

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 88

Read the Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Gospel Summary

Jesus made his mission clear when he ate with tax collectors and sinners. Some chose to judge him by his company. Instead, Jesus explained that a person in good health would have no need for a doctor. Likewise, only sinners need the salvation Jesus promised.

Reflection for Families

As our children grow and socialize with other children in the neighborhood, schools, or faith communities, we may not always be pleased with their choice of friends. It's always a good idea to be in touch with who are children's friends are; but at the same time, we need to risk a little, too. Your children and your family may be an instrument of God's love and compassion for someone who may be looked down upon by others.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As a family, come up with a list of people who are "outcasts" in society. Perhaps there is a person at school, or a family in the neighborhood. Maybe you know of someone who is separated from society either in a hospital, nursing home, or prison. Write a prayer for these people, or make a card letting them know you are thinking of them. If possible, spend some time with some of the people you have listed.

Discussion Starters

- 1. I know of at least one clique that I wasn't part of. When I was around them I felt . . .
- 2. It took a lot of courage for Jesus to eat with sinners and tax collectors because . . .
- 3. I hesitate to offer my friendship to unpopular people because . . .