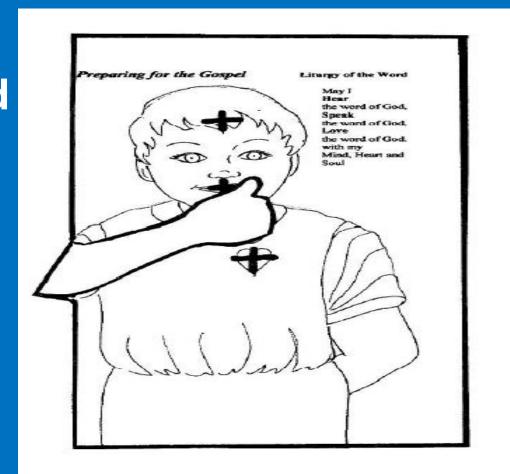
Gospel Acclamation

Jesus here we are, gathered as your children.

We have come to hear the word of God, we have come to listen

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel of the Lord Luke 9.51-56

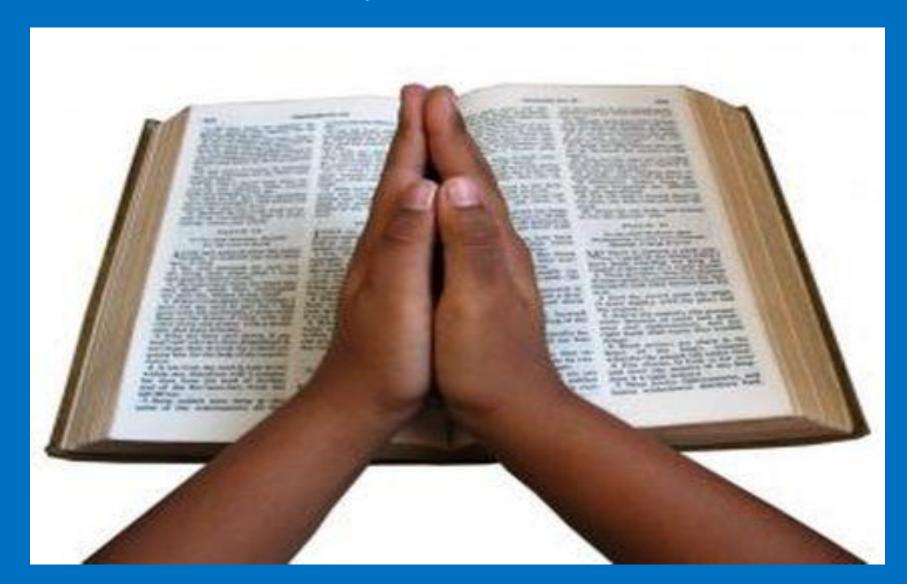


Gospel of the Lord Luke 9.51-55

Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem. He came near a village but the people living there did not make him welcome. They did not want him coming into their village. The Disciples were upset and said to Jesus 'Let us take revenge on them for being unkind to you' But Jesus told them that it was wrong to be angry and Jesus led them away to find another village where they would be made welcome.

The Gospel of the Lord

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection (Adult)

Jesus and his disciples were going to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover together, after which Jesus would be arrested and put to death.

The Samaritans and the Jews had been enemies since Old Testament times. When they heard that a crowd of Jews planned to stay in their village before travelling on to Jerusalem, they became angry.

Reflection 1.

The Samaritans did not want them coming to their village and did not make them welcome. They did not want Jesus coming into their village. The Disciples were upset and said to Jesus 'Let us take revenge on them for being unkind to you' But Jesus told them that it was wrong and he just carried on with his journey.

Reflection 2.

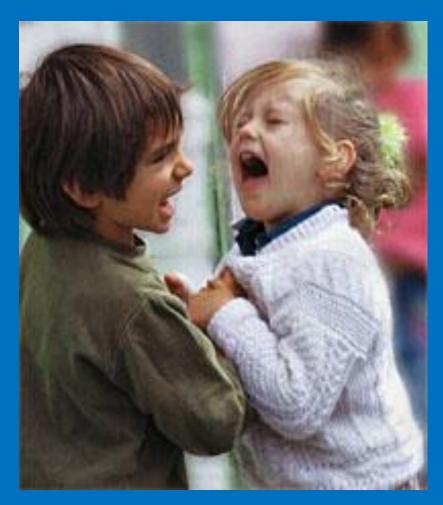
Every day of our lives we have to make choices, sometimes we make the right choice and sometimes we make the wrong choice. What we need to remember is if we make a wrong choice, it is not too late to make the right choice and change your mind. Jesus is there to help us.

Reflection 3.

I would like you to put your hands together and listen carefully. Sometime when people are mean or unkind to us we want to be mean back to them because they have hurt us in some way. We may think it is alright to be mean back because they started it. Today Jesus gives us a clear message

WE SHOULD NOT BE MEAN BACK.

We need to walk away from them and carry on with what we were doing and tell an adult. It is not easy to ignore people when they are mean to us, but we can all ask Jesus to help us be strong.



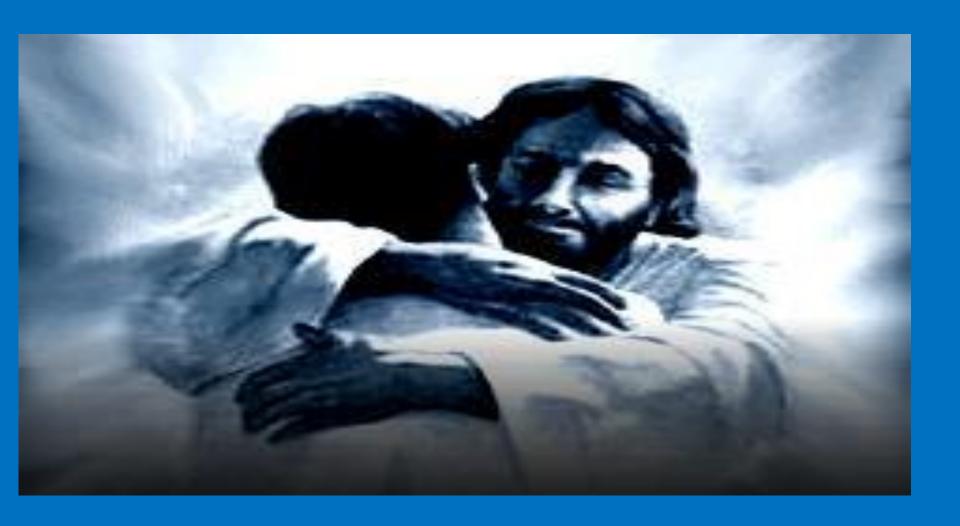




Walk away and ask Jesus to help us to be strong



Prayer



The Big Question

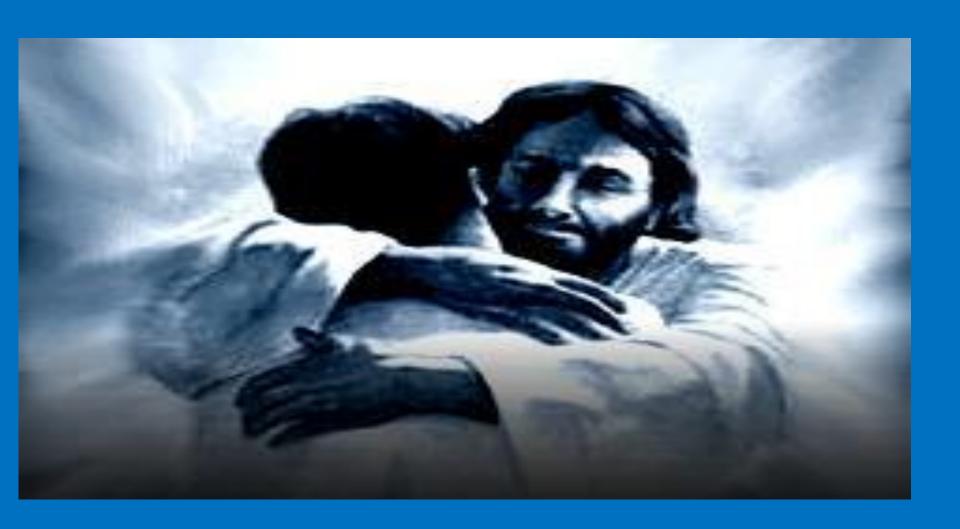
What Commandment is linked to the Gospel today?

(Matthew 22:37-39)

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself"

Prayer



Closing Prayer

Lord, when I choose the way to go Help me choose the good way. When I choose the things to say, help me say what you would say. Help me always to do what is right Help me always shine your light.



Lord Jesus

May I see you in the people around me and welcome you with a warm smile and a loving heart. Help me to listen to your message of love and peace: the Good News which you came to share with our world. Help me to love my neighbour as myself.

Amen

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

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