

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 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Psalm 96

Response: “All the nations will praise you and know that you are God.”

Today’s readings focus on the uniqueness of God.

- There is only one God.
- Remember the First Commandment, “I am the Lord thy God; you shall not have other gods before me.”

### Summary of the Readings:

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6** (*This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.*)

In today’s first reading, Isaiah tells us what God says to Cyrus, King of Persia. God loves his chosen people the people of Israel. He called upon Cyrus. God gave him a title of honor. Cyrus did not know who God was. He tells Cyrus, “I am God, and there is no other God besides me. I am the only God. Even though you do not know me, I have given you strength.” God does this so that people everywhere will know that there is no other God but him.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21** (*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*)

In the Gospel reading today, the Jewish leaders, called Pharisees are trying to trick Jesus. They go to him and ask him, “Teacher, we know that you are honest and that you always teach the truth about God. We know that you are not afraid of what other people will say about you. You treat everyone the same. So tell us what you think about this--should we pay taxes to Caesar?” Jesus knew they were trying to trick him. He called them “phonies” and asked them to show him the money they used to pay their taxes. They did. Jesus asked, “Whose picture is on this money, and whose name?” They answered Caesar’s. Jesus said, “Well then, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and **give to God what belongs to God.**”

### Helping the Children to Reflect:

Today’s reflection on our Gospel reading for the children is that there is only one God. We worship him. We are all his children.

## Reflection Activity:

What are some ways we can worship God?

Make a list of things we can do to worship God. From your list choose one thing you will do this week to worship God and show him how much you love him.

Some examples might be:

- Going to Mass or Live Streaming it together as a family.
- Praying the “Lord’s Prayer” before bed each night.

“Give to God what belongs to God.”

Remember we are all children of God! 😊