

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 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 118

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

The readings today focus on the virtue of humility as the true witness to the truth.

- **Humility is thinking of others before you think of yourself.**
- **A king is powerful, yet he rides on a donkey. A donkey is a symbol of humility.**
- **God is revealed to those who are humble.**
- **Jesus is the bringer of peace.**

Summarizing the readings for the children:

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 (*This is a reading from the prophet Zechariah.*)

In today’s first reading, our God tells us that the king is coming. He is powerful and just, but he rides on a donkey. A donkey is a symbol of lowliness or humility. The king will not be a man filled with pride. He will not wage war. The king will bring peace to us all. This is cause for us to be happy and rejoice.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30 (*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*)

In the Gospel reading today Jesus gives thanks to God for showing his ways to “people who are like little children”. Little children understand God’s ways better than people who think they are clever and wise. Jesus tells the disciples that God has given him everything. He can show God to whomever he chooses. Jesus invites us to imitate him in his humility and gentleness. Jesus is the bringer of peace to us all.

Helping the Children to Reflect:

Our reflection today is meant to help the children understand humility as a strength. Biblically, humility means to simply know yourself. To accept yourself for who you are. When we are humble, we do not pretend to be better or worse. We are the child that God created us to be.

Reflection Questions for Children:

- **Why do you think in the first reading from the prophet Zechariah, he talked about a king riding a donkey?**
- **What else did the prophet say about the king?**

- **Who do you think the prophet was talking about?**
***Remind them that this is what Jesus did on Palm Sunday.**
- **Do you know what the word “humble” means?**
Jesus said, “Learn from me, for I am gentle, and my heart is **humble.**”
- **What are some ways that you can show you are humble?**
Accept others for who they are.
We can try to do things that will make others happy.
We can learn from others.
- **In scripture Jesus has many images, can you name some?**
Teacher
Shepherd
King
Lord

The Gospel today reminds us that Jesus is our FRIEND. He asks us to be humble and gentle. Jesus is always with us. If we are worried or find things to be hard, we can go to him. He will help us. When we are with Jesus, we have peace and can do whatever we need to do.