

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30th, 2022

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13,14
Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Gather your family somewhere comfortable to live this experience together. Ask an adult to open the Bible and read the Gospel of the day. Before the reading, say together this prayer: Holy Spirit: fill my heart with joy and peace, and give me wisdom to understand your Word. Amen.

Optional: instead of reading the Gospel from the Bible, you may utilize one of the resources we offer below.

Video proclamation of the Gospel for adults: [Here](#)
Short video reflection on the Gospel for adults: [Here](#)
Video of the Gospel for small children: [Here](#)
Video of the Gospel for children: [Here](#)

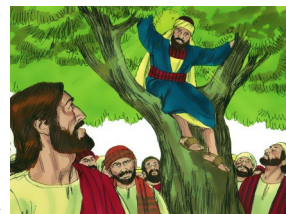
2. PRAY

After having listened to the Gospel, invite all in the family to reflect on the story of Jesus and Zaccheus that we have heard.

Adult: Jesus, just like Zaccheus I want to know you better, but many preoccupations and obstacles prevent and distract me from seeing you. I'm here today with my heart willing to meet you. Look at me, Lord, with the same love you looked at Zaccheus; come to me, I don't want to let go of you, ever.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

Next, tell the other family members you will all take a moment to have a personal dialogue with Jesus in prayer. You may use the following words: Put yourself in the same place where Jesus found Zaccheus, on top of the tree, and listen as he calls your name. Now, close your eyes and have a conversation with Jesus. Listen to his voice... What is he calling you to?



You may conclude this moment as follows: Lord, I ask you to give me the strength and the attitude to confront the obstacles, problems and limitations with a profound desire to seek out your loving gaze and your conforming words that rescue me and give me a sense of your love and the desire to continue. Lord, please stay in my house, in my life and never leave. Amen. As a family, we can listen to this reflection song: [To Love Like You](#)

3. TALK

After that brief moment of prayer, take time as a family to dialogue and converse with one another about the following questions: Just as Jesus did, do I welcome those who are considered "sinners"? Do I have the same attitude as Zaccheus after his conversion to let go of material things? What are some of the "things" I need to let go of my life so that I can come closer to Jesus? Allow for people to answer those questions on their own, and then invite some to share their answers with the whole family. If you have small children, ask them to either act out their answers or draw a picture to show all. As a family, make an action plan to live out what Jesus is calling us to do in this Gospel. What can I do this week?

When I'm confronted with problems, obstacles and limitations, let us look for Jesus's loving gaze and ask him to help remove them from our lives, and that he will instead remain with us. Let us invite Jesus to our home, to our life, and hand over to him our problems and limitations so that he can become the Lord of our life and home. Get your family together with friends and neighbors to organize a collection of canned/dry goods, clothing, and other items that can be donated to people in need.