



a Kendall Hunt Company

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, Primary - RCLB Lectionary



Primary Session

Luke 12:49-53

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear Jesus,

You give us courage to be strong and faithful followers.

We know it will not always be easy to do the right thing.

Thank you for being with us as we try. Through Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

Opening Life Reflection

Head a large sheet of paper with the word "family." Write down all the words or ideas that come to mind to describe the strengths and good qualities of a family. Children may suggest their ideas of things families do to stay strong together.

- What are some things that divide families?
- What are some things on our list that can help join these divisions?
- How can we help our own and other families be strong?

If the group is large, begin this discussion in pairs. After all people have had a chance to give their thoughts in a smaller setting, share ideas with the larger group.

Listening to the Word of God

Jesus tells the people in this Gospel that it will not be easy to follow him.

Read Luke 12:49-53

Allow for silence.



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Scripture Discussion Starters

- What does Jesus say he must still do before his mission is done?
- Why do you think Jesus says he brings division?
- Why will families be divided?

Scripture Background

Provide 2-3 minutes of background on the readings using the Catechist Background section.

Following Jesus is “all or nothing” and today’s Gospel makes this clear. We are right or we are wrong. There is no “part way.” But we are not alone. Jesus points out that he also has some challenges facing him. We will either follow him or we won’t. The results of our decision will separate us from others, even our own family.

Questions for Deeper Reflection



- How have you put your faith into action?
- Tell about a time when you stood up for Jesus.
- When did you ever have to do something hard but knew it was right?

[If you are not going to continue with the doctrinal discussion, proceed to the Gospel in Life.]

Doctrinal Discussion Starters

The Way of Christ

In Christ we know there are two ways of living. One way is doing things that are right. The other way is doing things that are wrong. To live eternally with God, we must choose to live the right way. God is there to help us because we believe that God is stronger than evil. The way of good is the way to Christ. To do wrong, leads to our destruction. By loving Jesus, we



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can continue the good work God began in each of us.

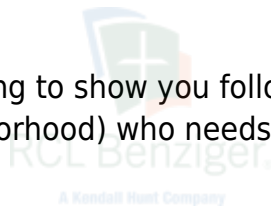
- Why is it important to us that God is stronger than evil?
- How does Jesus help us do the right thing?
- What is the good work God began in you?

Sacrament Connection

No matter how we plan to be good, sometimes we do the wrong thing. Even Saint Paul said, that he did not do what he wanted but what he hated [Romans 7:15]. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can find our way back to Jesus. By being sorry and trying to correct what we have done wrong, we can find goodness.

The Gospel in Life

Although it may be hard, do something to show you follow Jesus. Maybe there is someone you know (at home or in your neighborhood) who needs to see Jesus' love through you.



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