

Disciples in Mission -- Week 4-Year III
4th Sunday of Lent:



2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137: 1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3-14-21

(2nd Scrutiny at the 7:30am Mass):
Cycle 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
A Psalm 23:1-6
Readings Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Memory : "Now we must celebrate and
Verse rejoice." (Luke 15:32)

Memory: "I do believe, Lord." (John 9:38)
Verse

Family Activities

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Theme: God is our loving Father.

Theme: Jesus helps us to see.

Preparation: Think of some ideas for activities

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Your family can do together to celebrate your love for one another and God's love for us. (Like an outing to the zoo or a hike, or playing games or cooking together).

variation of Blind Man's Bluff. You will need a scarf, and a collection of small objects and a paper bag. Place objects in the bag without anyone seeing them.

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): Who are the people who love you? How do you know? How do they make you feel? (primary grade): Think about the people who love you. Why do you think they love you? Do you believe that God loves you? Has anything ever happened to you that makes you know that God loves you? (preteens): Does the father in the story love both his sons? Why or why not? Do we have to do certain things in order for people to love us? Do we have to do things for God to love us?

Discussion: (pre-school children): Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night and been frightened because you saw something scary? Then when your parents came & turned on the light, you realized the scary thing was a chair or a lamp? How did you feel? (primary grade): Have you ever tried to walk around in a room where the lights are out? Have you ever closed your eyes and pretended you were blind? What happened?

Connections: God loves us and is a good father to us. Even if we go away or do things that are wrong, God loves us. God always is glad to see us when we come to him. We come to God when we go to church, when we pray, and when we obey our parents and get along with our brothers/sisters.

(pre-teens): Imagine what it would be like to live without light. Could you do your everyday activities?

Activity: Ask your children for ideas for a family activity That would take place now or in the new future. Offer suggestions. Include a meal or snack of some kind; food is a vital part of celebrating. Give everyone a chance to plan a part of the activity. Talk about how the activity will be a celebration of your family and God's love for us.

Connections: Jesus is the light of the world because he helps us to see. With his help, we see things and people as they really are. We see how to live & love. Jesus lights our path for us.

Activity: Play a type of Blind Man's Bluff allowing a blindfolded person to be handed an item from the bag. Can he/she identify it by feel only? The object is to realize how much we depend on our sight.

Memory verse: practice the Bible verse given above.

