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Fall 2023 (Year A)

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Liturgy of the Word with Children

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The Readings

The readings cited are the readings that the children heard that Sunday. These readings may differ at times from those heard by the adults. They may be shorter, there may be only one reading, plus the Psalm and the Gospel, or the First Readings may be different altogether from those the adults hear. The Gospel most always is the same, but may be the shorter form. The *Directory for Masses With Children* allows for these differences to accommodate the children's level of comprehension.



Activities

Here are some suggestions, but all three activities could be used at any time. The first bonus activity is related to the First Reading for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 8), where God asks Adam to name all the birds and animals. The second bonus activity teaches about the unique gifts God has given each of us. This can especially be used for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 19). The third bonus activity can be used any time ahead of the Season of Advent.

Weekly Gospel Reflection Videos

Available to subscribers of *Children Celebrate!* Visit <http://bit.ly/40Jt8iO> for weekly Gospel Reflection videos. These videos can be used within your Children's Liturgy of the Word program or shared with parents and families to view at home.

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Today's Readings

Romans 11:33–36

Psalms 138:1–2a,

2bc & 3, 6 & 8cde

Matthew 16:13–20

We Pray

Lord, teach us
to trust in you
above all else.
Remind us to
always follow
you and your
example.
Amen.

The Word of God This Week



Jesus Is the Messiah

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Jesus told him, “Simon, you were shown this by my Father in Heaven. From now on, I will call you Peter, which means ‘rock,’ and on this rock I will build my Church. I will give you the keys to Heaven, and God will allow whatever you allow on earth and will not allow whatever you don’t allow.”



Scan here for this
week's Gospel
Reflection, Saint
Spotlight, and
more.



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HERE**
for family
resources

Activity

Jesus built our Church on Simon Peter, the “rock.” What makes it strong? To find out, look at the building shown here.

Choose any two colors, and lightly color the bricks in a checkerboard pattern.

Then read the words of each color.

Peter’s	Our	Faith	Church
is	in	built	Jesus
is	on	the	faith
and	foundation	hope	for
our	and	Church.	love.

Family Corner

FAITH FOCUS

Jesus was a carpenter and knew the importance of good materials. When he chose Peter as the foundation for his Church, he knew he would be a solid role model for all believers. More than 2,000 years later, Jesus’ Church still stands! It’s not a building, of course. It’s a community of people whose faith, like Peter’s, is based on a relationship with God and the revelation of Jesus as the Christ.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

If you were building a church, what kind of materials would you choose? Gather a variety of “building materials” like rocks, marbles, wooden blocks, and playing cards. Construct a small building out of each one. Compare the structures when you are done.

What three words describe your building? Could any of those words describe your faith?



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