

Holy Spirit uses the “Sunday Book of Readings, The Lectionary Adapted for Children” and the Leader Guide to share the Liturgical readings with our children. This week you will find our readings for reflection are from Year A.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Reflection – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 119

Response:

“Open our hearts to listen to you.”

The readings today focus on the eventual success of God’s will.

- God’s Word will triumph.
- Listen with your hearts.
- We can provide the “soil” in ourselves for God’s Word to grow in us.

Summarizing the readings for the children:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 (*This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.*)

In today’s first reading, we are told that God’s Word will succeed just as surely as rain waters the earth. When God speaks his word goes out from him and does what he sends it to do.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 (*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*)

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus shares one of many parables. The parables are stories Jesus told to teach many things. The parable today tells us that even though many seeds are lost, the harvest in the end, is great. The seeds that fell on good soil grew to be 30, or 60, or 100 times as much as the farmer had planted.

Helping the Children to Reflect:

Our reflection today is meant to help the children understand that they can be open to God’s Word. They can help themselves hear and think about it.

Reflection Questions for Children:

- What do you think Jesus meant by; “beside the path”, “lots of rocks”, “patch of thorns.”
- Jesus tells us about the seed that fell on “good soil”. The grain on the good soil grew to 30, or 60, or 100 times as much as the farmer had planted. Who do you think the “good soil” is?
- How can we be sure we are that “good soil” where the Word of God can grow?

- Are we listening to what God is saying to us?

Children: The next time you attend Mass (or livestream) with your families, I want you to close your eyes. Can you see who the lector is that is doing the reading? No, you can only hear the Words of God. God is speaking to you in the readings. What do you hear him saying?

Are you the “good soil” where God plants his Word to grow?

Be ready to hear him.