

Disciples in Mission -- Week 2—Year III

2nd Sunday of Lent:



Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalms 27: 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Memory verse:

"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him!" (Luke 9: 35)

Family Activities

Theme: Listen to Jesus!

Preparation: Construction paper, scissors, markers/crayons. You'll be making bookmarks out of the construction paper.

Opening Prayer: Holy Spirit of God, come into our hearts. Bless us and guide our sharing.

Gospel: one person reads the Gospel aloud.

Discussion: (pre-school children): Do you listen to your parents? Your teachers? What kind of things do they tell you? (primary grade children): Who is easy to listen to? Why? Is there anyone hard to listen to? Why? How do you listen to Jesus? (pre-teens): Do you spend much time listening? To whom? Do you listen to the people in your family? Why or why not? Are there times you don't want to listen to anyone? What about listening to Jesus?

Connections: We need to listen to other people, if we want to get to know them and get along with them. Sometimes they have important things to tell us. God is telling us here that we need to take time to listen to Jesus, too. What Jesus has to tell us is very important. When we listen to him, we get to know him better and find out how much he loves us.

Activity: Have everyone sit together (preferably in a circle). Make sure that everyone can hear everyone else. One person begins by talking about a time when he/she listened to Jesus. It could have been in church, while paying, or while doing something else. The next person repeats what the first person said, making sure to get it right, then tells his/her own story. Each person tells the previous person's account before giving his/her own. If you children are old enough, you can make it more challenging by having each person repeat all the stories that came before. This game is a good way to learn something important and interesting about each other. It also gives people practice in listening. After this part of the activity is over, cut the construction paper into strips to make a bookmark for everyone in the family. On each bookmark, have people write the memory verse for this week. Then have everyone decorate his/her bookmark.

Memory verse: practice the Bible verse given above.

